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KRISTIANIA DECEMBER 2019 and JANUARY 2020 EVENTS

(All events are held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 2124 Viola Road NE, unless otherwise indicated.)

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| Dec. 7 | Julefest. Catered Dinner. Speaker: Chris Falteisek. "Nordic Christmas Customs and Traditions with Music" Dinner reservations through Erica Ward: emaie@gmail.com ; 507-884-0392. Deadline: <u>Dec. 1.</u> | 12:00 p.m. |
| Dec. 12 | Board meeting only. No chapter meeting. | 6:00 p.m. |
| Dec. 24 | <i>Julaften</i> God Jul! | |
| Dec. 25 | <i>1. Juledag</i> | |
| Dec. 31 | <i>Nyttårsaften</i> Godt nyttår! | |
| Jan. 1 | <i>Nyttårsdag</i> | |
| Jan. 9 | Board meeting. | 6:00 p.m. |
| Jan. 9 | Chapter meeting. Speaker: Dale Blanshan "The History of American Song" | 7:00 p.m. |

HILSEN FRA PRESIDENTEN—Byron Stadsvold

Many, many years ago no one would step forward to be your leader, so I gave in. I would be vice-president for two years and president for two years. Not too bad of a commitment. Well, that developed into many years. I ended up appreciating that you let me be your leader, and the great part is that many of you stepped forward to do the many tasks that make this a great organization. Kristiania is a great group of great people (YOU).

We are in good hands with our leaders in place for Kristiania in 2020.

Craft & Bake Sale and Soup & Sandwich Luncheon

The Bake Sale brought in more than \$4,000.00. Of that total, \$624.00 was received for lunches. Expenses totaled \$542.70.

Thanks to cashiers, baggers, and all who kept the payment lines moving.

—**David Anderson**, Treasurer

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.

Takk skal du ha!

From **Kathy Rosedahl**, Hospitality Director:

From the Bake Sale and lunch on Saturday, Nov 9 to the chapter meeting on Thursday, Nov. 14, the kitchens of our members have been busy. What a successful Bake Sale! The Kristiania folks did it again, providing many tables of homemade Scandinavian delicacies! It was blue ribbon time as goodies literally flew off these tables. *Tusen takk* on behalf of Kristiania Lodge for all the baked goods and monetary donations. A special note of appreciation goes out to **Mary Beard, Arona Schuck, Arnie Fredriksen, Sue Foss, Susan Dahl, Carol Volstad, Millie Lilleskov, and Judy Stevens**, who graciously gave a gift of time and called members to remind them of the event and to request baked goods or a donation. The cashiers and baggers did a fabulous job, and hats go off to them as well. The fabulous team of **Jan Kaehler, Sarabeth Watson, and Sharon Barsness** did the monumental task of pricing all the items, and thanks goes out to them. The community looks forward to our sale, and it is a super outreach activity,

The *nisser* on Thursday were **Dorothy and Roy Satre, June Cahoon, and Erica, Victor and Dahlia Ward**, who generously gave up their time to provide a great lunch during fellowship. This is such an important part of our experience, and your willingness to host is much appreciated!

From the luncheon co-chairs: We would love to thank everyone in the lodge for making the luncheon at the Craft and Bake Sale a success! A special thank you to everyone who prepared and brought food, helped serve food, and shopped for the food! Another special thank you to those who showed up to help or offered to help in any way they could, even those who did not sign up ahead of time, including clean-up, sandwich makers, cashiers, water pitcher fillers, dish and table washers, people helping carry food and making the line flow smoothly. Many hands made things go so well and without a hitch! Also thanks to everyone who supported the luncheon by eating a sandwich or having a bowl of soup! We appreciate you!

—Co-chairs, **Marilyn Pewowaruk, Jean Mortenson, and Susan Hanson**

From our Financial Benefits Counselor, Len Carlson

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Minutes of Kristiania Chapter Meeting,

November 14, 2019

Byron Stadvold welcomed those in attendance to an evening of fellowship. **VJ Anderson** played piano for the three national anthems, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Guests included Charlie and Kaye Johnson.

Len Carlson introduced himself as the new Financial Benefits Counselor for Kristiania Lodge. Mr. Carlson recently retired as Director of Agencies at Sons of Norway, but will continue to serve clients with their financial needs. Len's contact information is 651-253-1943 or Len.carlson253@gmail.com

Announcements

A Norwegian foreign exchange student currently attending Mayo High School is in need of a new host family. If interested in providing a home for this student, please contact **Byron Stadvold**.

Kathy Rosedahl thanked tonight's servers and the volunteers and donors to the Bake and Craft Sale on November 9. Lefse remaining from the sale was available for purchase after the program.

Byron presented **Carol Rogelstad** with a Bronze Sports Medal for hiking. Carol also asked people to sign up for Salvation Army bell-ringing at JC Penneys and for meeting setup in 2020.

Erica Ward asked members to reserve their spot at Julefest on December 7. Members eat for free; guests are \$12 for adults, \$6 for children.

Lars and Lars chatted about Ole's visit to the doctor and Sven's attempt to buy a television set.

After the business meeting, members were treated



to an evening of comedy, history, and music by Viktoria Borgessen, aka Marilyn McGriff. Marilyn introduced us not only to the instrument called the *nyckelharpa*, but spoke about different folk tune styles and where they originated. We also learned that Swedes leave the

“e” out when they spell lutefisk. Tisk tisk.

Respectfully submitted, Kristi Simmons, Secretary

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Julefest program: Chris Falteisek, Nordic Christmas Customs and Traditions with Music

Chris Falteisek, Christ Church's new Minister of Worship, is a composer and recording artist who recently spent a two-month sabbatical in Sweden, Lapland, Norway, and Finland. The concert will feature some of Chris' personal compositions and Nordic favorites, as well as multi-media presentations of his Nordic trip. He is a native of Prescott, WI. In his spare time he enjoys genealogy and researching for others, as well as his Czech, Polish, Norwegian and Swedish family history. —from **Erica Ward**, Social Director

Cultural News:

Thanks to our *sandbakkell* baking workers in October, who donated them to our bake sale. Also thanks to the Library Committee for efforts in 2019, making great progress in reorganization. We hope more Norwegian Literature awards will continue to be the result. In 2020 our primary cultural focus will be Norwegian music. GOD JUL!—**Judy Davis**, Cultural Director

Busy Days at Kristiania—



Sandbakkell baking, led by **Judy Davis**.



Left photo, L to R: **Nancy El-lison, Judy Stevens, Judy Davis, Karen Olson, Sarabeth Watson, Kathy Rosedahl, Betty Ronningen**



Pepperkaker baking day, by the **Fenton, Ward, and Pandey families**. The cookies sold fast at the Bake Sale!



Pricers: **Sarabeth, Sharon, Kathy**

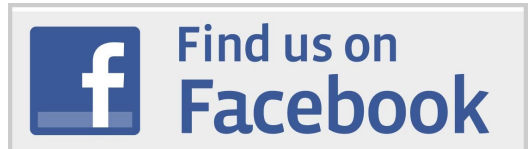


Bake Sale Luncheon Crew: **Monica VanKirk, Jean & Curt Mortenson, Sue Hanson, Erica Ward, Marilyn Pewowaruk, Lucy Phelps**



Baked goods at the sale
(Photos: **Lisa Fenton, Erica Ward, VJ Anderson**)

Thanks so much to those who rang bells for the Salvation Army: **Sarabeth Watson, Ann Romo, Barry & Sue Dahl, Marilyn Pewowaruk & her daughter-in-law, Carol Volstad, Lois Eskelson, Sue Hanson, Roy & Dorothy Satre, Bob & Kathy Rosedahl, Jean Carlson, Sue Walch, Dave & VJ Anderson, Wayne & Carol Rogelstad, Kristi Simmons, Doris Sneve, Lucy Phelps, Sharon Kingsley, Diann Renaas, the Fenton Family and Dahlia and Otto Ward.** —**Carol Rogelstad**, Volunteer Coordinator





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