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KRISTIANIA SUMMER 2019 EVENTS

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

June 13	Board meeting	6:00 p.m.
June 13	Chapter meeting. Speaker: David Glomstad, The 15th Wisconsin Scandinavian Regiment under Col. Hegg. See page 3.	7:00 p.m.
June 15	Kristiania Bus Tour to Thrunegaarden in WI. Please park on the south side of Our Savior's, leaving the east side open for church activities.	8:45 a.m.
August 8	Picnic potluck. Oxbow Park, Byron, MN Bring a dish for the potluck as well as your own table service.	5:30 p.m.

Kristiania Bus Tour on June 15, 2019 Join us for the annual bus tour on Saturday, June 15. We will leave from Our Savior's Lutheran Church at 8:45 a.m. on June 15 and arrive at about 10:45 a.m. at Norskedalen's Thrunegaarden just west of Coon Valley, WI. The group will be treated to a 90-minute guided tour of Thrunegaarden, satellite property of Norskedalen. This tour is accessible to all, with shuttles available as needed. At the end of the tour, the group will board the bus for a meal at Brogan's Café in Westby, WI. The buffet meal will include homemade meatballs, potato, vegetable, salad bar, roll with butter, beverage, and dessert. The tour will return to Rochester at about 4:30 p.m. The cost is \$45 per person, and we only have 45 seats available. Please RSVP to **Erica Ward** by email at emaie44@gmail.com or by phone at [507-884-0392](tel:507-884-0392). Seats will fill up fast! —**Erica Ward**, Social Director

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I had the great pleasure of attending the baptism of my great-granddaughter, our sixth. It was on the same weekend as the Kristiania piano award recital—and about 300 miles apart, so I missed the program. As I was watching all the children playing together and thinking about the talented youth back home in Rochester, it hit me like a rock: they are our future.

We promoted the theme of the last District One convention in 2018 "Honor the Past—Build the Future," emphasizing getting the young people involved. The last couple months we have been doing that by having them on the program, helping as servers, and honoring scholarship winners for language camps and college educations. And that is good. I encourage us to do even more in the coming years, and it will build the future of Sons of Norway.

—**Byron Stadvold**, 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.

Minutes of Kristiania Chapter Meeting— May 9, 2019

Erica Ward welcomed those in attendance to an evening of fellowship. **Beth Haaland** played piano for the three national anthems, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Carol Rogelstad has accepted the position of Volunteer Coordinator. The lodge needs someone to organize our participation in the Festival of Trees, and help is needed to set up before social events. The lodge is also still looking to fill the Board positions of Social Director and Sports Director.

Kathy Rosedahl thanked all who brought desserts and who helped prepare the evening's lunch. **Judy Davis** reminded the group about the Literature/Library group that meets the 3rd Thursday of each month from 1-2 p.m. in the Board Room.

Members were asked to bring extra food to the potluck on May 18 in order to provide for the piano contestants who are performing that evening and their families.

Seats can be reserved for this year's bus tour, which will take place on Saturday, June 15. The trip includes a private tour of Norskedalen's Thrunegaarden and a lunch stop at Borgen's Café in Westby, WI. Contact **Erica Ward** at emaie44@gmail.com or call 507-884-0392,

The Nordic Singers performed two songs in honor of *Syttende Mai*.

The business portion of the evening closed with the presentation of the Kristiania Lodge Scholarships. Gary



Olson noted that over the 11 years of the scholarship program, 64 scholarships have been awarded. This year 22 students applied, and seven winners were chosen. Five of the seven were able to attend tonight's meeting.

Tonight's program was a talk given by Janet Letnes Martin. Janet grew up in the Red River Valley in the town of Hillsboro, ND. She resettled in Hastings, MN, and is a founding member

of the Sons of Norway Hjemkomst Lodge 1-599. She has written many books, such as *Growing Up Lutheran*, *Lutheran Church Basement Women*, and *Growing up Rural, You Smell Barn*. Her stories are a humorous take on what it was like to grow up Lutheran in the Midwest in the 1950s, and many in the audience enjoyed her recollections from that time.

Respectfully submitted, **Kristi Simmons**, Secretary

KULTUR—

June Cultural news: **Sarabeth Watson**, our Librarian, will be submitting book reviews to our newsletters periodically, and she encourages others to submit short summaries of books they have also read. Send to verlajean@aol.com.

Our library committee encourages members to take time before or after meetings to check out the library in our Sons of Norway Board Room. We plan to have book displays at future meetings.

No library meetings will be held in June, July, or August. We will resume the library committee meetings the third Thursday in September, continuing on a monthly basis. We will continue the reorganization process.

—**Judy Davis**, Cultural Director

New in the Kristiania Library—

The library added nine books and a DVD after the program by Janet Martin on May 9. She has written and collaborated on most of them, and they are a delightful mirror of Norwegian-American ways.

They Glorified Mary...We Glorified Rice "A Catholic-Lutheran Lexicon". Short, witty statements ala "They counted on St. Jude for luck...We had wishbones drying on the kitchen window sill."

Is It Too Windy Back There, Then? "A compendium of phrases e heard growing up"

Uffda, But Those Clip-ons Hurt, Then! Adapted drawings of Edvard Munch's famous picture *The Scream*, with interpretive captions by Norwegian-American-Lutheran farm kids!

Just how much Scrap Lumber does a man need to save? Short essays with photographs on the practice of men's needs for, purchase of, and collections of lumber, along with some short histories of these practices.

Growing Up Rural "You Smell Barn" Short essays and photographs about growing up on a farm and in rural communities. For example: The chapter on clothing is entitled "Put a Slip On, I Can See Right Through You!" and includes *Baby Clothes*, *Church Clothes*, *Barn Clothes*, etc.

Helga Hanson's Hot Flash Handbook "for those who feel like the key on a can of Spam that's gone off track" and includes short essays on maturing such as "A Lullaby for Sleep-Deprived Hotflashing Women" and "When Your Eyes are Fine But Your Arms Are Too Short."

—**Sarabeth Watson**, librarian

INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL BENEFITS COUNSELOR—Our new Financial Benefits Counselor with Sons of Norway will be announced in the new future.



Junhao Zhang, Hailey Fenner, **Dean Vigeland**, photo by
Jean Mortenson

Rochester Area Keyboard Club—Sons of Norway Piano Competition

On May 18 students who participated in the Sons of Norway Piano Competition and their families joined lodge members for a potluck dinner and then performed their competition pieces in the sanctuary at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church. The students, ages 9-12 or in grades 4-6, competed for either the Scandinavian Composer Prize, given for the best performance of a work by a Scandinavian composer, or the Grand Prize for the overall winner, for which the heritage of the composer was unlimited.

The dinner and performance were well attended. Nine students played in front of an appreciative audience. The Scandinavian Composer Prize was awarded to Junhao Zhang for his performance of Grieg’s Popular Melody Op. 12, No. 5; he was presented with a check for \$50 and a rosemaled plate painted by **Dean Vigeland**. The Grand Prize was given to Hailey Fenner for her rendition of the Sonatina in G, Anh.5, Moderato and Romanze by Beethoven. Hailey also received a rosemaled plate along with a check for \$75.

—**Kristi Simmons**

JUNE 13 Program: 15th Wisconsin Scandinavian Regiment

In 1861 with the country facing civil war, President Lincoln called for 75,000 volunteers to preserve the union. Nearly 1,000 Norwegian immigrants were among those to answer that call, becoming the 15th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Regiment. Step back in time and follow the 15th from their beginnings in Madison, through their battles along the Mississippi, into Kentucky and Tennessee, and finally to Georgia and the end of their three year enlistment in the Union Army.

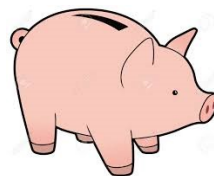
Our speaker will be David Glomstad of LaCrescent, MN.
—**Erica Ward**, Social Director

Tusen takk!

The Sons of Norway *Syttende Mai* 2019 celebration on May 9 was a great event! The special sandwich *nisser* did a fantastic job! We had our own special lodge caterers. **Sharon and Larry Barsness**, who planned the amount, shopped for the ingredients, and organized the creations. Their gracious assistants who helped make the creative, attractive, delicious sandwiches, were **Karen Olson** and **Jean and Curt Mortenson**. On behalf of the board and the 80 people who enjoyed the *Syttende Mai* event, we thank you! The Norwegian dessert treats were also beautiful, special, delicious and in abundance. To all who shared their time and talents—*tusen takk*—you are appreciated. Thanks also to **Wayne and Carol Rogelstad**, who are always willing to lend a helping hand.

Judy Davis and **Ann and Lars Romo** were on duty at the May 18th potluck. Kristiania is blessed to have so many willing workers to keep our lodge successful.

—**Kathy Rosedahl**, Hospitality Director



Foundation News

Many months ago I emptied the Foundation piggy bank, and it contained \$35.30. This amount has been sent to the Sons of Norway Foundation, marked for the disaster fund. We have many members who have experienced floods and tornados, and we must remember these members. Send a contribution to the Sons of Norway Foundation, 1455 West Lake Street, Minneapolis, MN 55343.

—**Jan Heusinkveld**, Foundation Director

Solution to the 1889 Children’s Math Quiz

(See May issue)

Father and mother combined ages	97
Mother and son combined ages	59
Father and son combined ages	62
Add 59 + 62 =	121
Subtract parents’ combined ages from 121 =	24
Divide 24 by 2	12=son’s age
Subtract 12 from 59	47=mother’s age
Subtract 12 from 62	50=father’s age

Submitted by **Barry Dahl**



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