

**Please share with District 5 Delegates and those attending  
Questions and Answers about the 2016 District 5 Convention  
Update as of June 21, 2016  
Darlene Arneson, District Secretary**

**More to come for District Board members and committees  
(check email later tonight or early tomorrow!)**

The District Convention and Lodge Meeting only happen every two years. There are two parts to the event- the Lodge Meeting which is all the business and the Convention which is the cultural, heritage, social and other events. The convention rotates around our District based on bids placed at the previous convention. Our District is Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Tennessee.

Just a few items as we all get ready for this week's events. It's been a really busy time and I hope that everyone is ready for a few days of getting Sons of Norway business accomplished, having some fun, and meeting with our members.

**Questions may be directed to planning committee members or Districts 5 Board members.**

- Dorothy Berg -- advertising in program book, well wisher lists -- bergdo@msn.com
- Diane Hesseltvan Dinter -- vendors, pins & t-shirts, registration, sponsorship, classes, presentations, -- bbaclio@gmail.com
- Esther Charlton -- cultural display -- esthersofn@aol.com
- Owen Christianson -- Viking Feast -- owen.christianson@gmail.com
- Judy Ghastin -- volunteers -- judy62ghastin@gmail.com
- Delegate and business meeting information: Darlene Arneson (arnesonfamily5@gmail.com) or Owen Christianson -- owen.christianson@gmail.com

**Where to go once you park the car?** Hotel registration is near the carport (overhang) and the convention registration is in another location.

**As we prepare:**

- Hotel address: Hotel Marshfield, 2700 S. Central Avenue, Marshfield, WI 54449
- Please bring along your copy of the 2016 Report's Book. The 2014 District Lodge minutes were approved by the District 5 Board. If you want a copy of them, they are on the District 5 website and your delegates and lodge president received a copy after they were approved.
- Some of the Wednesday classes were cancelled. If you registered for a class, you should have received correspondence by now.
- There wasn't enough interest in the golf tournament and it was cancelled due to

lack of interest.

- We will have a number of items for you to take home to share with your lodge. Be prepared to have an extra bag, container, box for all your goodies!
- Those coming for Wednesday classes can get their convention registration materials prior to class starting.
- We are also going to be having a Sons of Norway Foundation presentation by our new Foundation Director and will “pass the piggy”. If you haven't been a Foundation contributor before, this is a great opportunity to learn about the Foundation and to offer your personal (or lodge) donations.
- There will be vendors at the convention with items for sale. Please consider supporting their effort of coming to the convention.
- Bring along your walking shoes if you want to join the walkers early in the morning. Andy Johnsen has organized two morning outings benefiting Masse Moro. The Walk-A-Thon is at 6 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. Fee is \$5.00 for participants and sponsors. We meet in the morning in the hotel lobby.
- If you have questions on your registrations, please contact Diane Hesseltvan Dinter. I don't have that information (i.e. meals, classes and other details).
- If you have changes in delegates, please let me know ASAP. Any materials sent to the original delegate should have been passed along to the alternate.
- Keep in mind that we will be electing District Board Members and International Delegates at this district lodge meeting. Please consider this opportunity, review your benefit member status, and talk to your spouse BEFORE coming to the convention!
- The attire is business casual-business for most events. As leaders of your lodge and as we are in the public's eye, our attire should reflect our roles in the District. The banquet is formal- business/formal, bunads, black tie, Norsk sweaters.
- If you have a camera, take pictures! It would be great to have a nice photo show afterwards or even at the last session. Casual photos are always great so please don't be camera shy!
- If you have stamps, bring them along! We'll send them along with Lucy Ghastin, Idun Lodge delegate, who will give them to Mary Bennett who is our District Tubfrim coordinator.
- We have many informal educational areas including a delegate orientation. This is optional but I think you'll find it helpful.
- Please try to attend the workshops on Thursday. Have your delegates and spouses split up so that you have someone at all workshops and can share that information back with your lodge.
- If you have questions or don't understand something, please let us know! We are more than happy to help!
- The hotel is air conditioned and sometimes they have the rooms cooler when there are lots of people. You may want to bring along a sweater.
- We also have two outdoor events so bug spray and sunblock might be appropriate.
- We have a lot of fun at the convention- be prepared for some entertainment by your board members.

### **Were the delegate materials and the Reports Book mailed out?**

NO not by hard copy. Remember the 2012 delegates voted that it will be in an electronic format so the process will be a little different. Delegates will receive a mailing with a password and the book will be found on the District 5 website. Your lodge president received a hard copy of the Reports Book and instructions to make sure that all the lodge delegates got the email. If not, the President was to help you get a copy of the book. It is also posted on the District 5 website ([www.sonsofnorway5.com](http://www.sonsofnorway5.com))

### **What if we have delegate changes?**

Please let Darlene Arneson, District Secretary, know by emailing [arnesonfamily5@gmail.com](mailto:arnesonfamily5@gmail.com) or calling [608-514-4951](tel:608-514-4951) (cell)

### **What do we bring to the convention?**

- Ideas to share from your lodge! There is an emphasis on idea and program sharing at this convention.
- All your delegate materials, resources and items for the business meeting.
- Trimmed stamps for Tubfrim! They can be given to Lucy Ghastin, Idun Lodge delegate, who will deliver them to Mary Bennett.
- Extra money as we'll be hosting the Silent Auction, 50-50 raffle, Heads & Tail fundraiser and other fundraisers. The District has some cheese slicers and potholders yet for sale.
- Walking shoes, and other items for sport and recreational use. If you have a kubb game, bring it along but please mark all the pieces with your initials!
- If your lodge or you want to bring items for the Silent Auction. We encourage new or "gently used" items that will be appropriate for other delegates and guests to bid on! All proceeds go to the District.
- Your bunad! You can wear it at the anniversary banquet.
- Your items for the Folk Art Competition if you have registered for it.
- Items to donate for the Silent Auction – the auction benefits the District 5 general treasury.
- Lodge and individual donations to the SN Foundation. Delegates will be getting information from our new Foundation Director..
- Watch the emails and District website for additions to this list!

### **Other items that Judy Ghastin had shared back in May:**

There is a small "lift" to access the second floor at Hotel Marshfield. A lift is slower than an elevator, but it does the job. To help keep things moving when you check in, we will try to have enough strong young volunteers to carry luggage to the second floor via the stairs on Thursday. There will be volunteers on call Wednesday afternoon as well. Ask at the hotel front desk if you need help getting luggage to the second floor. We will do our best to help you promptly.

Thursday evening enjoy a Viking feast with a menu similar to food available in Viking times. After dinner, learn how a Viking longhouse was built, then top off the evening listening to tales from the Sagas around the open outdoor fire. The two events which follow the feast are open to all e good exercise convention attendees.

Bright and early both Friday and Saturday mornings the traditional walk-a-thon will take place with participants following a local guide through a nearby park. The walk-a-thon offers some good exercise and helps raise money for District 5. The early morning workout ends in time for delegates to prepare for the business meeting.

Friday night dinner is on your own with the option of a burger special at Libby's or ordering pizza in from Scotty's downtown. No reservations are needed for this meal. Friday evening Kubb will be set up in a neighborhood green area. All are welcome to join.

After two days of serious business it will be time on Saturday to honor the outgoing and incoming District 5 officers and directors at the installation ceremony with the banquet later in the evening. Bring your bunad to wear for this festive occasion which includes Scandinavian music and awards.

The committee has done everything possible to keep costs within reach of everyone who wishes to attend. The delegate and non-delegate registration fee is \$65. That is less than four years ago! It includes four coffee breaks, Friday lunch, Saturday lunch and registration materials.

Convention pins at \$5 and T-shirts at \$10 (\$13 for 2X & 3X sizes) can be ordered and picked up at the convention. The order form is with registration materials sent to lodge presidents and on the District 5 website.

Thanks!