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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, Sept. 12	Board meeting	5:30 pm
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Thursday, Oct. 10	Board meeting	5:30 pm
Thursday, Oct 10	Lodge meeting. Speaker: Sandra Bestland , " <i>Spedalskhed</i> (Leprosy) in 19th century Norway"	6:30 pm
Saturday, Nov. 9	Bake Sale, Craft Sale and Soup Luncheon	10 am– 1 pm

Hilsen Fra Presidenten—

Greetings to all! Many events have us all traveling in opposite directions. I am flying back from New Orleans now. A must-see in my books! Hope to see you at the lodge this month as we resume our last half of the year!

—President **Sharon Kingsley**



September program.....

Thursday, September 12, 6:30 pm.

Norwegian-American Innovators & Inventors.

Speaker: **Laurann Gilbertson**, Vesterheim Museum Chief Curator.

Laurann will share a presentation based on Vesterheim's recent exhibition "Innovators & Inventors." She will share the stories of problem-solvers and creative thinkers in the Norwegian-American community and highlight their many inventions. There are several "firsts" featured, such as the outboard motor, gasoline pump, wearable pacemaker, airport jetway, and pizza delivery bag. There are also examples of how existing ideas and products were improved and expanded.

This sounds like a very interesting program.

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.

Kristiania's Delegates Report on District 1 Convention (Lake Elmo, MN, August 19-21, 2024)

Thank you for the opportunity to attend the convention. Some of my favorite classes were: New Land—New Life, Nisse Making, and Sami History and Traditions. I was excited for **Betty Ann Danielson** and **Ann Romo**, who are now our new Zone 5 Director and Alternate. I enjoyed visiting with our very talented District 1 Social Cultural Director, Karen Bjornson Aakre, and learned about her skills and the process of *skinnfell* (sheepskin with printed motifs on the hide). I have a feeling this is my next hobby! — **Renee Thoreson**

I approached the district convention as a delegate with some trepidation, but I had nothing to fear, as it was low-key, fun and very informative. There was something to do every minute if you wanted. I chose to go on the "All Things Norwegian Bus Tour." We spent a good amount of time in the morning at the state capitol. We had a wonderful tour, including going out on the roof to see the golden horses and admiring the paintings and carvings in the Governor's Reception Hall. It was very fun to meet all the VPs of Sons of Norway and to learn so much about their jobs and responsibilities. We had a lodge sharing session and received good ideas about programs. Watch for the "hot dish cook-off" coming! — **Lori Conklin**



Thank you from our campers

Thank you so much for our Masse Moro camp scholarship! We had 2 hours of language class per day! Don't worry, the learning time was balanced with sports time, craft time, song time and quiet time. Everything was Norwegian! This is the best camp ever; we will

be going back next year! Thank you !!!!

Laina (11), Leah (12), Erik (14) Fenton



Seeking Program Planners for 2025

In October a small planning group meets once or twice to determine the presenters for the next calendar year. We are looking for a group of about 6 people for this planning group. We'll meet to review meeting dates and brainstorm ideas for possible presenters. Job duties will be to contact a presenter by phone or email, confirm availability, and obtain promotional information.

This is an opportunity for members to have input and to share program ideas for our lodge. This is a group activity, and the commitment is short. It is also an opportunity to see what is involved with the Social Director position. Please consider assisting us in October.

Please let me know if you have any ideas for presenters or topics you'd like to see covered. If you'd like to help or have questions, please give me a call.

Lisa Fenton, Cultural Director, interim Social Director

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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.

Renee Thoreson's Hardanger pieces win multiple awards at District Convention.



Renee was honored to receive blue ribbons on her Hardanger. Then the pink tablecloth won Best of Show Sweepstakes (judges' choice), and at the final business meeting it was announced that Renee had won the People's Choice ribbon!

Congratulations, Renee! What beautiful work!—*Editor*

Looking forward to our biggest event—

Kristiania Bake Sale, Craft Sale, and Luncheon

Can you believe we are planning for autumn events already? The annual Bake Sale, Craft Sale, and Luncheon is planned for Saturday, Nov. 9 from 10 am to 1 pm.

We will need all-hands-on-deck in the form of volunteers! Please consider helping as you can with this big event!

Betty Ronningen is the chair of the Craft Sale. Interested vendors should contact her at 507-254-3717.

Luke Fenton is the Chair of the meal and will need kitchen helpers.

Sharon Barsness is the Chair of the Bake Sale area and needs assistants to refill the huge tables full of treats.

We are in need of a motivated pair or an individual to take on the crucial task of welcoming guests and potential new members. They would offer resources about Kristiania and Sons of Norway membership and make the entryway inviting. They would engage with customers as they wait in line.

The Bake Sale event yields new members each year. Let's get ready for this great event!

—**Lisa Fenton**, Cultural Director

From our Financial Benefits Counselor

Do you have that nest egg sitting in your local bank savings account?

Why not take advantage of the newest Lodge Exclusive member benefit and purchase a multi-year guaranteed annuity? You can enjoy tax-deferred growth while protecting your inheritance from market fluctuations. Select your guarantee period of 3, 5, or 7 years.

Let me help you see how an annuity with Sons of Norway can help you reach your retirement goals or create the legacy you desire. Please give me a call.

—**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 ¼—½ 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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Ice Cream Social — August 8

Thanks to **Sharon Kingsley**, **Renee Thoreson**, and **Lucy Phelps** for hosting. Approximately 25 members enjoyed ice cream treats.

