Friendly Fifth Friday News January 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

Officer listings on the website

I had this email from Sherry Gorse, International Office, on Friday in regard to switching the International's website to the 2016 officers:

Just wanted to let you know that the 2015 officers are still showing on the website. We will be switching to the 2016 officers next Tuesday, 01/12. :)

Past District President Clifford Feggestad Dies

http://www.cressfuneralservice.com/obituary/144155/Clifford-Feggestad/

Clifford O Feggestad, age 95, passed away on January 3, 2016, in Green Bay. Born June 28, 1920 in Stoughton, to the late Alfred and Helga (Olson) Feggestad. He attended school in Stoughton and spent 10 years farming after returning from the Army, followed by 35+ years in the commercial/residential flooring business. Clifford married Ardyce (Tierney) February 1944, in Madison, WI. He was an active member of West Koshkonong Church in Stoughton and a Lifetime Member of Sons of Norway Mandt Lodge 314. One of his proudest accomplishments was serving as President of the 5th District of Sons of Norway from 1982- 1986.

He is survived by his daughter Sandra and son-in-law Ron Milward with whom he has resided for the past 19 years in Green Bay, three grandchildren, Stacy (Paul) Mentzer, IL, Marci (Steve) Kuske, Green Bay, and Jay Milward, Green Bay. Six great-grandchildren, Sara & Emily Kuske, and Carson, Lily & Sonia Mentzer and Cole Milward. His grandchildren and great-grandchildren were his greatest blessings.

Clifford is survived by two sisters, Yvonne (Alfred) Herlitzka, Iowa, and Nina Barker, IL. One brother, Rollin (Betty), Stoughton. Ove & Anne Broklev in Strommen, Norway. A very special lady, Elvi Ruotsala & several cousins, nieces & nephews here and in Norway.

Preceded in death by his parents, Helga and Alfred, brothers Arden and Delaine, sisters Ruth, Irene and Audrey, his beloved wife of 54 years Ardyce, a grandson Chad Milward, and a great-grandson Cole Mentzer.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 8, 2016 at West Koshkonong Lutheran Church, 1911 Koshkonong Rd., Stoughton, WI. Visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. until the time of services on Friday. Clifford will be laid to rest at West Koshkonong Cemetery. Family and friends are invited to a luncheon, immediately following the services. A special thank you to Rennes Health Center, for your loving care that you gave Clifford the past Month.

Masse Moro Updates

Please have your members refer to the District 5 Website for all the updates, forms, scholarships, matching fund information and other links to Masse Moro!

www.sonsofnorway5.com

Masse Moro 2016 Dates: Sunday, July 17 2:00 PM through Saturday, July 30, 9:30 AM

Thank you to Scandiana Lodge who continues to offer scholarships for the camp:

In August 1995 eight year old Sarah Paulsen of our lodge passed away. Because Sarah was very involved with the Sons of Norway, and was fascinated with her family's background and with Norwegian culture, friends and family, along with the Scandiana Lodge felt a scholarship established in Sarah's name would be appropriate. The scholarship will not only carry on her love for the Norwegian Heritage, but will also enable other children to have the opportunity to attend the Sons of Norway Heritage Camp in Eau Claire, in honor of Sarah. The scholarship will cover one quarter of the camp cost. Parents may be concerned that getting this scholarship would prevent them from utilizing the District 5 Matching Fund Grant, but this award will have no bearing on other matching funds. This scholarship could be given in addition to District 5 and Local Lodge Matching Fund Scholarships. However, if the applicant's Local Lodge is financially unable to give their children Matching Fund Scholarships, the Sarah Paulsen Scholarship would qualify them for the District 5 Matching Fund Scholarship.

Rules:

- 1. The scholarship is open to any child age 9-15, who is interested in learning about the language and culture of Norway.
- 2. The applicant must be a heritage member or a child or grandchild of a Sons of Norway member, and belonging to a District 5 Lodge.
- 3. The applicant will write an essay of no more than 500 words. The topic is "Why I believe it is important to know about our heritage" or "Why I want to attend Norwegian Heritage Camp".
- 4. All applicants will complete a brief application form.
- 5. Applicant will include 2 letters of reference, including one from a local Lodge officer.
- 6. Applications must be postmarked before April 15. Decisions will be made by May 1, and winners will be notified by mail. Checks will be issued and mailed directly to the Scholarship Recipient before June 1.
- 7. Judges will be the Scandiana 600 Sarah L Paulsen Memorial Scholarship Fund Committee.

Sarah Paulsen Scholarship 2016

The Sarah Paulsen Memorial Scholarship Committee announces the following scholarship information from Scandiana Lodge 5-600.

There will be 3 scholarships made available for the year 2016, each in the amount of \$175.00 to cover 25% of the total fee for year 2016 District Five Heritage Youth Camp.

Like last year, the Scholarship Committee will not do any direct mailings to any Lodges or Lodge Officers. The committee feels and hopes that with your help this announcement can be shared with lodges and members throughout District Five.

To everybody reading this message, please share this information with your newsletter editor and fellow members. Read more information and download the rules and application here.

<u>Learn more about Masse Moro at http://massemoro.org/</u>

Applications must be received on or before May 17th in order for your camper to qualify for matching funds through District Five.

In order to qualify for District One scholarship support, please turn in your Camper Application to your lodge, along with lodge support form, no later than May 15th. Please be respectful of the lodge and give them, and yourself, adequate time to complete the paperwork.

The scholarship deadlines may be different in other districts, so please communicate with them early for your best chances at financial aid.

After May 17th, we will continue to accept applications until July 1st, however, financial resources may be limited or unavailable at that time. Early registration is your best bet! No need to wait until May - register today!

Tuition for one camper to attend Masse Moro for the two-week session costs \$700.00*. Please see the "Admissions Information" tab above for all application materials including the Camper Application, Matching Funds Form, and Health Forms.

*May be subject to change.

Masse Moro has a rich history and has provided an ever-evolving and engaging program to youth since 1979! That's 36 years - Tenk på det!

Masse Moro is a Norwegian Heritage camp specifically created with a focus on sharing the history, arts, and rich culture of Norway with our youth. While there is a language component to our program, it is not a language immersion camp. Our camp is located on the <u>Beaver Creek Nature Reserve</u> in Fall Creek, Wisconsin, which we feel is the perfect setting as Norwegians are known for their appreciation of the outdoors and the natural environment.

What campers can expect when they come to Masse Moro is to let go of their American culture for two weeks and learn about the culture of Norway. It's a great opportunity for them to take a break from technology and video games, and to make new friends and learn about another culture. Campers will participate in a set of daily activities which include learning Norwegian camp songs, taking a Norwegian vocabulary class suited to their ability level, team sports like soccer, exposure to a variety of traditional Norwegian folk arts, and Viking sports which culminate in the Viking Olympics at the end of the camp session.

Every day, campers gather together to raise and lower the Norwegian flag and will learn the Norwegian National Anthem. We also encourage cleanliness and respect for the environment and teach the campers how to keep their bunk and cabin tidy, as well as learning how to help with kitchen duty. Another great feature of our program is that campers have many opportunities to share their personal talents, whether it be through leadership, the performing arts, or athletic ability. We encourage our campers to explore their personal skills and to share them with our community. The Masse Moro program is centered around a regular daily schedule which allows the campers to get the very most out of their experience at camp. But don't worry, there is time every day for rest and relaxation as well as fun outdoors! To see a sample of our daily *Timeplan*, please click here!

In addition to these daily activities, campers will also learn about Norwegian history through creative evening programs, take imaginary tours of Norwegian museums and monuments, listen to popular

and traditional Norwegian music, learn about the significance of holidays and special cultural events, sample Norwegian cuisine, and learn about current events happening in Norway today!

Our program seeks to enrich a child's knowledge of the culture of Norway, so it stands to reason that many of our campers are of Norwegian decent and participate in camp to experience their heritage in a hands-on atmosphere. While we strongly encourage persons of Norwegian decent to attend our camp, this is not a requirement for acceptance to our program. All are welcome!

Sons of Norway membership is also not a requirement to attend our camp, but one of the many great benefits of membership is tuition assistance for the Masse Moro program. The money you could potentially save in tuition for sending one child to our camp for one session would be enough to cover annual membership dues for approximately the next 5 years, so it is certainly something to be considered. Membership would also allow your family the opportunity to expand on your child's experiences at camp by participating in Sons of Norway events year round in your area, including the Youth Activities Program, or the Cultural Skills and Sports Medals programs!

Want to work at Masse Moro? Apply early!

(The descriptions are located on the Masse Moro website under the Employment tab)

Each camp season, we hire for the following positions. The number of positions available depends on the number of campers that apply. Click on the job title to read the job description.

Camp Director OR Co-Director (1-2)
Activities Director (1)
Business Manager (1)
Senior Counselor (2-3)
Head Cook (1)
Kitchen Assistant (2)
Health Aide (1)
Counselor (5-7)
Junior Counselor (2-4)
Activity Instructor

Applications must be complete in order to be considered (all four documents below must be turned in together):

Staff Application (returning staff complete page 1 only)
Background Check Authorization Form - Staff Applicants
Staff Interest Form
Health Forms - Note - We only need Health History Form 1 for Staff

For Volunteers Only:

Staff Application (returning volunteers complete page 1 only)
Background Check Authorization Form - Volunteer Applicants

For Staff and Volunteer information only:

Summary of your rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act