



**SONS of
NORWAY**

Kristiania Lodge 1-047



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COMING KRISTIANIA EVENTS

(All events held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church unless otherwise noted.)

Sunday, March 31	<i>Påske</i> (Easter Sunday)	
Thursday, April 11	Board meeting	5:30 pm
Thursday, April 11	Lodge meeting. Program: Bunad Discussion and Demonstraion by Midge Kjome. Wear your bunad!	6:30 pm
Wednesday, April 17	Scholarship (Executive) Committee	10:00 am
Thursday, May 9	Board meeting via Zoom	5:30 pm
Saturday, May 11	Social Gathering: Syttende Mai Meatball Luncheon	12 noon
No charge for members; guests: \$20, children \$10. RSVP by Friday, May 3 to: info@kristiania1-47.org or 507-202-1811		

Committee to Address Open Leadership Positions

A small committee composed of **Sharon Kingsley** and me (**Lisa Fenton**) met to discuss open positions on the Kristiania board. We have several open positions that remain open: smaller positions with fewer requirements, and some larger with board meeting-attendance requirements. The small unfilled positions don't cause too much disruption. The larger board vacancies do cause disruption and concern. We have been without a vice-president for 3 years and the Social Director position has been waiting one year to be filled.

We explored the consequences of not having crucial positions filled and the long-term health of the lodge. In short, we felt that lodge activities overall will have to be simplified. We discussed moving from organized regional speakers to a more informal program where lodge members take part. Annual events such as the Bake/Craft sale and catered meal events will need to be re-imagined.

Lodges which have vacancies on their leadership board have more member-driven informal meetings. One example would be an evening "show and tell" event where members bring in a Norwegian item from their home and inform and educate other members about it. For meal events, the main entrée is catered and the rest of the meal is provided potluck style.

We feel that if we simplify the lodge activities overall, the president, vice-president and any other potentially open important board position would be easier for someone to accept. It would also reduce obligations for current board members, if the positions continue to remain open.

Sharon and I met with a few members asking them directly to consider a board position. At the time of submission of this article, we do not have a formal acceptance for Vice-President or Social Director.

Our hopes are that you would be inspired to help keep Kristiania lodge healthy by assisting us in group leadership. There are no formal qualifications or past experience required; there is board mentorship and peer support. Please contact Sharon, me, or anyone on the board if you have any questions, ideas, or if you would like to help.

Respectfully, **Lisa Fenton**, Cultural Director

The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote and to preserve the heritage and culture of Norway, to celebrate our relationship with other Nordic countries, and to provide quality insurance and financial products to its members.

April 11 program: **Midge Kjome**, *Bunad* Expert

Thursday, April 11, 6:30 pm

Midge Kjome of Decorah, IA, a member of the Valdres Lodge in Decorah, will present a program on the history and use of the Norwegian *bunader*, including information on selecting the bunad that is appropriate for you to wear if you are interested in acquiring a bunad.

Midge has presented the Bunad Show at the Nordic Fest in Decorah for the last 27 years, with the exception of one year when the Nordic Fest was canceled due to Covid 19. She has also brought a “mini” bunad show to Peterson, MN, several years for their Gammel Dag Fest.

Midge is a graduate of Luther College with majors in art and history. She continued her studies of Norwegian history and language in Trondheim, Norway, where she also taught art in junior high schools and *husflid* school. Her interest in the social and cultural history of Norway continues to be nurtured by her current position as genealogist and local historian for the Decorah genealogy Association, where she had been a full-time volunteer for the past 20 years.

If you have a bunad, please wear it for this evening. Come prepared to tell us about your bunad, where it is from, how you happened to acquire it, and how it represents your family roots.

—**Lisa Fenton**, Cultural Director



From our Hospitality Director:

Norwegian *nisser* (*gnomes*), who so graciously provide treats for fellowship time following our programs are so appreciated!

Nisser will be needed again in the fall—in September and October. Please consider being a volunteer *nisse* for our future events. Those who serve always enjoy doing it. Please keep the fall dates on your calendars. Fellowship time is a very important part of our Sons of Norway activities, and the *nisser* are essential to make it work! *Tusen takk* to all who have served!

Kathy Rosedahl

507-289-8621

Til Minne

Pauline (Pauli) Krieger (4 May 1928-26 Jan. 2024),
Golden Member, member since 1971. Memorial
Service on May 4.

Summary of March 14, 2024, Board Meeting

April 11 Program: Midge Kjome will discuss bunads at the meeting. **Kathy Rosedahl** will identify members to provide treats. (6:30)

May 11 Program: **Syttende Mai** celebration catered by Gleason’s on Saturday, May 11, noon. Members should watch for a request to RSVP. Winners of the scholarship competition will be invited to attend and receive their award. Rachel Storlie will present a program on *Syttende Mai* traditions.

The Boy Scouts will help set up the room for the April meeting, and the Girl Scouts will help serve at the lunch on May 11.

Sharon Barsness, Librarian, plans to display some library materials near the treats table at the chapter meeting on April 11. A walk-through of the boardroom will be encouraged on Bingo night, June 13.

2025 will be the 200th anniversary of the start of Norwegian immigration to the United States. Please forward ideas for commemorating this event to **Lisa Fenton** or other members of the board.

Carol Lucido, Scholarship Chair, reported that 13 scholarship applications have been received to date; more are expected before the deadline on March 31. The review committee will meet at 10:00 am on April 17 to decide the winners.

Please contact **Erica Ward**, Sports Director, for information on earning sports medals.

Two lodge members have expressed interest in attending the District 1 convention to be held August 19-21, 2024, at the Holiday Inn and Suites, Lake Elmo, MN. Kristiania Lodge helps with expenses and can send up to four delegates and four alternates.

Next board meeting: April 11, 5:30, boardroom at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church. —**Kristi Simmons**, Secretary.

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NOTE—Please notify **Kristi Simmons** (ssimmons10@aol.com) or **Lisa Fenton** (lj.fenton789@gmail.com) if you know of a Kristiania member who should receive a get-well or sympathy card with greetings from the lodge.

Social Gathering and Syttende Mai Celebration

Join our Social Gathering and Syttende Mai Celebration on **Saturday, May 11 at noon**. We will enjoy a catered meatball lunch followed by a lecture-performance by Dr. John Rauk and soprano **Rachel Storlie**. Celebrate Norwegian culture, history, and nationalism through the arts! Hear vintage recordings of Norwegian opera star Kirsten Flagstad with live musical performance examples and commentary by Rachel Storlie.

RSVP for the luncheon by email: info@kristiania1-47.org or by phone (507)202-1811. Deadline is Friday, May 3.

Kristiania Delegates to District 1 Convention in August at Lake Elmo

The following members will represent Kristiania Lodge at the District 1 Convention August 19-21, 2024:

Lori Conklin
Sharon Kingsley
Ann Romo
Renee Thoreson

At the Chili-Pie Event on March 9



RavensFire Band entertained us with many types of music, and the members of Girl Scout Troop 47868 were wonderful helpers serving and cleaning up after the chili-pie event. Thanks to all, including chef **Luke Fenton!**

From our Financial Benefits Counselor

It's been a while since I have talked about what a Financial Check-up is. People's personal and financial situations change over time. This means that your financial goals change. Are you accumulating enough money over time? Are you a conservative investor or a risk-taker? When a loved one passes away, can the survivor maintain their current standard of living? Do you have enough life insurance? These are just a few of the questions that I go over when I complete a financial check-up.

I encourage you to give me a call or email me to set up a time to visit with you about your financial needs. I mentioned in my last article a new product called LegacySure, a new FINAL EXPENSE policy, a policy designed for people ages 45-85, face amounts from \$5,000-\$50,000. Please contact me to see if this new product is right for you. Thank you.

—**Len Carlson**, 651-253-1943
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Kristiania library news is on page 4.



Tubfrim and Pop Tabs—save your stamps and pop can tabs!

Kristiania lodge will continue to collect aluminum can tabs for our local Ronald McDonald House. A marked collection box will be available at each lodge meeting on the table located on the side wall.—**Monica VanKirk**

We are still collecting stamps for **Tubfrim** to send to Norway to help children and young people with disabilities and handicaps as well as those with serious illnesses. Please bring used stamps with $\frac{1}{4}$ — $\frac{1}{2}$ inch border on them to one of our meetings. We will store them in our board room until we take them to the District One office or to a district convention—**Ann Romo**



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Trolls! Trolls! Fierce or friendly, they are a part of our Norwegian folklore. Check out our collection of tales at the April meeting! — **Sharon Barsness**, Librarian

