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*Kristiania Lodge 1-047*



# KRISTIANIA *POSTEN*

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## COMING KRISTIANIA EVENTS

(All events held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church unless otherwise noted.)

Thursday, Feb. 29	<b>Movie: "Askeladden"</b>	6:30 pm
Saturday, March 9	Social Gathering : <b>Chili and Pie Lunch</b>	12 noon
	Entertainment: <b>RavensFire Band</b> . Members: free; Guests: \$7. No reservations are needed.	
Thursday, March 14	Board meeting via Zoom	5:30 pm
Thursday, April 11	Board meeting	5:30 pm
Thursday, April 11	Lodge meeting. Program: <b>Bunad Discussion and Demonstraion by Midge Kjome</b> . Wear your bunad!	6:30 pm

### *Hilsen fra Presidenten*



Welcome, March! We are experiencing "the winter that wasn't." So many are relieved that the weather has been mild. I see bags of mulch in yards, people spring cleaning, and motorcycles. Crazy! Let's focus on things we can control, like heading to the lodge for fellowship, chili, pie, and ice cream! See you soon!



—Sharon Kingsley

### News from the Board

Kristiania board, at its February meeting, voted to discontinue soliciting funds for advertising in support of the Posten. Since beginning the email version of the newsletter, there are very few costs associated with its distribution. The space formerly occupied by ads will contain new monthly features.

Thanks to the Nordic Shop,

Stifel Nicolaus,

Hunt's Drug,

Pepsi,

Jim Miner, Realtor

Kari's Toys

for their past advertising.

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.

**Future Event: Social Gathering on March 9  
Chili and Pie Lunch with RavensFire Band  
Saturday , March 9 —12:00**

Come join us for the annual Chili and Pie Lunch followed by the **RavensFire Band**. Lunch will be prepared by **Luke Fenton**. Dessert will be a variety of pies provided by the lodge board members. The meal is free for members; non-members pay \$7. No reservations are needed.

RavensFire band is a musical trio that is well-known around the area for their energetic performances, beautiful vocal harmonies, and skilled instrumentals. They will share their unique collection of traditional Irish, folk, Scottish, Americana, and original music on the mandolin, guitar and bodhrán, with vocal harmonies. They are talented, funny, and friendly musicians who show that they genuinely love to perform.

—**Lisa Fenton**, Interim Social Director

**Sons of Norway Foundation**



**SON Foundation Core Values:**

1. Building Nordic culture and heritage for the future
2. Committing to lifelong learning with service
3. Demonstrating compassion to our members in need
4. Sustaining the link to contemporary Norway
5. Fostering a community of generosity

—**Betty Danielson**, Foundation Director

**Future Program: Looking Ahead**

Thursday, April 11, 6:30 pm

Looking ahead to a very special lodge presentation on Thursday, April 11, we'd like to ask all members (men and women) to plan to wear their bunad or festdrakt at the meeting. Our presenter and bunad expert, **Midge Kjome**, a member of the Valdres Lodge, Sons of Norway, in Decorah, will assist with any details in describing your bunad, since it is like someone's zip code of their family history.

—**Lisa Fenton**, Interim Social Director

**Tusen Takk.....**

...to the Sons of Norway **nisser** (gnomes) who volunteered to make, serve, and clean up the treats for the fellowship time following the program "Ski Jumping in the USA." These **nisser** were: **Lucy Phelps, Lori Conklin, and Sharon Kingsley**. We appreciate your willingness to serve! The treats were wonderful. **Tusen takk** to you and our dedicated coffee-**nisser** **Wayne and Carol Rogelstad**. Fellowship is a fun and special time because of folks like you! Please volunteer for the April and June fellowship times by calling **Kathy Rosedahl** at 507 289 8621. If you have never been a **nisse**, it is a great way to get acquainted with other members!

—**Kathy Rosedahl**, Hospitality Director

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NOTE—Please notify **Kristi Simmons** (ssimmons10@aol.com) or **Lisa Fenton** (lj.fenton789@gmail.com) if you know of a Kristiania member who should receive a get-well or sympathy card with greetings from the lodge.

## Kristiania Social Meeting, February 8, 2024

Kristiania Lodge gathered in the fellowship hall of Our Savior's. **Sharon Kingsley** called the meeting to order, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A visitor, Joan Nelson, was introduced. There was a moment of silence for **John Tuseth**, who passed away in December.

**Announcements: Sharon Kingsley, Lucy Phelps, and Lori Conklin** brought tonight's refreshments.

- **Sharon Kingsley** and **Lisa Fenton** invited members to join their committee to identify one or two persons to serve as Social Director. All events have been planned through the end of the year, so the new director(s) would have an easy transition and would be mentored by Lisa and others on the board.
- Kristiania Lodge may register four delegates and four alternates for the 2024 District I convention which will be held August 19-21 in Lake Elmo, MN. The lodge pays registration and hotel fees for delegates. Please contact **Sharon Kingsley** or other board members before April 1, if you are interested in being a delegate or an alternate.
- The movie "Askeladden" has been rescheduled for Thursday, February 29, at 6:30 pm.
- The Chili and Pie luncheon will be held on Saturday, March 9, at noon. The band RavensFire will provide traditional and original music.

Former Olympians Greg Windsperger and Jim Grahek provided an entertaining program on ski jumping. Did you know that Red Wing, MN, is recognized as the birthplace of ski jumping in the US? Norwegian immigrants, brothers Mikkel and Torjus Hemmestveit, brought the sport from Telemark, Norway, to Red Wing in the late 1880s. Greg and Jim discussed how the techniques and the equipment for the sport have changed over the decades, the efforts to include women in competition, and showed thrilling video of record-breaking jumps over the years. All are welcome to visit the American Ski Jumping Hall of Fame on the 2nd floor of the St. James Hotel in Red Wing.

Respectfully submitted,

**Kristi Simmons**, Secretary

## KRISTIANIA COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE ONLINE

Our lodge will be granting \$1,000 Post-High School Scholarships for 2024. To be eligible, a student must be a graduating high school senior from a public high school in Olmsted County or a son/daughter, grandchild, or great-grandchild of a current Kristiania Lodge member—regardless of the school location. The application and information may be downloaded from our website: [www.kristiania1-47.org](http://www.kristiania1-47.org). The deadline for submission is March 31, 2024.

—**Carol Lucido**, Scholarship Chair

### From our Financial Benefits Counselor

**Sons of Norway** has a new product called LegacySure, a Final Expense Plan that requires no medical exam. Qualification is determined based on responses to health questions on the application. There are three different benefit plans, and they are:

- ◆ Select level benefit—Level death benefit
- ◆ Standard level benefit—Level death benefit
- ◆ Graded benefit—2 years graded death benefit

Issue ages from age 45 to 85

Coverage ranges from \$5,000 to \$50,000

For more information, please contact me.

—**Len Carlson**, 651-253-1943  
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**Tubfrim and Pop Tabs**—save your stamps and pop can tabs!

Kristiania lodge will continue to collect aluminum can tabs for our local Ronald McDonald House. A marked collection box will be available at each lodge meeting on the table located on the side wall.—**Monica VanKirk**

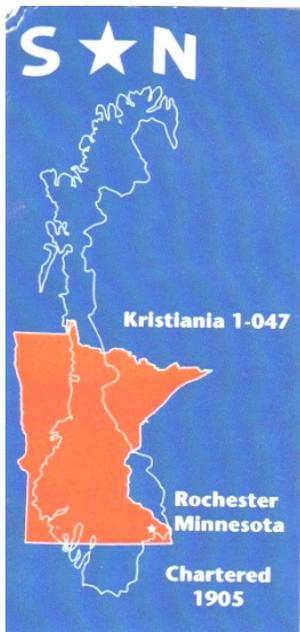
We are still collecting stamps for **Tubfrim** to send to Norway to help children and young people with disabilities and handicaps as well as those with serious illnesses. Please bring used stamps with  $\frac{1}{4}$ — $\frac{1}{2}$  inch border on them to one of our meetings. We will store them in our board room until we take them to the District One office or to a district convention—**Ann Romo**



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At Kristiania on February 8 ....



Greg Windsperger and Jim Grahek of the American Ski Jumping Hall of Fame in Red Wing presented a very educational and entertaining program .



Lucy Phelps and Lori Conklin (pictured) along with Sharon Kingsley, served a variety of excellent treats.