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COMING KRISTIANIA EVENTS

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

April 7	Board meeting.	6:00 pm
April 7	Chapter meeting	7:00 pm
	Program: "Viking Runes through Stories, Songs, and Archeological Finds" with Kari Tauring . See p. 2	
April 17	<i>God Påske!</i>	
May 12	Board meeting	6:00 pm
May 12	Chapter meeting	7:00 pm
	Program: Damon Ramaker , Sled Dog Racer	
May 17	<i>Syttende Mai</i>	
May 21	Piano concert presented by winners of Rochester Keyboard Club contest, including Scandinavian music	7:00 pm

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HILSEN FRA PRESIDENTEN

We had a great meeting in early March. The speaker was very interesting and engaging. I hope you were able to make it to the meeting too.

It was great to hear that Norway has opened its borders again to visitors. Though there are still requirements related to COVID, summer plans appear to be possible again. I know that I am looking forward to my next trip to Norway, which will be to take my middle child, **Dahlia**, there for her first trip to Norway.

I want to extend a big thank you to **Erling Hansen** and **Shelly Spallees Hansen** for volunteering as our Co-Cultural Directors. Unfortunately, they have both stepped down from their roles. Thank you!

We now need a Cultural Director as well as Vice President (this will be my last term as President), Librarian, and Foundation Director.

—Erica Ward, Presidenten

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 CHAPTER MEETING—March 10, 2022

Kristiania Lodge gathered in the sanctuary of Our Savior's with **Erica Ward** presiding. **Judy Davis** played piano for the three national anthems. **Ann Romo** introduced her brother, who was visiting for the evening.

Erica reminded members to pick up a free package of Girl Scout cookies. She announced that Kristiania Lodge reached its 2021 recruitment goal; the following members will receive certificates for their recruitment efforts: **Erica Ward, Monica VanKirk, Donald Olson, Sarabeth Watson, and Lisa Fenton.**

The lodge has a new telephone number: 507-512-0279. The number will be updated on the website and in the *Posten*. **Carol Lucido** reminded the audience that the deadline for college scholarship applications is March 31.

Julie Tiedemann talked about a potential collaboration with the Winona lodge to bring the Stoughton Norwegian Dancers to southeast Minnesota in the spring of 2023, which will be the 70th anniversary of its founding. Julie formerly danced with the group, as did a member of the Winona lodge. Julie would like to explore bringing the dancers to Rochester; please contact Julie if you are interested in helping with this project.

The evening's speaker was Hakon Torjesen from Kenyon, MN. Hakon was born in Norway, but as an infant traveled with his parents to a mission station in China, where he grew up bilingual in Norwegian and Chinese. He learned English when he and his siblings were enrolled in a British boarding school in China. Life became difficult after the Japanese occupied China, and his father was killed during a bombing raid of the mission while the children were away at school. His mother eventually reached the school, but when Hakon was 14, everyone was sent to a Japanese internment camp at Weihsien. Three years later, in August 1945, the camp was liberated. Hakon and his sister came to America to continue their education, while his mother and younger brother returned to Norway. Hakon became an American citizen, met his wife Karen, and after many adventures, he and Karen now operate an organic farm near Kenyon.

Respectfully submitted, **Kristi Simmons**



Check us out on Facebook

Lodge event photos, interesting articles, and meeting reminders are on Facebook! Our lodge page is public, which means **you don't have to have a Facebook account** to view our posts. Go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/sonsofnorwaykristiania/>

Weather-related announcements will be communicated through Facebook.
—**Lisa Fenton**, Webmaster

APRIL 7 Program: Kari Tauring



Kari Tauring is a Norse cultural educator, musician, and spiritual leader living in Minneapolis. She is a *völva*, a staff-carrying woman and the originator of *Völva Stav* mind/body/spirit philosophy and practice. Growing up Norwegian-American, Tauring began digging below the surface of immi-

grant culture in 1988 when a linguistics professor introduced her to the runes which date as early as 169 CE. Join us as Kari illuminates the history and uses of the runes through stories, songs, and archeological finds. She will lead us in a runic stretch of the Viking era *Futhark* and *Komme Alle*, a song and dance with runes for reciprocity and community.

—**Lisa Fenton**, Social Director



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NORWEGIAN LANGUAGE CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Know any youth interested in language camp this summer? Masse Moro of Eau Claire, WI, and Skogfjorden of Concordia Language Villages in Bemidji will host campers at their language camps this summer. Also, a bit closer to home, Norwegian Ridge Language and Culture Camp in Spring Grove has a weeklong day camp for ages 5 and up.

Both Sons of Norway District 1 and Kristiania Lodge offer scholarship awards towards camp tuition! To apply, email your request to info@kristiania1-47.org

—Lisa Fenton, Social Director

Påskekrim and the Milk Carton Mysteries

It wouldn't be an Easter holiday in Norway without the tradition of reading gripping crime novels. This unusual combination dates back to 1923, when publisher Gylden-dal pulled a media stunt to boost spring book sales. The ploy worked, and a national ritual was born.

Many Norwegians head to the *hytte* (cabin) over Easter break, and their laid-back vacation days pair well reading by the fire. Each spring, various publishers release special collections of novellas called *Påskekrim* along with many full-length novels. Other media channels have followed suit, producing crime radio plays, tv shows, films and podcasts.



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Since 1997, TINE dairy cooperative has printed family-friendly whodunit comics on their milk cartons for Norwegians to solve over breakfast during Easter break. Private

detective Ulf Ulvheim (*en ulv* – a wolf, naturally) has been a recurring character in the Easter-related detective strips. Famous crime writers such as Jo Nesbø, Anne Holt and Gunnar Staalesen and others have authored the storylines. As of 2021, the milk mysteries went digital, to the consternation of many citizens. —Whether you are visiting a *hytte*, reading mysteries, or enjoying milk, *God Påske!*

Happy Easter ! —Sons of Norway Newsletter Service

COMING ATTRACTION IN 2023

The famous **Stoughton Norwegian Dancers** are hoping to perform in southeastern Minnesota in the spring of 2023. This would be a great opportunity to represent Norwegian culture to the Rochester area and to generate interest and membership in Sons of Norway.



The hope is to have performances in both Winona and Rochester. We are invited to collaborate with the Winona Sons of Norway lodge on planning and coordination. **Julie Tiedeman** is a Stoughton Dancer alumna and is motivated to make the most of this opportunity. She is in need of some assistance with planning. Kristiania is willing to financially support this endeavor, but we would need some people power to make it happen.

The **Stoughton Norwegian Dancers** entertain audiences of all ages from 2 to 102. The Scandinavian dances are complexly choreographed and full of fun, humor, and gymnastics, and the live music brings joy to all who listen. Let's do what we can to make this event a success in Rochester!

For questions and to HELP, please contact Julie Tiedeman. Email: jat526@yahoo.com Phone: 507-206-3957

Lodge's Liability Insurance

Kristiania lodge is covered by a liability insurance policy from Aon Risk Services Central through Sons of Norway International.

FROM OUR FINANCIAL BENEFITS COUNSELOR

Hello everyone! I thought I would recap some of the products that I have written about in my previous articles.

Guaranteed Issue Whole Life

- No medical exam
- Guaranteed issue regardless of health
- Coverage \$5,000 to \$25,000

Viking Voyager

- Face amounts: \$10,000, \$15,000 and \$25,000
- One single premium (Ex-age 0 \$504 for \$25,000)

Term insurance

- 10, 15, 20, and 30 year term
- Guarantee conversion option

Annuities

- Flexible Premium Deferred Annuity
- Single Premium Deferred Annuity
- Simple Premium Immediate Annuity

Whole Life

Simplified Issue Whole Life

- No exam or blood draw, just a few medical questions.

Simplified Issue Single Premium Whole Life

- Pay in one premium.

Please contact me for more information.







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