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Kristiania Lodge 1-047

February 14—Mother's Day in Norway



Valentine's Day in the US

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You can join the lodge email list either through our website above or by emailing our Social Director **Lisa Fenton** at lj.fenton789@gmail.com. Changes and announcements are often sent via our email list, in particular between *Posten* issues.

HILSEN FRA PRESIDENTEN

It was great to see the wonderful Christmas photos in last month's *Posten*. The cookies displayed looked delicious. Thank you to those who participated!

This month our board met, via a virtual meeting, to discuss the new year's plans. Our Social director Lisa has ensured that our programs are ready for when we start holding meetings again. We also discussed ideas to continue engaging our membership while we are unable to hold in-person meetings. We should have updates sent out in the next month or so. Several people, including the **Fentons** and others, participated in the first 2021 lodge ski event in January. Stay tuned for additional ski days.

Another item discussed was our Scholarship Program. Thankfully, **Shelly Spallees Hansen**, one of our new Cultural Co-Directors, volunteered to be the Scholarship Committee Director. We are working to get the applications updated for this year's program. Once the application forms are updated, we will have them posted on our website and available at the local high school counseling offices.

I hope you and your family are staying healthy and safe during this winter.

—**Erica Ward, Presidenten**

Open Board Positions:

If you are interested in a board position, please contact me or one of the board members to find our additional information.

Vice President—Entails collaborating with the President and board to ensure lodge activities are completed. The Vice-President, in the absence of the President, will preside over board and lodge meetings and social gatherings.

Publicity/Marketing Director: Sends out the notices of the lodge chapter meetings and social gatherings to the local calendars and news. This job helps bring awareness to our lodge for potential new members. The list of places and persons to contact has been developed by those who previously held this position.

Librarian: Maintains the lodge library, which focuses on Norwegian and Scandinavian literature as well as other media. Previous knowledge is not required. Once the church opens for our group to meet again, the library will be open again.

Trustee: Serves on the Board and Executive Committee to offer additional experience and support. The three trustees plan and host the membership drive event each year, serve on the Scholarship Committee, and oversee lodge finances.

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.

CHARITABLE GIVING IN 2020

Kristiania Lodge 47 contributed \$5,100 to the following organizations in 2020:

Ronald McDonald House	Ski for Light
Hiawatha Homes	Hope Lodge
Mobility Worldwide (PET)	Salvation Army
Vinland National Center	Norway House
Boys and Girls Club	Vesterheim
Gift of Life Transplant House	Channel One Food Bank
SON Foundation	
Century, JM, Mayo Booster Clubs	Rochester Nordic Ski Club
Christmas Anonymous	
History Center of Olmsted County	
Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge	
Giants of the Earth Heritage Center	
Norwegian-American Historical Association	
Norwegian American Genealogical Center ,	

—David Anderson, Treasurer



Hiawatha Homes sent this “thank you” for Kristiania’s participation in the Festival of Trees 2020.

NORWEGIAN LANGUAGE CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Know any youth interested in language camp this summer?

Masse Moro will host campers at their language camp in Eau Claire, WI. **Skogfjorden**, part of Concordia Language Camps in Bemidji, has announced that they are not hosting campers in 2021 but have scheduled Virtual Villages.

Their website is: ConcordiaLanguageVillages.com. **Norwegian Ridge Language Camp** in Spring Grove has not yet announced their plans for this summer.

Did you know that both District 1 and Kristiania Lodge offer scholarships to these camps? District 1 offers a \$150 per week scholarship. For more information, see <https://district1scholarship.weebly.com/>. Our Kristiania Lodge offers scholarship awards towards camp tuition also! To apply, email your request to info@kristiania1-47.org.

—Lisa Fenton, Webmaster, Social Director



Masse Moro

Norwegian Heritage Youth Camp

In-Person Meetings Remain on Hold

The 2021 Kristiania Yearbook will be published and mailed when it is possible to plan to hold meetings at Our Savior’s again.

TIL MINNE

Robert (Bob) Ronningen , 1944- 2021,
member, trustee



SNOWBIRDS AND WINTER TRAVELERS! Keep the *Posten* editor advised of your winter address and the effective dates! Bulk mail is not forwarded, and Kristiania is required to pay postage on the returned copies. *Takk!*
verlajjeana@aol.com or 289-3794.

Please continue to watch for updates in lodge emails, on the website (www.kristiania1-47.org) , or on the Facebook page (@sonsofnorwaykristiania). If you know fellow members who do not have access to electronic media, please pass information to them by phone. You may phone any of the lodge officers if you have questions. Their contact information can be found on pages 3-5 of your 2020 Kristiania yearbook.



KRISTIANIA COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Our Lodge will be granting \$500 scholarships to students enrolling in a college, university, community college, or technical school for the fall term beginning in September. To be eligible, you must be a graduating high school senior from a public high school in Olmsted County (Dover-Eyota, Chatfield, Stewartville, Byron, Century, Mayo, or John Marshall) or a son/daughter, grandchild or great-grandchild of a current Kristiania Lodge member, regardless of the school you attend or the county/state where you live.

The 2021 application form will be available on our website on or before February 14. kristiania1-47.org/scholarships.

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From our Financial Benefits Counselor—

More thoughts on annuities:

There is always market volatility; we keep witnessing this all the time. People are worried about their investments and long-term financial plans. But there is a way to protect your assets going forward.

Enter annuities. It's a contract between you and an insurance company, in which you make a lump sum payment or a series of payments, and in return, receive regular disbursements beginning either immediately or at some point in the future.

Sons of Norway has Fixed Annuities, and when you put your money into a Fixed Annuity, you are in one of the most conservative vehicles that offer an interest rate, which is more competitive than a certificate of deposit or a savings account in your bank.

It comes down to your risk tolerance. If you want to have a guarantee that you will have a fixed income stream, a Fixed Annuity is a great choice.

Currently, our Flexible and Single Premium Annuities have a 1.25% first year bonus on deposits of \$10,000 and over. Please contact me to learn more about how Sons of Norway Annuities can give you peace of mind in your retirement, knowing that your money is safe and that you will have a steady stream of income

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Kristiania Lodge had mild success with its 2nd annual **Cross Country Ski** get-together on January 16. A small group met at Withers Sports Complex; this was a change from the originally planned Quarry Hill location. Quarry Hill trails were not yet open for skiers or ski rentals despite the recent snowfall. The wind and weather were comfortable, and the snow conditions were favorable for skiing. The only thing that could have made our day better would have been a little lunch and more friends to share it with. There is always next time! Shown above: **Erik, Lucas, Laina, Leah, and Lisa Fenton, and Kari Richards.** —Lisa Fenton

Scandinavian-related Website References

- Norway House:** www.norwayhouse.org
 - Norw. Am. Lutheran Church:** www.mindekirken.net
 - Norw. Am. Historical Association:** www.naha.stolaf.edu
 - Norw. Am. Genealogical Assn:** www.nagenl.org
 - Norwegian News:** www.norwegianamerican.com
 - Norway News in English:** www.newsinenglish.no
 - Vesterheim Museum:** www.vesterheim.org
 - National Nordic Museum:** www.nordicmuseum.org
 - American Swedish Institute:** www.asimn.org
 - Daughters of Norway:** www.daughtersofnorway.org
- Nor-Win Lodge 1-515 newsletter (Winona, MN)



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

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!*

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