

Friendly Fifth Friday News

October 23, 2015

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

District 5 Webmaster Update

The District 5 Board was recently informed that webmaster, George Sievers, was diagnosed with ALS this past year. George has transitioned the webmaster duties to Duane Kittleson who is graciously stepping in until the Board explores options for the website, hosting, and possible changes in the format. At this time, all posting requests and other matters related to the website should be directed to Duane Kittleson. His email address is dkittverona@gmail.com.

This past week, we were informed that George's battle with ALS is progressing quickly and that he is now in hospice care at home. We ask that you keep George and Janice in your thoughts and prayers. Their home address is 308 Park Street, Mt. Horeb, WI 53572. George and Janice have been very devoted members of Sons of Norway on all levels and we are all deeply saddened to learn of his health issues. We are forever indebted to all the work and support George has given to so many members, lodges, and the organization. The board is exploring ways to recognize George for all of his efforts.

District 5 Website Update

The District Board has been exploring options for the District website based on suggestions, comments and other input we've received from lodge members, board members and others. Duane Kittleson is serving as the interim webmaster until a plan is determined.

The Executive Committee (Owen Christianson, Diane Hesseltvan Dinter, Darlene Arneson, and Duane Kittleson) and Publicity Committee Chair Joy Bashara are the committee exploring options and would like your input on:

- Your suggestions for improvements to the website- design, content and other items
- Websites that you like- please send them to us so we can see features that might enhance our website
- Do you or a member in your lodge have skills in website support that might be interested in assisting the District
- Other suggestions

Please send them to dkittverona@gmail.com or arnesonfamily5@gmail.com

We appreciate your continued support and patience as George and Janice go through this very difficult time, the District redirects its efforts and needs to help publicize its events as well as your lodges, and we all work for the good of the organization.

Tubfrim History and information.

Postmaster Ditlef Frantzen in Nesbyen established TUBFRIM in 1928. The aim was to collect and sell used stamps and use the proceeds to aid the eradication of tuberculosis among Norwegian children. The first profit was made in 1929 and amounted to NOK 1.500,-. Profits varied in the following years from NOK 8.000,- in 1940 to NOK 25.000,- in 1947. TUBFRIM has made good progress since from then and profits in 1970 were NOK 150.000,- growing to NOK 650.000,- in 2009.

TUBFRIM is owned by the Norwegian Health Association (Nasjonalforeningen for folkehelsen). Today the profits are used to help handicapped children and youth in Norway, and to finance the efforts to eradicate tuberculosis.

Used postage stamps and telephone cards are not to be thrown in the waste basket, but should be sent to: **Give to Sons of Norway members/lodges**

How to help us.

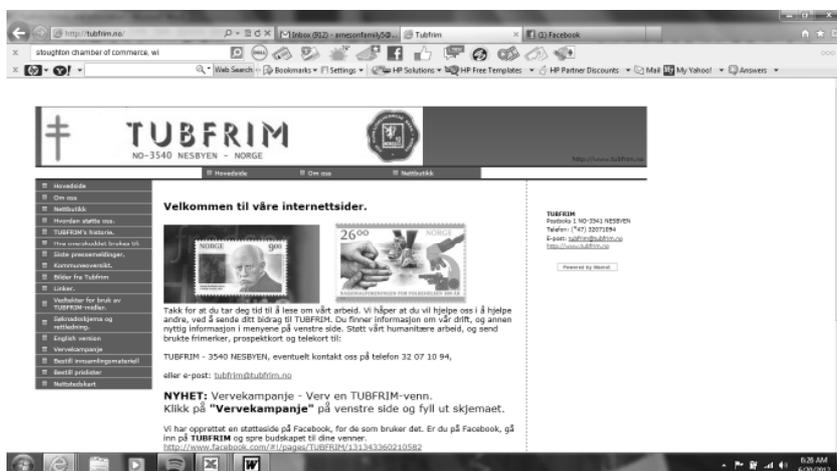
Please, never throw away canceled stamps and phone cards. Stamps and phone cards from any country in the world can be used.

Just cut or tear the stamps off the envelopes, leaving a slight margin (approx. 1/4 to 1/2 inch) to keep the perforation intact. Damaged stamps (damaged perforation, edges etc.) are worthless and are to be thrown away. (Damaged phonecards are also to be thrown away.)

We are also happy to receive stamp collections, old envelopes, covers and postcards. If envelopes, postcards etc. are more than 50 years old, then please do not cut off the stamp, but send us the whole envelope/postcard!

Mary Bennett is the District 5 Coordinator for Tubfrim. Contact her at 608-837-8335 or mjbenn4@gmail.com

Visit www.tubfrim.no and click on "English" to learn more!



Trim stamps so that you have at least 1/4" around the edge of the stamp

Stoughton Prepares Destination Stoughton- Norwegian Style

The Stoughton Norwegian Summit Group- a group of organizations, businesses, and others connected to Norwegian heritage and culture have been meeting for five years will offer its 4th Destination Stoughton Weekend. The weekend of **October 30-November 1** has three days of activities based around the “featured” event: the Wisconsin State Rosemaler’s Holiday Sale on Saturday from 9 AM – 2 PM. **Friday’s** activities includes special events at various businesses in Stoughton and the Stoughton Opera House which is offering Drakula at 7:30, Livreise open from 9:30-4:30, and downtown stores Nordic Nook, Cheesers and AmundArt Hus open. **Saturday** is a very full day with the Wisconsin State Rosemaling Association’s Holiday Bazaar; special presentation at Livreise; downtown stores Nordic Nook, Cheesers, AmundArt Hus offering special events and sales; Stoughton Opera House offers Drakula: The Performance at 7:30; and Sons of Norway- Mandt Lodge hosts a bake sale and “A Taste of Norway” from 8:30-2:00 PM and hosts a series of mini-workshops/presentations downstairs 10:00-11:00- Rosemaling Demonstration- Wisconsin State Rosemaling Association member Jan Norsetter presenting; 11-11:30- Genealogy with Jerry Paulson (NAGC & NL); 11:30-12noon- Hardanger with Susan Slinde and Donna Olson; and 12:00-1:00- What is the Sons of Norway all about and Viking lecture series and hosts displays and information booths upstairs by the Hardanger Embroidery, Norwegian American Genealogical Center & Naeseth Library, Koshkonong Prairie Historical Society, and the Stoughton Historical Society. **Sunday** wraps up with Sons of Norway playing six Viking lectures by Professor Kenneth W. Harl of Tulane University. Each lecture is 30 minutes long and we will play them continuously starting from 1-4 PM. There is not a charge. Nordic Nook, Cheesers, and AmundArt Hus also will be open. Details on all of the events and activities will be continuously updated on the Chamber website www.stoughtonwi.com, Facebook: Sons of Norway Stoughton WI, or on the various participant’s websites, Facebook pages and venues.

Lutefisk and Cod Dinners- Fall 2015

Cleng Peerson Lodge- 525

November 1, 2015 from 4-6:30 PM

Norway Community Center, Norway IL

Contact 815-792-8506 for ticket and meal information.

November 6 -

FOR THE LOVE OF LUTEFISK & MEATBALLS

Every year since its beginning in 1975, the Sons of Norway, H.R. Holand Lodge #5-549, has held its annual Lutefisk and Meatball dinner at Bay View Lutheran Church in Sturgeon Bay, WI and this year, will carry on that tradition, Friday, November 6, 2015 with meal service at 5:30 PM.

Lutefisk, literally translated, means lye fish, referring to the early preservation process of soaking dry cod in a lye solution. A more modern version encompasses the emphasis of sharing the meal in good times with friends and family. Now, if you’re not a lutefisk lover, meatballs too, will be served. Sides of coleslaw, potatoes, vegetables, lefse and traditional desserts will round out the meal! You may even hear some great Ole and Lena jokes!

Please call Gail Klima, 920-421-3141 or Muriel Wallestad, 920-743-6298 for reservations. Space is limited so you’ll want to contact one of them soon!

Bonnet Prairie Lutheran Church, Rio, Wisconsin

November 7th 2015

Saturday, November 7, 2015

Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner

Barneveld Lutheran Church

505 Swiss Lane

Barneveld, WI 53507

E-mail: Marcia@mhtc.net

Marcia Thompson

608-924-8621

Serving 11 AM-4 PM

Cost \$16.00

Saturday, November 7- Western Koshkonong Lutheran Church in Stoughton, WI

WESTERN KOSHKONONG LUTHERAN CHURCH

INVITES YOU TO A

TRADITIONAL NORWEGIAN DINNER

LUTEFISK/MEATBALLS/LEFSE

SERVED WITH

Mashed potatoes – Green beans – Cranberries – Cabbage salad – Dinner rolls – Home made pie – Coffee –
Milk

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7th, 2015

Seating: 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Prices: Adults – \$16.00 in advance, \$17.00 at the door, Children under 12 – \$8.00

Send reservations, checks & SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE TO:

Western Koshkonong Ladies Aid

c/o S. Midthun

2209 Lake Woods Way

Stoughton, WI 53589

Check their website at www.westernkoshkonong.org or email: info@westernkoshkonong.org

Norse Valley Lodge, Appleton, WI- November 8

Mark your calendars and invite your friends and family! Norse Valley Lodge #491 in Appleton, WI is having their lutefisk dinner on Sunday, November 8, at Liberty Hall in Kimberly, WI with social time starting at 4:30 and dinner served at 5:30. Adults \$19, children 5 to 10 years \$6.50, children 4 and under free. Traditional foods accompany the lutefisk with Homemade Norwegian pastries for dessert. Homemade meatballs from a family recipe are prepared specially by the chef and a rutabaga casserole is a special feature of the dinner. Reservations by mail to Mary Vandenberg, 1185 Apple Creek Rd., Appleton, WI, 54913. Reservations due November 2.

Dates

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.
- The District 5 Convention will be June 22-26, 2016 at the Hotel Marshfield in Marshfield, WI. The convention is being hosted by the District 5 Board and a committee of local lodge leaders- Judy Ghastin and Dorothy Berg.
- The International Sons of Norway Convention will be August 22-27, 2016 in Tacoma, Washington.