

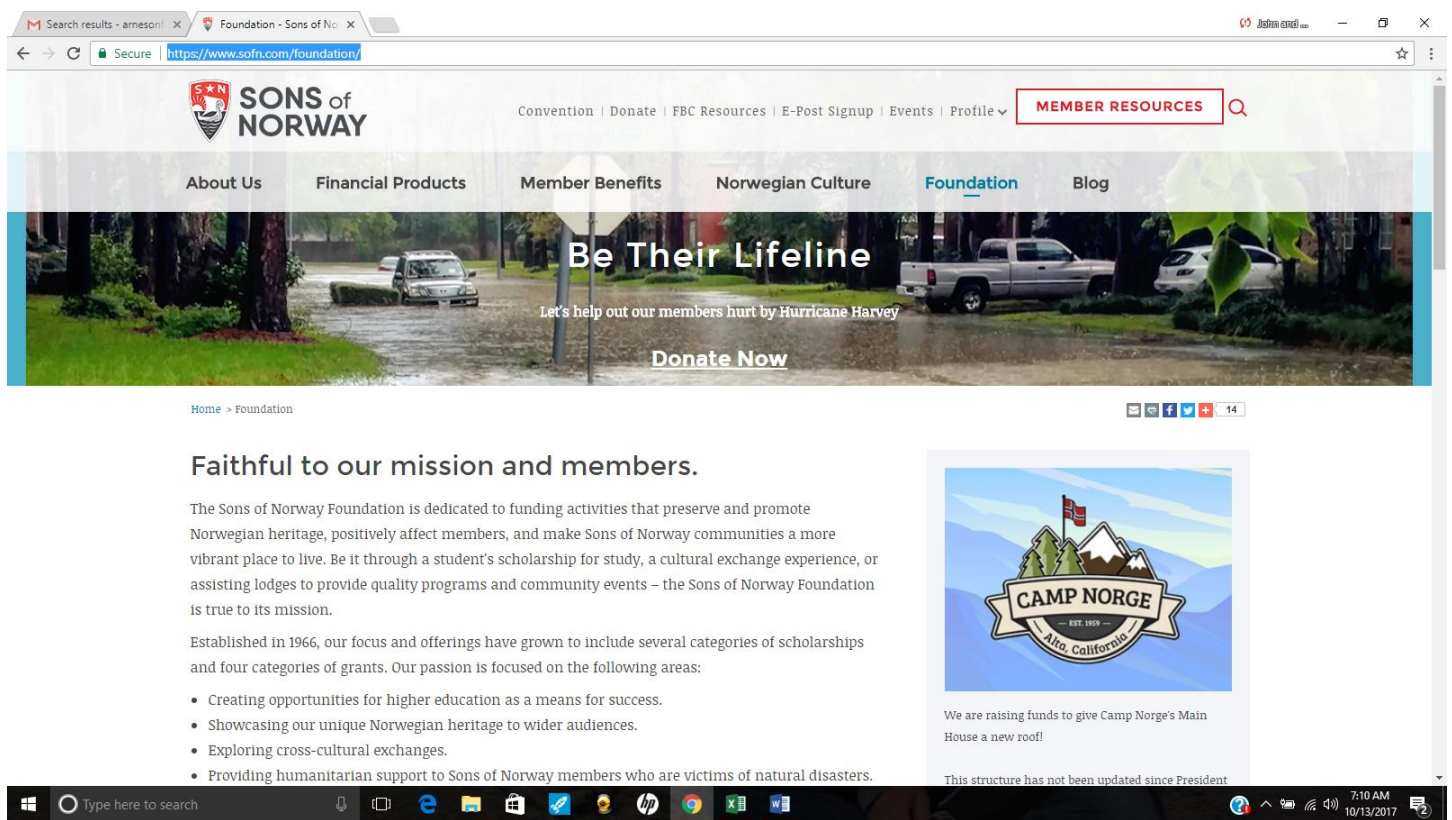
Friendly Fifth Friday News October 13, 2017

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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Questions on the new dues structure? 2018dues@sofn.com



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Sons of Norway Foundation website. The URL in the address bar is <https://www.sofn.com/foundation/>. The page features the Sons of Norway logo and navigation links for Convention, Donate, FBC Resources, E-Post Signup, Events, Profile, and MEMBER RESOURCES. A prominent banner reads "Be Their Lifeline" with the text "Let's help out our members hurt by Hurricane Harvey" and a "Donate Now" button. Below the banner, the text states "Faithful to our mission and members." and describes the foundation's dedication to funding activities that preserve and promote Norwegian heritage. A list of four focus areas is provided: creating opportunities for higher education, showcasing Norwegian heritage, exploring cross-cultural exchanges, and providing humanitarian support to victims of natural disasters. On the right, there is a section for "CAMP NORGE" (Aka, California) with a logo and the text "We are raising funds to give Camp Norge's Main House a new roof!". The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the date as 10/13/2017 and the time as 7:10 AM.

<https://www.sofn.com/foundation/>

Foundation Month!

We are helping raise money for the Foundation- here's an update from SN Foundation Director Corrie Knudson on how you can apply to get money too!

From Corrie:

We are having a campaign to help all our members impacted by these natural disasters. As there are still such issues with power, displacement, etc., we are unsure of how many are effected at this time. The campaign information is listed on the banner of the Sons of Norway's home page here <https://www.sofn.com/> or here is a direct link: <https://fundraising.sonsofnorway.com/campaign/hurricane-harvey/c143499>

But most importantly, I wanted to let you know our application portal for grants and scholarships will be live in October. We will have a few new things:

1) The requirement for a match on our grants will be dropped.

2) The former "General Heritage and Culture Grant" that used to have lodges/members competing with non-members for awards has been split into the two following grants:

- The Lodge Culture and Heritage Grant - open only to lodges for the same purpose as the former "General Heritage and Culture Grant"

- The Community Partnership Grant - open to non-members/groups, focused on Nordic culture, limited number of awards

3) We are introducing a new, "Lodge Vitality Grant" that will have funds available to lodges that "need an extra boost" for something operational in nature or may help their lodge grow. For example: replacing old, non-function equipment, purchasing audio/visual equipment for programs, initial fees to set up a lodge website, etc.

4) There will be a new scholarship available to insurance members over the age of 40 called the "Helen Tronvold Adult Learner Scholarship." It will be for up to \$3,000 and will pay for one person a year to travel to Norway to take a class or classes focused on Norwegian studies.

We are excited to roll-out these new grants and scholarships. There was some information included in the Viking, and sent out via E-Post, Viking Resource and the Newsletter service but I wanted to make sure you were aware of these new opportunities.

Updates on Foundation Grant and Scholarship Opportunities:

The Sons of Norway Foundation has restructured its grant program to distinguish applications from our Sons of Norway local lodges apart from those of external entities. We have also added a new grant focused on giving lodges a "boost" by funding operational projects that may beyond the lodge's budget. Lastly, the Foundation has dropped the requirement for lodges to match the amount of support for which they apply. We are truly pleased to share these changes with you. Please read below for further details:

Lodge Vitality Grant: up to \$1,000, due December 31

The Lodge Vitality Grant has been newly created to focus on "giving lodges a boost" in their operating budget they would not likely receive from other sources. Applicants must provide an itemized budget, explain how they will use the funds and demonstrate how this grant will help with the lodge's growth or goals.

Examples of eligible projects include replacement of aged or failing equipment that may be vital to the lodge's meetings/programs, new initiatives to increase membership, a new program to engage younger generations, etc.

Culture and Heritage Grant: up to \$1,500, due December 31

Formerly titled the “General Heritage and Culture Grant” this grant opportunity accepts proposals for activities that promote and preserve Nordic culture but is open only to our lodges in Canada, Norway and the United States.

Examples of eligible projects include cultural classes, lodge cultural fairs, hosting of visiting groups, instructional videos, etc.

Helping Hands to Children Grant: up to \$500, due December 31

The only change to the Helping Hands to Children grant is that a match is no longer required. All lodges from Canada, Norway and the United States are invited to apply for educational or mentoring for children within their lodge or partnering with a local program that serves children.

Examples of eligible projects are: Adopt-A-School, Barnas Norsk Klubb, children’s heritage programming, books for reading programs, school equipment, mentoring services, supplies and other special programs for children.

Community Partnership Grant: up to \$1,000, due December 15

In keeping with the mission of the Sons of Norway Foundation, we invite non-members from Canada, Norway and the United States to apply for support for projects that will promote Nordic culture and heritage.

Examples include programs/projects in the fine arts, festivals, parades, genealogy conferences, etc. These awards will be limited up to a maximum of five per year.

The Helen Tronvold Scholarship for Adult Learners: up to \$3,000, due January 15

The Foundation is excited to offer this new opportunity for insurance benefit members over the age of 40+ to take class(s) in Norway, including at Oslo International Summer School. If you have always wanted an academic experience in Norway now is your change to apply for a scholarship!

The application portal will open in October of 2017.

2018 Grant and Scholarship Deadlines

December 15: Community Partnership Grant
December 31: Helping Hands to Children Grant*
Lodge Culture and Heritage Grant*
Lodge Vitality Grant*

January 15: Douglas Warne – Rolf & Wenche Eng Scholarship
Helen Tronvold Adult Lerner Scholarship**
Helen Tronvold Folk High School Scholarship*
King Olav V Norwegian-American Heritage Scholarship
Lund Fund Scholarship*
Oslo International Summer School Scholarship*

March 1: Astrid G. Cates/Myrtle Beinhauer Scholarship*
Orel and Marie Winjum Memorial Scholarship
Nancy Lorraine Jensen Memorial Scholarship*

*Minimum of social membership with the Sons of Norway required

**Insurance membership with the Sons of Norway required

Lutefisk dinner season ahead and the calls are coming!

I have had several calls this past week and email requests to the District about when, where and how much all the lutefisk dinners are!

If your lodge has a lutefisk dinner or there are ones in your area, please send me the information so we can share it.

I need the: name, date, time, street address, price, phone number of who to call, and if they need reservations.

I do NOT want all the other event flyers for other types of events and dinners. Please post that on the District calendar. I just have time to do the lutefisk dinners! We'll post them on our Facebook page, District calendar, and in this document!

District Calendar of Events: (new items in red)

October 2017

- October 20-22- District 5 Local Lodge President's Conference and District 5 Board Meeting
- Nominating Committee report due to Lodge

November 2017

- Elect Lodge Officers for coming year (unless you have two-year officer terms)

December 2017

- December 1 – SN Foundation **General Heritage and Culture** grants due
- December 15 –SN Foundation **Local Lodge Partnership and Helping Hands to Children** grants
- December 15- **D-63 Report of Elections** due. Send one copy to International Headquarters and one to District Secretary.

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 27-July 1, 2018 at Hotel Radisson in La Crosse, Wisconsin.
- The International Sons of Norway Convention will be August 16-18, 2018 in Minneapolis, MN.

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