

Kristiania Lodge #47
Sons of Norway
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January Events

(All events are at Our Savior's Lutheran church, 2124 Viola Road N.E., unless listed otherwise)

January 12	Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.
January 12	Lodge Meeting – Speaker: Tor Dahl “Life Experiences in Norway”	7:00 p.m.
January 17	Potential New Members Dinner	5:30 p.m.
January 21	Honk, Squeak, Scratch and Boom – Mayo Civic Center (See article on p. 3)	
January 28	Potluck (bring a dish to pass and your own tableware)	Noon

Entertainment by *John Berquist*

HILSEN FRA PRESIDENTEN : (From Our President – *Byron Stadvold*):

Nordic skiing, the art of gliding over and through the snow covering our land. Norway is known as the “cradle of skiing” and a 4,000 year old rock carving at Rodoy, Norway testifies to this.

In Rochester, a few years ago an organization named the Rochester Nordic Ski Team was formed to start organizing Nordic skiing as a sport for kids in grades 7-12. This year the group has grown to almost 200 skiers and they compete at at least five events in a season. At our December board meeting, a couple of gentlemen that organized this group presented us information on the brief history.

All in attendance reacted saying what a natural organization to get involved with because of history and relating to young people. We could help them by volunteering as they see a need and we could expose them to our great organization. More information will be coming to you.

2011 CHARITABLE GIVING: – By *David Anderson*, Lodge Treasurer

Kristiania Lodge contributed money or goods to several organizations during 2011, totaling more than \$2600. The organizations receiving these gifts were:

Hiawatha Homes	Women's Shelter	Sons of Norway Foundation
Vesterheim	Salvation Army	Vinland Center
Ski for Light	History Center of Olmsted County	Pet International
Oxbow Park	Gift of Life	Hope Lodge
Boys and Girls Club	Channel One	Norway House
Rochester Instead Home Senior Care Norwegian American Genealogical Center		
Norwegian American Historical Association		

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER: – By *Arlouene Bothun*, Newsletter Editor

February's Newsletter will be prepared by Secretary *Darlene Stadvold*, with mailing assistance from *Lois Graif*. Please send all items to *Darlene* no later than **January 20**.

**CULTURE CORNER: – Leslie Demmer,
Culture Director**

Hei hei alle sammen (hello everyone!)

This coming year of 2012 will have opportunities in up to **five** areas for enriching your cultural skills through our Lodge.

The **first** opportunity is in “Norwegian Language and Culture”. Hanne Lucier is teaching our Second Year class here in our Lodge on Monday evenings. She will be offering a new class with eight lessons starting this month through Rochester Community Education. For more information write to Hanne at hannelucier@gmail.com, or call her at (507)533-5442.

Second, we shall have another Norwegian Rosemaling class at our Lodge on March 22nd thru the 24th from 9 am thru 4 p.m. This class will be taught by Ken Magnuson, a Vesterheim Gold Medalist, and is open to both new students and returning students. Ken will review the basics, help students on an individual basis, and cover new ideas and material. For more information, call me at (507)990-3902 or write to me at demmerlg@hotmail.com.

The **third** opportunity comes as we are working on restarting our Hardanger Embroidery group. This group is open to members with all levels of skill. The more advanced participants help the newer members. It’s a time for all to ask questions and share ideas, encouragement and fun while working of Hardanger projects. For this class, new members and two more co-leaders (for a total of three) are needed. For more information call **Judy Stevens** at 281-4418, or write to her at jmai5421@yahoo.com.

The **fourth** opportunity is still in the development stage. It is a combination of classes on “Traditional Norwegian Baking and Cooking”. The main idea so far for this year is for a combination of three classes taught through Vesterheim on weekends, and some classes taught here by one or more local instructors. The first Vesterheim class is “Preparing a Norwegian Smorgasbord” March 9th (6-9 pm) and March 10th, with Darlene Fossum-Martin. If you are interested, please register thru Vesterheim at vesterheim.org or contact myself for class registration forms.

Also please contact me for nominations for local teachers and for car pooling information to Vesterheim if you are interested.

The **fifth** possible opportunity is Genealogy and Family History. There are two excellent sources for instructors, including the Norwegian American Genealogical Center and Naeseth Center in Madison WI, and Concordia College Language Villages in Bemidji, MN. An inquiry has been sent to the Naeseth Center about available beginning Genealogy classes, either here or in Madison. Concordia College has a “Norwegian Genealogy Seminar” September 20-23, 2012. Please contact me if you are interested in this area by calling (507)990-3902 or writing me at demmerig@hotmail.com.

Mange Takk, - Leslie Demmer

POTENTIAL NEW MEMBER DINNER:

Do you know an acquaintance, friend or relative who would like to connect with their Norwegian heritage? You now have a special opportunity to offer someone you know to be your guest. We are planning a free meal to potential members of our Lodge and their hosts. It will be **Tuesday, January 17th** at our Lodge. The reception will be at **5:30 p.m.** and the dinner will follow at **6 p.m.** You will be greeted at the door and welcomed to the reception and meal. Each guest will be given an information folder, a chance to hear short presentations about what our Lodge has to offer, and a chance to win a door prize. You are encouraged to contact **Barbara Chase** at 282-1477 with the number of your guests by Tuesday, January 10th,
Mange takk!. – Leslie Demmer

INSURANCE & FINANCIAL ADVISOR:

Our local Field Staff Representative is Chuck Holland, 121 S. Main Street, Mabel, MN 55954; Phone: (507)493-5866; email: Holland@mabeltel.coop

FROM OUR SOCIAL DIRECTOR:

-Barbara Mae Chase

Hei Hei Members, 2011 was a great year in the Lodge. We obtained many new members. Our programs were interesting, we enjoyed delicious food, and we had fun. We are looking forward to Tor Dahl's interesting talk about "Life Experiences in Norway on January 12. Please bring perspective members to our membership Meeting on January 17. Also plan to attend our delicious Potluck on January 28, when excellent entertainer **John Berquist** will provide the entertainment.

**HONK, SQUEAK,
SCRATCH & BOOM:**

Sons of Norway members will once again be assisting musical professionals as they introduce children to various musical instruments. This year's event will be held at Mayo Civic Center on Saturday, January 21. Please contact **Darlene Stadsvold**, by phone at 288-1409, or by email at bdstadsvold@msn.com. Indicate if you need to be seated.

FROM OUR LIBRARIAN:

- Sharon Barsness

Nothing to Do But Stay-

My Pioneer Mother by Carrie

Young, is a new paperback donated by **Pat Lynaugh**. Carrie Berg came to America at age 3, grew up in Minnesota, and by saving her money doing work for others purchased a homestead in North Dakota, which she doubled before marrying and raising six children. Her daughter Carrie Young tells the story of her mother. A fun, easy read.

A HUGE Thank You to all who helped with the decorations for the Festival of Trees.

Bob Rosedahl, DeLos

Olson and **Don Olson** for cutting ornaments; **Bob** for making the two geese; **Kathy** for tying such cute bows; **Doris Sneva** for painting many of the birds with the Norwegian flag and folk art; **Kathy Mellem** for donating and painting bird houses; **Ed Rosencrants** for Rosemaling bird houses and carving and painting blue birds; **Dean Vigeland** for his Rosemaled birds; **Jan** and **Ted Thoreson** for their carved birds; **DeLos** for the many little owls; **Judy Stevens** for her many embroidered birds, dampas and other ornaments; **Gloria Rosencrants** for the dampas and other birds; **Sharon Barsness, Lois Wilkes, Kathy Mellem**, and **Arlouene Bothun** for many birds; **Jan Heuskinveld** for the tree skirt and several donated birds; **Barb Jansen** for donating birds; and **Barb** and **Melanie** for donating a bird. Thanks to **Renee Thoreson**, who created the beautiful tree topper. Thanks to **Harold** and **Kathy Mellem, Sharon Barsness**, and **Jan Heuskinveld** for helping **Byron** and **Darlene Stadsvold** set the tree up at the Civic Center. If I missed someone – Thank You as well! Mayo Clinic purchased the tree and donated it to one of the Hiawatha Houses. – **Darlene Stadsvold**

A USE FOR LEFT-OVER

LUTEFISK:

Arnie complained to Kjell, "I've got rats unter my house. Vat can I do to get rid of dem?" "Throw some lutefisk unter de porch. They'll be gone lickity split." Two weeks later Kjell saw Arnie again and asked about the rats. "Oh dat got rid of dem alright, but now I've got 14 Norvegians livin' under der!"

Happy 2012
To One and All!