

Friendly Fifth Friday News **January 25, 2019**

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 to inputd5@sonsofnorway5.com

Zone 3 Leadership Training Seminar, February 16th, Madison, WI

Thank you, everyone, for communicating your wishes for the Zone 3 Leadership Seminar. In order to make the day meaningful for all, knowing your concerns was a helpful piece of information. We will provide breakout sessions on a variety of topics based on your identified needs. Please know that we cast a wider net for this seminar and welcome Zone Directors from other Zones to join us. Helping you to assist your members is one goal of this workshop.

District 5 Treasurer, Mike Palecek will report on the financial state of District, and he will also address financial concerns that our local lodge treasurers need to know. District Secretary Darlene Arneson will bring us up to speed on best practices, required reporting, and officer changes. Sandy Olson will provide an update on Masse Moro. District Sports and Recreation Director Cheryl Wille-Schlesser will detail the plans for the Barnebirke and other District 5 Sport options. Karen Eberhardt will speak about photo submissions guidelines for the Viking magazine and she will have information from the Supply Department at the International Office. Richard and Christina Fairchild may also be present to speak about the website and how to best use it. Feel free to navigate from one breakout session to the next to gather the information most beneficial to your lodge or zone.

Registration begins at 8:30 AM with the day's training to begin at 9 AM. Idun Lodge members have met and planned a scrumptious lunch, and there will be a treat or two to enjoy with your beverage at the breaks. As the date of the training draws near, we will be communicating further the kinds of things that we would like all attendees to bring.

Thank you,

Cheryl Wille-Schlesser
Karen Eberhardt
Zone 3 Directors

District 5 Scholarship forms are updated!! See them at
http://sonsofnorway5.com/financial/district_scholarships.php

Due February 15- Reporting lodge activities through FraternalGives:

Sons of Norway collects the number of events, hours and funds that lodges and districts devote to membership and community activities. This information is required by the American Fraternal Alliance (AFA). The AFA uses our data to lobby on the behalf of fraternal benefit societies. Now, lodge secretaries can submit information directly to the AFA through a new website: www.fraternalgive.org.

Further questions? Contact Sherry Gorse at 1-800-945-8851 x643 or fraternal@sofn.com

Are you working on your audit?

As you see, the D17 is due on February 15. Have you started your audit process yet? Some lodges elect auditors so they may be on the task already. Others may appoint committees. The forms are all on the website for both the D17 and the building property financial statement.

You can find these by logging in and then going to:

https://www.sofn.com/member_resources/lodge_leadership_resources/administrative_resources/lodge_forms/

Cookie Contest reminder!

D5 Cookie Contest...the Lodge that submits the most cookies to the Barnebirkie event will be awarded with a \$50.00 appreciation award. All lodges must send the entry document (found on the D5 webpage) along with their shipment. For those lodges close to the Barnebirkie, bring your shipment with you to the Celebration Tent! A clipboard will be available to leave your donation entry form. Questions? Call: D5 Sports Director, Cheryl Wille-Schlessler, at: 608-219-4464.

Thank you in advance for your support of the 2019 Barnebirkie!

No Cookies? You can still support Barnebirkie!

Sons of Norway District 5 will again this year supply cookies to the youth Barnebirke race at Hayward on February 21. This project is being spearheaded by D5 Sports Director. District 5 has been doing this for 30 years and annually supplies one thousand dozen cookies. Traditional Norwegian cookies are always the most popular, but any cookie which does NOT have nut or peanuts products are most appreciated. This district heritage activity supports youth participating in traditional Norwegian skiing.

Because it is difficult for some lodges to send cookies, lodges can also make donations. Lodges who have contributed money this year include: Askaladden, Edvard Grieg, Myrmarken and Nordkap. If your lodge would like to make a donation, send your check to Mike Palecek, D5 Treasurer, 5747 Sandy Ln., Racine WI 53406. Your donations will be used to help purchase the 12,000 cookies needed.

BIRKIE FEVER IS HERE! from Cheryl Schlessner

Nearly one thousand young skiers and their families will be descending on Hayward, WI to join in the fun that is the Barnebirkie or children's ski event on Thursday, February 21st. The event is a noncompetitive race for youngsters ages 3-13.

Many schools in the Hayward area are closed for the Birkebeiner weekend, but they send teams of youth to ski!

As in the past, Sons of Norway bakers along with representatives from the Swiss Miss/ConAgra Foods Company will join forces to provide great treats at the end of the course.

Lodges have been asked to help by supplying the many cookies that are needed for the children and their families. A friendly competition for cookies has been established this year for District 5 Lodges. See the D5 website to learn more: www.sonsofnorway5.com

A reminder...please do not use nuts in the cookies you supply due to allergy concerns that are becoming more prevalent. Any kind of cookie is welcome with the youngsters enjoying old favorites such as *chocolate chip, sugar, and decorated cookies with icing.*

The classic skiers that we meet at the Expo Center are a bit more selective in their cookie choices with *health cookies* coming in as a favorite. Spice cookies such as Snickerdoodles or ginger are popular. Pumpkin, fruit, molasses, and raisin oatmeal are also welcomed.

If your lodge is unable to send cookies this year, consider sending a check in support of the event. Indicate on the memo line of your lodge check that the amount is "For the Barnebirkie." The donation you provide will be placed in the District 5 Scholarship Fund. I thank you in advance for your consideration of assistance.

If your lodge needs help with cookie transport, please let me know. I will be leaving the Madison, WI area early on Wednesday, February 20th. Should challenging weather be forecast, my departure will be sooner that week.

Thank you,
Cheryl Wille-Schlessner-D5 Sports and Recreation Director
rogrcher@mhtc.net 608-219-4464

Lodge marketing tip - **ORDER YOUR LODGE'S FREE BUSINESS CARDS...**

At the International Convention, a delegate from another part of the country said that his lodge gives all of their active members "LODGE BUSINESS CARDS." When a member meets someone interested in Sons of Norway, he or she gives the prospect TWO business cards, saying, "Here's one card to keep, with my contact info written on the back. Can you put your contact info on the other card, so I can put you on our lodge newsletter list?"

The District 5 Board liked the idea so much, that District 5 will give one set of 500 lodge business cards to any lodge which wants it. Fill out this form below:

Lodge name/number: _____

Lodge website (if any): _____

Lodge facebook page (if any): _____

Contact name: _____

Contact phone: _____

Contact email: _____

Where do you want the cards sent:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/St/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Send this completed form to: Mike Palecek, D5 Treasurer, 5747 Sandy Ln. Racine WI 53406 or email to mikep@sonsofnorwayracine.com. Allow 3 weeks for delivery.



Leland and LeVonne Wier show off Fagernes 5-616's new business cards. Fagernes was the first to take advantage of this lodge marketing idea.



View of the "lodge info" side of their cards.



View of the "contact me" side of their cards.

2019 District 5 and International Calendar and Deadlines

(Updated 1/16/2019- changes in red)

February 1, 2019

2018 officers will be listed in the online lodge directory.

February 15, 2019

- D17 financial form is due from the lodges to Sons of Norway Headquarters.
- Lodge Achievement and Family Lodge of the Year forms are due to Membership Services at Sons of Norway Headquarters.
- Community and Fraternal activities and hour totals, using AFA Year-end report form or online reporting at Fraternalgive.org, are due to Membership Services at Sons of Norway Headquarters.

February 16, 2019

Zone 3 Meeting hosted by Idun Lodge in Madison, WI

February 21, 2019

Barnebirkie events and cookie tent in Hayward, WI

February 21, 2019

Zone 1 Meeting at the Hayward Community Center during the Volunteer Reception (following the race and cookie tent)

March 2019

Fraternal Funds packet mailed

March 1, 2019

Sons of Norway Foundation deadline for Scholarship applications for study in the United States are due to the Sons of Norway Foundation: Astrid G. Cates/Myrtle Beinhauer Scholarship* and Orel and Marie Winjum Memorial Scholarship

March 15, 2019

District Five Scholarships due- Book Scholarship, Folk High School, and International Summer School

April 1, 2019

Sons of Norway Foundation deadline for Nancy Lorraine Jensen Memorial Scholarship*

April 5-6, 2019

District Board meeting in Dearborn, MI

April 15, 2019

Sarah Paulsen Scholarships due for Masse Moro Campers

April 27, 2019 (note change of date from April 13!!)

Zone 2 meeting- details are being finalized

May 15, 2019

- Fraternal Funds Report due to Sons of Norway Headquarters
- IRS filing deadline for tax form 990. Lodge treasurer needs to notify Sons of Norway Headquarters when 990 has been submitted.
- D17 & 990 filing deadline for lodges that own property

*Social membership with Sons of Norway required.

**Insurance membership with Sons of Norway required.

June 15, 2019

Zone 4 Meeting-Picnic at Heg Memorial Park (6300 Heg Park Rd., Wind Lake, WI) with a tour of Old Muskego settlement museum.

DISTRICT FIVE LODGE MEETING

June 24-28, 2020 at the Radisson Hotel, Grand Canyon Drive, Madison

INTERNATIONAL LODGE MEETING

August 16-23, 2020 in Hamar Norway

Viking Chest Rotation

- The rotation will begin again with this rotation.
- The zone directors are responsible for keeping track of the whereabouts and letting their lodges know that the chest is in their zone for that time period.
- The chest should be brought back to the District Board Meeting to be given to the next zone.

Time period	Zone with chest
October 2017-April 2018	4
April 2018-October 2018	6
October 2018-April 2019	1
April 2019-October 2019	3

Zone Meeting Schedule 2019

Zone	Date	Hosted by	Location
1	Thursday, Feb 21	Zone 1 Directors	Veterans Community Center, Hayward during the volunteer reception after Barnebirkie
2	April 27, 2019		Stevens Point
3	Sat. Feb 16	Idun Lodge	Trinity Lutheran Church, Madison

4	June 15	Mike Palecek	Heg Park, Wind Lake
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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.