

# OLE BULL NEWS

WINTER 2014-15 ISSUE

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER - JANUARY

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The **OLE BULL NEWS** is named in honor of Ole Bull, (1810-1880) an adventurer, violin virtuoso, composer and international star. He brought the name of Norway to worldwide attention. Keep his spirit alive with your enthusiasm for Sons of Norway.

## MEMBERSHIP FACTS

- ◆ 62 members over 100 years; average age 60; median 69
- ◆ Longest membership 87 years-joined in 1927
- ◆ Average number of years of membership—17 years
- ◆ 14% - Golden Members; 3% Lifetime Members
- ◆ 15% Heritage Members

## PRESIDENT'S PLACE

BY  
OWEN CHRISTIANSON

Kjaere Venner,

This fall has been busy for our District. Our D5 delegation participated in our International Convention in August in Jacksonville, and our board held it's first board meeting in Mt Horeb on Oct 4.

At the International Convention we conducted business for the Sons of Norway including law changes about nominating committees and how to handle real estate to protect our members, that is establishing a 501(c)(2).

As you remember, D5 voted down a resolution about a nominating committee at our District Convention in June. I was appointed to the law committee, so when the nominating committee law change from other districts came to our law committee, I raised our D5 concerns. After several discussions with Eivind our CEO, David Hess our lawyer, and Marit our President, we modified the law change to separate eligibility from qualifications, so that our by-laws cover eligibility but the lodge members will evaluate qualifications when they vote for candidates. I think this addresses the concerns we had in D5.

There were several social events at the International Convention. One high light was sailing and rowing some Viking boats made by the Jacksonville Lodge, 24' eight oarsmen and a helmsman. These boats are based on ones from Masfjorden, Norway. Ray, Andy, Tom, Diane, and I all rowed a boat, with a refreshing Hagar beer afterward.





**PHOTO NOTES OR HOW TO GET MY PHOTOS  
IN THE VIKING**

- ◆ No more than 5 people in the photo
- ◆ People engaged in activities
- ◆ The unusual and exciting; volunteer activities in communities
- ◆ Significant events in your lodge & the stories behind them

I also was able to hold the D3 Traveling gavel constructed from a 1000 year old Viking ship. The Gokstad ship was discovered in 1880. Theodore Tolfson and Albert Hansen lived close to the King's Mound and played on it as children where the ship was discovered. When in 1880 these young men returned from sea the archeologists had unearthed the ship. Both young men obtained pieces of the ship and later brought them to America. Albert Hansen in America in the early 1900's joined the Sons of Norway, and donated the Gokstad ship pieces to the Sons of Norway to be used as a Traveling Gavel in the Third District. In 1948 Third District President Edward Halvorsen donated the gavel to District 3 and requested it travel to all the Lodges, not staying for more than a month or two. The Traveling Gavel was used by Marit our President at the International Convention in Jacksonville, 2014.

The beginning of winter, in the Viking Age the middle of October, brings lutefisk and lefse to our dinners. Remember, lutefisk makes you healthy, strong, and brings long life, while lefse gives us our cool, cold, calculating logic and reasoning. Enjoy your lutefisk and lefse this Jule season.

Remember that elections are upon our lodges. Reporting forms will be sent to our lodge secretaries even if your lodge is on a two year election cycle. Please fill out the forms and return them.

Please invite your zone director to visit your lodge. They are your connection to the D5 lodge and board, and your conduit to the International lodge and board. They will be able to pass on D5 news and answer questions. You won't find a more appreciative new person attending your meetings. Please send me an invitation too if you would like me to attend one of your meetings or gatherings.

I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and God Jul. Owen Christianson

**CONVENTION 2014**

This year was the 100th anniversary of District Five and the 200th anniversary of the signing of the Norwegian Constitution. Norwegians in both Norway and around the world celebrated the Bicentenary 1814-2014. District Five includes members in Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Tennessee in almost 60 lodges with 4,842 members.





**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT: CHR. OWEN CHRISTIANSON**

Darlene Arneson, Diane Hesselvan Dinter, and Ron Iverson.

The committee discussed strategic planning and what the International Lodge is currently going through. Diane Hesselvan Dinter has experience with strategic planning processes and can help lead the District. We need to focus on strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. The board should discuss what the best way for us to proceed with strategic planning, what the board members are willing to do in advance of the next meeting, how much time and resources we should allocate, and then finalize a plan of action.

Owen has added several adjunct committee members—they do not have voting privileges and are not expected to attend meetings. They are welcomed to participate in discussions and conference calls and add their experience and background to an area. Owen has added George Sievers to Publicity and Mary Bennett to Heritage & Grants. He will also ask Burt Bittner to join the Membership Committee and Geoff Wodell to help with membership.

There was discussion about the email notifications when members join online. The committee agreed it would be a good practice to share the emails with the zone directors to add another level of “welcoming” new members.

The 2016 Convention will be hosted by the District Board but lodges in the Marshfield and Appleton areas are willing to assist. Carl Rasmussen and Judy Ghastin have been leaders from both areas and are checking with hotels. Possible dates for the convention are June 15-19 or June 22-26, and are checking with hotels. Possible dates for the convention are June 15-19 or June 22-26, 2016. The committee recommends that the Executive Committee meet with local lodge leaders to get a hotel proposal for the board and to begin finalizing an action plan.

Norwegian delegates from LaCrosse’s sister city, Forde, Norway visit Wergeland Lodge for food and friendship.



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he Treasurer vacancy was discussed. It is the understanding of the Executive Committee that only delegates present at the last District Convention are eligible to fill board vacancies. There is also a Zone 1 vacancy. The committee reviewed the list of Zone 1 delegates, Central Lodge delegate, and board members that are serving as zone directors.

Darlene has corresponded with Sherry Gorse and has Sherry’s recommendation for action with F.M. Christianson and Gjemtedal. There will be a motion that “Despite efforts that have been made on a local, District and International level to assist the following lodges to continue, due to the current status of the two lodges, the Sons of Norway District 5 Board recommends that F.M. Christianson 5-624 and Gjemtedal 5-639/5-888 be officially disbanded by the International Sons of Norway by voting to pull their charters at the November board meeting.”

Darlene has taken the minutes of the convention and identified action items. The Bylaws have been updated and she has updated the Policies and Practices handbook. During the board meeting, the Board should be proofing the changes that Darlene made and also identifying any items in the Policy and Practices handbook that need to be changed. That handbook needs to be approved at this Board meeting.

Owen explained that not many International Lodge meeting have not turned in their expense forms. Darlene will send out a reminder to them that they need to share the information with others and then send the required form to Owen for approval.

Owen has condensed the Lodge Visitation Form. The committee also discussed a number of topics to cover with the board later Friday evening .

## FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE REPORT

OWEN CHRISTIANSON AND DARLENE ARNESON

Darlene provided the inventory of fundraising items. There are 24 coffee cups, 82 cheese slicers, 115 pot holders and 43 lens cloths.

Duane has sent an electronic mailing to lodge members with emails of lodges that didn't attend the convention. There wasn't any response although this may not have been a good test group to begin with. There is merit to having some resources for lodges to give funds to the District and we need to ask them for their support. So materials should be developed in both hard copy and on the website for members and lodges to use.

Brainstorming of a variety of ideas for fundraising included: District wide solicitation mailings, products sales, district calendar project, commission on products (like the jewelry a number of years ago), increased membership, increase dues, raffles, special events that serve as fundraisers, sponsor trip, and look at how we can minimize costs.

Fundraising must be integrated with our D5 goals given by strategic planning and with our budget. That would answer why we need to raise money, and how much money we would like to raise.

Ideas we want to follow up on include calendars, possible zone activities that could be a fundraiser, having promotional items that we make some profit on, possible raffles, hosting the District convention, and minimizing costs.

Owen will ask Nicholas Baldukas, Michaela Decker, and Duane Kittleson to serve as adjunct members on this committee.

## PUBLICITY COMMITTEE REPORT

JOY BASHARA ,GEORGE SIEVERS, ANDY JOHNSEN, AND CHERYL WILLE- SCHLESSER.

Joy thanks the members of her committee for their valuable discussion about publicity.

The committee started their discussion with a base of looking at the basic goal of publicity and the difference between that and promotion. Publicity tell us and others what we have done and/or what we may do; promotion provides information to encourage people to get involved in our organization. These two are not always the same.

Our two major specific tasks are: The Ole Bull News and the photos in The Viking magazine.

1. The Ole Bull News-To be mailed, on not to be mailed, that is the question?
  - cost of printing
  - publishing schedule - present system (quarterly) or another system ; the need for pdfs
  - photos of 300dpi and unshopped ONLY
2. The Viking Magazine photos
  - photos of 300 dpi and unshopped ONLY
  - only 4 photos used per publication
  - final decision is made by Viking staff
3. Issues related to Lodges reading/using the Ole Bull News
  - lodges need a computer person to make a copy/s of Ole Bull News for lodge
  - news need to be up to date, useful, and flexible
  - improve the format and layout of the Ole Bull News
  - solicit feedback on usefulness of the News
4. Internal promotion of best practices
  - encourage people to take different offices - be creative by creating positions and/or finding positions that meet people's needs; redefine roles
  - work at finding younger or simply newer members
  - have mentors for new members
  - mentor officers; officer-in-training program
  - identify prime times to act
  - ask members what they like to do; can do; want to do
5. External promotion
  - community events
  - insurance officer liaison

Recommendations: It is recommended that individual lodges need to be encouraged to keep up on what the district is doing through the website (District and International), Ole Bull News and Viking Magazine; each lodge needs to have a computer specialist to facilitate the above ; photos need to be submitted for publication without the expectation that they will be used promptly; lodges need to foster greater inclusion of new members using varied methods that appeal to various ages.

## **HERITAGE AND GRANTS COMMITTEE:**

Cheryl Wille-Schlessor, David Hermundson

Reports from Travis Perkins, Camp Director and Jackie Twiss, Masse Moro co-program administrator were shared. No report was filed by Kaia Ellis, the second camp co-administrator.

Fifty participants were in camp this session. Thirty-seven were returning campers, thirteen were new campers, and twelve staff were responsible for the camp's overall operation and well-being. Due to the hard working and dedicated staff, Camp Masse Moro flourished this year.

Over thirty young people took advantage of early registration for 2015, and submitted a \$50.00 check on the last day of camp or in the week that followed closing to reserve their place and lock-in a \$650.00 camp fee.

### **2014 SCHOLARSHIPS**

1. Alexander Zoroufy was awarded the Cyril K. Wittrock District Five Book Scholarship--\$300.00 (Funded by Skjold 5-100)
2. Haily Henderson was awarded the Olav J. Eide Scholarship--\$300.00 (Funded by Fosselyngen 5-082)
3. Colin Connors was awarded \$1,000.00 by District Lodge 5 to attend the University of Bergen summer course in advanced Norwegian language and culture. (This money is normally set aside for attendance at the University of Oslo Summer School, but due to no applicants, the Board approved the request for a university change.)
4. Kaia Ellis was awarded a \$500.00 grant for the Masse Moro Camp Songs CD.
5. There were no applicants for the folk high school scholarship.

Application Deadlines for 2015 are: March 16, 2015 for the four scholarships listed above: Cyril K. Wittrock, Olav J. Eide, District Lodge 5 Oslo Summer School, and the folk high school scholarship.

All Masse Moro District Lodge 5 Scholarship applications are due by May 17, 2015.

Additional scholarships in the amount of \$150.00 are available to children who meet specific criteria of need funded by the Rich Hagen Family Scholarship, Mandt 5-314.

The committee also discussed a youth trip to Washington D.C. with an emphasis on Norwegian related destinations. Whereas, the Mission Statement of the Sons of Norway reads: The mission of the Sons of Norway is to promote and preserve the heritage and culture of Norway, to celebrate our relationship with other Nordic countries, and to provide quality insurance and financial products to our members.

Be it resolved that the Youth Director of District 5 is given permission to further investigate the possibility of a youth trip to Washington, D.C. in the spring of 2016. The trip will include visits to Norwegian or Scandinavian venues such as the Norwegian Embassy, the National Gallery of Art, or other such cultural sites which help youth to realize the mission of The Sons of Norway.



### **BARNEBIRKIE MAKES ITS MARK**

#### **SKI FOR LIGHT BRIGHTENS LIVES**

The Barnebirkie is Thursday, February 20, 2015 in Hayward, WI.

The 2015 Wisconsin Regional Ski for Light is February 6-8 at the Lions Camp for the Visually Impaired in Rosholt, WI.

### **REMINDER!**

Don't forget that December 15, 2014 is the deadline for D-63 Report of Elections. Send one to International Headquarters and one to Darlene.



**OWEN SEEN SAILING WITH FELLOW VIKINGS!**

**WORKING ON YOUR NORWEGIAN COOKING  
VERY BERRY FUN AND DELICIOUS**

**Cloudbberries**

Cloudbberries are a favorite in Norway and the most expensive berry to buy – this year they were NOK 350 a kilo! They are nick named Arctic Gold, ‘gold’ because of their color, but these days the name is quite fitting for the price. Cloudbberries only grow in the wild and one has to brave mountain climbs, swamps and mosquitoes to get to the good patches. They grow similar to strawberries with a system of underground vines. The berries are so delicate that they cannot be washed after picking otherwise they will disintegrate. The berries in the mountains take longer to ripen than the lowlands because it is cooler higher up. Norwegians have their favorite ‘personal’ cloudberry fields. It is a tragedy when someone else discovers your space and has picked before they are ripened, so much that it has actually been made illegal to pick un-ripened berries. When the berries ripen their tastes moves from a sour-bitter to a sweet apple-like flavor. Cloudbberries are often eaten with just whipped cream – simple is best to capture the flavor. The berries make a lovely jam and because they are so delicate they naturally make a tangy sauce mixture which goes great with yoghurt and ice cream. Norwegians always pick more than they can eat fresh so they can freeze them for the winter season.

**Blackberries (*bjørnebær*)**

These berries grow in the south of Norway as they like a warmer climate. They have a long picking season from August to October. They grow in people’s gardens but about 34 of the 40 species in Norway grow naturally in the wild, many of them are red-listed on the extinction list. They are very good for cake decoration and are warmed up to pour over ice cream. They are also eaten fresh over breakfast cereals or in fruit salads.

**Cowberries (*tyttebær*)**

Financially, cowberries are the most important wild berry. It is picked commercially and is used mostly in sauces and jams for game meat, meatballs and Christmas rib. Cowberries are used for a common Norwegian dessert called Troll cream – beaten egg white with the berries and sugar. The berries grow mostly on moist mountainsides on a small shrub, in clumps of three or four. Berry pickers are used to harvest them. They prefer cold summers and spread under

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## STRATEGIC PLANNING

### OUR NEW DIRECTION.

By Diane Hesselvan Dinter

We should be planning and setting goals based on the goals and objections set by International. The lodges should be setting their plans on the District Goals, in addition to local requirements.

#### Purpose of Strategic Planning:

- ⇒ Clearly defines the purpose of the whole organization to establish goals and objectives that can be implemented.
- ⇒ Communicate those goals to the entire organization.
- ⇒ Focuses on key priorities rather than reacting to the moment.
- ⇒ Basis for measuring success and making informed changes
- ⇒ Listening to everyone.

## LITTLE NORWAY IS HELPED BY SONS OF NORWAY

By Esther Charlton

The situation of Little Norway, a long time area sight and museum, has been on Sons of Norway members minds for some time now. During the term of the last district board, a letter of support was sent to Scott Winner, Little Norway's last family owner. Presently members in the area lodges have shown continued interest in the auction and acquiring art objects for the Heritage Center in Mt Horeb.

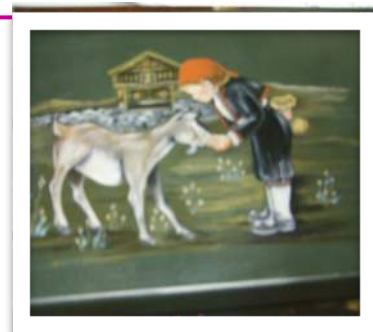
The following is an excerpt from the Mt Horeb Mail:

"When Isak Dahle took on the construction of Little Norway in 1927 he could not have imagined that his summer home-turned-museum would entertain tens of thousands of visitors during its 85-year-run.

For 2 years(2012-14) owner Scott Winner, sought, but with no success to get the site on the National Registry and in the hands of a public foundation. In 2014 Scott had to make a serious and difficult decision to liquidate the assets and property that once was the area's longest running and beloved tourist attraction. Early in this process Scott began working with the Mt Horeb Area Historical Society to ensure that a part of the legacy of Little Norway retain a presence in the region. The Mt Horeb Sons of Norway have been actively seeking out funds that will aid in the preservation, housing and exhibition of this collection. If you would like to help contact Cheryl Schlessner at 437-8960."

## WORKING ON CULTURAL MEDALS IS FUN

By Joy Bashara



Genealogy interviewing is one of the options you can select when working on this medal. It is a wonderful opportunity to talk to older relatives and record their stories for future generations.

The Boe family came from the Boe Farming Region, Sortland, Norway during the last half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The family, which settled in the Baldwin/Woodville area of southern Wisconsin, worked hard to make a good farm, but difficult subsistence farming, seemed to follow them from Norway. I am a descendent of that family because my mother was a Boe and her father was the last child (#15) of Peder and Mina Andersen Aaro Pedersen.

My mother's sister, Auntie Genevieve, has a head full of memories that tell the story from the perspective of a child. The following are some of her most vivid recollections from the stories she shared with me.

My dad was a quiet man. He went out to South Dakota when he was a young man to be a farm hand. There was no work here on the farm because it was too poor. He had four older brothers and six brother-in-laws who were around and doing the farm work. The same thing that prompted the family to leave Norway had happened again, no work, no money and no chance.

Dad was born here, as were six other of his siblings. The surviving five children of eight came over from Norway in 1888. We would hear stories from Hilda one of the oldest who was eight when she came on the ship from Bergen. The family was in steerage Hilda would tell us, which meant it was difficult and in the lower part of the ship so that they couldn't see anything most of the time. There was a nice lady from first class who saw me, took me by the hand and walked me to the top deck.

"You need to come with me. It is important to see your new home properly."

With that she took me to the promenade deck and pointed in the direction of the Statue of Liberty.

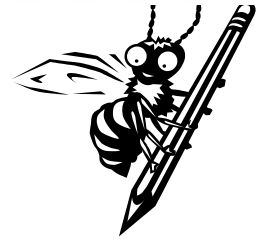
"This is your new home."

My grandma, Mina, was a very short, roly-poly lady who would knit mittens for us kids. When I first knew her, most of my aunts and uncles were gone – married or nuns. Many of them moved to Minneapolis/St Paul for more opportunities. My aunts who became nuns didn't do it because they were Catholics or religious for that matter. The family was Lutheran. The girls wanted to get away and have some adventures. I remember Hilda the best. She took over for her mother, even suckling her younger brothers and sisters.

The last comment Auntie wanted to make sure that I included that the Boe family were not adventurers searching for the American Dream, but simply poor Norwegians trying to find something better.



# DISTRICT SECRETARY'S BUZZ



## It's Election Time!

Your lodge secretary will be receiving information soon about your lodge officer elections and how they need to send in updates to both the International Office and District Secretary. The deadline for submitting the D-63 report is December 15. There are a variety of ways you can update these: going on-line or filling out the paper copy. **Either way- both the International Office and I need a copy of your new officers, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses.** Please do not just send me a list of names or a note saying "all are the same". That does not help me catch any address changes, email or phone changes from officers that are continuing in their positions. **And even if your lodge has elections every other year and this is the off year, you still need to submit the forms!** The deadline is very important in convention years as we need to generate the delegate election letter shortly after the calendar year ends. We can't do that until all officers election forms are received. So PLEASE schedule your officer elections so you can meet this December 15 deadline.

## Your current By-laws and other operating documents

During the past year, I've been trying to get your updated lodge by-laws as many of the ones that I have are probably very outdated and that your lodge probably has current versions. I am asking that each lodge send me an updated copy of their current by-laws and any other document that you feel the district should have. **My target date for this project is November 30.** You can send the documents to Darlene Arneson, 2056 Skaalen Rd., Stoughton, WI 53589 or email them to arnesonfamily5@gmail.com



## 2014 District Five Lodge Meeting Minutes

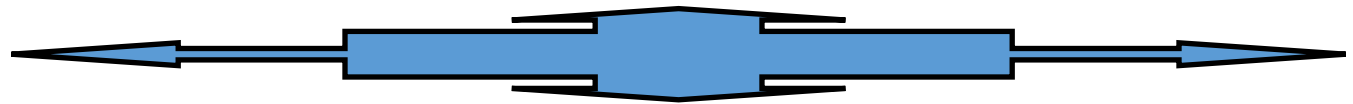
The minutes of the 2014 District Lodge Meeting were approved by the District Board at the October meeting. I will be sending a copy to all delegates to the District Lodge meeting along with the President of each lodge. If the President was also a delegate, he/she will only get one copy. There will also be two CD's in the package to the lodge Presidents- a CD with pictures from the convention and one with PowerPoints from both the District Convention and International Conventions that can be used in your lodges.

## Zone and Lodge Assignments

President Owen Christianson has assigned District 5 Board members to lodges. Please add your zone director to your lodge's contact list and invite him/her to visit your lodge meetings and events. The Board of Directors is here to serve your lodges and help where needed.

- **Zone 1- David Hermundson** (other seat is vacant): Loven 29, Trygvason 220, Nordlandet 620, Viking 625, Ulseth 670, Norrona 27, Valkyrien 53, Dovre 353, and Sjoland 635.
- **Zone 2- Ron Iverson**: Wergeland 28, Jotunheimen 286, Solvang 457, Fossen 534 and Fagernes 616. **Owen Christianson**: Rib Fjell 496, Elvedal 556, Norskeland 580, Myrmarken 609 and Vennligfolk 627.
- **Zone 3- Dennis Westgor**: Idun 74, Vakkertland 570 and Norsemen of the Lakes 650. **Cheryl Wille -Schlessler**: Mandt 314, Vennelag 513, Nordland 544 and Ostestaden 642.

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- **Zone 4- Diane Hesselvan Dinter**: Fosselyngen 82, Norse Valley 491, Nordlyset 183 and Hafrsfjord 206. **Joy Bashara**: H R Holand 549, Vennskap 622 and Gronnvik 632.
- **Zone 5- Christina Fairchild**: Valhall 168, Polar Star 472 and Cleng Peerson 525. **Kathy Secora**: Leif Erikson 97, Skjold 100, Trollhaugen 417 and Elvesund 593.
- **Zone 6- Andrew Johnsen**: Nordkap 378, Samhold 473, Sonja Henie 490, Sognefjord 523, Christian Radich 568, Scandiana 600 and Askeladden 610. **Esther Charlton**: Circle City 614, Tre Elver 628, Knute Rockne 634, Edvard Grieg 657, Arcic Circle 662, Vikings of the Smokies 677 and Music City Vikings 681.



## 2014-15 DISTRICT 5 LODGE CALENDAR

Updated October 20, 2014

\*15<sup>th</sup> of each month- pictures for the Viking magazine due to District Publicity Director

### OCTOBER 2014

- October 3-4- District 5 Board meeting in Mt. Horeb, WI
- October 15- Ole Bull article submission to District Publicity Director
- October 15- **Lodge liability premium due** to International SN office

### NOVEMBER 2014

Elect Lodge Officers for coming year (unless you have two-year officer terms)

### DECEMBER 2014

- December 15- **D-63 Report of Elections** due. Send one copy to International Headquarters and one to District Secretary.

### JANUARY 2015

- Install officers
- Member submit volunteer hours to lodge secretary
- January 1 – District Bowling Tournament begins (through April 30)
- January 15- Ole Bull article submission to District Publicity Director
- January 15- International **SN Foundation Local Lodge Partnership Grants** due

## FEBRUARY 2015

- Work on **Lodge Achievement (LAF)** and **Family Lodge Achievement (FLAF)** forms
- Complete lodge financial audit so the **D17– Financial Report** can be finished by March 1
- Elect District Convention Delegates in even years
- February 6-8 - Wisconsin Regional Ski for Light - Rosholt, WI
- February 1- International SN Foundation **Helping Hands to Children Grants** due  
February 20- Barnebirkie Race, District 5 Volunteer Reception and Display in Hayward, WI

## MARCH 2015

- March 1- Deadline for **LAF** and **FLAF** forms (see February)- send to Zone Director
- March 1- Deadline for **D17 Financial Report** – send to International
- March 1- Deadline for International SN Foundation Scholarships -King Olav V Scholarship, Astrid G. Cates Scholarship, Oslo International Summer School, Helen Tronvold Norwegian Folk High School Scholarship, Nancy Lorraine Jensen Memorial Scholarships and Lund Fund Scholarships
- March 16- District Scholarship Applications due

## APRIL 2015

- April 1- International SN Foundation **General Heritage and Culture Fund Grants** due
- April 15- Ole Bull article submission to District Publicity Director
- April 30- District Bowling Tournament Ends. Send forms in by May 18 to District Sports Director

## MAY 2015

- May 15- Deadline for filing the **990 form**
- May 17- Early registration deadline for **Masse Moro Norwegian Heritage Camp** to qualify for additional deductions in the cost of camp from the Draxten Fund.
- May 18- Bowling forms due to District Sports Director

## JUNE 2015

June 20- Balance due for **Masse Moro Norwegian Heritage Camp** from sponsoring parents/guardians and matching funds from lodges.

## JULY 2015

- July 15- Ole Bull article submission to District Publicity Director
- July 19 - August 1 - **Masse Moro Norwegian Heritage Camp** - Beaver Creek Reserve - Eau Claire, WI

## SEPTEMBER 2015

- Elect Nominating Committee for local lodge elections

## OCTOBER 2015

- October 15- **Lodge liability premium** due to International SN office  
Nominating Committee report due to Lodge

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### **Note:**

- Check correspondence from the International and District and the International ([www.sofn.com](http://www.sofn.com)) and District ([www.sonsofnorway5.com](http://www.sonsofnorway5.com)) websites for any updates and changes.
- Additional deadlines for the District 5 and International Conventions/Lodge Meetings will be added as those dates are established. Watch for future mailings and the District 5 website.

The International Sons of Norway Convention will be August 22-27, 2016 in Tacoma, Washington.

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