

Friendly Fifth Friday News December 25, 2015

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

Sorry for the delay this week too- I've had an extremely busy week and still have company from Norway! So I apologize for being late...

2016 Sons of Norway District Five Family Bowling Tournament Instructions

Tournament Dates: January 1, 2016 to April 30, 2016

Categories: Adult men lane bowlers
 Adult women lane bowlers
 Youth ages 12 to 17 lane bowlers
 Youth ages 11 and under lane bowlers
 Wii bowling (all ages)

There is an entry fee of \$5.00 for each bowler that bowls in the tournament. Make check payable to: **Sons of Norway District Five Scholarship Fund.**

Rules:

- Lane bowlers shall submit electronic results from the bowling facility or the Wii bowling results including the entry fees to Andrew Johnsen by May 10, 2015.
- The bowling score used to determine the high scoring bowlers will be the average of three games.
- The bowler of each category who has the best score will receive a District Five Bowling Certificate and also will be acknowledged on the District Five Website.
- Please indicate the participating lodge name and number, the category (see above listed categories) for each bowler, and the high scoring bowler's names and addresses.

Send scores, information requested above about bowlers and fees to:

Andrew Johnsen
Fifth District Sports Director
11906 Hawthorne Place
Cedar Lake, IN 46303

email address is: aijohnsen@att.net

From the District Nominating Committee

December 19, 2015

Dear President and Secretary,

God Jul og Godt Nytt År til alle sammen! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

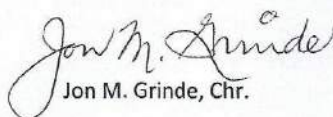
You are leaders in your respective Sons of Norway lodges, and as such, much is expected of you. That is why I/we have chosen to communicate with you.

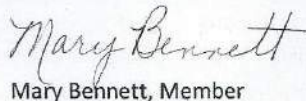
I am Jon M. Grinde, and I am writing on behalf of Mary Bennett, Tom Boudreau, and me. We were elected by the District Five Board of Directors to serve as the District Five Nominating Committee for 2016. The 2014 International Lodge determined that each District shall elect a Nominating Committee to identify candidates to the District Board of Directors and International Director. This is part of an important effort to establish what is referred to as "Good Governance" within Sons of Norway. The banking and insurance calamities of the last decade or two have forced this issue upon all financial institutions by way of new laws, rules, and regulations. Sons of Norway is a \$350,000,000 financial services company which is applying "Good Governance" to its policies and procedures. Refer to the Sons of Norway Charter and Constitutions Paragraphs 3.7.7, 2.11.4.1, and 3.11.5.1.

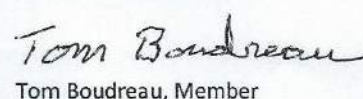
The Nominating Committee's responsibility is to identify, review, and recommend eligible candidates for the office of International Director, District Lodge Five Executive Officers, and Zone Directors. All candidates must be Benefit Members, which means they must own one of the Society's benefit products. The term of District officers and Directors is two years. The International Director serves a four year term. All candidates must complete the Candidate Application form.

We are confident that District Five has qualified members throughout the Six Zones who would be good candidates for the executive and director positions; but we need to identify those members, provide them with the answers they may have about the responsibilities of the offices, and encourage them to complete the Candidate Application Form. This is where you as officers and leaders play an important role in the health and welfare of your local lodge, District Five, and Sons of Norway as a whole.

All District Five local lodges will be electing delegates in January or February of 2016 to attend the District Five Lodge Meeting in Marshfield, WI, June 22-26, 2016. Please take responsibility, or ask your successor to do so, for sharing this letter with your local lodge as soon as possible. We depend on you to be the voice of Sons of Norway, and this is a very important issue. If your lodge can identify qualified candidates, encourage them to accept election as delegates to the 2016 District Lodge Meeting, and provide their names to the District Five Nominating Committee. If you have questions or have names to share, please contact me, Jon M. Grinde at 608-513-6434 or grindej@firstweber.com. We want all District Five local lodges and all District Five Zones to be full participants in our Society's governance.


Jon M. Grinde, Chr.


Mary Bennett, Member


Tom Boudreau, Member

Get those forms in- Don't forget the District 5 Cultural Skills Contest

District 5 has initiated skills contest. For the time period of July 1 - December 31, 2015, the lodge with the most members that receive cultural pins will receive a prize. The member in District 5 that receives the most cultural pins in the same time period will also receive a prize. If several people all get the same number of pins, then a name will be drawn from this group of people. The next contest period will be January 1 - May 31, 2016. The awards will be handled in the same manner. All awards will be presented at the 2016 District 5 Convention, June 25, 2016. The awards will be a one-time prize. If you have any questions you may contact Esther Charlton at esthersofn@aol.com.

Zone 3 Meeting Documents:

Dear Zone 3 Lodges,

The 2016 leadership training will be hosted by Vennelag Lodge in Mt. Horeb, Wisconsin, on **Saturday, January 23, 2016**. All current lodge officers as well as members who anticipate filling a leadership role in their lodge are encouraged to attend. The attached agenda (subject to change) provides many opportunities for lodge members to exchange ideas and assists officers and lodge leaders with tips to help perform the duties of their office. This meeting has been moved to an earlier date to ensure proper communication about the delegate selection process for both the District 5 and International Conventions.

Vennelag will provide coffee and treats to start the day, and a soup and sandwich luncheon will be served at noon.

A count of the number attending from each lodge will be needed by Saturday, January 15, to assist the host lodge in their food preparation. Please e-mail your **number of attendees** to Cheryl Wille-Schlesser at rogrcher@mhtc.net.

The address of the event is as follows:

Mt. Horeb Community (Senior) Center, 107 N. Grove Street, Mt. Horeb, WI 53572

Zone leaders Duane Kittleson and Cheryl Schlesser are busily preparing a meaningful agenda, and they need your input!

Please refer to the agenda for the items that you should prepare and bring to the meeting. At this time, District 5 President Owen Christianson and International Board Directors Jon Grinde and Ray Knutson have confirmed their attendance. We are waiting to receive a confirmed commitment from Greg Ragan, our Financial Benefits Counselor, as well as Joy Bashara, the District 5 Public Relations Director.

Vennelag will have displays and some items for sale that day. Darlene Arneson will also bring any remaining District 5 fundraising items to sell.

District 5 will honor the lodge with the most representation at the meeting.

Fraternally,

Duane Kittleson and Cheryl Wille-Schlesser, Zone 3 Directors

Zone 3 Meeting Agenda

Saturday, January 23, 2016

Hosted by Vennelag Lodge 5-513- Mt. Horeb Community (Senior) Center
107 North Grove Street, Mt. Horeb. Wisconsin 53572

Phone Contacts: Cheryl Wille-Schlesser: 608-219-4464 and Duane Kittleson: 608-334-5139

Each lodge is asked to bring 50 one-page (can be printed double-sided) handouts with

- 3 of your best programs-short description and contact information
- How you promote and advertise lodge programs and events?
- What are your fundraisers? Short description!

Agenda

- 8:30-9:00 Registration and socializing
- 9:00 Welcome-Duane Kittleson
- 3 National anthems-Eric Albrecht, accompanist
- Ice breaker activity-Find someone who...
- 9:30 Required reports, volunteer hour reporting system-Darlene Arneson, Delegate selection-President Christianson and International Board members Jon Grinde and Ray Knutson (confirmed)
- 10:00 Coffee break and restroom break
- 10:15 Update from Greg Ragan, Financial Benefits Counselor (not confirmed)
- Bring your coffee and treats to one of the following break-out sessions:
- Public Relations- Darlene Arneson
 - Meeting Programming Ideas- Led by Vennelag, Mandt and Nordland Lodge
- 11:00 Report from International Board Members Jon Grinde and Ray Knutson
- Update from D5 President Owen Christianson
- 11:45 Masse Moro-District Five Youth Heritage Camp-Enrollment and Support, Norwegian Language CD of Camp Songs- Cheryl Wille-Schlesser
- 12:00 Break for lunch - sit with those in the same officer positions
- 12:45 Demonstration on the resources on the International, District, Norway Connects and Masse Moro websites- Darlene Arneson, Duane Kittleson and Cheryl Schlesser
- 1:30 Time to catch a second choice of the following break-out sessions:
- Public Relations- Darlene Arneson
 - Meeting Programming Ideas- Led by Vennelag, Mandt, and Nordland Lodge
 - New District 5 website, webmaster

2:00 Two minute updates:

1. Ski For Light Canceled, future plans-Duane Kittleson
2. Tubfrim- Mary Bennett (not confirmed)
3. Using the Resource- Darlene Arneson
4. Cultural Skill Medals- Darlene Arneson
5. Sports Medals- Darlene Arneson
6. Barnebirkie Changes and volunteer needs – Cheryl Wille-Schlesser
7. Traveling cultural chest- Darlene Arneson
8. Lending Library- Darlene Arneson
9. Foundation-new director, Corrie Knudson- Cheryl Wille-Schlesser
10. Ole Bull Discontinued, Other Public Relations Efforts-Joy Bashara (not confirmed)
11. Scholarships- Cheryl Wille-Schlesser
12. Zone 3 Picnic- Darlene Arneson
13. Box Tops for Education- Mary Bennett (not confirmed)

2:30 Remarks for the good of the order and Question & Answer Time

3:00 Adjourn and debriefing session at The Grumpy Troll, downtown Mt. Horeb (optional)

Lodging: Grand Stay Hotel and Suites, 608-437-5200

SAVE THE DATE!



Zone 3 Officer Training

Please share this opportunity with your Board members and ask for volunteer attendance. This year, we will be discussing the procedures for elections and representation at the D5 and International Conventions.

Please clip along the dotted line and return to: Cheryl Wille-Schlesser, 200 Beth Circle, Mt. Horeb, WI 53572 by January 15, 2015. You may also copy and paste the form and return via e-mail to: rogcher@mhtc.net.

Please select any of the concerns your lodge has at this time and check the items below. List other items in the space provided. Thank you!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Forms to file | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership concerns | <input type="checkbox"/> Masse Moro Camp |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural speakers | <input type="checkbox"/> Lodge interaction | <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Classes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local travel | <input type="checkbox"/> Lodge Fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> Medals Program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations | <input type="checkbox"/> Archiving Materials | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Forms |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Foundation fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth director ideas | <input type="checkbox"/> Norsk Destination Trip |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local Lodge Officer Seminar (a chance for new officers to ask questions) | | |

OTHER?

2016 Dinners

The Norway Lutheran Church (ELCA) in Wind Lake (Milwaukee SW suburb) has a Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner on Sat. Feb. 13, 2016 with seatings at 11:30 AM, 1:30 PM and 4:00 PM.

Contact Marilyn Canfield (she's also church secretary at Norway Lutheran Church, as well as President of the Norway Historical Society) at 262-895-2281. Her email is: majacanfield@gmail.com. Source info: <http://www.norwaylutheranchurch.org/home/calendar>.

A reminder on Wisconsin Regional Ski for Light Event

On Thursday, October 22, 2015 the WI Regional Ski for Light leadership committee met in Madison. The annual Ski for Light event scheduled for last February at the Rosholt Lion's Camp had been cancelled for two reasons –lack of snow and not enough registered participants.

Mike Graper, the ski instructor, shared comments about past events and his vision for the future. He reported difficulties experienced in scheduling guides for the vision impaired skiers when the event is a “maybe” and when participants don't really want to ski but merely have a weekend get-a-way. Mike said a resort in southeastern Wisconsin will be offering this type of guided skiing this coming ski season.

After much discussion, the committee voted to cancel the event scheduled for February 2016. Members of the committee will be gathering information about other types of events that could be offered to the blind community. The committee will meet in 2016 to reassess future events. *Reported by Duane Kittleson, a WIRSFL committee member.*

NOTE: Some local lodges have "Barnelopet" events. Please consider contacting local organizations who support the visually impaired and offer your event as an opportunity.

Foundation Information

Sons of Norway Foundation Grant Funds available for lodges and members. What is your lodge or community planning where extra funding could enhance the experience? **All grant applications are done online at**
www.sonsofnorway.com/foundation.

Local Lodge Partnership Grants - Due January 15, 2016 - for lodge events and Norwegian programming at the lodge level. Matching funds grants up to \$1,000.

General Heritage & Culture Grants - Due February 1, 2016 - for community-wide Norwegian themed events, musical & theatrical performances, Cross-cultural exchange groups, Nordic cultural fairs, etc. Funds up to \$1,500 for events happening within the 2016 calendar year.

Helping Hands to Children Grants - Due February 15, 2016 - For lodges helping in local schools with student mentoring, school supplies or Norwegian themed presentations, lodge events for children. matching funds up to \$500.

Sons of Norway Foundation Post High School Scholarships - Deadlines begin March 1, 2016

Did you know that the Sons of Norway Foundation offers college scholarships starting at \$1,000 for current members, children or grandchildren of current members? This is a great member benefit. Have the college students in your family check out www.sonsofnorway.com/foundation. We currently offer seven categories of scholarships for different areas of study. **All scholarship applications are done online.**

The Sons of Norway Foundation awards approximately \$100,000 in grants and scholarship annually.