



Kristiania Lodge 1-047



KRISTIANIA *POSTEN*

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COMING KRISTIANIA EVENTS

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

Thursday, Feb. 13	Board meeting	5:00 pm
Thursday, Feb. 13	Lodge meeting. Kris Meyer's Norwegian Stories and Folklore	6:30 pm
Saturday, March 22	Social Event: Soup and Pie Lunch. Program: Paul Dahlin— Fiddle Folk Music	12 noon

See the March *Posten* for details about Soup Potluck

Lodge Meeting: Thursday, February 13, 6:30 pm

Program: Kris Meyer's Norwegian Stories and Folklore

Kris is a storyteller, educator, and counselor. As a storyteller, she enjoys audiences of all ages. She offers her stories with inspiration, a quick wit, a warm spirit, and lots of energy. Kris' stories grow out of folklore, human experiences that teach an understanding of life, and things conjured up in a vivid imagination. Her love of Nordic folklore, particularly troll stories, grew as she sat at the knees of her storytelling father and grandma. Kris is an experienced keynote speaker, workshop presenter, and retreat leader. She hosts a Podcast called "L.I.V.E. Life Inspired Views for Everyday." She and her husband, Dan, now live in Rochester.

Tusen Takk og gratulerer!

Judy Davis, former board member, has stepped forward to be our new Vice-President!

Kristiania Lodge still needs:

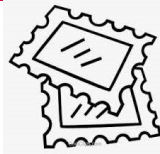
President

Secretary

Please volunteer!

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.

Last Tubfrim Collection of Stamps in February



Sons of Norway International has stopped assisting collecting stamps for Tubfrim, the longtime charity program to help improve the health of children in Norway, but we in District 1 are still having success in getting stamps shipped to Norway. The original Tubfrim office has closed down, but they got a special auction house in Norway to continue selling online via auction and a shop store. Most of the sales still get donated to a Tubfrim account, which is now managed within the Norway Health research program for supporting youth health research. —**Jerry Wright**, District 1 Vice-President

Tubfrim stamp trimming is still happening around District 1, and at the August convention, 165 pounds of stamps were collected. Since we need some more poundage to make a shipment to Norway, please continue your trimming efforts. Please bring them to our Sons of Norway meeting in February, so I can check them out and package them to go to Betty Danielson, our Zone Director, so she can bring them to the spring District Board meeting in March. Thanks to all stamp trimmers.

—**Ann Romo**, Kristiania Trustee

Tusen Takk to our Gnomes who furnished treats for the January 9 lodge meeting! We appreciate so much that **Susan Walch**, **Susan** and **Barry Dahl**, and **Doris Sneve** graciously volunteered to do the coffee and treat time. The program was great! Norwegian sweaters of all styles and colors filled the room, and explanation was made of each kind of design. **Ann Romo** and **Judy Davis** have volunteered to be the “Treat Gnomes” at the February 13 meeting. We need one more Gnome to join them. Please call **Kathy Rosedahl** at 507-289-8621 to volunteer to join the team for future meetings!



—**Kathy Rosedahl**, Hospitality Director

Velkommen!

Welcome to new Kristiania members

Elizabeth Tweiten

Rodger Tweiten

Kathy Mellem Mann

Elizabeth and Rodger are **Lisa Fenton**'s parents, and are transferring from Iowa.

Kathy is **Monica VanKirk**'s sister.

Please give them a warm personal welcome at the next meeting!

From our Financial Benefits Counselor:

Annuities:

An annuity is an investment designed for protection from market risk while offering you a guaranteed rate of return. An annuity is a contract between you and an insurance company. Annuities give you the option of simply letting your money grow with interest, the ability to access free withdrawals, or take systematic payments over a set number of years. There are even lifetime payment options. Annuities have many advantages:

- Tax deferral
- Protection from market risk
- Diversification
- Guaranteed interest rate
- Access to free withdrawals

With the right annuity, Sons of Norway can help you reach your long-term goals. Please contact me so we can have a discussion about your goals.—**Len Carlson** 651-253-1942

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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.

January 14 meeting: Norwegian Sweaters Now and Then

Highlights of our meeting:

- ◆ **Judy Davis** volunteered to be our new Vice-President, conducted the meeting, and accompanied on the piano the singing of the national anthems.
- ◆ Several guests were introduced.
- ◆ **Lars** and his cousin **Helga** entertained us, including a poem read by Helga.
- ◆ **Louise** and **Walter Hanson** of the Nordic Shop presented a very informative overview of Dale sweaters of the past years, including special Olympic and World Cup editions.
- ◆ In a drawing **Sharon Barsness** and **Carol Rogelstad** won the Norwegian sweaters donated by **Monica VanKirk** and **Sharon Kingsley**.
- ◆ Treats were enjoyed by all, thanks to **Susan Walch**, **Susan** and **Barry Dahl**, and **Doris Sneve**.



Harold Dison, Linda Manthei, Sonja Galstad and Carol Rogelstad chose treats.

Walter and Louise Hanson, our member-presenters, display many sweater examples.



Jean Mortenson and Julie Tiedeman compare notes on their sweaters.



Pop Tabs—save your 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

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2025 Scholarships



Our lodge will be awarding \$1000 scholarships to **public school seniors in Olmsted County and/or children, grandchildren, or great-grandchildren of current lodge members regardless of where they live.**

To be eligible, a student must be a graduating senior who will be attending a college, university, or technical school in the fall of 2025. Additional information and the application can be found at our website; www.kristiania1-47.org —Carol Lucido, Scholarship Chair

WANTED!

Visitors in the Kristiania Library, either before or after the next meeting.

Pick a book to check out!