



**SONS of
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Kristiania Lodge 1-047



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COMING KRISTIANIA EVENTS

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

Thursday, May 9	Board meeting via Zoom	5:30 pm
Saturday, May 11	Social Gathering: Syttende Mai Meatball Luncheon No charge for members; guests: \$20, children \$10. RSVP by <u>Friday, May 3</u> to: info@kristiania1-47.org or 507-202-1811 Program by Soprano Rachel Storlie , pianist Dr. John Rauk. Scholarship winners will be announced and honored.	12 noon
Friday, May 17	<i>Syttende Mai—Grunnlovsdag—</i> Constitution Day	
Thursday, June 13	Social Gathering— Bingo! See page 2	6:30 pm

Fra Presidenten—

Happy *Syttende Mai* to all! This month is special due to the many celebrations. Ours on the 11th will be full of food, fun, music, scholarship awards, and cake!

Another celebration coming up on June 22 is the 43rd Annual Gammel Dag held in Peterson, MN. If interested in displaying crafts, you may contact Gail Boyum at 507-429-2461.

Keep us in the loop with activities coming up. We love to go visiting!

See you at the Lodge. —**Sharon Kingsley**



Syttende Mai Celebration **Social Gathering and Meatball Luncheon**

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, collaborative pianist, and soprano **Rachel Storlie**. Celebrate Norwegian culture, history, and nationalism through the arts! Learn how Arne Garborg (1851-1924) wrote the epic poem "Haugtussa," that inspired some of Edvard Grieg's songs. Hear vintage recordings of Norwegian opera star Kirsten Flagstad with live musical performance examples and commentary by Rachel Storlie. A multi-media feast of engaging imagery—spoken and sung.

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

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.

Get ready for BINGO!

Thursday, June 13, 6:30 pm

Rochester Sons of Norway Presents
BINGO night!



Wear your lucky socks, bring your lucky penny, and have some fun winning prizes. Bingo cards will be \$2 each. The purchased card will be used throughout the evening. Numbers will be both called audibly and displayed visually on the screen. Prizes will include S/N logo items, *Norsk sjokolade* (Norwegian chocolate), sweets, gift cards, various Norwegian memorabilia, cash prizes, and other fabulous items.

We would also welcome donations of small prizes from members, if willing! You are also encouraged to bring snacks to be shared during the evening. Enjoy a tour of the board room and Kristiania lodge library during a break.

Join us on Thursday, June 13 at 6:30 pm.

—**Lisa Fenton**, interim Social Director

Tusen Takk.....

- ◆ Congratulations and thanks to **Renee Thoreson**, our new volunteer to partner with “Lars” in doing the comedy bits at our meetings.
- ◆ Thanks to **Carol Volstad** and **Bruce Bjorgum** for auditing the records of Kristiania Treasurer and Financial Secretary.
- ◆ The April 11 meeting was so fun! There was a great crowd. The program involved *bunad* stories, the coffee time following was an array of Norwegian goodies provided by *nisser* **Lori Conklin, Sharon Kingsley, Ann Romo, Renee Thoreson, Sarabeth Watson, Carol Rogelstad, and Kathy Rosedahl**. They were so excited and so helpful. Tusen Takk to these gracious Norwegian bakers, who, when called, never hesitated and happily responded, “I’d love to do that,” and a table of famous Norwegian treats appeared. They were enjoyed by all. I’ll be waiting for more baking *nisser* in September. **Kathy Rosedahl**, Hospitality Director, 507-289-8621.

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Minutes of April 11, 2024, Social Meeting

Kristiania Lodge gathered in the fellowship hall of Our Savior’s. **Sharon Kingsley** called the meeting to order, and **Betty Danielson** played the piano for the Norwegian National Anthem. Several visitors were recognized, including Gail, a guest of tonight’s speaker, who shared that Peterson, MN, will present their 43rd annual Gammel Dag on Saturday, June 22 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

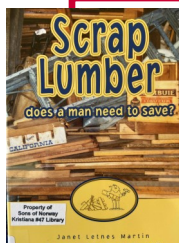
Announcements:

- Tonight’s Norwegian treats were prepared by **Lori Conklin, Sharon Kingsley, Carol Rogelstad, Ann Romo, Kathy Rosedahl, and Sarabeth Watson**.
- **Bob Rosedahl** invited members to help him re-start the lodge tradition of sharing some Norwegian humor at the start of our social gatherings. Please contact Bob if you are interested.
- **Sharon Barsness** highlighted the resources available in the lodge library.
- **Lisa Fenton** invited members to RSVP for our *Syttende Mai* celebration on May 11.

Tonight’s presenter, **Midge Kjome**, is a Decorah native, a 1967 graduate of Luther College, and a retired educator, having taught in both the US and in Norway. Midge discussed the origin of Norway’s *bunad* (folk dress) traditions and invited audience members to model and talk about the bunads they wore or brought with them this evening. There was a delightful mix of bunads from around Norway, and it was fun to hear how each bunad was inherited or acquired by its current owner. For interested members, the Bunad Show will return to Nordic Fest on Saturday, July 17, at 2:00 p.m. in the Hotel Winneshiek, Decorah IA.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Simmons, Secretary



LIBRARY NEWS: This humorous book by Janet Letness Martin and Suzann (Johnson) Nelson is a must-read for both men and women to understand this issue.

—**Sharon Barsness**, Librarian

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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.

Beautiful Bunads seen at the April 11 meeting, which featured speaker Midge Kjome, *bunad* expert, and our own Kristiania members and guests modeling and describing their *bunads*.



Left to right: Carol Volstad, Gail Boyum (guest), Jean Mortenson, Sandra Bestland (October speaker), Betty Danielson, Leah Fenton, Midge Kjome, Renee Thoreson, Kathy Rosedahl, Sharon Barsness, Judy Davis, Judy Stevens, Julie Tiedeman. Photo by Lisa Fenton

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, Betty Danielson, Ann Romo, Renee Thoreson

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 len.carlson253@gmail.com



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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From the Kristiania scrapbook archives



Kristiania 47 Jr. Dancers entertained patients at the State Hospital in January 1964. From the Post-Bulletin.

Named: Linda & Sharon Berg, David & Connie Page, Mary Leitzen, Pam & Vicki Gellert, Steven Day, Cindy Nygaard, Doug & Dick Wirtz, and Christine Trout.

Directors: Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Leitzen, Mr. & Mrs. Arnold Tongen,