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KRISTIANIA MARCH AND APRIL 2020 EVENTS

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

March 8	Stoughton Norwegian Dancers. <u>Free</u> performance at St. Olaf College. (see p. 3)	2:00 p.m.
March 12	Chili / Pie Supper. Program: Hakon Torjesen: Life as the son of a Norwegian missionary in China during World War II. Chili and toppings. Pies furnished by board members. Cost: \$5. RSVP to: info@kristiania1-47.org or https://kristiania1-47.org/rsvp	6:00 p.m.
March 28	Ethnic Dinner. Chinese dinner catered by China 1 Restaurant. Entertainment: Benjamin Lee, <i>erhu</i> (Chinese fiddle) player. Reservations through Lisa Fenton , lj.fenton789@gmail.com or 507-202-1811 by March 20.	6:00 p.m.
April 9	Board meeting.	6:00 p.m.
	Chapter meeting. Speaker: Wayne Quist. "God's Angry Man"	7:00 p.m.
April 25	Catered Meal. Entertainment: Kevin Doely, Musical Ventriloquist	6:00 p.m.

HILSEN FRA PRESIDENTEN

As this winter's cold and warm weather continues into the month of March, I hope you have either been able to get out and enjoy the warmer days and bright sun or sit in front of a large window taking in the sunny day. As the days get longer, as I was reminded a few weeks ago walking out of work (I couldn't help checking my watch to make sure I hadn't left work too early.), the promise of spring is on the horizon.

In the news recently, there were articles about the first US indigenous nation to send their heirloom seeds to the Svalbard Global Seed Vault for preservation in case of a large-scale crisis, https://modernfarmer.com/2020/02/cherokee-nation-sends-traditional-seeds-to-doomsday-crop-vault-in-norway/?fbclid=IwAR2i9naibzanYQyvb1OA_kYNvwdp470uMBkbQfpdO-odA1rbEliPH-KGZX8 (or google "Guardian Cherokee seeds arctic vault"). If you had not already read about the story, I recommend it. The Svalbard Global Seed Vault was opened in 2008 by the Norwegian government, 1,300 kilometers above the Arctic Circle on the Norwegian island, near Longyearbyen, in the remote Arctic Svalbard archipelago. As of 2018, the Svalbard Global Seed Vault holds more than 1 million seed samples from worldwide.

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 Vice President or Youth Director. Please feel free to reach out to me or any of the board members with any questions or to discuss where you would like to help.

—Erica Ward, 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—February 13, 2020

Erica Ward, President, brought the meeting to order. **Beth Haaland** played piano for the 3 national anthems, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Guests were recognized and welcomed, along with new member **Julie Tiedeman**.

Announcements

Lisa Fenton, Social Director, passed out a current membership list and asked those in attendance to review their contact information for accuracy. She also encouraged people to RSVP for the chili supper on March 12 and the ethnic dinner on March 28.

Kathy Rosedahl, Hospitality Director, thanked tonight's servers: **Judy Davis**, Tammy and **Don Olson**, and **Barb Chase**. **Judy Davis**, Cultural Director, reminded everyone that Norwegian language classes began this week.

Carol Rogelstad, Volunteer Coordinator, thanked **Barry Dahl** for his help preparing the room for tonight's meeting and asked for volunteers for future meetings.

Lars and Lars brought the crowd up to speed on the lives of Ole, Lena, and Sven. We all wished **Harold Dison** a Happy 91st Birthday!

David Anderson presented the treasurer's report for 2019.



(Photo by Barry Dahl)

Nick Queensland presented tonight's program about landscaping at Mayo Clinic. Nick is the Grounds Maintenance Supervisor for all Mayo properties other than St Marys Hospital and the Historic Properties such as Foundation House and Maywood. Nick's crew of 9 personnel are responsible for maintaining landscapes ranging from prairie to woodlands, and for planting 17,000 annuals each spring, 12,000 tulip bulbs each fall, mowing grass, and removing snow from downtown sidewalks and 4.5 million square feet of parking lots and roadways. Nick and his crew also work each winter to keep Rochester's downtown crowd population at bay. It was an energetic and interesting program.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristi Simmons, Secretary

May Deadline for 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 by May. We will package the stamps and take them to our June 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

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!*

Tusen Takk !

Many hearty (and hardy) Minnesota Norwegians braved the Arctic temperatures and arrived at the Sons of Norway



way monthly meeting on Thursday, February 13. When the meeting ended, an awesome

array of sandwiches and desserts awaited them, prepared and served by **Judy Davis**, **Don** and Tammy **Olson**, and **Barb Chase**. Thanks to them for making the fellowship time so enjoyable!

—**Kathy Rosedahl**, Hospitality Director

From our Financial Benefits Counselor, Len Carlson

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From the Social Director, Lisa Fenton—Upcoming events

March 6 Chili and Pie Supper 6pm. RSVP for the catered meal at <https://kristiania1-47.org/rsvp> or by email info@kristiania1-47.org. Arrive at 6pm for chili and bread from Dunn Bros. Pie will be served for dessert courtesy of the board members. After supper our speaker will be Hakon Torjesen. Hakon was born in Kristiansand, Norway to missionary parents. When he was 4 months old the family returned to China where he grew up. He and several family members spent 3 years in a Japanese prison camp from 1942 to 1945. In late 1945 the family came to the US. Hakon attended Trinity Bible School and the University of Minnesota. He served three years in the US Army. Following this he was an announcer for WCCO. Then he entered the US diplomatic service and spent time in Laos, Kenya and Washington DC. In the late 80s he became the Executive Director of the Center for International Health at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland. He retired in 1993 and has been organic farming near Kenyon, Minnesota, since then. He was a co-founder of Minnesota International Health Volunteers (now Wellshare) and of Health Frontiers. He is a member of the Kenyon American Legion, Kenyon Color Guard, and Kenyon Sons of Norway. Come for supper and stay to hear Hakon's story.

Saturday, March 28 6 pm. Ethnic Dinner featuring the sounds of a Chinese *Erhu*. RSVP for an Asian style catered meal, including your favorite entrees, rice, spring rolls, and Chinese style cookies for dessert. RSVP as above. Benjamin Lee will play the *erhu*, a two-stringed instrument that predates the violin by about 1,000 years. In his accomplished career he has given upwards of 50 performances around the world, and was selected to perform on NPR's "From the Top" in February 2019. Benjamin hopes to become the ambassador of the *erhu*.

MN Adult & Teen Challenge, one of the organizations to which Kristiania Lodge donates each year, is looking for volunteer drivers to transport clients to the facility on Assisi Heights and to scheduled appointments. Requirements: valid drivers license & ability to drive a 15-passenger van, pass a background check, ability to be covered by their insurance. Call Steve for more information at: 507-218-3442.

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 child, 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 CLASS —REGISTER NOW!

Beginning for youth and adults—4 weeks—Mondays, 6-7:30 p.m., starting April 13. \$50. Register by April 6

Complete course description is available on the **Kristiania Facebook page**.

A minimum of 8 students needed to hold class.

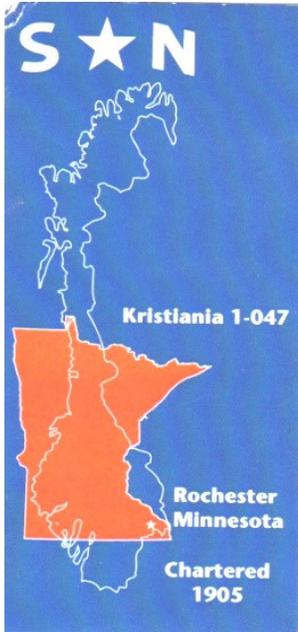
Contact Hanne Lucier, the teacher, with any questions or to register. hannelucier@gmail.com.

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

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