

## **Friendly Fifth Friday News**

### **November 11, 2022**

**Send all web posting info and calendar dates/events directly to our webmaster at [inputd5@sonsofnorway5.com](mailto:inputd5@sonsofnorway5.com). Feel free to share this with your lodge members!**

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### **Sad news- the end of an era for TUBFRIM**

Greetings all : Just hear from Ole Hillestad that Tubfrim is closing. The following is from their website and is the web translation, a little rough in places:

TUBFRIM in Nesbyen has been decided to be closed.

The owner of TUBFRIM, the National Association for Public Health, has decided this week to shut down Tubfrim's operations from the summer of 2023.

The ordinary operations of TUBFRIM will therefore cease from 22. oktober 2022.

TUBFRIM will continue to accept all used stamps until the New Year 2022/2023, while alternative solutions are being worked on.

The society is digitizing, and the amount of collected stamps has decreased drastically. The last five years, 2017-2021, shows that it will be difficult to produce surplus in the coming years. Therefore, the decision to discontinue operations is necessary.

The large reduction in the entry of stamps, already scaled operations with regard to the number of employees, and costs at a minimum provide very little action opportunities to continue expecting operating profits. With this backdrop, we can no longer defend operations at TUBFRIM without operating on saved up funds. The board of TUBFRIM has therefore decided that the ordinary operations of TUBFRim will cease from 22. oktober 2022.

Starting on the 24th In three to 4 weeks in October, there will be a one-stop sale with good prices to our loyal customers.

As of today, TUBFRIM has three employees, which constitute approximately 1.5 years' worth.

The National Association for Public Health, the board of TUBFRIM and the staff at TUBFRIM would like to express a big thank you to everyone who has collected and sent stamps to TUBFRIM over almost 100 years. This applies to private individuals, companies, government offices and municipalities. In addition, kilovis of stamps have been cut in hundreds of day centers around the country. This together has contributed to TUBFRIM "turn used stamps into good measures for children and young people".

History:

TUBFRIM was established in 1928 at Nesbyen by postmaster Ditlef Frantzen. TUBFRIM would collect and sell used stamps. The profits should be used for tuberculosis work among children in Norway. TUBFRIM was transferred to the National Association for Public Health in 1947. TUBFRIM built its own stamp house, Solstad, in 1958. At most, 14 people worked at TUBFRIM. Collection of stamps and other philateli has always been the main activity, although both Telecards and postcards have been additional products in later decades.

There have also been changes to what the profits will be used for. Today, the profits go to health and well-being measures for children and young people in Norway, and to the fight against tuberculosis. From 1928 until 2021 TUBFRIM has distributed NOK 26 million to approximately 2700 good measures.

Contact person regarding TUBFRIM:

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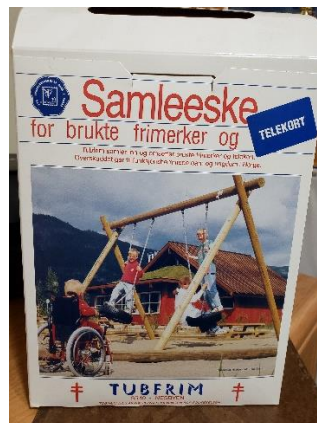
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Our many many thanks to all the lodges who have saved and sorted stamps over the years. And to all of our TUBFRIM coordinators, but especially Mary Bennett, who has probably spent into the thousand of hours of trimming stamps, going over boxes from lodges, coordinating delivery, and all her outreach and transporting stamps from lodges to the pick-up spots. We hate to see this program end as it's been a part of Sons of Norway for many years.

I'm not sure if there are other outlets for stamps. If some members can help explore options for used stamps, that would be great. Otherwise, I think its best to let our members know that the program has ended and the need to save stamps is over – at least for this project.

Thank you again for your support of this program. Here are some photos from our trip to TUBFRIM in Nesbyen when Sigrid was at the Norwegian Folk High School in nearby Gøl.

Darlene Arneson



# District President's 2022 Fall Report

## CHANGES IN D5 OFFICERS

The District 5 Board has been on a roller coaster ride since leaving the D5 Convention in Madison, WI, in June. The youth director and the treasurer have since left the board, citing personal reasons. In addition, they shared concerns about insurance products sold through Sons of Norway. I spoke to numerous staff at the home office, a former SofN board president, and other district presidents about this concern. During the International Convention virtual presentation, the need for change was mentioned. However, no specific timeline was given.

The youth director and treasurer exits posed additional challenges for the executive committee. Still, the good news is that we have found a person with much experience to serve as treasurer beginning January 1, 2023. Corey Olson, from Norse Valley Lodge in Appleton, WI, will assume that post. Corey is an internal auditor at a large corporation. In addition, a second person has shared their willingness to become the alternate treasurer. In the meantime, Darlene Arneson, Duane Kittleson, and I will work together to approve expenditures and process any district billing. In addition, Corey will assume responsibility for the books on January 1, 2023.

The position of youth director remains open. However, no current district board members indicated an interest in filling the vacated position. Therefore, the district secretary contacted delegates from the District 5 Convention for assistance filling the position. No one stepped forward. New language in the Sons of Norway Charter and By-laws, dated September 2022, provides additional procedures for the board. We are now in contact with others who are possible candidates.

## RECENT ADDITIONS

Bill Bultinck, Zone 6, volunteered to serve as the alternate international director, a position he held earlier for District 6. Connie Aiello, Zone 4, has volunteered as a second zone director. The district 4 alternate zone director is Michaela Decker, who previously served as the D5 sports and recreation director. In addition, a volunteer from Zone 5 is willing to serve as our district treasurer alternate.

## OTHERS WHO MAY WANT TO SERVE

Do you live in Michigan or Tennessee, where Sons of Norway cannot be sold? New language in the Charter and Bylaws includes a provision for seating interested members who do not own a benefit product. That language widens our talent pool, and I look forward to working with more members from those states.

## DISTRICT PRESIDENT VISITS

Early into my tenure as president, I went to Muskegon, MI, to present a 50th-Anniversary plaque to members of Sognefjord Lodge in Muskegon, MI. The lodge celebrated with an evening cruise on Lake Muskegon.

I answered a request from the Norsemen of the Lakes Lodge in Elkhorn, WI, to participate in their lodge open house in August. I presented information on Masse Moro and gave a second presentation on the Little Norway Building that once stood at Blue Mounds, WI. On November 8, 2022, I returned to the Norsemen of the Lakes Lodge and presented their 25<sup>th</sup>-Anniversary plaque.

By invitation from Rich Gunderson of Cleng Peerson Lodge, I visited the Norsk Museum in Norway, IL. Shortly after the meeting, I returned for the unexpected funeral visitation of Cleng Peerson's president, Charleen Seville, who introduced me to the museum the day of my visit.

An Adult Heritage Weekend, October 7-9, 2022, showcased many cultural activities and was widely appreciated. Plans are to continue this event yearly, locating it in different parts of the district. Next year's Adult Heritage Weekend is tentatively planned in Norway, IL. The October date is not finalized.

I joined the members of Mandt Lodge in Stoughton, WI, for their annual Foundation Night fundraiser. I took an "Uff-da" basket for the raffle.

Recently, International Director Duane Kittleson and I celebrated with the members of Cleng Peerson Lodge at their 50<sup>th</sup>-Anniversary celebration in Ottawa, IL. In addition, Susan Meyer, Honorary Norwegian Consul General of Illinois, announced that she has accepted additional responsibilities and will officially begin serving Wisconsin.

On Sunday, November 6, District 5 Board representatives and former D5 International Director and District President Jon Grinde gathered with members from Ostestaden Lodge in Monroe, WI. Guests offered words of congratulations on the event of their 25<sup>th</sup>-Anniversary. Although their actual anniversary date was during the pandemic, it was great to celebrate with Ostestaden's members who belong to a small but vibrant Sons of Norway Lodge. Gratulerer til alle!

On Sunday, November 14, 2022, I will join Lodge President Olga Fast from Nordland Lodge in Janesville, WI, for the lodge's memorial service.

From November 15-18, I will represent the Fifth District at the International Board meeting in Minneapolis, MN. I will join other district presidents to discuss the recent changes handed down from the international office and how they will impact our districts. In addition, we will look at seating our district boards and the need for serving our members in large geographic regions.

International Director Duane Kittleson will also be in Minneapolis that week. His commitment is for the entire week, which involves a series of educational discussions and consultations.

Trygvason Lodge, Osseo, WI, has celebrated 100 years of fraternal ideals. Unfortunately, I have spoken to the lodge president, and they will not meet any further this year. However, we have planned to present their anniversary plaque at next June's Midtsommer bonfire event.

D5 is coming alive! Please send me a copy of your lodge's newsletter if I am not on your current list. It is great to celebrate the successes of others and to glean an idea or two that can be modified and easily used locally. Thank you for all you do to further the Sons of Norway in your communities.

Med vennlig hilsen,  
(With best regards)

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## Deadlines and Dates! **Changes in red!**

- November 10- Photo submissions for the Viking to LaVonne Wier at [2nor1rus@gmail.com](mailto:2nor1rus@gmail.com)
- December 10- Photo submissions for the Viking to LaVonne Wier at [2nor1rus@gmail.com](mailto:2nor1rus@gmail.com)
- January 10- Photo submissions for the Viking to LaVonne Wier at [2nor1rus@gmail.com](mailto:2nor1rus@gmail.com)
- February 10- Photo submissions for the Viking to LaVonne Wier at [2nor1rus@gmail.com](mailto:2nor1rus@gmail.com)
- March 10- Photo submissions for the Viking to LaVonne Wier at [2nor1rus@gmail.com](mailto:2nor1rus@gmail.com)
- April 10- Photo submissions for the Viking to LaVonne Wier at [2nor1rus@gmail.com](mailto:2nor1rus@gmail.com)
- **April 14-16- Spring District 5 Board Meeting in southern Illinois**
- May 10- Photo submissions for the Viking to LaVonne Wier at [2nor1rus@gmail.com](mailto:2nor1rus@gmail.com)
- June 10- Photo submissions for the Viking to LaVonne Wier at [2nor1rus@gmail.com](mailto:2nor1rus@gmail.com)
- July 10- Photo submissions for the Viking to LaVonne Wier at [2nor1rus@gmail.com](mailto:2nor1rus@gmail.com)

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### Viking Chest / Immigrant Trunk Schedule

Oct 2022 to Apr 2023:

Chest--zone 1

Trunk--zone 2

Apr 2023 to Oct 2023:

Chest--zone 4

Trunk--zone 3

Oct 2023 to Apr 2024:

Chest--zone 6

Trunk--zone 5

Apr 2024 to Oct 2024

Chest--zone 2

Trunk--zone 1

Oct 2024 to April 2025

Chest--zone 3

Trunk--zone 4

#### **Note:**

- Check correspondence from the International and District and the International ([www.sofn.com](http://www.sofn.com)) and District ([www.sonsofnorway5.com](http://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.

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#### **FFFN Basics**

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!**

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With our new arrangement, I actually send the FFFN pdf to our webmaster on Thursday morning before I go to work. So if

you have anything you'd like me to consider putting in, please send it by 4 am on Thursday morning. Please do not send pdf's as I have a hard time cutting and pasting them. The Word Document works best for me. Don't forget that lodge events should be submitted to [inputd5@sonsofnorway.com](mailto:inputd5@sonsofnorway.com) as I have a hard time keeping track of all lodge activities. I'll put some in but that is more the role of the website event calendar.

If you would like to get the MS Word document, just shoot me an email and I'll add you to the list. I send it out right after I send the email to the large group.

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