



# SONS of NORWAY

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, Nov. 9	Board meeting (ZOOM)	6 pm
Saturday, Nov. 11	<b>Bake Sale, Craft Sale, and Soup Luncheon</b>	10 am-1 pm
Thursday Nov. 16	Salvation Army Bell-ringing at JC Penney's	11 am-7 pm
Nov. 24-26	Festival of Trees at Kahler	
Saturday, Dec. 2	<b>Julefest</b> Catered lunch, Rochester Flute Ensemble See p. 3.	12 noon

## Hilsen fra Presidenten

I am excited about this time of year, not only for the beautifully- colored leaves, but also for our Norwegian Craft/Bake Sale and Luncheon. This is a time for us to shine in our community and to let others have a chance to enjoy our culture in various ways.

**Lucy (Phelps)** and I had a wonderful lutefisk meal at Lands Church in October. I hope you find your way to one of the many dinners provided around our area this year. Attending these events helps me set the tone for the seasonal events yet to come this year.

Looking forward to the tasty treats on November 11 as well as to the hearty chicken noodle soup that **Luke (Fenton)** is making! Hope to see you there.

*Tusen takk,*

—**Sharon Kingsley**

## BAKE / CRAFT SALE AND SOUP /SANDWICH LUNCHEON

NOVEMBER 11, 10 AM—1 PM

### Calling for Scandinavian Baked Goods

You may have received a friendly reminder phone call from our calling committee about bringing baked goods for the sale.

\*We prefer Scandinavian treats like almond cakes, *kringla*, *sandbakkels*, *rosettes*, *krumkake*, flatbread, *spritz*, *pepperkaker*, fancy cookies, sweet breads. No cupcakes, muffins or chocolate cookies, please.

\*Please package your goodies in clear containers or on plates covered with clear plastic wrap or baggies. Package in ½-dozen increments. The Bake Sale attendants will price the items.



\*Deliver your baked goods to Our Savior's from 4-6 pm on Friday, Nov. 10 or on Saturday, Nov. 11 from 8-10 am. The sale starts at 10 am on Saturday. Should be lots of fun!

### Need for volunteers

We are in need of volunteers at our Bake Sale. There are available slots for door greeters, bake sale attendants, and kitchen attendants. We also need a few pans of bars for the soup luncheon. Please let me know right away if you are willing to help! The Bake Sale is such a fun day!

—**Lisa Fenton**, Cultural Director

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 Social Meeting, Oct. 12, 2023

Kristiania Lodge gathered in the fellowship hall of Our Savior's. **Sharon Kingsley** called the meeting to order. **Betty Danielson** played piano for the three national anthems, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Several visitors were recognized, including Kay and Charlie Johnson and return visitor Jeff Beck.

Announcements:

- If you are not able to receive the newsletter by email or by accessing the internet, please let us know so we can mail a paper copy.
- Beginning in February 2024, the start time for the evening lodge meetings will change to 6:30 pm. Please talk to a board member to provide feedback or voice any concerns.
- Lands Lutheran Church is holding their fall lutefisk supper on Friday, October 13.
- Bell-ringing for the Salvation Army will be November 16 by the north door of JC Penney's. Contact **Carol Rogelstad** if able to help.
- **Renee Thoreson** showed us several of the beautiful ornaments she and **Susan Blood** are using for our lodge's contribution to the Hiawatha Homes Festival of Trees fundraiser. This will be the 38th year of the festival and will be held November 24-26, 2023, in the subway level of the Kahler Hotel. Free-will donation.

**Lisa Fenton** is seeking volunteers for our main annual event, the Bake and Craft Sale. Helpers are needed at the church Friday night from 4-6 pm and Saturday for shifts starting at 8 am. Kitchen volunteers are asked to bring a pan of bars.

Julefest will take place on Saturday, December 2 at noon in the OSLC fellowship hall. Please RSVP.



Tonight's talk was on the Stave Churches of Norway, presented by Rose Marie Meuwissen. She is a first generation Norwegian-American and an author who also likes to visit and photograph Norway's remaining stave

churches when she travels there to visit family. Their name derives from the buildings' structure, where the load-bearing pine posts are called *stav* (in modern Norwegian). Thirty-two stave churches remain from the 1,000 or so that were constructed during medieval times.

Respectfully submitted,

**Kristi Simmons, Secretary**

## Festival of Trees benefit for Hiawatha Homes



Kristiania 2022 tree

It's time for the Festival of Trees! Come see the Sons of Norway tree! This year's theme is **Nordic Frost**, which will include lots of white and red ornaments.

Dates: Nov. 24 (10 am-6 pm), Nov. 25 (10 am-7 pm), Nov. 16 (10 am-2 pm)

Location: Kahler Grand Hotel, subway level in the Windsor and Heritage ballrooms.

Entrance is free, donations accepted.—**Renee Thoreson** and **Sue Blood**, Kristiania tree committee

## Library News

The 2023 Nobel Prize for Literature was awarded to Norwegian author and playwright Jon Fosse. It was awarded "for his innovative plays and prose which give voice to the unsayable." (Wikipedia) Dream of Autumn and The Name are two of his plays. Scenes from a Childhood and Aliss at the Fire are two of his novels.

Check him out..

—**Sharon Barsness**, Librarian

## KRISTIANIA COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

### 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).

—**Carol Lucido**, Scholarship Chair

NOTE—Please notify **Kristi Simmons** ([ssimmons10@aol.com](mailto:ssimmons10@aol.com)) or **Lisa Fenton** ([lj.fenton789@gmail.com](mailto: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 Julefest

Our holiday event, Julefest, is coming! Join us for a catered lunch on Saturday, December 2 at 12 noon at Our Savior's Fellowship Hall. Our holiday menu will include roast pork, mashed potatoes with gravy, pistachio salad, tossed salad, peas and onions, and dinner rolls. Dinner for Sons of Norway members will be at no cost. We ask non-members to pay \$20 for the meal.

**RSVP is required before Thanksgiving, which is NOVEMBER 23. Call Lisa at 507-202-1811 or email [info@kristiania1-47.org](mailto:info@kristiania1-47.org).**

Entertainment will be provided by the Rochester Flute Choir. They will play well-known Norwegian classical music and lively folk songs. I'm also told that some Christmas music will be sprinkled in as well. The 10-member choir is led by Director Dwight Jennings (former Kellogg Middle School principal), and includes two Kristiania members, **Synneva Hicks** and **Betty Danielson**.

I almost forgot about the most important part—**dessert!** We ask everyone to bring their best Norwegian dessert to share!  
—**Lisa Fenton**, Cultural Director

### From our Financial Benefits Counselor

Hello, everyone! My purpose in writing these articles in the newsletter is to make you aware that you have someone that you can contact if you have some questions relating to your financial situations, goals, etc. I do not charge any fees. I try to inform you as to what Sons of Norway has to offer with regard to financial products.

Here is one idea. It's not new, as I have talked about it before. It's a Christmas gift for your grandchild or great-grandchild, ages 17 and under. It's a single premium life insurance policy, either \$10,000, \$15,000, or \$25,000 face amount that covers the child until age 26, at which time the insured has the option to convert it to a permanent policy. To learn more, please give me a call.

—**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 Van-Kirk**



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**

### *Tusen Takk...*



....to the Norwegian *nisser* (gnomes) who graciously provided treats for the October 12 chapter meeting. They were: **Lois Eskelson**, **Marilyn Pewowaruk**, and **Arnie Fredrickson**. Great treats help provide great fellowship.

Great also is our appreciation to Lois, Marilyn, and Arnie. There will be no chapter meetings in November or December, but 2024 will give members more chances to become baking *nisser* by contacting **Kathy Rosedah**, Hospitality Director, at 507-289-8621.



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