

Friendly Fifth Friday News December 18, 2020

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From District Sports Director Audrey Severson

February 25-27, 2021. Barnebirkie and Birkie Ski Races in Hayward, WI. Cookies **will not** be needed this year from the lodges. More information coming on how the District will be involved!

Audrey Severson
Sports & Recreation Director



Hello, All,

I would like to thank the members from District 5 Lodges who participated in the Virtual Walk to Norway Challenge.

Your lodge's \$50.00 entry fee will benefit the children who attend Masse Moro, D5's Norwegian heritage camp.

Hopefully, this challenge got your members moving and helped to improve their stamina and health during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Norwegian people embrace Friluftsliv-free air life (outdoor living) and spend time outside in all seasons.

The Power Point slide show on the challenge will be published on the District 5 webpage at the end of December. Lodges who participated will have their names listed as well.

Many of our participating members also earned sports medals for their efforts.

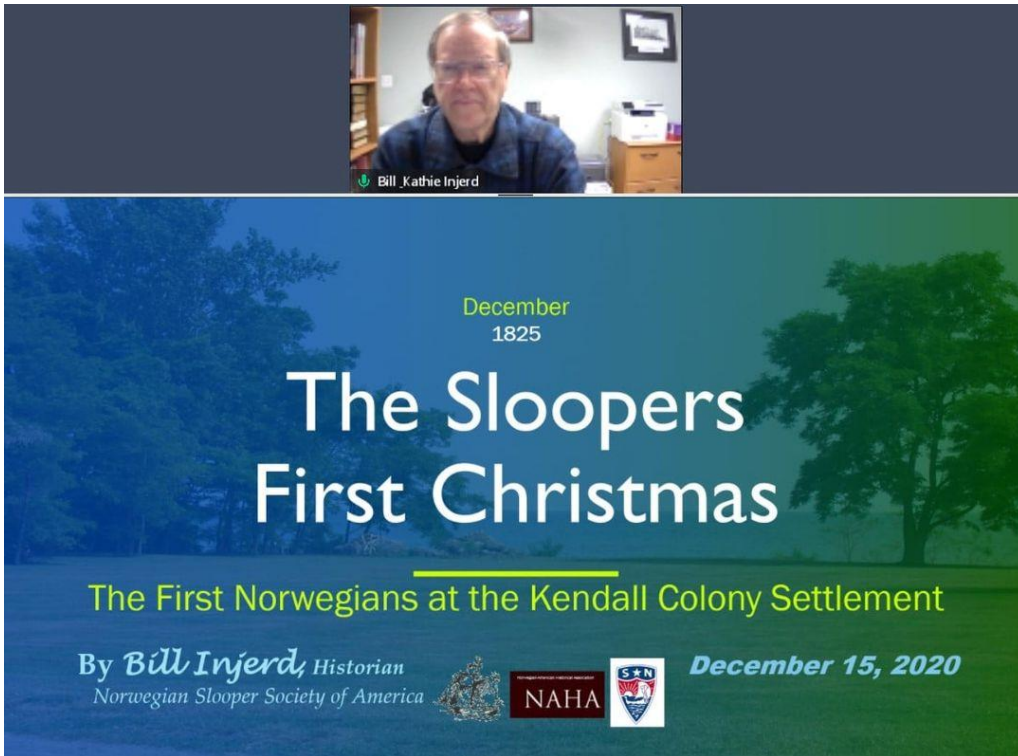
Flott jobb, alle sammen-great job, everyone.

Cheryl

Cheryl Wille-Schlesser
Former D5 Sports and Recreation Director

Nordic News this week...

December 15th **Nordic News** featured **Bill Injerd** (Nordkap lodge-Detroit MI) talking about the **Sloopers First Christmas**. The Sloopers formed the first Norwegian immigrant colony to the U.S. in 1825 and settled in far northwest New York state. Bill tells the story of the hardship they faced the first winter, with 52 colonists cramped into two log cabins. Watch this Nordic News presentation here: <https://www.screencast.com/t/T4XOP2yT9a>



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Tune in at 6:20 PM (Central); 7:20 PM (Eastern) every Tuesday.

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You can watch past episodes of Nordic News at:

http://www.sonsofnorway5.com/programs/speakers_bureau.php

Scholarships available for Norwegian History Online Class!

Five scholarships for teachers are available for an online Norwegian-American history course: "*Norwegian-American settlement history in Wisconsin, Illinois and Michigan.*" This course is being offered on Zoom for 16 weeks, starting on Saturday, January 23, 2021 at 9:00-10:30. It is also being repeated on Monday, January 25 at 6:30-8:00 PM. The scholarship will cover the cost of the three books and DVD for the course, as well as the course fee.

Apply for a scholarship by January 8, 2021.

Email application to: mikep@sonsofnorwayracine.com

BOOK/COURSE FEE - SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____

Address _____

City/St/Zip _____

Email _____

Grade level teaching _____

School teaching at _____

School district _____

Why you would like to take our Norwegian-American history course and how you would use it in your school courses:

Updates from District Secretary Darlene Arneson

- Thank you to lodges who have completed their online D63 Officer Election report. This is due December 31 and must be done online this year! If you aren't electing officers this year or are waiting until 2021, please go online and check the "No Changes for this year" at the top. You can update them in 2021 when you do elect but this will allow us to proceed. If you need help or have other questions, contact myself or Sherry Gorse (fraternal@sofn.com). Here is the video I did on how to do the report: <https://youtu.be/G1zUTRpGtGc>
- It's almost the end of 2020 so time to get that Fraternal Gives report done on all your lodge's activities and volunteer hours! Someone in your lodge should have the log in information. Contact Sherry Gorse if you need help (fraternal@sofn.com). I did a video on this too: <https://youtu.be/NbisO2E95BM>. This is due early in January but it's best to get it done by December 31 so you can check that off your list!
- Update from the Foundation: The "Together We Are The Future" campaign - an effort to raise \$100,000 for the Foundation before the end of the year is off to a great start. A big thank you to Jon Tehven, Robin Fossum and the District Foundation Directors for their leadership with this campaign. We have raised **\$90,953** in donations/pledges for the matching funds! I will be sending updates throughout the campaign to let you know our progress and to let you know how many members/lodges have donated. In addition, we have raised **\$17,173** from our Direct mail letter campaign with return envelope and **\$10,454** from the Viking Envelope Insert! Total of all three efforts: **\$118,580**. In addition, we received a donation to the Jensen Memorial Scholarship fund in the amount of **\$53,000**. This donation was unexpected and is greatly appreciated. Happy Holidays! Connie O'Brien, Director of Fraternal Development & Marketing
- I sent out the ballots to the 2018 Delegates in La Crosse who serve as the District 5 Lodge to vote on the "clean-up bylaw" proposal. This simply updates our bylaws removing the two lodges that closed or merged and adding our new lodge. Their ballot postcards are due back December 31.
- The other proposal to make a major realignment of zones is still in discussion. We are asking lodges to discuss the proposals and we'll do some surveying in late February- March to see if we should send out a proposal to vote on or wait until 2022 at the District Lodge Meeting in Madison. I'll have more on that next week in the FFFN. The delegates are only voting on the clean-up proposal!
- Time to start thinking about your lodge audits for early in the year. Remember the information is needed on your Lodge Achievement form and for completing the D17 Audit forms. I'd encourage you to start electing those groups now!
- New way to order sports medals and cultural medals and other related lodge supplies! Here is the link to the store: <https://sofnlodge.logoshop.com/>
- If you want anniversary items, here is the link to that store- <https://sofn.logoshop.com/ProductResults/?ProdSetIds=109764>
- I have put in an inquiry to see if there will be modifications to the Lodge Achievement and Family Lodge of the Year forms for COVID. I know they were going to discuss it last week but I haven't gotten an update yet.
- I have also requested an updated 2021 International Calendar and Deadline Calendar so that I can update mine in this FFFN. Hopefully we'll get that soon!

Thanks

Darlene Arneson

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2020 District 5 and International Calendar and Deadlines

Changes in red!

Nordic News Weekly Program- Every Tuesday night

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December 2020

- D17 and D18 forms, instructions and timeline sent to lodge treasurers.

December 31, 2020

- Lodge Officer Update/D63 information is due to Membership Services at Sons of Norway Headquarters.
- Last day to enter new membership applications into the database for delegate calculations and 2019 recruitment challenge recognition. (**Paper applications should be received at headquarters by December 15** to ensure adequate time for processing.)
- Application deadline for:
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 - Lodge Helping Hands to Children Grant*
 - Lodge Culture and Heritage Grant*
 - Lodge Vitality Grant*
- Deadline to order Barneløpet supplies.

January 9 and January 16, 2021

- NAGC & NL and District 5 Genealogy Class

February 25-27, 2021

- **Barnebirkie and Birkie Ski Races Hayward, WI. Cookies will not be needed this year from the lodges.**

April 16-17, 2021

- District 5 Board Meeting- Nashville, TN

DISTRICT FIVE LODGE MEETING

Idun Lodge will host the meeting on June 15-19,2022 at the Madison Marriott West in Middleton, Wisconsin.

INTERNATIONAL LODGE MEETING

The International Lodge Meeting will be held in 2022 in Minneapolis, MN.

Viking Chest Rotation

The Viking Chest has not traveled since the health emergency began, and the new schedule cannot be announced until it is safe to hold in-person meetings. Therefore, the rotation schedule is suspended until further notice.

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.

Compiled by Darlene Arneson, SN District 5 Secretary (arnesonfamily5@gmail.com or 608-873-7209)

FFFN Basics

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!**

Send all web posting info and calendar dates/events directly to our webmaster at inputd5@sonsofnorway5.com With our new arrangement, I actually send the FFFN pdf to our webmaster on Thursday morning before I go to work. So if you have anything you'd like me to consider putting in, please send it by Wednesday night. Please do not send pdf's as I have a hard time cutting and pasting them. The Word Document works best for me. Don't forget that lodge events should be submitted to inputd5@sonsofnorway5.com as I have a hard time keeping track of all lodge activities. I'll put some in but that is more the role of the website event calendar.

If you would like to get the MS Word document, just shoot me an email and I'll add you to the list. I send it out right after I send the email to the large group.

Darlene Arneson – arnesonfamily5@gmail.com