

Friendly Fifth Friday News October 11, 2016

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

Hidden Heroes: World War II in Norway

In 1998-99, some District 5 SON members wrote stories about their experiences as children or young adults in Norway during World War II. Other stories were told by Norwegian-Americans as they tried to help their families in Norway during the war. Those stories were originally printed as "Remembrances of World War II in Norway," by Jean Bittner, District 5 cultural director.

The best twenty of these stories are being republished as "Hidden Heroes: World War II in Norway" as a Masse Moro fundraiser. Everyone who has read a proof copy of this book has said they really enjoyed it, and it is full of interesting, spellbinding stories of real-life danger in resisting the Nazis. "Hidden Heroes" is printed in large type, making it easy for seniors to read, and has 52 photographs from Riksarkivet, the National Archives of Norway, to help illustrate the stories. It is written at a seventh grade reading level.

Consider buying this book as a gift for your children and grandchildren, to help leave a legacy where they can appreciate the Norwegian character we all have in us. You will enjoy having a copy for your own library. Make a donation to Masse Moro, District 5's youth heritage camp for \$25 and receive one book, five books for \$100, 15 books for \$250, and 33 books for \$500. You can also buy the book, and not make a donation, for \$20.

Orders placed with the Sons of Norway include shipping and tax. Send your check to:

Mike Palecek
SON District 5 Treasurer
5747 Sandy Lane
Mount Pleasant WI 53406

You can also order a single copy online <shipping and tax is extra> (with a credit card) at: www.lulu.com/shop/mike-palecek/hidden-heroes-world-war-ii-in-norway/paperback/product-22889076.html. To see a two chapter sample of the book, go to this website. Under the book cover picture, click on the word "Preview."

A book order form is attached. If your lodge would like to purchase copies to help support Masse Moro, you may want to use the books to start a book group, as raffle prizes or as a "tusen takk" to recognize hard workers in your lodge. Chapters from the book also can serve as readings for lodge cultural programs.

Hello District 5 Officers...

After serious deliberations at the meeting of the District 5 Board of Directors, I am pleased to report that the Board arrived at a price point for Camp Masse Moro attendance that makes this experience affordable for families and moves the District toward solvency in regard to the Camp account. For the 2017 two week camping session, the fee has been set at \$800.00. Please know that the administrators, staff, and Board will also be launching a series of fundraising activities to assist with rising costs. We will also be investigating a 501C3 tax exemption, which will allow individuals and groups to make tax deductible donations to District 5 and designate dollars to Camp.

I would encourage youth in your lodges and families to apply for local matching grants. Many lodges offer a grant for camp attendance and the District 5 Board matches that amount *UP TO* \$150.00. Some local lodges may need to limit the number of youth that they sponsor. Others may not be financially able to do so.

My suggestion would be to make your request early! By doing so, your family can also qualify for additional funding through the Draxten Fund at the Sons of Norway International. The deadline for qualifying for the extra Draxten funds is Wednesday, May 17th, Syttende Mai. This year our campers came from Washington, D.C., Texas, Arizona, Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, and Minnesota.

Vennelag Lodge, will be holding a silent auction in November to benefit Masse Moro. We welcome one and all to join us! Other suggestions that have been successful fundraisers are: garage sales, December bake sales or lefse sales, a special meal prepared and served at your lodge such as a Frokost or Kaffe Stue or even conducting a raffle. Be certain to check laws in your state in regard to the requirements for any raffles you may wish to hold. Wisconsin requires a raffle license.

If you are new to a leadership role in the Sons of Norway, you can see photos from Camp and learn more about what the campers and staff do by visiting their Facebook page: *Masse Moro* (which translates to "lots of fun.") You may also access additional information on the web: www.Sons of Norway District 5 Heritage Camp-Masse Moro.

If you would the administrators, (Kaia Ellis-greater Minneapolis area, Sarah Barnes-southern WI) or myself-any lodge in District 5 (upon approval by the District 5 President) to speak with your lodge members about this camping experience, please do not hesitate to ask! Also available to share information in regard to how Masse Moro began and what it ultimately means to the future of the Sons of Norway is the District 5 International Director, Jon Grinde, who was instrumental in its beginning.

Thank you,

Cheryl Wille-Schlesser, D5 Youth Director

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IMPORTANT CHANGES TO SONS OF NORWAY GRANT AND SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES

Corrie Maki-Knudson, Sons of Norway Foundation Director, has adjusted deadlines for 2017 grants and scholarships available through the Foundation. Please check the website for any changes.

GRANTS

- 1) Local Lodge Partnership Grant-promotion of Norwegian heritage, Max. Award \$1,000.00
DEADLINE: December 15, 2016

- 2) General Heritage and Cultural Grant-a focus on traditional Norwegian life or modern Norway, Max. Award: \$1,500.00, **DEADLINE: December 15, 2016**

- 3) Helping Hands to Children Grant-covers the establishment of educational or heritage programming for children, to include heritage camps, Max. Award: \$500.00, **DEADLINE: December 15, 2016**

- 4) Helping Hands to Members Grant-offers financial assistance to member families who have suffered loss due to natural disasters, Max. Award: \$1,000.00, **NO DEADLINE.**
Sons of Norway Scholarships

- 1) King Olav V Scholarship-open to members over age 18 who wish to explore Norwegian heritage, culture, or modern Norway at a university, Awards vary. **DEADLINE: January 2, 2017**

- 2) Astrid G. Cates/Myrtle Beinhauer Fund-Award: \$1,000.00 college study in any discipline at a U.S. college or university, Awards vary. **DEADLINE: March 1, 2017**

- 3) Nancy Lorraine Jensen Memorial Scholarship-open to women only wishing to pursue a degree in physics, chemistry, or engineering: mechanical, electrical, or mechanical, Applicants must be between the ages of 17-35, and other prerequisites apply. Awards vary. **DEADLINE: March 1, 2017**

- 4) Oslo Summer School-2 Awards of \$1,500.00 each, **DEADLINE January 2, 2017**

- 5) Helen Tronvold Norwegian Folk High School-scholarships to attend Norwegian Folk High school in Norway, **DEADLINE: January 2, 2017**

- 6) Lund Fun-a \$1500.00 award for Americans studying abroad, **DEADLINE: January 2, 2017**

- 7) Warne-Eng Scholarship-creates an opportunity for qualified applicants to attend educational institutions in Norway and assists with major costs of tuition, room, and board. See further prerequisites and details. **DEADLINE: January 2, 2017**

*For more information contact Foundation Director Corrie, Maki-Knudson. Her direct line is: 612-821-4632.