

## Friendly Fifth Friday News January 6, 2017

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

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### **Masse Moro Update**

The Nordic Heritage Fund agreed to support Masse Moro for the 2017 session! Add \$500.00 to our grants received bucket! Woohoo! Shall I have Claudia send the check to Mike directly, made out to Sons of Norway Five memo Masse Moro?

I don't have the final tally on the lefse fundraiser yet but I know it is over \$600.00, so that is great news! I am so excited that it went so well!

Looking forward to hearing about the Sons of Norway Foundation grant next!

If anyone is interested in a weekend adult retreat as a fundraiser for camp, I am thinking about funding that and organizing it for June sometime - of course the idea would be that the cost would cover the expenses and go above so we can raise some cash for camp. Open to ideas! Carol Bender has said she'd lead a rosemailing class. It wouldn't have to be like camp necessarily but perhaps some Norsk food, some nature hikes, maybe genealogy?

Tusen takk,

Kaia Ellis

### **2017 Barnebirkie Race Information from Michaela Decker, Sports and Recreation Director**

The 2017 American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation's Barnebirkie children's ski race will take place in Hayward Wisconsin on Friday February 19. For the past 25+ years the Sons of Norway Fifth District has supported the Barnebirkie with cookies, volunteers, and donations. **If your lodge is donating cookies the cookies must be without nuts.** We do not want to be responsible for children with allergies getting sick or worse because they ate a cookie from the Sons of Norway that had nuts in it.

For those lodges that would rather send a cash donation instead of cookies to support the Barnebirkie, make the check out to: "Sons of Norway Fifth District"

In the memo part of the check write: "For Barnebirkie". Mail check to: Michaela Decker, 1247 Center St., Racine, WI 53403

Thank you to all of our members and lodges who support this wonderful children's event.

**2017 Barnebirkie Volunteer Sign Up – Sheet**  
**Thursday February 23, 2017 Hayward, Wisconsin**

*The 2017 Barnebirke, scheduled for Thursday Feb 23, will be upon us before we know it! Sons of Norway has been an important part of this race for many years, from volunteering to sending cookies. If anyone in your lodge wishes to volunteer this year, you need to register online at [birke.com](http://birke.com). Jane Mandli, from the Birkebeiner has the following message to our Sons of Norway members. "To register to volunteer, just go to "Birkie Week Events Volunteering" and enter the following password--barnefinish17. We have password protected our sign-ups so that we get specific volunteers like the SONS." Jane went on to say that the volunteer members from our lodges have been wonderful and helpful and the new password will ensure that we get to remain an instrumental part of the Barnebirke.*

*If there are any questions please feel free to contact me via email, [michaeladecker@wi.rr.com](mailto:michaeladecker@wi.rr.com) or by phone, [262-498-2085](tel:262-498-2085).*

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**Areas in which you would like to help in:**

- Registration (Thur 2-23-17, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.)
- Race Start
- On the Race Course
- Cookie Tent
- Help at the Volunteer Reception
- Help Distribute Medals at the Race Finish
- Make a Donation

**I would like to help at the Sons of Norway information and cookie table at the Ski Expo at the Hayward High School.**

Wed. afternoon,  Wed. evening,  Thur. afternoon,  Thur. night

A volunteer reception will be held immediately after the Barnebirkie at the Veteran's Community Center on the corner of Highway 63 and Main Street.

We request that only cookies without nuts are to be donated.

Monetary contributions in check form should be made out to "Sons of Norway – Fifth District" and identified in the check memo area as "For Barnebirkie." Send to: Michaela Decker, Fifth District Sports and Recreation Director, 1247 Center St. Racine, WI 53403

Thank you for your interest and support of this great event. Please return this form to:

**Michaela Decker**  
**Fifth District Recreation Director**  
**1247 Center St.**  
**Racine, WI 53403**

Or email to: [michaeladecker@wi.rr.com](mailto:michaeladecker@wi.rr.com)

## Calling all Cookie Bakers in District 5



The 2017 Barnebirke is coming up in February!

We need **COOKIES**, **COOKIES**, **COOKIES!!!**

If your lodge is able to contribute cookies and you need someone to pick-up and deliver the cookies to the Barnebirke, please contact me and we'll see what we can do to facilitate this wonderful contribution!



**ALLERGY ALERT:**

**Remember cookies must be made without nuts!!**

## **2016-2018 Biennium District 5 Lodge Calendar and Other Deadlines** **Last updated November 11, 2016**

### January 2017

- January 2 - SN Foundation **Scholarships -King Olav V Scholarship, Oslo International Summer School, Helen Tronvold Norwegian Folk High School Scholarship, Lund Fund Scholarship and Warne-Eng Scholarship** all due
- Install officers
- Member submit volunteer hours to lodge secretary
- January 1- District Bowling Tournament begins and ends April 30

### February 2016

- February 1- Deadline for **LA** and **FLAF** forms (see February)- send to International Office (NEW- this is a date change and also a change that they are NO LONGER SENT to the zone directors)
- February 1- Updates for FraternalGive.org should also be completed (NEW)
- February 1- New form for lodges who do not use FraternalGive.org to record their activities. It is the American Fraternal Alliance (AFA) Year End Report. It is also due to the International Office. (NEW)
- Complete lodge financial audit so the **D17– Financial Report** can be finished by March 1
- Elect District Convention Delegates in even years
- **No date yet**- Wisconsin Regional Ski for Light - Rosholt, WI
- February 22- (Wednesday) Volunteer dinner for Barnebirkie volunteers, cookie exchange and tally, Cookie goal :1,000 dozen cookies
- February 23 (Thursday) Barnebirkie Race in Hayward, WI, Volunteer meal provided in the PM

### March 2017

- March 1 – SN Foundation **Astrid G. Cates & Myrtle Beinhauer Scholarships** due
- March 1- Deadline for **D17 Financial Report** – send to International
- March 15- District Scholarship Applications due
- March 18- Zone 3 meeting hosted by Vakkertland Lodge – Mauston
- March 31- Chili Cook off information and pictures due to Sports Director Michaela Decker

### April 2017

- April 1 - **Nancy Lorraine Jensen Memorial Scholarship** due
- April 7-8- District 5 Board Meeting in Stoughton, WI
- April 30- District Bowling Tournament Ends. Send forms in by May 10 to District Sports Director

### May 2017

- 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.

### June 2017

- June 27- Balance due for **Masse Moro Norwegian Heritage Camp** registrations.

### July 2017

- July 16-29 - **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](http://www.sofn.com)) and District ([www.sonsofnorway5.com](http://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 27-July 1, 2018 at Hotel Radisson in La Crosse, Wisconsin.
- The International Sons of Norway Convention will be August \_\_\_\_ in Minneapolis, MN.

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