

## Friendly Fifth Friday News March 3, 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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### **Barnebirkie Summary**

Mother nature sure played havoc with the Barnebirke this year, there was no snow anywhere. The children's ski events were turned into running races and all of the kids had a great time! The birkebeiner was eventually cancelled as the predicted snow missed the Hayward area by 50 miles. The Birke was turned into a festival/party and everyone I met was still enjoying their time in Hayward!

A huge THANK YOU to all the cookie bakers in the district!! District 5 lodges really came through for us this year with over 1000 dozen cookies!!! The cookies were enjoyed by everyone in Hayward, Wisconsin. So many people stopped by to thank the Sons of Norway for making cookies. They all said that the Birke would not be the same without our cookies and looked forward to seeing us again next year!!

Thank you to the volunteers who were able to come to Hayward! Judy Ghastin, Lucy Ghastin, Sharon Anderson and Hild Petre created a wonderful volunteer luncheon. Mary Bennet and Asta Blanchar ran the Expo booth.

Diane and Don Overby and Audrey and Clair Severson ran the cookie tent. Cheryl Wille-Schlesser and I worked in the registration area. Andy Johnsen and Geoff Wodell helped everywhere they were needed!

Thank you Birke Volunteers!!!

Michaela Decker

### **Cultural Skills Contest**

For 2017, there will be a slight change to the contest. The contest will still go in six month segments, January-June and July-December. **Now there will be a winner for each zone.** The lodge with the most members receiving cultural skills pins in the six month period will win for that time period. The contest will end at the end of 2017. Then it will be evaluated during the spring of 2018, when the decision will be made as to the best format for the contest. Remember, you can only be a winner one time, so if you have won, be a mentor to another member and help them with a cultural skill. Plan some of your lodge meetings around a cultural skill. If you have questions, please contact Esther Charlton, [esthersofn@aol.com](mailto:esthersofn@aol.com)

**Cultural Skills Pins**  
**Awarded to District 5**  
**June 1 – December 2016**

**Lodge 028 – Wergeland**

Glenn Borreson – Stamps 1

**Lodge 074 – Idun**

Larry Sommers – Genealogy 3

**Lodge 100 – Skjold**

Solveig Bender – Language 1

Jim Secora – Language 1

Kathy Secora – Language 1

Laurie Sorman – Language 1

Ray Syverson – Language 1

**Lodge 168 – Valhall**

Christina Fairchild – Dancing 1

Richard Fairchild – Dancking 1

Lee Ann Harp – Dancing 1

Vicki Rudh-Jones – Dancing 1

Nancy Mayfield – Knitting 2, 3 – Fig Carving 1,2,3

**Lodge 472 – Polar Star**

Nancy Andersen – Dancing 1

Jerri Lynn Baker – dancing 1

Alvin Bergh – Dancing 1

Phoebe Bergh – Dancing 1

Carol DeVito – Dancing 1

Barb Johnson – Dancing 1

Ken Johnson – Dancing 1

Frank Krawczyk – Dancing 1

Karen Oswald – Stamps 1

**Lodge 496 - Rib Fjell**

Mary Henkelman – Literature 1

Kathleen Serley – Literature 1

**Lodge 513 – Vennelag**

Karen Eberhardt – Rosemaling 2

Jean Grindle – Rosemaling 1

Nancy Kittleson – Hardanger 1

**Lodge 549 – H.R. Holand**

Treiva Wilterding – Hardanger 1

### **Lodge 593 – Elvesund**

Margaret Bisberg – Genealogy 1, Language 1

Richard Egeland – Literature 1

Thomas Maxson – Folk Dancing -1

### **Lodge 614 – Circle City**

Lorraine Baugh – Rosemaling 1

Jerome Rud – Relief Carving 1,3

Fobert Sorensen – Genealogy 1.2.3

### **Lodge 622 – Vennskap**

**\*\*\*Lodge with the most members receiving cultural skills pins\*\*\***

Carolyn Johnson – Mentor Genealogy 1,2,3

Inez Jurgens – Genealogy 1,2,3

Joyce Loritz – Genealogy 1.2.3

Mary Ellen Oppegaard Peterson – Genealogy 1,2,3

Laurie Shawhan – Genealogy 1,2,3

Anita Thomas – Genealogy 1,2,3 – Cooking 1,2,3

**(Anita is the winner with the most cultural skills pins for this time period)**

Arthur Thomas – Genealogy 1,2,3.

### **Lodge 642 – Ostestaden**

Paul Nelson – Cooking 1

Sheri Novak – Cooking 1

Cathy Smith – Cooking 1

\*Note these are one time awards, Polar Star had more members receiving cultural skills pins but they were a winner in a previous time period. Recognition for these winners will be giving at the June 2018 Convention.



### **ATTENTION COLLEGE BOUND INDIVIDUALS!**

The deadline for the Sons of Norway District 5 Scholarships is quickly approaching!

- Go to [www.sonsofnorway5.com](http://www.sonsofnorway5.com). Select BENEFITS and a dropdown menu will appear. Scan the scholarships offered this year.
- Download an on-line application.
- Complete and mail your application soon!
- **THE DEADLINE FOR THESE APPLICATIONS IS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2017.**

**LYKKE TIL-GOOD LUCK!**



**COMING SOON....**

**\*District 5 Speaker Bureau\***

A request was made at the District 5 Convention in Marshfield to create a speaker bureau for use by all D5 lodges. An initial list of presenters has been created by Lodges in Zone 3, and it will be posted soon on the District 5 website. Go to [www.sonsofnorway5.com](http://www.sonsofnorway5.com) and select Programs.

PLEASE NOTE: Presenters on this list have given their permission to have their information posted. (Anyone wishing to submit names to this list should communicate with the presenter prior to submitting their personal information for posting.)

Contact information is available for each person or group, and most people prefer e-mail contacts.

Some individuals require lodging, either at a private home or at a hotel, in addition to their honorarium.

\*The District 5 Board feels this tool will become more powerful as additional names are added to the list by each lodge across District 5.

I would encourage all lodges to submit the names of additional speakers. Please direct them to the attention of our webmaster Richard Fairchild at: [inputd5@sonsofnorway5.com](mailto:inputd5@sonsofnorway5.com)

Thank you,  
Cheryl Wille-Schlesser  
District 5 Board Youth Director  
Chair, Fraternal Affairs Committee  
608-219-4464

**D-17 Reports due!**

The last update that I had from President Andrew Johnsen was on February 21 and these lodges still needed (at that time) to get their D-17 reports to him. If you have sent your report in between then and now, please disregard this reminder!

Due as of February 21: Norrona, Loven, Fosselyngen, Solvang, Norse Valley, Nordlandet, Gronvik, Sjoland, Ostestaden, Arctic Circle, Ulseth, and Music City Vikings.

Again, those D17 reports should be sent directly to: Andrew Johnsen, SN District 5 President, 11906 Hawthorne Place Cedar Lake, IN 46303

## **2016-2018 Biennium District 5 Lodge Calendar and Other Deadlines**

**Last updated January 20, 2017**

### March 2017

- March 1 – SN Foundation **Astrid G. Cates & Myrtle Beinhauer Scholarships** due
- 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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