

Sons of Norway District 5 - Friendly Fifth Friday News

March 29, 2024

A District Weekly Newsletter to Keep Us Up to Date!

Another great reason to attend the convention~PRESENTATIONS ON SAMI ART CONVENTION 2024- Indianapolis Crowne Plaza Airport Hotel June 19-22, 2025

<https://sonsofnorway5.com/conventions/>

Rivojen Jorn Magnus Langseth will present insight into Sami art in his presentations at the Sons of Norway District 5 Convention. The presentations will center around the topics: From old ornaments till today's bit data: How do we communicate? Shapes and context within Umesami ornaments. The artist will give presentations Thursday and Friday evenings and during the day Wednesday and Saturday of convention week.



An update on delegate reporting from Darlene

As of March 28, all lodges have reported. We have 17 lodges that are not sending delegates- 15 local lodges and also Central & Spirit of the New Century. There are 75 delegates coming out of 174 possible (Central had 31 and Spirit of the New Century had 8). So we have 75 of 135 are coming.

For those not sending delegates or who didn't fill their allotment: If you are able to secure delegates, they can still register by May 1. We want all lodges to be represented as we discuss the work of the District, elect a new board and alternates, learn about our organization, network and share ideas, and learn from our speakers, classes, and workshops. Your lodge is missing this opportunity by not attending! We hope that things change and you are able to send delegates! We will help people find carpooling opportunities with others from your area and possibly with board members if driving there is an issue.

We do hope that all lodges are discussing ways to be involved in the convention (whether they attend or not) by encouraging Well Wisher forms at meetings, consider placing an ad in the program book, consider a sponsorship to offset the cost of the convention as with 30 less delegates from 2022, our budget is now off on covering overhead costs of the hotel and presenters, and continuing to share information with your members who might want to hear the Sami speakers, take a class, attend workshops, or who weren't aware you needed delegates!

What's next for those elected as delegates?

- The submitted names have been entered into a spreadsheet and checked to make sure they are current members (dues paid) and if they are a benefit member. Being a benefit member isn't a requirement, but it helps the nominating committee see who is eligible to run for the board or as an alternate as delegates are the only eligible people!
- The names were given to the convention registration chair to send out the delegate registration forms for the convention and hotel information. That is also available on the website.
- The names were given to the credentials committee for vetting and they will be working with the convention registration chair to make sure that those elected get registered and then attend the convention.
- The names were given to the District President as she will be asking some delegates to serve on committees that meet during the convention. If asked and if they accept, some of the committees might meet virtually before the convention starts and then will meet in-person on Thursday.

Watch the District website for continued updates to convention information!

<https://sonsofnorway5.com/conventions/>



Deadlines on April 1!

April 1- Bids to host the 2026 District Convention are due.

April 1- Resolutions and Bylaw proposals due for District Lodge Meeting.

Your lodge may wish to propose resolutions or by-law changes to be considered at the District Lodge Meeting. These resolutions, along with any proposed changes to the District 5 By-Laws, must be submitted to the District Secretary no later than April 1, 2024. **Please note that we are using the template approved and recommended by the International Board. Find it at https://sonsofnorway5.com/conventions/convention_forms.php**

If your lodge is interested in hosting the 2026 District Lodge Meeting, you are asked to send a written notice of your intention to the District Secretary prior to April 1, 2024. Should your lodge wish to present a bid, we ask that you make arrangements for a "walk through" of the facilities by a District 5 Board Member. This should be done prior to the June convention in order to identify proposal merits as well as needed additions or changes.

Foundation Report and Update

Sandra Olson, D5 Foundation Director

Thank you for allowing me to serve this past year as the District 5 Foundation Director. I felt it was important not only to promote the International Foundation, but also to promote the District 5 Foundation. I reached out to our lodges and also on the website to accomplish that goal.

At the International level the Local Leadership Team District Foundation was directed by Jon Tehven, Chairman; the representatives were from District 1: Karl Hella; District 2: Darrin Lee; District 3: Dirk Hansen; District 4: Kay Halverson; District 5: Sandra Olson; District 6: Jim Adams

The Sons of Norway Foundation campaign theme is “Together We Are The Future”. The goal of the Committee was to raise \$185,000. The Committee met virtually to discuss some of the avenues to reach this goal. Amy Olson Tuchenhagen, International Foundation Office discussed some of the following areas of outreach:

- direct mail sent to 5,000 donors; includes return envelope
- ad in the Nov/Dec *Viking Magazine*
- EPost video leadership interview with Amy about the campaign
- encourages all to follow the Foundation Face Book page
- A. Communications: Resource, Facebook, *Viking Magazine*, phone calls

The Foundation Annual Report is posted on the website along with past issues. The link is: [Annual Reports Sons of Norway](#). The final 2023 Annual Report will be ready later this spring.

The 2023 has not yet been completed; but the Foundation report for 2022 stated the following:

- The Sons of Norway Foundation distributed over \$218,000 in awards.
- \$133,000 In Scholarships for students to study in the United States, Canada, and Norway
- \$75,895 In Grants for Norwegian culture and heritage programs
- \$9,296 In Camperships for kids across the United States to attend Norwegian cultural camps

Scholarships and grants: 2018 - 2022

2019	\$142,651
2020	\$132,166
2021	\$146,772
2022	\$218,191
2023	\$244,656
	\$884,436

Together We Are the Future: 2020 - 2022

<u>Year</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Results</u>
2020	\$100,000	\$137,000
2021	\$150,000	\$164,607
2022	\$175,000	\$193,080
2023	\$185,000	\$170,514

2023 Scholarships and Grants by District

<u>District</u>	<u># Scholarships</u>	<u>\$ Scholarship</u>	<u># Grants</u>	<u>\$ Grants</u>
1	12	\$78,500	14	\$27,406
2	5	\$30,500	7	\$ 8,250
3	6	\$44,500	0	- 0 -
4	4	\$ 7,000	4	\$ 3,560
5	4	\$15,000	4	\$11,020
6	4	\$ 7,000	3	\$ 3,920
Other	2	\$ 8,000		
Total:	37	\$190,500	32	\$54,156

The Foundation Committee met virtually on February 28, 2024

Present: Merv Ericksson, Karl Hella, Darrin Lee, Kay Halverson, Sandy Olson, Jim Adams, Elaine Nelson, Robin Fossum, Marci Larson, Jon Tehven, Amy Tuchenhagen

The Final Report for 2023 was discussed, with the following results as the campaign compares with last year. Together We Are The Future: Comparing 2023 to 2022

2023 campaign

2022 Campaign

Donations received: \$120,514 (Goal: \$185,000)
a. 98 lodges donating \$39,456
b. 4 non-lodge/member donating \$2,629
c. Members donating \$78,429

Donation received: \$193,080 (Goal: \$175,000)
a. 135 lodges donating \$110,333
b. Members donating \$82,747
c. Other Large Donations \$ 50,774

Additional large donations in 2022 received that were not received in 2023:
\$22,711 from a district; \$15,400 from a lodge; \$12,663 from a disbanding lodge: \$50,774 total

Comparative District and number of lodges donating and \$\$ amount: 2022 - 2023

2022	Dist 1	Dist 2	Dist 3	Dist 4	Dist 5	Dist 6
Lodges	30	16	21	18	31	19
\$\$ Amount	\$12,087	\$13,270	\$16,799	\$40,320	\$13,754	\$14,103

2023	Dist 1	Dist 2	Dist 3	Dist 4	Dist 5	Dist 6
Lodges	24	15	12	15	21	11
\$\$ Amount	\$9,082	\$9,912	\$4,825	\$4,231	\$4,500	\$6,906

Lodge donors by categories:	2022	2023
\$20,000+	1	
\$10,000+	2	
\$5,000+	3	2
\$1,000+	12	9
\$500+	13	11
\$250+	23	17
\$1+	81	59

I reached out to Amy for a final report; she sent this message last week: “One thing you could share about 2023 is that we hit our fundraising goal of **\$325,000!** Tusen takk everyone! Minutes from our meeting will be along soon. Have a great Board meeting and please do pass along our gratitude for the member, lodge and district support of the Foundation. With gratitude, Amy”.

District Conventions 2024: Amy will be a Districts 1, 4, 5 Conventions; Connie will be at District 2, 3, 6 Conventions and there will be additional Charitable Giving Workshops

Respectfully submitted,
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For more information about the Sons of Norway Foundation can be found at foundation@sofn.com

Sons of Norway Foundation
1455 West Lake Street
Minneapolis, MN 55408

District 5 Nordic Legacy Foundation can be found under “Benefits” at sonsofnorway5.com

Foundation, Scholarships & Grants

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Fraternal & Membership: Connie O'Brien and Kirsten Lehman: fraternal@sofn.com; (612) 821-4643

Viking Magazine & Culture: Jana Velo: jvelo@sofn.com

Lodges donating to the
"Together We Are The
Future".

District 5 - 2022

Askeladden 5-610
Circle City Lodge 5-614
Dovre 5-353
Edvard Grieg 5-657
Elvedal Lodge 5-556
Elvesund Lodge 5-593
Fagernes Lodge 5-616

Fosselyngen Lodge 5-82
Fossen Lodge 5-534
Grønnevik Lodge 5-632

Idun 5-074

Løven Lodge 5-29

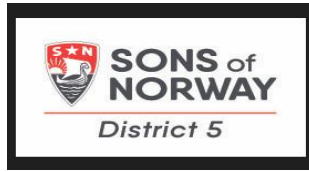
Mandt Lodge 5-314
Myrmarken Lodge 5-609
Nordkap Lodge 5-378

Nordland Lodge 5-544
Norse Valley Lodge 5-491
Norskeland Lodge 5-580
Ostestaden Lodge 5-642
Polar Star Lodge 5-472

Scandiana Lodge 5-600
Sognefjord Lodge 5-523
Solvang Lodge 5-457
Trollhaugen 5-417
Vakkertland Lodge 5-570
DISBANDED
Valhall 5-168
Valkyrien Lodge 5-053
Vennelag Lodge 5-513
Vennligfolk Lodge 5-627
Viking Lodge 5-625
Wergeland Lodge 5-28

District 5 - 2023

Akeladden 5-610
Circle City 5-614
District 5-000
Elvedal Lodge 5-556
Fagernes Lodge 5-616
Loven 5-027
Mandt Lodge 5-314
Myrmarken Lodge 5-609
Nordkap Lodge 5-378
Nordland Lodge 5-544
Norse Valley Lodge 5-491
Polar Star Lodge 5-472
Scandiana Lodge 5-600
Skjole 5-100
Sognefjord 5-523
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Solvang 5-457
Sonja Henie 5-490
Valkyrien Lodge 5-053
Vennilag 5-513
Vennligfolk Lodge 5-627



SONS OF NORWAY DISTRICT PRESIDENTS' ADVISORY COUNCIL
Virtual Meeting
March 23, 2024

All district boards are busily planning their respective conventions. Finding willing candidates is a challenge in all locations.

Membership numbers vary across the Order, but District 2 is happy to report that the Poulsbo Lodge has over 2,000 members. Other districts report that their lodges are in small towns where the access to new members is limited. Most districts report that lodges have been lost.

There is a need for insurance agents to meet with lodges. There are few licensed reps. Headquarters is not responding to inquiries in this regard. There has been a move in recent years to do more business virtually.

Everything old is new again. District three suggests bringing back activities that were popular years ago. People who are new to the Sons of Norway can experience your lodge's most popular events!

District boards would like to encourage the hosting of the 2026 convention in a different area of your district. The host lodge(s) can make money by organizing and executing a magnificent event. By doing so, the district boards can spend more time focusing on the business of the district.

Lodges have been timelier this year with the submission of the D17 reports. Kirsten Lehman at the home office sends updated reports on delinquent lodges. Please know that Corey Olson, D5 Treasurer, has submitted all the required reports for the Fifth District.

Word has been received that International Vice Chair Mark Agerter has resigned his position due to family need.

The International Board has selected Mary Beth Ingvolstad and Janie Kelly for the International Nominating Committee. Our members, Mary Jane Bennett and Jim Herman were the two selections from the District Presidents' Advisory Council. Bill Bultinck has offered his services, and he will serve as an alternate should Mary Jane or Jim not be able to participate.

Be aware that a fraud is originating from the home office or is being sent through district presidents' emails which asks for money or the purchase of gift cards. All members are kindly reminded to check all aspects of a communique to determine whether it is legitimate. Look at the spelling in the letter and check the return address. Hover your mouse over the sender's address to see where it originates.

Fraternally,

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D 5 President
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Idun Lodge – Sons of Norway Syttende Mai Banquet

Event Date: Saturday, May 11, 2024

Location: Trinity Lutheran Church, 1904 Winnebago Street, Madison, WI 53704

Contact: Mary Zoroufy 608-277-8190 or email maryzor@charter.net

Time: 4:00 PM Social hour with hors d'oeuvres

5:00 PM Dinner of roast pork loin, baked cod, veggies, potatoes, rolls,
ice cream w/strawberries

Catered by The Esquire Club, also known as Kavanaugh's

6:00 PM Program: Susan Apps-Bodilly speaking on

One Room Schools: Stories from the Days of 1 Room, 1 Teacher, 8 Grades

Cost: \$10 per adult, \$5 for children 6-12, Free age 5 & under

You MUST RSVP AND PREPAY in advance by May 3rd.

Make checks out to **Idun Lodge**.

Send checks or cash to Mary Zoroufy at 5105 Romay Ct., Madison, WI 53711

Everyone is always welcome at Idun Lodge meetings and events, so bring family and friends! Our events, unless otherwise indicated, are held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Madison, at First Street and Atwood Avenue. Please use the entrance doors on Atwood Avenue, or the accessible entrance on Winnebago via the ramp at the front door; if the door is locked, call 608-225-1410 or 608-259-1958 to be let in. Proceed downstairs to the Fellowship Hall in the basement.

Calendar of Events, Deadlines, and Other Dates to Note (changes in red)

April 1- Bids to host the 2026 District Convention are due. Resolutions and Bylaw proposals due for District Lodge Meeting.

April 5-6- District Board Meeting in Stoughton

April 15- Sarah Paulsen Scholarships due to Scandiana Lodge

April 20- Viking photos due to LaVonne Wier

May 1

- **Deadlines for convention vendor applications, sponsorships, Well Wishers, and ads.**

May 15

- D18 property association financial form is due from the lodges 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.

*Insurance membership with Sons of Norway required

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May 19- District Sports Challenge Ends

May 19- Deadline to reserve rooms under the room block for the District Convention at convention rates

May 20- Viking photos due to LaVonne Wier

June 20- Viking photos due to LaVonne Wier

Who to contact at the home office when you need help

- You can email cbs@sofn.com for any member updates that need to be made.
- For anything fraternal- Connie O'Brien (COBrien@sofn.com) or Amy Tuchenhagen (ATuchenhagen@sofn.com).
- For matter like submitting a death, a change to a members address or other info please email cbs@sofn.com
- For issues with passwords or website use ithelp@sofn.com.
- The 800 number to call in for member support is 800-945-8851
- If you need something related to sales, you can use sales@sofn.com

Viking Chest / Immigrant Trunk Schedule

Oct 2023 to Apr 2024:

Chest--zone 6

Trunk--zone 5

Apr 2024 to Oct 2024

Chest--zone 2

Trunk--zone 1

Oct 2024 to April 2025

Chest--zone 3

Trunk--zone 4

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)

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 4 am on Thursday morning. 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@sonsofnorway.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