

Friendly Fifth Friday News

October 20, 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

Send all web posting info to inputd5@sonsofnorway5.com

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

Lutefisk dinner season ahead – the list grows!

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 President's Conference this weekend!

This weekend is our District President's Conference and the District 5 Board Meeting in southeastern Wisconsin. We are pleased to have almost 50 people attending the conference and appreciate the lodges participation!

What will you be missing? Here's the final agenda for the weekend. I will also be posting pictures on the District 5 Facebook page over the weekend and we'll be adding the presenter's handouts to the Leadership Section of the District 5 website. We are excited about the weekend and are happy that we can provide resources to our members and lodges.

We also will have International President Jon Tehven and Fraternal Director Linda Pederson with us so will get first-hand information about the new dues structure, resources that are available, and have time for lots of small group discussion!

Presidents Leadership Conference Agenda

Final (10/19/17)

Friday – October 20

- 9:00-2:00 District 5 Committee Meetings (scheduled by individual committees)
- 1:00-4:00 Registration
- 2:00-4:30 District 5 Board Meeting
- 5:00 PM Dinner- sing Norsk table prayer
- 6:00 Welcome to the conference- President Andrew Johnsen
- 6:30 PM Characteristics of successful lodges (Jon Tehven and Linda Pederson)
- 8:00 PM “About Me” game led by Mike Palecek

Saturday – October 21

- 8:00 AM Breakfast
- 9:00 Lodge member recruitment ideas (Nicholas and Ann-Mari Baldukas, Diane Palecek,
Michaela Decker)
- 10:00 – Breakouts
- A1 – Developing a rapport with members of all ages (Mike Palecek/Michaela Decker)
 - A2 – Community service ideas for your lodge (Linda Pederson and Darlene Arneson)
 - A3 – Special lodge events (Kathy Secora)
- 11:00 – What’s working with my lodge and what’s not (Andrew Johnsen)
- Noon – Lunch- sing Norsk table prayer
- 1:00 PM – Dues discussion and lodge membership retention ideas (Jon Tehven and Linda Pederson)
- 3:00 – Breakouts
- B1- Lodge Programming that reaches and serves all ages – (Panel: Linda Pederson, Cheryl Wille-Schlessler)
 - B2 – Turning your lodge around, making it better, and planning for the future (Darlene Arneson)
 - B3 – Lodge fund raising ideas –Mike Palecek

4:00 – Breakouts

- C1 – Community public relations and marketing (Darlene Arneson and Cheryl Wille-Schlesser)
- C2 – Strategic planning for your lodge (Mike Palecek)
- C3 – Monthly lodge program ideas (Lucy Ghastin)

5:00 – Dinner- sing Norsk table prayer

6:30 PM - Identifying and developing future lodge officers (Jon Grinde)

8:00 – Entertainment led by Andrew Johnsen

Sunday - October 22

8:00 AM - Breakfast

8:45 - Reflection worship- Darlene Arneson- You Tube- ***Be the Change inspirational video***

9:00 - What to bring back to your lodges- developing your action plan from this conference- Darlene Arneson

10:00 - Zone meetings- setting zone activity dates, goals and communication plans- led by Zone Directors.

11:00 - Departure

12:00 – Working District 5 Board luncheon and resume District 5 Board Meeting

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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