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COMING KRISTIANIA EVENTS

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

Thursday, May 11	Board meeting via Zoom	6 pm
Saturday, May 13	Syttende Mai meal ; Reservations: 507-319-1029 by May 5. Members—free; guests— \$20; children—\$10. Menu on p. 2. Entertainment: Kevin Doely, ventriloquist	noon
Wednesday, May 17	<i>Syttende Mai</i> . Norwegian Constitution Day	
Thursday, June 8	Board meeting	6 pm
Thursday, June 8	Chapter Meeting. Norwegian Bingo	7 pm

Hilsen fra Presidenten, Sharon Kingsley

Hei, våren! Our winter is behind us, and signs of spring are all around.

I really enjoyed our last meeting. Elections were held verbally. This is an important process that may have been missing from previous years due to the pandemic.

Our speaker, Eric Dregni, told wonderful tales of his and his son Eilif's adventures in Norway from his book *For the Love of Cod*. So many of you related to the decorative manhole covers, churches, and the many comparisons of Norwegian way of life to other cultures. It is nice to know that our newly-appointed librarian, **Sharon Barsness**, was able to procure a few of Eric's books for our library.

Thank you for participating and for bringing guests to visit our lodge. It is important to share our great culture.

Ann Romo told us of the lutefisk dinner at Lands Lutheran Church in Zumbrota on May 19. It is time to celebrate *Syttende Mai*. See you at our celebration on the 13th.

Syttende Mai Celebration



We welcome **ventriloquist Kevin Doely** to our *Syttende Mai* gathering on May 13. Audiences are laughing out

loud at Kevin's lifelike figures and puppets. He is originally from Spring Grove, Minnesota's first Norwegian settlement. Kevin uses a blend of comedy, storytelling, music, and audience participation. He has performed for churches, camps, schools, clubs, and many Sons of Norway lodges. He will be featuring heart-warming routines from the Edgar Bergen/Charlie McCarthy/Mortimer Snerd era along with special guests Johnny Cash and Elvis! Come join the fun!

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, Kristiania Social Meeting, April 13, 2023

Kristiania Lodge gathered in the fellowship hall of Our Savior's for tonight's chapter meeting; **Sharon Kingsley** called the meeting to order. **Betty Danielson** played piano for the three national anthems, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and guests were recognized.

Sharon had several announcements:

- **Sharon Barsness** has graciously assumed the role of Librarian.
- Scholarships are available for language camps.
- A container is available for stamps saved for Tubfrim.
- **Jean Carlson's** estate sale
- Refreshments provided by **Monica VanKirk** and **Lois Eskelson**
- College scholarship review taking place on April 19.

A voice vote was held to elect the following officers:

- **Sharon Kingsley**, President
- **Kristi Simmons**, Secretary
- **David Anderson**, Treasurer
- **Wayne Rogelstad**, Financial Secretary
- **Bob Rosedahl, Ann Romo, Carol Lucido**, Trustees
- **Sue Blood**, Social Director
- **Erica Ward**, Counselor (Past President)

Tonight's presenter, **Eric Dregni**, spoke about the year he and his wife spent in Trondheim on a Fulbright Fellowship, the birth of their son while they were there, and father and son's return visit 15 years later. His talk was light, humorous, and informative and included some social commentary as well. Dregni recounts this visit and his search for understanding why Norway is considered the world's happiest place to live in his book *For the Love of Cod: A Father and Son's Search for Norwegian Happiness*.

Respectfully submitted, **Kristi Simmons**, Secretary

Note: **Sue Blood** has since resigned her position for personal reasons.

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.

SYTTENDE MAI SOCIAL EVENT, MAY 13



Our *Syttende Mai* social event will include a catered meal buffet and a performance by ventriloquist Kevin Doely. We dine at noon on Saturday, May 13 at Our Saviors Church Fellowship Hall.

Our menu will be:

- ◆ Meatballs and mashed potatoes with gravy
- ◆ Corn
- ◆ Cranberry salad
- ◆ Dinner roll
- ◆ Special *Syttende Mai* cake

Dinner for Kristiania members is free, guests' meals cost \$20, and children's tickets are \$10.

RSVP is required by May 5 by phone or text at 507-319-1029 or email smblood68@gmail.com

Do not delay to RSVP!

—Sue Blood

Library News

Our April meeting featured Eric Dregni, author of 20 books, two of which are about his experiences living in Norway. Eric's latest book is *For the Love of Cod*; others are *In Cod We Trust*, and *Vikings in the Attic: in Search of Nordic America*. Kristiania's library fund purchased these three fun-reading books, and they are available to be checked out in our library.

—**Sharon Barsness**, Librarian

Board Vacancies

- ◆ Vice-President
- ◆ Social Director

Please contact any officer to volunteer!



TUSEN TAKK to *nisser* **Lois Eskelson** and **Monica VanKirk** for giving of their time and baking talents! The treats furnished by them at the April 13 meeting were wonderful and so appreciated! Remember, you can become a Sons of Norway baking *nisse* for September by calling **Kathy Rosedahl** at 507-289-8621. Give a call in the fall to get on the list.

— **Kathy Rosedahl**, Hospitality Director

Lutefisk Dinner

Friday, May 19, 4–7:30 p.m.

Lands Lutheran Church, just west of Zumbrota on Highway 60.

Take-out available.

Scholarship Update

The Scholarship Committee met on April 19. We had received numerous applications from very highly-qualified seniors. After reviewing the applications, the committee voted to award nine scholarships. Recipients are invited to join us at the Syttende Mai meal and meeting on May 13.

—**Carol Lucido**, Scholarship Chair

Stamps for Tubfrim

Thanks to all of you for bringing stamps to our meetings. I packaged up a large box of stamps and delivered them to **Gloria Coulter**, our zone director, to take to the district meeting. Please keep bringing used stamps to our meetings. Remember to leave ¼ to ½ inch around the cancelled stamps.

—**Ann Romo**, Tubfrim Chair

From our Financial Benefits Counselor, Len Carlson

This month's article is about Simplified Issue Whole Life Insurance and why you need it. Many people face unanticipated expenses after the loss of a loved one. Dealing with these expenses along with the emotions of a loss can be very stressful. I can help you prepare for these expenses with the right amount of insurance.

Without life insurance, families may struggle to come up with the funds they need to provide the service they know their loved one would want. Life insurance can help with these expenses and minimize the stress of this phase of life.

While talking about end-of-life is uncomfortable, planning for these expenses is important to do. I can show you how final expense life insurance can help keep your loved one from paying these types of expenses out of pocket.

Here are some features of Sons of Norway Simplified Issue Whole Life:

*Face Amounts : \$25,000—\$50,000 Issue ages 0-59 \$10,000—\$50,000 Issues ages 60-85

*Mode of payment: Annual, semi-annual, quarterly or bank draft

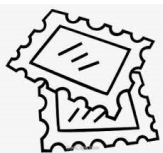
*Simplified underwriting: Simplified issue application medical questions are used along with these items to underwrite the risk: Telephone interview, MVR check, MIB check and prescription database check.

Please contact me for all the details.

Len Carlson 651-253-1943 len.carlson253@gmail.com

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 ¼—½ 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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