

Friendly Fifth Friday News October 30, 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

Zone Alignment Committee Report from the District 5 October Board Meeting

Chr. Darlene Arneson, Cheryl Schlessler, and Andrew Johnsen. Others: Ray Knutson and Esther Charlton

The zoning issue is more than a mileage and logistics issue. Darlene had prepared a map of where lodges are located and there are geographic concerns as well as the number of lodges each board member is responsible for. The committee discussed the current relationship between the District and lodges, zone directors and lodges, and feedback zone directors get or don't get. There is concern about lodges that are discussing disbanding and their disconnect to the District. There is frustration by the zone directors that solicit responses but don't get any feedback as well as lodges that express frustration in not being contacted by zone directors.

Some options to consider and get feedback on from lodges (and other suggestions!)

1. Involve the alternates- in each zone you would have four people available for lodge support but just the two that would be official board members.
2. Restructure the board- Have a 14 person board electing a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Publicity Director, Youth Director, Sports Director, and Cultural Director along with one at-large representative from each state: Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Tennessee and Ohio.
3. Add a third director to Zone 6.
4. Keep the current zone structure but focus on better board training so the outreach could be made by the board members that would improve the relationship with the lodges.
5. Address the disconnect that lodges have with the District- not feeling a part of the District, increase attendance at the District Lodge Meeting (14 lodges didn't attend in 2014), completion of required reports and activities, and other areas that need improvement.

If any major changes are proposed, how will this affect the 2016 convention? Specific areas would include the nominating committee's work, the sequence of making zone changes and then board elections, the process of electing delegates to the International Convention, and the financial impact of any changes. **The committee recommends that these options be presented to lodges encouraging feedback and other ideas.** The board can then make a specific proposal at the spring 2016 board meeting that would be a bylaw change for the District Lodge Meeting.

**Please send your feedback on any of the zoning ideas or
your suggestions to Darlene Arneson
(arnesonfamily5@gmail.com) for the committee to see!**



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This WorldStrides program includes all transportation, accommodations, meals, excursions, and entrance fees. This program **does not** include airfare. This program arrives in Washington, D.C. and departs from Washington, D.C. *New Worlds Emerge staff work continuously to enrich our programs. Activities may vary to reflect the best local opportunities. City guides will lead our tours and answer your questions.*

Experience days like these...

Day 1 – Wednesday, June 15, 2016:

Explore the National Gallery of Art in search of Scandinavian artists before heading to the National Mall, the Nation's Front Yard. Visit the Museum of Natural History and meet with the curator of the precious gems and minerals exhibit. Enjoy an evening tour of the Jefferson Memorial, the FDR Memorial, and the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. National Memorial.

Day 2 – Thursday, June 16, 2016:

Enjoy a tour of the U.S. Capitol Building. Meet with a Congressional Delegation which has ties to Norway led by Minnesota-Republican Erik Paulsen. Witness, visit and discuss the Washington Monument. Experience the living memorial to the Holocaust and learn the role of the Norwegian Resistance during WWII. Watch the Sunset Parade at Iwo Jima.

Day 3 – Friday, June 17, 2016:

Visit The Embassy of Norway in Washington, D.C. Meet with a staff member and discuss current events. Learn the role of a country’s ambassador for labor, trade and international relations. Uncover the current projects of the Peace Research Institute Oslo. In addition, learn about Norway’s role in the Nobel Peace Prize. Enjoy a guided tour through the National Cathedral before heading to the Newseum for the afternoon. This evening you’ll discover the Evening Parade conducted by the U.S. Marine Corps. Before returning to the hotel, view the World War II Memorial, the Lincoln Memorial, Korean Memorial, and Vietnam Memorial.

Day 4 – Saturday, June 18, 2016:

Anchor your D.C. adventure in an insider’s tour of Mount Vernon, home of George Washington. See the smallest house in America in Old Alexandria. Stop at the White House to get your photograph! Celebrate your last evening in the D.C. Metro area, by cruising the Potomac River with members and their youth from **District 3 Lodges**. Network with others who share a passion for all things Norsk!

Day 5 – Sunday, June 17, 2016:

Money, money, money... See green at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing as you overlook the production floor and witness the production process. Head to the airport to depart for home as you reflect on your new understanding of our Nation’s Capital with a Scandinavian perspective.

Norwegian Ambassador Kåre R. Aas



Washington Memorial



U.S. Capitol Rotunda



Potomac
Cruise

Mrs. Cheryl Wille-Schlesser is an experienced middle school educator who has led similar trips to Washington, D.C. many times. She looks forward to sharing the exciting sites that our Nation’s Capital holds.

She is currently the District 5 Youth Director. She oversees the District's Youth Camp, Masse Moro and is responsible for awarding youth scholarships each spring, as well as the Oslo Summer School Grant.

Mrs. Schlessler is president of her local lodge, Vennelag 5-513, which means "Circle of Friends. You can follow both Masse Moro and Vennelag Lodge on Facebook.

You may contact Mrs. Schlessler via The District 5 webpage at: sonsofnorway5.com or at her home: rogcher@mhtc.net.

WI Regional Ski for Light

Breaking News

On Thursday, October 22, 2015 the WI Regional Ski for Light leadership committee met in Madison. The annual Ski for Light event scheduled for last February at the Rosholt Lion's Camp had been cancelled for two reasons –lack of snow and not enough registered participants.

Mike Graper, the ski instructor, shared comments about past events and his vision for the future. He reported difficulties experienced in scheduling guides for the vision impaired skiers when the event is a "maybe" and when participants don't really want to ski but merely have a weekend get-a-way. Mike said a resort in southeastern Wisconsin will be offering this type of guided skiing this coming ski season.

After much discussion, the committee voted to cancel the event scheduled for February 2016. Members of the committee will be gathering information about other types of events that could be offered to the blind community. The committee will meet in 2016 to reassess future events. *Reported by Duane Kittleson, a WIRSFL committee member.*

NOTE: Some local lodges have "Barnelopet" events. Please consider contacting local organizations who support the visually impaired and offer your event as an opportunity.

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

October 31, Orfordville Lutheran Norwegian Dinner

Orfordville Lutheran Church, 210 N Main St, Orfordville, WI

11 am – 3 pm

www.orfordvillelutheran.org or 608-879-2575

Serving lutefisk, lefse, meatballs, mashed potatoes, cranberries, coleslaw, rolls, pie, coffee and milk
Adults \$15 and Children 5-12 - \$5. Under 5 are free.

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.

New- November 14- Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner- Bazaar, Raffle, and Bake Sale
Christ Lutheran Church

220 S. Main Street, DeForest, WI 53532 Office: **608-846-4718**

11:00am - 5:30pm

Reservations accepted thru Noon on Friday, November 13th- 608-846-4718

Walk-ins are Welcome! Walk-in tickets available at 10:00 am, November 14

Adults \$16 4-12 yrs. \$8 Under 4 yrs. Free

BAKE SALE & BAZAAR Starting at 9:00 am - Close

Cleng Peerson Lodge- 525- Note date correction from last week's!!

November 21, 2015 from 4-6:30 PM

Norway Community Center, Norway IL

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