

# **NYHETER BREVET**

## **A NEWSLETTER FROM VALKYRIEN LODGE 53**

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**SONS OF NORWAY**

**District 5, Zone 1**

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### **ORD FRA DIN VALKYRIEN LOSJE PRESIDENT**

Now we may be glad 2021 is here but not as we had hoped a year ago. The virus still rages in our state and community so that we will be unable to meet for the next two months. We hope for the vaccine soon in our area which will protect us and enable us to meet together again. I have talked to a few of our members. We are thankful those who were infected have recovered.

We thank Don and Arlys Olson for doing the newsletter for many years. This is my attempt to put something together to keep us connected. If anyone is interested in being the newsletter editor, please let me know. It is sent out every two months.

The annual Barnebirkie in Hayward is still being planned but with many modifications. The kids will be skiing over two days on Feb. 25 and 26 between the hours of 11 to 2. Instead of finishing at downtown Hayward, the race is held north of town. There will be no cookie tent for Sons of Norway District 5 to maintain. The District 5 is sponsoring a Clif Z Bar for the children in their registration bag. Volunteers will also be very limited in numbers and no spectators are allowed. The adult Birkie also will be run in a loop on the course north of town. This will help keep people at a safer distance. So lodges will not be asked to donate cookies this year.

If you have computer Zoom capabilities, Tuesday evenings our district has speakers on Scandinavian topics at 6:30 pm. Nordic News introduces you to experts on Nordic and Nordic-American heritage. It is a "radio show" produced by the Fifth District, on Tuesdays at 6:20 PM. The link to past speakers is on our district 5 website under program tab, then click on speakers' bureau.

If you received Christmas cards this past year and still have the envelopes they came in, Norway could use the stamps. Tubfrim in Norway sells stamps to collectors to raise funds for children with disabilities and eradicate tuberculosis. Cut off the stamp leaving 1/2 inch margin around them and bring to our next meeting. They also will take postcards or envelopes over 50 years old.

Congratulations to all who participated in the Virtual Walk to Norway. Our lodge traveled 6,526 miles. That mileage got us to Ringasker, Norway 4,036 miles away and over half way back to the States. I had 11 members send me their miles and 4 of them earned their walking medals to join four others who already earned these medals in previous years. Our champion walker is Bette V. who earned all four medals walking since November of 2019. I will be ordering medals to give out at our first meeting together. We hope you will continue to be motivated to exercise to be healthy.

Audrey Severson, President

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Gratulerer med Dagen  
Happy Birthday

January: 13 Mary

February: 2 Randi  
8 Sylva  
16 Betty

March: 2 Kathy

### Items for Sale

Our District still has clothing items for sale as a fundraiser for the district foundation supporting Masse Moro.

**Sweatshirt**-Navy with "Explore your Nordic Heritage"

**Hats:** Navy or Black with "Norge"

**Apron:** Navy with "After a hard sea voyage Come home and Kiss the cook"

**Deck of Cards:** with Nordic pictures

Call Audrey if interested.



## MOTHER'S DAY IN NORWAY

It's a celebration that honors mothers, motherhood and maternal bonds. The idea started in America when a woman called Anna Jarvis held a small memorial service for her own mother on 12 May, 1907, two years after she had died. The day is an American invention, but it has taken root in Norway.

In Norway, Mother's Day is celebrated on the second Sunday in February, this year the celebration will take place on Sunday, February 14. The United Kingdom celebrates Mothering Sunday in March, Luxembourg honors their mothers in June and Russia rejoices for moms in November. However, Norway is the only country to celebrate Mother's day in February, and although the day lies so closely to Valentine's Day, Mother's Day remains the most important holiday of the month. February is undoubtedly the busiest month of the year for flower shops in Norway, and some women will be lucky enough to get flowers twice!

In Norway, Mother's Day was first celebrated in Bergen on February 9th, 1919, and was initially organized by religious organizations. Since then Mother's Day has evolved into more of a family day. There are no specific traditions associated with the day, but in many homes mothers are typically served with breakfast in bed and accompanied with gifts, flowers and cake.

Thank you to Edward Mike Wick from Nor-sota Lodge for the article.

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Here is a link to a slide show of the history of Sons of Norway and how it spread across the country. It runs about 20 minutes.

“Norway History 1895-2020” :

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v\\_eZDMuubQk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v_eZDMuubQk)