

Sons of Norway - Mandt Lodge News

January- March 2017

Mandt Lodge 5-314 in Stoughton, Wisconsin

Fra Presidenten

Wow- what a year it has been for our lodge as we celebrated 90 years, we had a number of very successful programs and events, we welcomed new members, and had a host of activities, building improvements, classes, trips and programs. To say the least, we worked hard, we played hard and we had a lot of fun! As we look ahead to 2017, we are focusing at the January meetings on goal setting and long-range planning with the intentions of having more members involved and at events. We are open to all suggestions, frustrations, ideas and input to make 2017 the best year ever at Mandt. Take a few minutes to fill out the survey and to read the new directory. And as always, please contact me if you have questions or concerns. Thank you for your membership and support of our lodge and all the things we do!

Darlene Arneson, President

Bowling Party- February 19

Sons of Norway – Mandt Lodge Bowling Party will be held on Sunday, February 19, at 1:00 PM. The event will be at Viking Lanes- 1410 Hwy 51 Stoughton, WI. The costs are \$3.00/game and free shoe rental. We encourage all bowlers to enter the District 5 Bowling Tournament. The District Bowling Tournament supports a good cause- the Sons of Norway District Five Scholarship Fund. The 2017 District Five Family Bowling Tournament information and forms can be found on the District Five website. Please contact Lodge Co-Sports Directors Lars or Jens Arneson by February 10 at arnesonfamily5@gmail.com or 873-7209 if you would like to bowl. All ages and members and non-members are welcome!

Parking Reminders

There is parking on the street, public parking lot behind the Stoughton Senior Center, or in the Livsreise parking lot **if their building is closed**. We have had people attending our events who are using the Livsreise parking lot when Livsreise is open and it has caused issues with their guests, volunteers and staff. Please help us remind people that parking is allowed there only if there building is closed. Signs have been made to put up during times when we have events or the building is rented when Livsreise is open. Livsreise's regular hours are Tuesday-Saturday from 9:30-4:30 but they also hold some special events at night and other dates.

Book Groups

At our January business meeting, we will schedule a date for whoever would like to read Hidden Heroes: World War II in Norway". Copies are available at the lodge for \$18. We will also discuss other dates for various book groups to meet. If you have ideas for books, topics or dates, please come to the meeting or contact an officer.

Join us for our meetings and programs

Wednesday, January 11- Film and Fish at Mandt Lodge- Scholarship presentations too!

Fish chowder meal at 6:00 and meeting/film at 7:30. A free will offering will be accepted and no reservations needed! The film "*The Falun – Roros Expedition*" is the story of over a thousand years people trudged through the winter landscape, steam rising off the horses broad backs, fur clad men urging them on as they pulled the heavily loaded sleds along the winter trail. Like today's truck drivers hauling goods across the country, these trail drivers transported goods from Dalarna in Sweden, via the mountain market-town, Roros, to the ice free port of Trondheim, Norway, and back again. There were no roads, no railway, but the one-horse drawn sleds that glided through the snowy woods and the frozen lakes could carry the valuable but heavy loads of iron and iron goods to Trondheim and from there out into the world. On February 2, 2003, 30 men and women, from the Dalarna Femund Forkorarening, (The Trail Drivers Club) left the city of Falun in Sweden, with 17 horses pulling old-style sleds, and drove out into the forest. Join us on the ancient trail and experience the beauty of the Scandinavian countryside, the camaraderie and laughter along the way, and the music of the Dalarna Femund Trail Driver Players.

Wednesday, February 8- 7 PM- Chili Cook Off

The meeting and program will begin at 7 PM. There are as many different types of chili as there are members in each Lodge! Share your best chili in the 1st annual District 5 chili cook-off! Members can create their famous chili for one and all to enjoy! Bring along chili and the recipe and we will judge all chili entries and decide on a winner—either by a panel of experts or by a consensus of the members.

Thursday, March 9- 7 PM- John Beutel on Ole Bull

Join us at 7 PM for John Beutel's program- Ole Bull- Norwegian Superstar. Born in Bergen in 1810, Ole Bull went on to become one of the greatest international violin virtuosos of his time. He performed with all of the great orchestras of Europe and knew all his contemporary composers and conductors, such as Mendelssohn, Brahms, etc. With all of his international fame he didn't forget Norway. He supported and worked with other artists to bring forth a real and proud Norwegian cultural identity for the nation. He also toured the United States at least twice.

Tuesday, March 14- 7 PM- John Hanson program on Norway's nature, birds and outdoor life

A special program when he's in the Madison area- John teaches history with an environmental perspective at Linn-Mar high school (Marion, IA). Last school year he was on leave in Norway. John was a Fulbright Scholar and traveled the length and breadth of Norway guest teaching at Norwegian high schools and being outdoors as much as possible. A big focus of mine was birding. My wife and school-aged sons were able to join me for the leave, living in our home base of Oslo.

John kept an extensive blog of my trip including a weekly outdoors entry called "the Sunday nature call" link on WordPress.

Business Meetings

All members are encouraged to attend the lodge business meetings where most of the "business" of the lodge is conducted including approval of minutes, financial reports, and discussion of details. Resources are emailed out and posted in the downstairs back hallway.

Sons of Norway Zone 3 "Officer" Training Seminar on March 18- but all are welcome! Saturday, March 18, 2017- beginning with registration at 8:30 AM and Welcome at 9 AM, Held at Bethany Lutheran Church, 710 Grove Street, Mauston, WI 53948. The hosts: President Don Hoffmann and members of Vakkertland Lodge, 5-570. All Mandt Lodge members and especially officers are encouraged to attend! More info coming!

Masse Moro Update from District 5 Youth Director Cheryl Schlessner

Following the District 5 Convention held at Marshfield, WI in June, 2016, there has been a flurry of activity coming from Kaia Ellis and Sarah Barnes, the administrators who oversee District 5's youth summer heritage camp, Masse Moro. New marketing materials have been written and the website has been redesigned under Sarah's leadership. Fundraising efforts continue to expand led by Kaia.

District 5 Board Treasurer Michael Palecek has begun writing articles of incorporation to establish a 501C3 tax status with the Internal Revenue Service. The breadth of the 501C3 document has yet to be finalized and may include more than Masse Moro alone. In addition, local lodges have begun contributing financial support for Camp, recognizing its importance to our youth and ultimately to our lodges, in general.

These actions will all aid in making our Camp more solvent, by hopefully attracting more campers and providing more accountability to the members of District 5, as Camp generates more revenue. It will allow our administrators more flexibility when applying for grants from Scandinavian heritage organizations, which require a tax exempt status as part of their application process. People who contribute to the 501C3 will be able to realize a tax exemption on their federal income taxes, once our documents are approved.

As contributions are given, listings of the Lodge names are posted on the *Masse Moro Facebook* page. Donations may be sent to me at the following address: 200 Beth Circle, Mt. Horeb, WI 53572. Please indicate whether you have a specific designation such as: the general fund, scholarships, naturalist programs, equipment purchases, or speakers. You may also choose no designation, allowing the staff to use your contribution to help in the best way possible.

If you would like to see the updates that have been made to the website, please search [Masse Moro.org](#) Youth directors in local lodges may also find this information helpful, as youth begin to inquire about life at Camp and ask for Lodge Supporting Grants.

Our Camp CD is available for purchase at the Masse Moro website. It is also listed on [sonsofnorway5.com](#) website. Kaia is working with Camp families to generate additional funds. Recently, a lefse fundraiser she led brought in over \$600.00!

One goal of the Masse Moro team is to cast a wider net in 2017 to attract campers from all of Sons of Norway's Districts. We will be working with Linda Pederson at the International Office to get our materials posted on the [SofN.com](#) website where youth will be able to access our information.

If you would like to hear more about our plans for Masse Moro, or you would like to become a Masse Moro partner by making a contribution, we welcome you! Please know that Kaia, Sarah, and I are available to speak to members at Lodge meetings. You may contact me at: rogcher@mhtc.net or by phone: 608-219-4464 to arrange a time.

Thank you!

A reminder: Mandt Lodge supports the matching funds for Mandt Lodge members and their family who have an active membership for at least six months.

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**Sons of Norway-Mandt Lodge 5-314 Culture Committee
BEGINNING Sami Bracelet**

A One Day Class is offered on February 11, 2017 (Saturday)

It will only take one day to complete the bracelet – you will go home with a completed bracelet

Time: 9:00 AM – 4PM

Sons of Norway Mandt Lodge - 317 Page Street, Stoughton, Wisconsin 53589

Class Fees: \$65.00 Sons of Norway Members and Seniors (age 55 & over) and \$80.00 for Non-members. Registration form and payment due: February 1, 2017 (\$15.00 of this class fee is non-refundable). ***We always welcome individuals to become Sons of Norway Member to take advantage of these discounted prices for the Norwegian Cultural Activities that are offered at the Lodge.***

Make checks payable to: Sons of Norway – Mandt Lodge, **Registration form and Payment is due February 1, 2017 (\$15.00 of the class fee is non-refundable).** Send to: Nancy Odalen, 1109 Sundt Lane, Stoughton, WI 53589 (naodalen@charter.net) 608-873-0890

Student Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Day Phone _____ Evening Phone _____

Email Address _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____ Relationship _____

Please note:

- We expect that this classes will fill up fast, so register early! If a class is full you will be placed on a waiting list.
- Classes are dependent upon enrollment. If a class is cancelled due to insufficient enrollment, payment will be refunded.
- This is an all-day class. We will have a lunch break of one hour, you may wish to go out or you can bring your lunch.
- The class fee **does not** include the kit needed to assemble the bracelet. The cost of the kit is \$45.00 and will include all the supplies needed to complete the project including; pewter thread, leather, needle, sinew, button. The class fee **does cover the use** of the tools you will need to complete the bracelet. Payment for the supplies kit should be made payable to: Creations Inspired by Coastal Norway (CICN)
- **Parking is not allowed** in the Livsreise lot across from Mandt Lodge. You may park on the street or behind the Senior Center.

Sandy Fleming and Nancy Odalen will be teaching this class. This class is at the beginner's level. **By the end of the class you will have completed a Sami inspired bracelet** to take home to enjoy for years to come. Additional supply kits will be available for purchase. These kits will include the same supplies found in the kit used for class. If you have any questions, contact Sandy Fleming (920-248-2470) sandrakelly62@gmail.com or Nancy Odalen (608-873-0890) naodalen@charter.net).

Sons of Norway-Mandt Lodge 5-314 Culture Committee

Advanced Sami Bracelet – Viking Knot

A One Day Class is offered on February 18, 2017 (Saturday)

It will only take one day to complete the bracelet – you will go home with a completed bracelet

Time: 9:00 AM – 4PM

Sons of Norway Mandt Lodge - 317 Page Street, Stoughton, Wisconsin 53589

Class Fees: \$65.00 Sons of Norway Members and Seniors (age 55 & over) and \$80.00 for Non-members. Registration form and payment due: February 1, 2017 (\$15.00 of this class fee is non-refundable). ***We always welcome individuals to become Sons of Norway Member to take advantage of these discounted prices for the Norwegian Cultural Activities that are offered at the Lodge.*** Make checks payable to: Sons of Norway – Mandt Lodge. **Registration form and Payment is due February 1, 2017 (\$15.00 of the class fee is non-refundable).** Send to: Nancy Odalen, 1109 Sundt Lane, Stoughton, WI 53589 (naodalen@charter.net) 608-873-0890)

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- Classes are dependent upon enrollment. If a class is cancelled due to insufficient enrollment, payment will be refunded.
- This is an all-day class. We will have a lunch break of one hour, you may wish to go out or you can bring your lunch.
- The class fee **does not** include the kit needed to assemble the bracelet. The cost of the kit is \$45.00 and will include all the supplies needed to complete the project including; pewter thread, leather, needle, sinew, button. The class fee **does cover the use** of the tools you will need to complete the bracelet. Payment for the supplies kit should be made payable to: Creations Inspired by Coastal Norway (CICN)
- Please note that **parking is not allowed** in the Livsreise lot across from Mandt Lodge. Please park on the street or behind the Senior Center.

Sandy Fleming and Nancy Odalen will be teaching this class. This class is the **advanced** level class. **You will learn to make the Viking knot bracelet.** Additional supply kits will be available for purchase. These kits will include the same supplies found in the kit used for class.

If you have any questions, contact Sandy Fleming (920-248-2470) sandrakelly62@gmail.com or Nancy Odalen (608-873-0890) naodalen@charter.net.

2017 Spring - Adult Rosemaling Registration Form

This Class will be for individuals with some experience.

A 3 Day Class – March 24 (Friday), 25 (Saturday) and 26 (Sunday), 2017 9:00 AM – 4PM

Sons of Norway Mandt Lodge - 317 Page Street, Stoughton, Wisconsin 53589

Total Class Fees: \$140.00 Sons of Norway Members and Seniors (age 55 & over) and \$165.00 Non-members
Registration form and payment due: March 1, 2017 (\$50.00 of this class fee is non-refundable) ***We always welcome individuals to become Sons of Norway Member to take advantage of these discounted prices for the Norwegian Cultural Activities that are offered at the Lodge.***

Make checks payable to: Sons of Norway – Mandt Lodge

Send to: Nancy Odalen, 1109 Sundt Lane, Stoughton, WI 53589 (naodalen@charter.net) 608-873-0890

Student Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Day Phone _____ Evening Phone _____

Email Address _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____ Relationship _____

Please note:

- Prerequisite to this class is the Sons of Norway Beginning Class or another beginning Rosemaling class.
- Classes fill up fast, so register early! If a class is full, you will be notified and placed on a waiting list.
- Unless previous arrangements have been made, your slot will be given to another student if you do not attend the first day of class.
- Classes are dependent upon enrollment. If a class is cancelled due to insufficient enrollment, payment will be refunded.

Andrea Herkert (VGM) will be teaching this class. This class will focus on Hallingdal and Telemark. Andrea will offer a design in each style and as you paint and learn the elements of each style you will gain an understanding of the characteristics of each by comparing and contrasting the various elements.

This will be an interesting, fun and informative class that will provide you with a firm foundation in the art of Rosemaling. For Sons of Norway Members this will provide you with the skills you will need to complete the activities required by Sons of Norway for the Rosemaling Cultural Skills Medal.

If you have any questions, contact Nancy Odalen (608-873-0890 or naodalen@charter.net)

Registration form and Payment is due March 1, 2017 (\$50.00 of the class fee is non-refundable)

2017 Membership Directory

We had a very good response to the membership directory and guide last year so the 2017 is at the printer and hopefully will be ready for our January meetings for you to pick up! With so many members, many with cell phones vs. landlines, it's hard to sometimes find our member's contact information when committee chairs and others want to contact members. We include the members address, phone, email address, and birthday month and date (not year!) that is on the Sons of Norway membership database. If you haven't checked to see if your information is current, please go to www.sonsofnorway.com and log into the Members Only section! If you need help with this, please contact Darlene Arneson. Copies will be distributed to members. It also has descriptions of some of our events and other information we hope is helpful to your membership at Mandt Lodge!

Newsletter Advertisements

Thank you to our current newsletter advertisers! Your ads help offset the cost of printing and postage. Renewal notices are going out to current advertisers but if anyone would like to place a new ad for 2017, contact Editor Diane Maurer at mau1129diane@gmail.com.

Our building cleaning needs

Weekly: Clean bathrooms, empty garbage cans and place in outside bins, sweep floors, vacuum, light dusting, wash entry door windows, and other needs as they arise. Depending on use, floors may/may not need to be vacuumed or swept. If you see floors need to be washed, please do so and note that on the chart. Please check all areas in the building- downstairs, bathrooms, upstairs, apartment and entry ways. Mail pick up, flower watering and getting garbage to the curb is not needed unless noted. The lawn is mowed and snow shoveled by Bryant Foundation in exchange for use of our back shed for storage of their mowing equipment. If we are in need of supplies, please write that on the white board in the kitchen (by 3 part sink) or on this sheet. If you have questions, contact John Arneson (719-9051) or Darlene Arneson (514-4951).

Thank you!

Week of	Volunteer
January 1-14	John and Darlene Arneson
January 15-29	
January 30-February 12	
February 13-26	
February 27-March 11	
March 12-25	
March 26-April 8	

Help needed with bus tours!

We always can use your help with bus tours! Watch your email and the lodge calendar and see when we have bus tours scheduled on the calendar! **Food prep and serving:** We offer two standard meals- a meatball or baked fish dinner. The menu is set with just the Norwegian dessert varying. We have great experienced kitchen volunteers who are willing to help new people learn how we serve the meals. Some groups ask for **demonstrations**. If you have an interest in doing a 15 minute (usually 15-30 minutes at the most depending on their schedule) on Norwegian crafts, art, Stoughton history, or related topics, please let Darlene know. If you aren't able to assist with the meal, it is very much appreciated just to have 1-2 people come in to help with dishes and the **clean up** as our food prep people have a long day preparing and serving the meals! Next events we are serving are Thursday, January 12 – also need 2 cultural demonstrations and Thursday, April 6.

2017 Sons of Norway- Mandt Lodge Master Calendar

January 2017

- 4 Business meeting
- 7 Lodge rented for a wedding- (confirmed)- Contact: Beth
- 8 Lodge rented (confirmed)- Contact: Ruth Fortney
- 11 Lodge meeting – “Fish and Film at Mandt Lodge” 6:00- fish chowder meal (free-will offering) and movie at 7:30 PM- The Falun – Roros Expedition
- 12 Bus group- Van Galder in Janesville winter mystery tour (confirmed). 12 noon lunch for 52 (meatball) Contact: Sherry Zimmerman
- 20 Lodge rented- Fendrick and Peck event (confirmed)
- 21 Bingo

February

- 1 Business meeting
- 8 Lodge meeting at 7 PM- Chili Cook off!
- 10-12 Destination Stoughton Weekend
- 11 Beginning Sami Bracelet Making class from 9-4
- 18 Advanced Sami Bracelet Making class from 9-4
- 18 Bingo
- 19 Bowling event at Viking Lanes- 1 PM
- 19 Barnebirkie cookies need to be to Darlene
- 23 Barnebirkie event in Hayward

March 2017

- 2 (Thursday) Business meeting
- 9 (Thursday) Lodge meeting- Program: John Beutel on Ole Bull at 7 PM
- 14 (Tuesday) An Evening with John Hanson on Norway’s nature, birding and outdoor life- 7 PM
- 18 Bingo
- 18 Zone 3 meeting hosted by Vakkertland
- 24-26 Rosemaling class – Weekend class on both levels. 9-4 each day.

April 2017

- 6 Bus Tour (confirmed)
- 6 (Thursday) Business meeting
- 7-8 District 5 Board Meeting at Mandt Lodge
- 12 Lodge meeting
- 15 Bingo
- 21 Fish Boil

Sons of Norway Bingo- 2017

Bingo is held the 3rd Saturday of the month. There will be food available after 5 PM and bingo begins at 6 PM. Anyone under 18 years old must have an adult family member present to play. Bingo is open to everyone- not just lodge members! **Bingo volunteer needs:** Help is always needed for bingo nights We always need 3 people to bring baked goods (cookies, bars, cake). We really would like to get several “teams” for working bingo nights.

Happy Birthday Mandt Lodge Members!

January

2 Harvey E Anderson
2 Steven Dale Fortney
2 Clarence C Olson
3 William Roger Amundson
4 Bonnie Selje
9 Michael J Bovre
12 Donald K Rorvig
14 John H Arneson
15 Evelyn Louise Lund
16 Keith Arnold Williamsen
18 Jeanette I Bossingham
19 Byron D Olson
20 Nancy A Larsen Odalen
23 Stephanie Louise Stokes
24 Darlene G Radel
26 Christine Milligan- Ciha
29 Dorothy M Loftus
29 Titan M Malouf
29 Colette Mary Vangilder
30 Harlan K Elvekrog

February

1 Erin Barrett- Ellefsen
1 Daniel L Hayden
2 Clarice Fyhrie
3 Melvin S Alme
4 Donna L Olson
4 Cheryl Kay Schumacher
4 Scott R Wegner
7 Helen Karberg
7 Donna L Maurer
8 Ella Ross
11 Scott W Barrett
12 Corey Tyler Lamp
13 Grace C Farnum
14 Thomas H Chose
15 Edward J Quamme
16 Robert M Wersland
17 Rich K Hosfeld
17 DuWayne E Teigen
19 Ruth Geyer Fortney
20 Christine M Tupper
21 Dean P Selje
23 Patty Richardson
24 Gwenn A Nyhagen
26 Allan James Ciha

March

1 Fern K Hosfeld
1 Marilyn B Teigen
4 Donald Helmke
4 Tessa Michaelson Schmidt
13 Judith Lund
13 Susan L Slinde
14 Jeffrey L Notstad
14 Sandy L Notstad
17 Darlene J Nelson Galloway
17 Tricia M Suess
18 Sigrid M Arneson
20 Vincent L Blegen
22 Carol Erstad
25 Eli Noel
25 Anja G Nygaard
26 David L Listug
27 Ms Diane L Everson
30 Shirley J Erdahl
31 Lars J Arneson

Odds and ends....

- The large white cookbooks are sold out! Thank you for your support of that project. We might do another version of the small cookbooks but currently just have the red ones for sale for \$5 each.
- Vennelag Lodge is taking a trip to Norway in fall 2017 for the dedication of the stave church that was at Little Norway. If you are interested in getting information, contact Cheryl Wille-Schlesser, Vennelag Lodge President at rogrcher@mhtc.net or [608-219-4464](tel:608-219-4464)
- We have our Relay For Life team registered for the 2017 event. If you'd like to join the team, visit <http://main.acsevents.org> and search for Stoughton/McFarland/Oregon.
- We always appreciate donations of non-perishable food and personal hygiene products for the Stoughton Food Pantry. Cash donations (checks made to Stoughton Food Pantry) are also helpful and allows the pantry to shop for better deals. You can send the checks directly to them or bring them to a meeting at SN.

Sons of Norway Mandt Lodge 2017 Member Survey and Interest Form

Please return to Darlene Arneson (2056 Skaalen Rd, Stoughton, WI 53589) or arnesonfamily5@gmail.com. Indicating interest does not commit you to help at an event but it helps us identify those who might be interested as we plan our year's activities, programs and events. Just check which activities you might be interested in. **Please try to return this by January 11.**

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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Help with bus groups- meals	Help with library and book organization
Help with bus groups- cultural presentation	Building- help with cleaning
Help with bus groups- clean up	Building- help with minor projects
Visit our home bound or shut in members	Building- help with flowers/watering
Making lefse	Building- help be "on site" when rented
Making donuts	Meeting refreshments
Making meatballs	Interested in officer position (election years)
Bingo- help with bingo game	Help greet people and help with lift entrance
Bingo- help with food at bingo	Be on the Relay For Life team
Book groups	Help promote our scholarship program
Going on bus tours	Youth events- Family Christmas
Classes- Rosemaling	Youth events- teach crafts or skills
Classes- Sami Bracelet	Youth events- sports
Classes- Norwegian language	Sports- bowling
Classes- (fill in)	Sports- golf
Classes- (fill in)	Sports- kubb
Help at Family Christmas event- crafts	Sports- walking
Help at Family Christmas event- food	Sports- skiing
Help at Family Christmas event- shopping	Sports- (fill in)
Fish boil- help with food prep	Play board games or cards
Fish boil – help serving, wait staff	Watch movies at the lodge
Help with fundraising sales table- shirts, cookbooks, and other items at bus tours or meetings	Syttende Mai- can help during the week but not that weekend
Help with audit	Syttende Mai- outside stands
Go along julebukking	Syttende Mai- inside food prep and serving
Attend summer picnic	Plan social events
Midsummer or St. Hans Dag celebration	Plan bus tours
Trim stamps for Tubfrim	Help with lodge history and identifying pictures
Bake sales- bake for sales	Bake sales- work at events

At the December business meeting, we identified these areas to improve on in 2017 – meeting and program attendance and volunteering (have more members involved). We identified our strengths that we are friendly and welcoming, have a beautiful building to use, and we do well with food. **As we set our 2017 goals, what are your suggestions in addressing the needed improvements and other things we should focus on? All suggestions and ideas are welcome!**

**Sons of Norway- Mandt Lodge 5-314
317 South Page Street
Stoughton, WI 53589**

President Darlene Arneson:
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arnesonfamily5@gmail.com

Barnebirkie Cookies needed by February 19

Barnebirkie is the children's race during Birkebeiner weekend in Hayward. Sons of Norway will continue the tradition of supplying cookies for the children at the end of their race. Cookies are also used at the Sons of Norway exhibit, Reception for Volunteers, and at food stops during other races while supplies last. Homemade or store bought cookies are welcome. Please put them in non-returnable containers (i.e. ice cream pails, zip lock bags or shoe boxes). Also please write "Mandt Lodge- ___ dozen" on the container as they keep a count of the number of dozen donated. They prefer cookies without nuts. Please bring them to the lodge by February 19 so we can get them to some of the District members going up for the February 23 event. If you would like to help with the District's activities at Barnebirkie- cookie tent, registration or Sons of Norway booth, contact District Sports Director Michaela Decker at michaeladecker@wi.rr.com.

"Hidden Heroes- World War II in Norway"

Books available at Mandt for \$18 each! "Hidden Heroes: World War II in Norway" contains twenty eyewitness accounts from those who lived in Norway or were Americans who had extended family in Norway, during World War II. This unique history is told from the viewpoint of children and young adults. Living in Norway during World War II, you never knew if the person next door was a hero; a Norwegian resistance fighter. The hero next door could be a teenager going with his dad to steal grain from a Nazi train, in order to feed refugees. It could be a girl who hid messages in her instrument case, while going by bike to a violin lesson. It could be the fisherman down the street, rowing a boat full of grenades, with a German U-boat captain sitting on the seat which was hiding them. Many Norwegians risked their lives to thwart the Nazis who were occupying their country. These are their true stories. This 182 page book is illustrated with over 50 images from the Norwegian National Archives, and uses "senior friendly" large type.