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KRISTIANIA FEBRUARY and MARCH 2020 EVENTS

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

Feb. 13	Board meeting.	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 13	Chapter meeting. Speaker: Nick Queensland: Landscaping at the Mayo Clinic.	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 22	Social meeting. Potluck. Bring your own tableware and a dish to share. Film: "Magic Silver 2"	12:00 p.m.
March 8	Stoughton Norwegian Dancers. <u>Free</u> performance at St. Olaf College.	2:00 p.m.
March 12	Chili / Pie Supper. Program: Hakon Torjesen: Life as the son of a missionary in China during World War II. Chili and toppings. Pies furnished by board members. Cost: \$5 members, \$7 non-members	6:00 p.m.
March 28	Ethnic Dinner. Entertainment: Benjamin Lee, erhu (Chinese fiddle) player.	6:00 p.m.

HILSEN FRA PRESIDENTEN

It is hard to believe that January 2020 is almost past and we had our first Chapter and Social meetings of the year. As I look back to when I started volunteering as the Social Director in 2017, the time seems to have gone by quickly. During my time as Social Director and Vice-President, I have developed friendships as well as experienced the sense of community and cultural traditions that the lodge provides through its annual programs. As President, I look forward to continuing to support our programs and membership as well as welcoming new members into our lodge and helping to extend the feelings of community and friendship.

The Social Committee has lined up a wide variety of speakers and entertainment that should make our Chapter and Social meetings entertaining this year. I hope you will enjoy the year's events as much as I am.

I also want to extend a thank you to **Byron Stadsvold** for his 12 years as Lodge President and his continued lodge role as Past President and Sports Director.

As with many organizations, our lodge flourishes under the support of volunteers. We can always use more help in various areas, from making sandwiches for a Chapter meeting or helping with the room set-up to serving as Scholarship Chair or Vice-President. Please feel free to reach out to me or to any of the board members with any questions or to discuss where you would like to help.

—**Erica Ward**, Kristiania President

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—January 9, 2020

Erica Ward brought the meeting to order. **Judy Davis** played piano for the three national anthems, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Guests were recognized and welcomed.

Announcements

Carol Rogelstad requested volunteers for Honk, Squeal, Scratch, Boom taking place on Saturday, January 11, and for help arranging the meeting space for Sons of Norway events in February.

Bob Rosedahl asked members to consider running the scholarship program previously chaired by **Gary Olson**.

Lisa Fenton introduced herself as the new chair of the social committee and gave an overview of upcoming events. Lisa is also the lodge webmaster; new improvements to the website allow members to RSVP online for events such as the Chili Supper on March 12 and the Ethnic Dinner on March 28. Members can also view past and current newsletters and the lodge yearbook. Please visit <https://kristiania1-47.org/>

Kathy Rosedahl thanked tonight's servers. **Judy Davis** and **Lisa Fenton** led the group in singing the Norwegian folk song "Per Spelmann." The members of the board for 2020 were introduced.

Erica had **Byron Stadsvold** come forward to thank him for his service as President. When asked, Byron acknowledged that he served as President for 12 years. That you, Byron, for your dedication to the lodge!

Lars and Lars gave an overview of Ole and Lena's holiday season and Ingrid's solution for Sven's walk to school.

Erica reminded the membership that scholarships are available for summer language camps.

Tonight's program, titled, "History of America in Song," was presented by Dale Blanshan, who brings his musical history tour to numerous places around Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, and North Dakota. Dale had us singing familiar songs from the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Texas war for independence, and the Overland Trail, finishing with the Civil War and the "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Respectfully submitted,
Kristi Simmons, Secretary

You Have Mail!

Send us an Email!



We would like to update the Lodge Email and telephone contact list. **Please send us an email at info@kristiania1-47.org** and include your name and phone number. Please tell us if we can send text messages to that number. *Takk!*

Fresh Air, Nature, Winter Sport!

New this year is a lodge cross country ski and showshoe event at Quarry Hill Nature Center. We will meet at Quarry Hill to ski at 1 p.m. on Sunday, January 26, 2020. Bring your own equipment or rent from the nature center. Rental prices vary from \$5—\$7.50. This event welcomes all ages and experience levels. RSVP by email at info@kristiania1-47.org or call/text Lisa Fenton (507) 202-1811.



Tusen Takk!

The first chapter meeting of the new year 2020 was held on Thursday, January 9.

The hosts and hostesses for this first meeting were **Dean** and **Carol Vigeland**, **I. J.** and **Gloria Lewison**, and **Susan Walch**. We appreciate and thank them for providing a wonderful lunch for our fellowship time.

—**Kathy Rosedahl**, Hospitality Director

From our Financial Benefits Counselor, Len Carlson

As a grandparent myself, I understand the importance of giving to my grandchildren. One such gift can be a gift of life insurance called a Viking voyager, where you pay one lump sum. For example, you can purchase a \$25,000 Viking Voyager for \$504. That is a one-time payment, and the coverage goes until the grandchild is 26 years old at which time the grandchild can convert up to three times the face amount without any medical requirements. The Viking Voyager is available for kids up to and including age 17.

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From the Social Director—Upcoming events

Thursday, February 13—7:00 p.m.

Nick Queensland, Mayo Clinic Landscape Expert

Nick is in charge of maintaining all the Mayo Clinic grounds. He is responsible for the flowers that adorn the grounds, for the mowing, sidewalk maintenance and everything that makes the Mayo Clinic properties attractive.

Saturday, February 22—noon

“Magic Silver 2” movie showing and potluck

Come to our “Magic Silver 2” event! The *nisser* and Queen Fjellrose return in this well-done, family-friendly adventure sequel. The film is a Norwegian production and is subtitled in English. We’ll have popcorn to share during the show.

RSVP for upcoming catered meetings!

We have our Chili Supper coming up on Thursday, March 12 and also our Ethnic Dinner on Saturday, March 28. RSVP at our website <https://kristiania1-27.org/rsvp>, through email message to

info@kristiania1-47.org, or call/text Lisa Fenton at 507-202-1811. —Lisa Fenton, Social Director

Stoughton Norwegian Dancers

at St. Olaf College, Northfield, March 8

The world-famous Stoughton Norwegian Dancers, high school students from Stoughton, WI, will give a free performance at St. Olaf College (Wagner Bundgaard Studio One Center for Art and Dance) on March 8 at 2:00 p.m. The group began in 1953 and is still going strong today some 67 years later. They tour nationally and internationally, and entertain audiences of all ages with acrobatic stunts, precision folk dancing and humor.—From the director, Staci Heimsoth



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

Scholarship Program—2020



Once again our lodge will be granting scholarships to graduating high school seniors who plan to further their education by attending a four-year university or college, a two-year college, or a vocational school. To be eligible, a student must be graduating from a public high school in Olmsted County—Dover-Eyota, Chatfield, Stewartville, Byron, Century, Mayo, or John Marshall—or be a grandchild or a great-grandchild of a current lodge member. In addition, the student must complete an application form, which includes six parts, and mail it to our lodge by March 31, 2020. Applications are then evaluated by our Executive Committee, and the finalists are selected. For students attending a public high school in Olmsted County, the scholarship information will be available in the guidance office of their respective high school. For all other students, the information may be downloaded from our website—kristiania1-47.org. In either case, the information will be available by February 1st.

—Scholarship Committee

NORWEGIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES —REGISTER NOW!

Beginning for youth and adults—4 weeks—Mondays, 6-7:30 pm, starting Feb. 17. \$50. Registration due by Feb. 11

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Intermediate/Advanced—8 weeks—Tuesdays, 7-8:30 pm, starting Feb. 11. Register by Feb. 4. \$100.

Children's Beginner—4 weeks—Saturdays, 10-11 am. \$50. Registration due by Feb. 1.

Youth Beginner—4 weeks—Saturdays, 11-12 am. \$50. Registration due by Feb. 1.

Complete course descriptions are available on the **Kristiania Facebook page**.

A minimum of 8 students needed to hold class.

Contact Hanne Lucier, the teacher, with any questions or to register. hannelucier@gmail.com.

Kristiania members qualify for a 20% refund from the class fee, when the class is completed. This does not include book fees.

Save used stamps for TUBFRIM



A reminder to all to cut off your used postage stamps to send to Norway for the TUBFRIM program. Leave a ¼ to ½ -inch border around all sides. Please bring to a chapter meeting to deposit in our TUBFRIM container. We will package the stamps and take them to our district convention to be sent to Norway. The stamps are sold (to collectors), and the profits are used to help children and youth with disabilities, and children and youth with handicaps in Norway, and to finance the efforts to eradicate tuberculosis. —Ann Romo, Volunteer for TUBFRIM

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