

Friendly Fifth Friday News

May 26, 2023

Send all web posting info and calendar dates/events directly to our webmaster at inputd5@sonsofnorway5.com. Feel free to share this with your lodge members!

Zone 4 Meeting - Celebrating our Sons of Norway Connection

Mt Pleasant Lutheran Church
1700 S. Green Bay Rd.
Racine, WI 53406
Saturday, June 3, 8:30am-3pm
Send RESERVATIONS to:
Connie Aiello BY MAY31.
Please advise of any food restrictions.

Sons of Norway Zone 4 Members and Officers,
Come join your sister lodges for sharing, asking questions, learning, and lunch at the Zone 4 meeting, Saturday, June 3.

All lodge members are welcome to attend, and officers are urged to come. There is no cost and food is involved!

Topics of discussion and presentations include:

Leadership skills - Corey Olson
Zone realignment - Connie Aiello, Judy Ghastin, Corey Olson
Working with youth - Michaela Decker and son
Financial topics pertaining to lodges - Corey Olson
Cultural activities - Judy Ghastin
Stamping the Norwegian way - Connie Aiello
Activity/game - Connie Aiello

RESERVATIONS TO CONNIE AIELLO BY MAY 31 please.

We look forward to seeing you on June 3.

Connie Aiello, Zone 4 Director
cdaiello31@gmail.com

Judy Ghastin, Zone 4 Director
judy62ghastin@gmail.com
920-450-3584

Task Force Survey May 2023

Please send your thoughts on zones so the District 5 Task Force and Board can review them. Please email your responses to Darlene Arneson by May 27 for discussion at our next meeting. The online, email and hard copies surveys will close on July 15. The District 5 Task Force will use your responses in their report to the Board. Send them to arnesonfamily5@gmail.com or mail to Darlene Arneson, 2056 Skaalen Road, Stoughton, WI 53589. You can also fill this out online at:

Thank you!

Darlene Arneson, District 5 Secretary and Chair (Zone Alignments and Lodge Development & Support Committee)

What do you expect from your zone directors as far as visits, contacts, or other help?

- ☐ Visit once a year
 - ☐ Hosting zone meetings or events
 - ☐ Regular communications via email, virtual platforms, or phone calls
 - ☐ In-person visits
 - ☐ Assistance with forms and filings
- Other:

Do you feel connected to the other lodges in your zone?

- ☐ Yes- we do many things with other lodges.
 - ☐ We have limited dealings with other lodges.
 - ☐ We never get together or work with them.
 - ☐ I'd like to have leadership training provided.
 - ☐ I'd like to see more social or cultural events.
- Other:

Looking at the distance between some lodges and where the zone directors live, what suggestions do you have for addressing communications/visits/outreach in some areas?

- ☐ Meeting via a virtual platform (ZOOM, TEAMS) is fine.
- ☐ I'd like to have some in-person events.
- ☐ I'd like to have some monthly/quarterly opportunities to meet.
- ☐ I'd like to have in-person training at least once a year.

Other:

Do you have any suggestions for realignment, changing the number of zones, or other ways that would make the zone assignments equal in numbers, distance and services provided by the District Board.

- ☐ I've reviewed the maps and think that some look like they'd work well.
- ☐ I want to leave the zones as they are.
- ☐ I don't think we need zones at all.

Other:

For the structure of the District Board

- ☐ I like the structure as it is- 2 zone directors per zone, all officers except Secretary and Treasurer are zone directors.
- ☐ I don't think any officer should be a zone director.
- ☐ One zone director is enough.
- ☐ Elect an Executive Committee and then one zone director per zone.
- ☐ I think the number of zone directors should be based on the number of lodges.
- ☐ I think the number of zone directors should be based on the membership in the zone.

Other:

Or you can share this or fill it out via Google Survey!

I've invited you to fill out a form:

[SN D5 Task Force May Survey](#)

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FILL OUT FORM

Task Force Call on Saturday- all are welcome to join us!

We are having a task force call this Saturday and anyone is welcome to join us! We will have some updates from our International Director on questions that we had for the International Board Meeting, will review what responses we have so far, and will discuss how to get more input from the District members in June and July on the discussions so far! The call will be less than an hour.

Join us!

Darlene Arneson is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: SN D5 Task Force Call

Time: May 27, 2023 09:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81568011562>

Meeting ID: 815 6801 1562

One tap mobile

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+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

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+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

+1 305 224 1968 US

+1 669 444 9171 US

+1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose)

+1 689 278 1000 US

+1 719 359 4580 US

+1 253 205 0468 US

+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

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Meeting ID: 815 6801 1562

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kcXBbwSEfc>

2023 Sons of Norway Zone 3 and Mandt Lodge Picnic

Sunday, August 13, 2023 at 12:30 PM

**John and Darlene Arneson home
2056 Skaalen Rd., Stoughton, WI 53589**

Join members from our neighboring lodges for some food and fellowship at the home of John & Darlene Arneson. **Please bring a dish to pass!** Tableware, coffee, juice and other beverages will be provided. There will be Kubb available so you can test out your Viking skills! All members of your lodge, prospective members, and Masse Moro campers (past and present) are encouraged to attend. We will have basket drawing for some great items- feel free to bring items for it or just support it at the picnic! Bring along announcements and flyers for "Remarks for the Good of the Order". For more information, call Darlene Arneson at 608-873-7209 (cell 608-514-4951) or email arnesonfamily5@gmail.com

From Madison via Interstate:

Go east from Madison going towards Chicago on the Interstate 39-90. Exit 147 on Hwy N and turn right. Go about 2-3 miles and you will come to a 4-way stop. Turn left on Skaalen Road and go about 1 ½ miles. We are the first long drive way on the left after you pass the housing development. We have a Norwegian farm sign at the end of the driveway.

From Madison via Hwy 51:

Go south on Hwy 51 from Madison, through McFarland and almost to Stoughton. Before you get to town, take a left on Hwy B by the Evergreen State Bank. Stay on Hwy B until you come to the 4-way stop sign at Hwy B and Hwy N (the county garage will be on your left). Go straight and the road turns into Skaalen Rd. Go about 1 ½ miles. We are the first long drive way on the left after you pass the housing development. We have a Norwegian farm sign at the end of the driveway.

From Oregon: (2 options)

- ✓ Come to Stoughton on Hwy 138. You can go all the way through town on Main Street and continue out of town on Hwy 51. After about 1 ½ miles, turn left on Pleasant Hill Road. Come to a t-intersection with Skaalen Rd, take a right and we're the first long drive way to the left. We have a Norwegian farm sign at the end of the driveway.
- ✓ **Or** when you come into Stoughton on Hwy 138, take a left on Hwy 51. Go out to Hwy B and take a right on Hwy B (by Evergreen State Bank). Stay on Hwy B until you come to the 4-way stop sign at Hwy B and Hwy N (the county garage will be on your left). Go straight and the road turns into Skaalen Rd. Go about 1 ½ miles. We are the first long drive way on the left after you pass the housing development. We have a Norwegian farm sign at the end of the driveway.

From the South (Janesville):

Come west towards Madison on the Interstate 39-90. Exit 156 at Coachman's Golf Club and Hwy 51. Go about 2 miles and take a right on Pleasant Hill Road. Come to a t-intersection with Skaalen Rd, take a right and we're the first driveway to the left. We have a Norwegian farm sign at the end of the driveway.

Deadlines and Dates! Changes in red!

- May 27- Task Force Call at 9 AM CST
- May 31- RSVP due for Zone 4 Meeting
- June 3- Zone 4 Meeting in Racine
- June 5- Photo submissions for the Viking to LaVonne Wier at 2nor1rus@gmail.com
- July 5- Photo submissions for the Viking to LaVonne Wier at 2nor1rus@gmail.com
- July 16-21- Masse Moro Camp
- August 13- Zone 3 picnic at John and Darlene Arneson's farm in Stoughton
- October 13-14- District 5 Board Meeting in Mt. Horeb, WI
- October 27-29- District 5 Adult Heritage Camp and Destination Stoughton Weekend in Stoughton, WI

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 Tuchenhausen (ATuchenhausen@sofn.com). Sherry Gorse is no longer employed at Sons of Norway.
- 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

Apr 2023 to Oct 2023:

Chest--zone 4 – Contact Connie Aiello and Judy Ghastin to reserve them

Trunk--zone 3 – Contact Scott Wegner and Cheryl Wille-Schlesser to reserve them

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)

FFFN Basics

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@sonsofnorway5.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