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## HILSEN FRA PRESIDENTEN

I hope this *Posten* finds you feeling healthy and safe and able to enjoy the nice, mostly sunny weather we have been blessed with recently. This past Memorial Day weekend turned out to be mostly sunny and warm. I hope you were able to get out of the house to enjoy it.

As we experience sunny, warm weather, others like the Arctic explorers, Hilde Falun Strom and Sunniva Sorby, were left waiting for their pick up on the Svalbard archipelago. The two female explorers had planned to be picked up in early May 2020 after having stayed in a hut while conducting climate research since September 2019. they are also the first only-female team to overwinter in the Arctic. For more about this story, [www.cnn.com/travel/article/arctic-explorers-locked-down-svalbard-hut-conoravirus-scn](http://www.cnn.com/travel/article/arctic-explorers-locked-down-svalbard-hut-conoravirus-scn).

In our state there is the recent change from stay-at-home to stay-safe; things are starting to look forward in times of events and other group gatherings. Since the stay-safe order remains in effect, and the church has not lifted its closure, **all June lodge events have been cancelled**. This includes our **lodge meeting and the bus trip**. Hopefully, the Social Committee will be able to reschedule at least some of the cancelled programs for next year.

As we continue to work through this trying time, I look forward to when we can start meeting again, when we can hear about the latest developments in our lodge and about new events coming up, when we can enjoy the scheduled program and, of course, the food. Until then I hope you are able to connect with others online, through email, on the phone, while remaining safe and socially distant.

If you know someone from the lodge who is not receiving the *Posten* by email, please let them know about the option. Please let any of the board members know if you would like to join the board or volunteer to help out.

—Erica Ward

**Please continue to watch for updates in lodge emails, on the website ([www.kristiania1-47.org](http://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. There will be no print edition of *Posten* in June.**

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.

## Scholarship Recipients Selected



Ten graduating seniors in the Class of 2020 have been selected by a committee to receive the annual Kristiania scholarships. Look for their pictures and biographies in the August *Posten*. At this point it is uncertain whether there will be a certificate presentation at a lodge meeting, as in previous years.

2020 recipients and their high schools are:

Joshua Bay—Scripps Ranch High School, San Diego, CA

Kylee Bro— Stewartville High School

Quintin Cleary— Century High School

Victoria Nienow—Stewartville High School

Amy Ramanauskas— Mayo High School

Zachariah Rosedahl—Mayville High School, Brownsville, WI

Wendy Sun— John Marshall High School

Madelyn Timm— Stewartville High School

Annika Tordsen— Wausau West High School, Wausau, WI

Karson Vigeland— Blooming Prairie High School

Congratulations! —**Curt Mortenson**, Scholarship Chair

## From our Financial Benefits Counselor, Len Carlson

First of all, I hope that everyone of you are staying healthy and safe during this uncertain time. And it's during times like this where questions like the following are important to think about.

How important is it to:

- have enough money to provide income for your family if premature death occurs?
- pay off the mortgage in event of a premature death?
- provide income for a comfortable retirement?
- have tax deferral on your savings?
- earn a competitive rate of return on your savings and investments without market risk?

These are the type of questions that I go over with members when I do a complimentary review. This review is free; it's a benefit of being a member.

Another question to ask yourself is: do you want to leave a Lasting Legacy? To learn more about this, I refer you to the article on page 10 of the June *Viking* magazine.

Please give me a call to ask me questions; perhaps we can set up a time to meet. I am here to help. 651-253-1943 or

Len.carlson253@gmail.com

## TUSEN TAKK!

*Thank you, thank you, thank you to **Bob Rosedahl, Kristi Simmons, Ann Romo, and Dave Anderson** for doing a superb job on the selection committee for this year's scholarship project. We worked under unusual circumstances, thanks to COVID-19, but we selected 10 excellent recipients. Again, it was a challenging job with many, many worthy candidates for the scholarships.*

—**Curt Mortenson**, Scholarship Chair

## Tour Norway virtually with board members!

During this time when international travel is banned, members can reminisce about previous trips to Norway, and can re-live visits to ancestral locations. Travel virtually with some Kristiania leaders below to their locations of origin:

David Anderson—Lærdal /Sogn og Fjordane and Hurdal in Akershus

Len Carlson—Ullensaker, Numedal, and Telemark

Curt Mortenson—Vågemo in Gudbrandsdalen

Bob Rosedahl—Helland on Rennesøy Island near Stavanger

Kathy (Leland) Rosedahl—Lililand near Stavanger

Erica Ward—Oslo and Bergen



## Gjellestad is the first Viking ship excavation in over 100 years

Norway's government has agreed to fund the first excavation of a Viking ship burial in over 100 years, launching a race to pull the vessel out of the ground before it is destroyed by fungus. On May 11 the Norwegian government announced that it was allocating NOK 15.6 million to excavate the Gjellestad Viking Ship, which was discovered during georadar studies in 2018, and from which part of the keel was pulled up last year in a test study.

"For the first time in 100 years, we will not excavate a Viking ship. We are very excited about this," Sveinung Rotevatn, Norway's minister for climate and environment, told state broadcaster NRK. "It is urgent that we get this ship out of the ground."

The announcement follows a warning in January from Jan Bill, curator of the Viking Ship Collection at the Museum of Cultural History, that the structure had suffered fungus attacks since air has gotten into the burial mound. "When we did that trial last year, we only found preserved wood at the very, very deepest level, the lowest part of the keel," he told *The Local*. "Everything above that had rotten away, and as we looked at that keel we could see that there was soft rot in it, so it was actively decaying as we looked at it."

Bill said that researchers hoped that parts of the ship farthest from a drainage ditch dug above the vessel would be better preserved.

He said that even if the vessel was less well-preserved than the team hoped, it could still provide important new information on Viking ship burials, as the Tune, Gokstad, and Oseberg ships, which were excavated in 1868, 1880 and 1904, respectively, were not carried out to modern standards. "It's important, because it's more than 100 years ago that we excavated a ship burial like this," he said. "With the technology we have now and the equipment we have today, this gives us a tremendous opportunity to understand why these ship burials took place. These were very early excavations, so there's a lot of information that we just don't have,

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Because of the way it was done at the time."

He said that in addition to the keel of the boat, there were also signs of burial goods and other matter inside the ship. "We know that when we excavate, we will be able to examine some of those objects," he said. "I think perhaps the most exciting thing about this find is the date; we know for sure that it's not earlier than the middle of the eighth century, and it could be considerably later."

He said the keel appeared to be much less massive than those of the Oseberg ships from the ninth and early 10th centuries. If the Gjellestad Ship turns out to be 100 years older, it might provide information about the evolution of ship design, he said.

If Norway's parliament votes through the funding, the team, which is being led by the museum's Christian Løchsen Røsrud, intends to start excavating in June. The team has had to adapt its procedures to take into account current social distancing and hygiene measures to prevent to spread of coronavirus.

(This article first appeared in *The Local*. It appeared in the May 22, 2020, issue of *The Norwegian American* and then appeared on Facebook.)

## TUBFRIM Stamps

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. Since the District One convention is cancelled for 2020, we have lots of time to collect!

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

## 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

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**Please send us an email at**

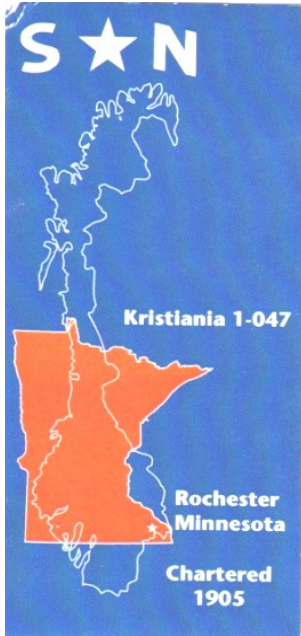
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