


Friendly Fifth Friday News September 11, 2020

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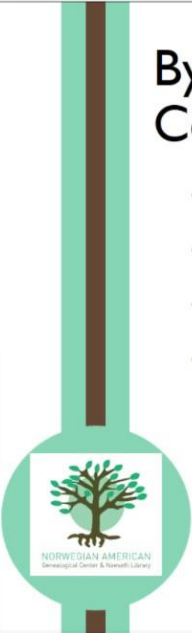
Nordic News this week...



A screenshot from a video call showing Dana Kelly, executive director of the Norwegian-American Genealogical Society and Library. She is in a room with bookshelves and a framed picture on the wall. The name 'Dana Kelly' is visible in a small box at the bottom of the video frame.

Bygdebøker Community Histories

- Not all kommuner have produced the books
- Only done in rural areas
- Not all books written in the same style
- Older volumes are usually less informative than newer



A logo for the Norwegian American Genealogical Center & Research Library. It features a stylized green tree with roots and branches inside a circular frame. Below the tree, the text reads 'NORWEGIAN AMERICAN Genealogical Center & Research Library'.

Last week's "Nordic News" featured Dana Kelly, executive director of the Norwegian-American Genealogical Society and Library. Kelly first became interested in her Norwegian-American ancestry as a elementary school student, when she wanted to learn more about her family tree. She has a degree in Scandinavian Studies from UW and can speak, read and write Norwegian. She has been to the old country to research her past.

Kelly gave a very informative presentation on the NAGL and research materials housed there. You can view her presentation at http://www.sonsofnorway5.com/programs/speakers_bureau.php

Our August 26th presentation was by Cheryl Wille-Schlesser in, "Mount Horeb WI – Troll Capital of America." Wille-Schlesser is a member of Vennelag lodge in Mount Horeb WI and District 5 vice president.

Many Mount Horeb residents are of Scandinavian descent. The first carved trolls were brought from Norway to Mount Horeb in 1976 by George and Janice Sievert. When a highway bypass was created around Mount Horeb, more trolls were brought in, to make a tourist attraction to encourage visitors to shop and dine in Mount Horeb. Many of Mount Horeb's original wooden trolls have been recreated in

resin, to preserve them from weather and aging. In Cheryl's presentation, she shares many stories about Mount Horeb's trolls.

Four D5 Scandinavian Photo Contest winners, who's trolls are featured as jokers in the playing card deck, also talked about their troll entries and the "behind the scenes stories." Those photographers are: Michael Charman (Shawnee Skogen – Carbondale IL), Mark Bjorgo (Fosselyngen – Milwaukee WI), Victor Bekkum (Dovre – Barron WI) and Cheryl Wille-Schlesser (Vennelag – Mount Horeb WI).

The August 18th Nordic News featured Carol Bender of Elvedal – Wisconsin Rapids WI, who talked about her work teaching rosemaling at Masse Moro (lots of fun) youth camp over the past 17 years. As part of weekly Nordic News programs, the audience also did show-and-tell, by holding up their favorite rosemaled items up to their computer cameras and shared comments about their treasures.

Upcoming "Nordic News"

Sept. 15 – Wendy Winkelman, Starting a New Sons of Norway Lodge – One year later

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Tune in at 6:20 PM (Central); 7:20 PM (Eastern) every Tuesday.

By computer: <https://gotomeet.me/SofN-D5>

By phone: 646-749-3112 (access code: 509-077-557)

By iPhone, iPad, or Android tablet/phone: download the GoToMeeting app from the Apple or Google Play Store. Launch the app and enter the meeting code: SofN-D5

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You can watch past episodes of Nordic News at:

http://www.sonsofnorway5.com/programs/speakers_bureau.php

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D5 Scandinavian Photo Contest update...

So far, we have received orders for over 150 of the 1000 decks of the D5 Scandinavian Photo Contest playing cards. The printer says that the cards will arrive soon.

Order form is at the D5 website: http://www.sonsofnorway5.com/financial/district_5_merchandise.php

From Vice President Cheryl Schlesser

I received the August membership report from Mark Agerter.

"We continue to see growth and are firmly over the 50,000 member mark with the addition of 271 new members in August. Great news indeed, but don't let up, we want to keep that positive momentum going!" Mark D. Agerter, International Vice President

SONS OF NORWAY

MEMBERS JOINING AND LEAVING *									
AUGUST YEAR-TO-DATE 2020									
District:	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>Total</u>
Members 01/01/2020	8,257	9,486	5,181	4,860	4,339	5,264	1,185	754	39,326
Local Lodge Members									
Joining	1,049	646	1,233	174	631	675	41	15	4,464
Voluntarily Leaving	729	676	466	322	258	422	-6	44	2,911
Involuntarily Leaving	161	100	81	85	80	77	36	6	626
Local Members 08/31/20									
Adult & Juv	8,416	9,356	5,867	4,627	4,632	5,440	1,196	719	40,253
Ins Non-Lodge Mem	2,352	908	663	736	709	539	2	15	5,924
Heritage Members	<u>697</u>	<u>1,032</u>	<u>502</u>	<u>683</u>	<u>385</u>	<u>523</u>	<u>271</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>4,129</u>
08/31/20 Total Members	11,465	11,296	7,032	6,046	5,726	6,502	1,469	770	50,306
% Members Owning Ins	45.1%	20.0%	33.6%	28.1%	37.6%	25.5%	1.7%	5.4%	30.7%
Membership at									
December 31, 2019									
12/31/19 Local Lodge									
Adult & Juv	8,257	9,486	5,181	4,860	4,339	5,264	1,185	754	39,326
Ins Non-Lodge Mem	2,330	920	653	755	722	532	2	17	5,931
Heritage Members	<u>717</u>	<u>1,070</u>	<u>515</u>	<u>727</u>	<u>405</u>	<u>538</u>	<u>297</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>4,312</u>
12/31/19 Total Members	11,304	11,476	6,349	6,342	5,466	6,334	1,484	814	49,569
% Members Owning Ins	42.6%	20.0%	28.7%	27.6%	35.2%	23.6%	1.8%	5.6%	28.8%
MEMBERS JOINING AND LEAVING *									
YEAR-TO-DATE 2019									
District:	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>Total</u>
Members 01/01/2019	7,925	9,092	4,660	5,096	4,292	5,120	1,176	800	38,161
Joining	855	807	650	250	409	405	51	27	3,454
Voluntarily Leaving	555	495	267	396	430	288	25	66	2,522
Involuntarily Leaving	159	113	74	87	85	82	15	6	621
Local Members 07/31/19									
Adult & Juv	8,066	9,291	4,969	4,863	4,186	5,155	1,187	755	38,472
Ins Non-Lodge Mem	2,329	922	665	765	722	538	2	17	5,960
Heritage Members	<u>733</u>	<u>989</u>	<u>526</u>	<u>737</u>	<u>389</u>	<u>534</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>4,252</u>
07/31/19 Total Members	11,128	11,202	6,160	6,365	5,297	6,227	1,489	816	48,684
MEMBERS JOINING AND LEAVING *									
Aug-20									
Local Lodge Adult & Juvenile									
District:	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>Total</u>
Members 07/31/20	8,377	9,351	5,686	4,630	4,591	5,411	1,217	719	39,982
Joining	173	82	250	21	85	94	3	2	710
Voluntarily Leaving	109	66	59	18	38	57	5	2	354
Involuntarily Leaving	25	11	10	6	6	8	19	0	85
Members 08/31/20	8,416	9,356	5,867	4,627	4,632	5,440	1,196	719	40,253
Increase for Month	39	5	181	-3	41	29	-21	0	271

* THIS REPORT INCLUDES JUVENILE MEMBERS

Why celebrate SN Foundation Month in October?

The Sons of Norway Foundation is dedicated to funding activities that preserve and promote Norwegian heritage, positively affect members and make Sons of Norway communities a more vibrant place to live. Be it through a student's scholarship for study, a cultural exchange experience, or assisting lodges to provide quality programs and community events – the Sons of Norway Foundation is true to its mission. Established in 1966, our focus and offerings have grown to include several categories of scholarships and four categories of grants.

Our passion is focused on the following areas- creating opportunities for higher education as a means for success, showcasing our unique Norwegian heritage to wider audiences, exploring cross-cultural exchanges, providing humanitarian support to Sons of Norway members who are victims of natural disasters. We have awarded \$1,375,000 in scholarships, \$390,000 in grants and more than \$500,000 in humanitarian aid. Take a closer look at our efforts, the results, and opportunities to get involved by visiting <https://www.sofn.com/foundation/> . Do you have someone in school who might qualify for a scholarship? Are you involved in a lodge or other group activity that may want to apply for a grant?

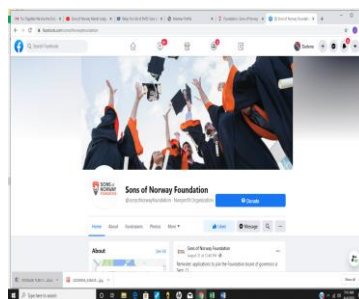
There is also a membership-wide fundraising campaign for the Sons of Norway Foundation. In coordination with Foundation Month in October and continuing through the end of the year, the Foundation aims to raise \$100,000 or more to support its programs. In just five short years, the Sons of Norway Foundation has granted more than \$730,000 to lodges, members, students and organizations around the country and world to promote and preserve Norwegian culture and heritage and provide higher education and humanitarian aid. We now have an opportunity to replenish what we have given so that we can continue to help others in the future. In that vein the theme for the fundraiser is "Together We Are the Future." You will also find a donation envelope in the next issue of The Viking magazine.

We are currently reaching out to leadership to make commitments for matching funds for the end of year campaign. We hope your lodge will participate. To learn more about the Foundation and all it offers, please visit <https://www.sofn.com/foundation/>

Darlene Arneson

District 5 Foundation Director

Check out the SN Foundation Facebook page too!



2020 District 5 and International Calendar and Deadlines

Changes in red!

September 2020

- Lodge liability premium sent to all lodge treasurers. This package includes information regarding the coverage, a certificate of insurance for the lodge and an invoice for the lodge's share of the premium.
- September 10 – Foundation Board of Governors applications due. If you are someone who loves nonprofits, governance and your Nordic values, running for a Foundation board position may be a perfect fit!

October 2020

- Lodge Officer Update/D63 form and instructions is mailed to lodge secretaries.
- The Sons of Norway Foundation portal is available for lodges and individuals to apply for grants and scholarships.
- Lodge Achievement, Family Lodge of the Year and AFA Year-end report forms and instructions is mailed to lodge secretaries.
- Lodge Baneløpet Coordinators are encouraged to contact Sons of Norway Headquarters to discuss plans for anticipated events.

October is Foundation Month

- Help support our grant and scholarship recipients and share your Nordic values by celebrating Foundation month! Please consider a donation directly to the Foundation or plan a fundraising event through your lodge.
- October 1 Grant applications open – Our lodge grants award amounts go up to \$500-\$1,500 depending on a lodge's project.
- October 1 Scholarship applications open – Scholarship opportunities start at \$1,000 with an average scholarship of \$3,000.

October 9-10, 2020

- District 5 Board Meeting in ~~Illinois~~

October 10, 2020

- Lodge photos are due to the District Publicity Director by the 10th of the month for the 'Viking' Magazine consideration in the edition three months out.

October 15, 2020

- Lodge liability premium is due to Sons of Norway Headquarters.

November 10, 2020

- Lodge photos are due to the District Publicity Director by the 10th of the month for the 'Viking' Magazine consideration in the edition three months out.

December 2020

- D17 and D18 forms, instructions and timeline sent to lodge treasurers.

December 10, 2020

- Lodge photos are due to the District Publicity Director by the 10th of the month for the 'Viking' Magazine consideration in the edition three months out.

December 15, 2020

- District 5 Sports Challenge ends

December 16, 2020

- Application deadline for:
 - Community Partnership Grant applications are due to Sons of Norway Foundation.
- Date that new member applications (paper forms) must be **received** at HQ to ensure processing in time for end-of-year delegate calculation and recruitment challenge recognition. (Online applications may be submitted through December 31.)

December 31, 2020

- Lodge Officer Update/D63 information is due to Membership Services at Sons of Norway Headquarters.
- Last day to enter new membership applications into the database for delegate calculations and 2019 recruitment challenge recognition. (**Paper applications should be received at headquarters by December 15** to ensure adequate time for processing.)
- Application deadline for:
 - - Lodge Helping Hands to Children Grant*
 - Lodge Culture and Heritage Grant*
 - Lodge Vitality Grant*
- Deadline to order Barneløpet supplies.



DISTRICT FIVE LODGE MEETING

Idun Lodge will host the meeting in 2022 in Madison, Wisconsin. Hotel and dates to be determined.

INTERNATIONAL LODGE MEETING

The International Lodge Meeting will be held in 2022 in Minneapolis, MN.

Viking Chest Rotation

- The rotation will begin again with this rotation.
- The zone directors are responsible for keeping track of the whereabouts and letting their lodges know that the chest is in their zone for that time period.
- The chest should be brought back to the District Board Meeting to be given to the next zone.

Time period	Zone with chest
October 2019-April 2020	5
April 2020-October 2020	2
October 2020-April 2021	4

April 2021-October 2021	6
October 2021 – April 2022	1
April 2022 – October 2022	3

Zone Meeting Schedule 2020

Zone	Date	Hosted by	Location
1	Thursday, Feb 20 at 1:15	Zone 1 Directors	Veterans Community Center, Hayward during the volunteer reception after Barnebirkie
2			
3	Sat. January 25	Mandt Lodge	Stoughton, WI
4			
5			
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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 25-28 at the Radisson Hotel, Grand Canyon Drive, Madison hosted by Idun Lodge.
- The International Sons of Norway Convention will be August 19-23, 2020 in Ringsaker Norway

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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!**

Send all web posting info and calendar dates/events directly to our webmaster at inputd5@sonsofnorway5.com 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 Wednesday night. 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@sonsofnorway5.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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