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President's Message:

District Five ...

According to the calendar, we are in the season of spring. On my farm, I'm enjoying the season of mud—as between snow and summer. As oft happens, because of the moisture, I will not be able to mow the lawn until the grass “is as high as an elephant's eye”—practically.

The weather has been becoming a bit more spring-like, though, and I am sure everyone is pleased

the snow is pretty much gone (of course, some in the very northern part of the district just had some post-winter inches of snow!).

For Syttende Mai, the celebration in my hometown enjoyed absolutely wonderful conditions—and a very large crowd. As in the past, Big Red and I pulled our lodge's float in The Grand Parade. My niece was riding with me in Big Red, and her three daughters were riding on the float. I asked them to be sure and toss candy (of which we had lots!) well beyond the float. In previous years, I was in constant fear one of the (many, many) little ones along the parade route would race into the street to grab some sweets and manage to get injured by colliding with the float. I was glad my niece, putting all her might into the tossing, didn't strike any parade watchers I knew!! All went well, though.

Hopefully, you were able to celebrate Syttende Mai in your hometown and/or your lodge. I know some lodges have elaborate dinners and others participate in a village/city festival, or both. It gets to be an exhausting time, but the work involved can be fun, too.

There is more “fun” in store, shortly, for the district. The district convention is getting ever so close, with a start date of June 25, 2014. Even if you had a grand time celebrating Syttende Mai, head to the convention for more festivities. Along with district business, we will be honoring the district's 100th anniversary and the 200th anniversary of the Norwegian constitution signing. One feature we'll be sporting is the official display of the Norwegian constitution, its history, some photos and a number of facts surrounding Eidsvoll and 1814. I was fortunate to view the display at a special showing in advance of the official opening, while attending meetings as Sons of Norway headquarters. This display will be traveling for some time to various spots throughout the United States.

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The biennial convention means elections for district officers and directors. Your lodge delegates compose the pool from which we will select members for these positions. There is tremendous talent in our district, and we will be counting on a number of our eager, involved, and dedicated members to compete in the elections. Get together with your delegates, and you may need to “encourage” those on the more introverted side (a natural Norwegian condition!!) to complete and submit applications for board positions. Now is the time to get your voice heard!!! Even if you are not a delegate, head to Delavan to watch your delegates in action and enjoy the festivities and classes.

For more details about our 2014 district convention, visit the District Five Website—the finest Website of all eight districts!! Our Webmaster, George, does a fantastic job of posting information and facts—practically everything you need to know about “The Friendly Fifth.” Great as is our district Website, reading and learning everything there, is just not the same as attending a district convention. It is rather like watching football on TV or watching from the stands—“being there” provides a different and vibrant experience!! See you all in Delavan!

Fraternally,
Don Hermanson
District Five President

From your District Secretary, Darlene Arneson

Sometimes we just don't take advantage of helpful things that we have available. It might be the help of a friend, technology that might make our lives a bit easier, delegating some tasks to other willing hands, or improvements in our offices and homes. Sometimes it takes a bit of effort to use those resources, but in the end it is well worth the effort.

I use that comparison with attending the District Convention- whether sending delegates or as a lodge or family member. The 2014 Convention Committee has spent countless time and effort organizing classes, securing instructors, adding educational components, and offering many opportunities to learn from each other. Social settings often lead to the best exchange of what works, doesn't work, or speakers/programs lodges use.

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I am disappointed that we have thirteen lodges not sending any delegates and two that haven't even let me know one way or the other. Some of these lodges are also ones that often state they are struggling with membership, programs or other activities. They could benefit more than anyone from attending. We realize that finances are an issue for some lodges. Our District 5 lodges range in their delegate support from fully funding delegates to no support at all. We encourage lodges to put a little money aside each month so that the convention expenses don't creep up on you- almost like a Christmas saving account.

Rather than take the "we just aren't sending anyone" route, consider some ways to help send some members that could bring back some new ideas, enthusiasm, and resources that could be the start of a new era in your lodge! We are nearing the "final" dates for registering and meal counts. If you change your mind and can attend, please download the resources from the District 5 Website and get them sent in. Let me know about your delegate status.

Here are the details again for the convention: Hosted by Norsemen of the Lakes, Nordland and Mandt Lodges. June 25-29, 2014 (Wednesday-Sunday) held at Lake Lawn Resort, Delavan, Wisconsin.

Why should you attend this year even if you're not a delegate?

- We have cultural classes that are excellent! This is your chance to try Hardanger, rosemaling, wood carving (various types), and genealogy.
- We're offering a variety of workshops, drop in sessions, and informal share sessions that you can learn about a variety of Sons of Norway and Norsk related things.
- We have fun! There is golf, outdoor games, music and lots of opportunities for socializing and having fun. It's a great way to meet others and learn more about their lodges, activities, and their interests.
- It's the District's 100th anniversary and the 200th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution. The celebration will culminate with Saturday night's banquet which we hope you will attend. Also at the banquet will be the Edvard Grieg Chorus and Nordlyset Lodge's youth skit!
- For those of you that are in business, the convention provides sponsorship, advertising and vendor opportunities.
- We have a bunad show as part of the Thursday afternoon opening ceremonies! Have a bunad? We'd love to have you part of the evening.
- We have several areas (i.e. Chicago Room on Thursday and Friday) that will give you many new ideas to share with your lodge!
- If you are a Masse Moro alumni, they are organizing the Friday night outdoor event (games) and the alumni will be having fun together Saturday!

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How do you go about registering and volunteering?

There are several registration form options:

- If you want to attend as a non-delegate getting your Friday lunch, Saturday lunch, all coffee breaks and a registration bag, fill out the **Delegate/Non Delegate form**. The additional meal functions can be purchased on that form.
- If you are coming down for just a day (or two), you can fill out the **Day Registration Form**. That is \$10 per day and includes the coffee breaks for that day. Any of the meal functions can be purchased on that form.

Where do I find information, registration forms, and other information?

- www.sonsofnorway5.com is the District 5 website.
- **Contact convention chair Darlene Arneson at 608-873-7209 or arnesonfamily5@gmail.com or any of the chairmen listed on forms or information on the District website information!**

What about the hotel? Please make your hotel reservations by May 24 if possible to help us with our room count!! Lake Lawn Resort- www.lakelawnresort.com. Hotel phone: 1-800-338-5253. The rates will be \$129.00 plus tax per night for a Luxury Lodge King or Queen room (single/double). There are also family/larger suites available that groups can reserve for \$149 per night. The room tax is 13.5%. Make sure you are **NOT** charged their new resort rate. When you make reservations, ask for the Sons of Norway room discount. Directions: Lake Lawn Resort is located at 2400 E. Geneva St. on Highway 50 in Delavan, Wisconsin, just a few blocks east of I-43.

Deadlines!

Other deadlines - Post marked by

- May 1- Vendor Registrations (extended to June 1)
- May 1- Sponsor Registration (extended to June 1)
- May 15- Well Wisher Form (extended to June 1)
- May 15- Ad for Program Book (extended to June 1)
- June 1- Advance Pin Orders
- June 1 - Convention Registrations
- June 1- Golf Registrations Due
- June 1- Bunad Show Participant Registration
- June 1- T-shirt Order Deadline
- June 1- Cultural Class Registration Deadline

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Some highlights about the 2014 Convention!

- The District 5 100th Anniversary banquet will be held on Saturday night, June 28. The entertainment is the Edvard Grieg Chorus from Madison, WI. There will be a historical skit presented by the youth of Nordlyset Lodge.
- We have plans for a Masse Moro Reunion held on Friday afternoon through Saturday
- Cultural classes will be offered during the convention for delegates and non-delegates. Wednesday- one day rosemaling, one day Genealogy, and one-day Wood Carving. There will be a three day rosemaling class running Thursday-Saturday, wood carving and Hardanger classes Thursday and Friday afternoon, and free Norsk craft classes Thursday and Friday morning. There may be an additional wood carving class on Saturday but not confirmed yet. Nancy Odalen of Mandt Lodge for details (rnodalen@att.net)
- We will be celebrating the 200th anniversary of the signing of the Norwegian Constitution along with our District 100th anniversary
- Golf tournament: Two will be held on Thursday June 26, 1 p.m. – 18 holes for \$45.00 and 3 p.m. , and Friday June 27– 9 holes for \$30.00 at 6 p.m. – 9 holes for \$30.00.
- Kubb and Viking Games - we have a great outside space to have the Masse Moro Alumni lead us in playing kubb on Friday night.
- The District 5 Fundraising Committee is conducting a ticket raffle (tickets will be distributed to lodges prior to convention) and a Silent Auction. The Convention Committee will have some other basket/bucket raffles, 50-50 raffles and other possible fundraisers.
- Vendor Area- we are working hard to improve the time allocated and visibility for shopping and viewing vendors and exhibits. Contact Scott and Janis Wegner at 608-255-5761 or wegnerjanis@gmail.com for more information.

- Sponsorship Opportunities- to help defray the costs for delegates and attendees, we are developing sponsorship opportunities. Contact Scott and Janis Wegner at 608-255-5761 or wegnerjanis@gmail.com for more information.

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- The agenda continues to be finalized as presenters and details are confirmed. Delegates will be arriving on Thursday for committee meetings and opening ceremonies. The official business sessions will start early on Friday and ends Saturday afternoon. The anniversary banquet will be held on Saturday night.
- The delegate and non-delegate registration fee is \$110. There will be a daily registration fee for those not registering for the delegate/non-delegate packages. The registration forms should be ready soon.
- There will be an off-site dinner on Wednesday night at Watson's Western Events.
- There will be hourly activities, movies, informal presentations and other offerings on Thursday and Friday in the Chicago Room.

District 5 Raffle

District 5 is sponsoring a ticket raffle with the drawing during the anniversary banquet. District 5 board members have tickets. They are \$5 each. Prizes are Cash Prizes: \$250, \$150, \$125, \$100, \$75 and \$50. You DO NOT have to be present to win.

Organization of the convention

Norsemen of the Lakes, Nordland and Mandt are the host lodges

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Secretary- Olga Fast and Treasurer Barb Ogne

Youth Director- Mary Bennett

Summer is almost here and children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews of Sons of Norway members are invited to spend two weeks of camp learning Norwegian, participating in Viking games and so much more. While the date is past for lodge and district support, \$650 is still a great deal for "lots of fun". All camp information and application forms are available at the District website sonsofnorway5.com. There is still room for more campers.

Masse Moro Reunion

A reunion of past Masse Moro campers and staff is being planned during the District 5 Convention in Delavan, WI. Reunion activities will take place Friday evening, June 27 and Saturday, June 28. The District website has all convention and reunion information available.

Fifth District Sports Director's Message

The 2014 Fifth District Bowling Tournament is now over. Three lodges participated with a total of 64 bowlers and \$475.00 in bowling fees going to support the Fifth District Scholarship Fund. The 2014 Bowling Tournament winners are:

Mens's lane bowler- Mike Jehle of Nordkap 5-378

Women's lane bowler- Stacy Torgerson of Nordkap 5-378

Youth lane bowler (age 12- 17)- Daniel Rutkowski of Nordkap 5-378

Youth lane bowler (ages 11 and under)- Zoe Hekneby of Nordkap 5-378

WII bowler- Mary Tjerstad of Fagernes 5-616

Mange Takk to the lodges and their members who participated in this year's bowling tournament. If your lodge did not participate in the bowling tournament, please consider this event for a 2015 lodge activity.

The 2014 Sons of Norway district 5 convention will soon be here. The Fifth District will be conducting a Walk-A-Thon on the grounds of Lake Lawn Lodge on Friday, June 27 and Saturday, June 28 at 6am. The fee for this event is a minimum donation of \$5.00. Donations from walkers sponsors are also welcome. All donations will go to support the

Fifth District Masse Moro Youth Heritage Camp. The camp provides youths with two weeks of activities related to Norwegian culture and heritage.

Again I would like to thank all the lodges in the Fifth District that supported the 2014 Barnebirkie with their volunteers, cookies, and donations. Without your support the American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation's Barnebirkie could not have become the greatest children's ski event in the United States.

Fraternally,
Andy Johnsen
Fifth District Sports and Recreation Director
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Cultural Director's Message:

Kjaere Venner,

Folk Art Exhibit/Competition

The District 5 Convention is fast approaching, and the deadline for entrees in the Folk Art Exhibit/Competition is June 16. Please send me the registration form. Hopefully we will have enough room to attach the forms to this Ole Bull, but you can also find the forms on the District 5 website. The easiest way to find them on the website is to search on folk Art Exhibit/Competition. If nothing else, just drop me an email and let me know you plan to bring an entry for either the competition or the exhibit. My email is owen.christianson@gmail.com.

In addition here is additional information that came out of our District board meeting in April, and meetings with convention personnel:

- . The Folk Art room will open Thursday, June 26th at 8AM to receive entrees. The room will be closed Thursday afternoon for judging. The room will be open to the public**
- Friday June 27 (9AM - 5:30PM) and Saturday June 28 (AM-Noon).**
- . The deadline for entering items is 8 AM to 10 AM Thursday June 26.**
- . Items must be picked up between noon and 2PM Saturday, June 28.**
- . Items may be removed from the room only by the person listed on the id form after showing**
 - a photo id. (Some items are irreplaceable and are valuable).**
- . Security will be provided whenever the room is open.**

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- . Ribbons will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, blue, red, and white for each category and level of expertise, we may award multiple 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in specific categories.**
- . There will be a People's Choice award. Each person upon entering the room will ve given 5 beans which they can deposit in cups by each entry. The entry with the most beans at noon on Saturday wins the People's choice.**
- . The prize will be a replica Viking bowl, which I will make. To my knowledge, this will be an almost unique prize since there are very few people making replica Viking Bowls. (To a certain extent, each person will be on the honor system, and will only take 5 beans once, not each time they enter the room.).**

. At this competition District 5 will start a medalist program. All competitors will automatically be entered in the medalist program. Each 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will accrue points toward a medal.

. In addition, some exhibitors may want to sell their items. SoN District 5 can not be involved in any sale. Any sale will be solely between the artist and the purchaser.

Please consider entering something in the exhibition even if you do not wish to compete. This is a great way to share our arts and crafts with our fellow lodge members.

See you at the convention.

Owen Christianson

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Sons of Norway District 5 2014 Folk Art Exhibit and Competition

The Sons of Norway District 5 is pleased to invite all members to participate in the 2014 Folk Art Exhibit and Competition to be held at its District convention in Lake Lawn Resort in Delavan, Wisconsin on June 25-28, 2014.

On-site registration will take place on Thursday June 26, from 8:00 to 10:00 am.

Entries must fall into one of the following categories:

- . Rosemaling**
- . Norwegian weaving**
- . Hardanger embroidery**

- . Norwegian themed needlework(e.g. klosersom, diamantsom and other traditional needle work)
- . Hand knitting with Norwegian design
- . Crocheting and tatting
- . Figure carving with Norwegian theme using hand tools only
- . Relief carving with Norwegian theme using hand tools only
- . Chip carving using hand tools
- . Bentwood using hand tools
- . Wood turning: bowl
- . Wood turning: spindle
- . Genealogy
- . Other with Norwegian theme (e.g. photography, paintings, stained glass, kolrosing, etc)

There are five classes for each category:

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. **Advanced, Intermediate, and Beginner.** There will no longer be adult professional or adult amateur classes. These classes will be determined by previous performance in the Folk Arts Competition, therefore for this time only all entries start at Beginner, unless the Judges promote an entry one level to the Intermediate class.

. **Youth Ages 16-20**

. **Children- Heritage members and children/grandchildren of current Sons of Norway members, 15 years old and under are eligible for exhibition only. They will all receive a Certificate of Participation. The registration form and waiver of responsibility should be sent to me by June 16, 2014.**

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Genealogy Competition

The competition has three categories.

1. Pictorial family trees of at least four generations.

This category will be judged on creativity and completeness and ease of reading.

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5 points will be given for creativity. This includes style of tree chosen, use of photographs or other graphic elements, style of font and how they integrate together.

3 points for completeness of dates of birth, death and marriage

2 points for ease of reading. Viewer should be able to easily read and identify each generation.

2. Family biography providing a narrative of information found in historical documents. The work should include references or notes to support all data given in the biography. The format should follow as close as possible the Genealogical Biography found in the

“Standards Manual of the Board for Certification of Genealogists.” It should include Pictures and other graphics when possible to help the reader better understand and appreciate the family and the era. It must include four generations.

5 points will be given for completeness of references and notes used to support the data

3 points for the narrative flow

2 points for appropriate use of graphic materials

3. Family story book. This category includes any presentation of family history that includes narrative and pictures. It does not have to be referenced.

5 points will be given for creative approach to presenting the family history

3 points overall integration of material into a meaningful history

2 points for use of graphic materials