

Friendly Fifth Friday News **April 8, 2016**

In an attempt to help our lodge leaders become more familiar with resources, changes, deadlines and other information, I will compile a weekly "Friendly Fifth Friday News" email to our leadership. Some of the information you might already have, but hopefully it will be a good reminder for all of us (me included) of all the great resources that Sons of Norway has to offer. **Please feel free to cut and paste any of this information for your lodge's use!**

Darlene Arneson, District 5 Secretary

How are we doing? As the board prepares for their April meeting and wrapping up this past biennium, how are we doing on our objectives and goals?

District 5 Objectives and Goals for 2015-2016

Increase awareness of the Sons of Norway sports programs-- *Sports and Recreation Committee*

Goals:

- Increase participation in bowling tournament to provides for 5th District Scholarship Fund
Responsible: Committee Chair
- Begin planning for sports events for the 2016 convention -- Responsible: Committee Chair
- Investigate possibilities for having a District 5 Kubb Tournament – Responsible: Committee Chair

Support success of Masse Moro – *Heritage and Grants Committee*

Goals:

- Check on safety of camp based on issues that have occurred during the last camping session – Responsible: Committee Chair

Establish new youth activities for District 5 – *Heritage and Grants Committee*

Goals:

- Expose students in District 5 to Scandinavian linked locations – Responsible: Committee Chair

Increase membership –*Membership Committee*

Goals:

- Send new members from internet signing up a welcome from the Zone Director and follow with up the lodge to be sure that also welcoming the new member. Currently these name are sent to zone director by the VP – Responsible: Each Zone Director
- Follow up with Spirit of the Century Lodge by Zone Director to identify local lodges where these members can participate. Responsible – Each Zone Director

- Learn how to use Facebook. A report will be sent on what and how we can do.
Responsible: Christina Fairchild

Provide lodge leadership training – *Executive Committee*

Goals:

- Populate the Zoning Committee -- Responsible: Darlene Arneson, Chair of Committee
- Establish a committee to identify criteria for an award, The Spirit of the Vikings the recognize individual achievement at a lodge level – Responsible: Joy Bashara Chair of Committee
- Create and maintain a chart to identify the visits and communication to the District Lodges. Responsible: Owen Christianson

Communicate the role of the District Lodge – *Publicity Committee*

Goals:

- Identify opportunities for getting Ole Bull to members—Responsible: Committee Chair
- Identify how to use Social Media and International Sons of Norway website to share District 5 photos – Responsible: Committee Chair

Fundraise to accomplish District objectives – *Fundraising Committee*

Goals:

- Develop resources for licenses needed for various fundraisers. – Committee Chair
- Identify outside people to serve on committee. – Committee Chair

Fiduciary responsibilities – *Budget & Auditing Committee*

Goals:

- Establish a separate checking account for the District 5 Scholarship Fund – Responsible: Treasurer

Get more people involved in cultural skills – *Cultural Committee*

Goals:

- Develop a contest to encourage people to participate in cultural skills. Prizes/awards to be presented at District Convention in 2016 – Responsible: Committee Chair

How is your lodge doing?

Have you set goals for this year?

Who sets them?

Does your lodge vote on them?

Are they posted anywhere or published?

Are they SMART goals- specific, measurable, achievable, realistic and time specific?

District 5 Fundraising Items- A few left for spring gifts!

Item	Price	Number wanted	Total \$
Potholder	\$5		
Cheese Slicer	\$5		
		Postage- look at package	
		Total enclosed	

Don't pay when you are ordering! Just email Darlene Arneson with your order. I will include a copy of this form inside. Look at the outside of the package for the postage amount and then return the form with the amount due.

Prices include sales tax! If the items have to be mailed, refer to the postage amount on the package and include it with your check.

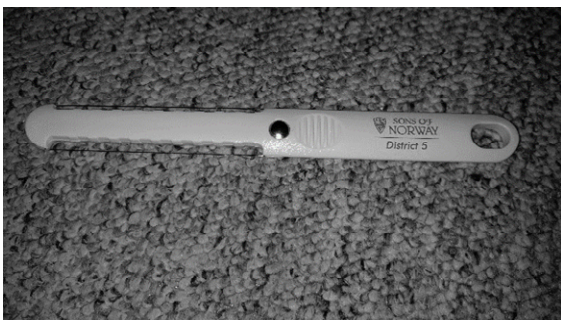
Checks to: SN District 5

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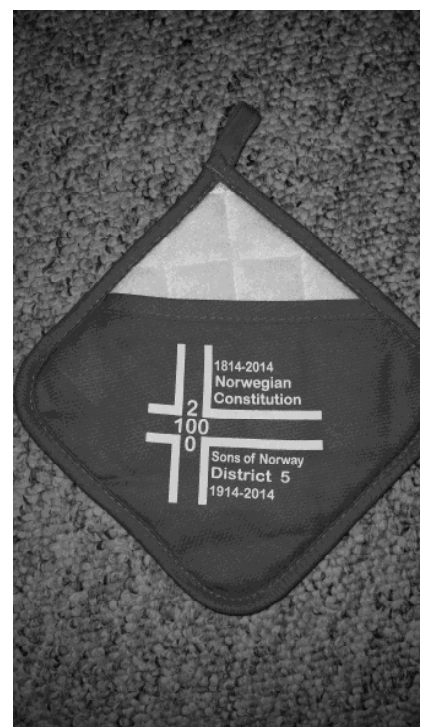
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Send to: Darlene Arneson, D5 Secretary
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 Stoughton, WI 53589



Cheese slicer

Pot holder



District Calendar!

April 2016

- April 22-23- District 5 Board Meeting in Westby, WI
- April 30- District Bowling Tournament Ends. Send forms in by May 10 to District Sports Director

May 2016

- May 10- Bowling forms due to District Sports Director
- 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 17- Convention related deadlines: Vendor tables, Information booths and Well Wishers

June 2015

- June 1- Convention related deadlines: Convention registration, volunteer forms, classes (genealogy, Hardanger, rosemaling and wire weaving)
- June 3- Convention related deadline: Folk Art Exhibit and Competition forms
- June 27- Balance due for **Masse Moro Norwegian Heritage Camp** registrations.

July 2016

- July 1- December 31- Cultural Skills Pin Contest
- July 17-30 - **Masse Moro Norwegian Heritage Camp** - Beaver Creek Reserve - Eau Claire, WI

Note:

- Check correspondence from the International and District and the International (www.sofn.com) and District (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 District 5 Convention will be June 22-26, 2016 at the Hotel Marshfield in Marshfield, WI. The convention is being hosted by the District 5 Board and a committee of local lodge leaders- Diane Hesselvan Dinter, Owen Christianson, Judy Ghastin and Dorothy Berg.
- The International Sons of Norway Convention will be August 22-27, 2016 in Tacoma, Washington.