

# Sons of Norway District 5 - Friendly Fifth Friday News September 6, 2024

*A District Weekly Newsletter to Keep Us Up to Date!*

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The **Norsk Museum** is proudly sponsoring the Lars Idar Waage photo exhibit “A Dying Norway – In A Living America?” at the Norway Community Building for three days. September 13-15: Friday 6-8 p.m.- Saturday 1-5 p.m.- Sunday 1-5 p.m. On Sunday, the exhibit will join the Cleng Peerson Sons of Norway lodge meeting, with Mr. Waage presenting the program. This program is free to the public. Expect some coffee and Norwegian treats, while they last.

Stavanger Illinois is a tiny village surrounded by cornfields, with the closest city about 10 miles away. Stavanger consists of ten houses and a beautiful brick church, the Stavanger Lutheran Church. In 2015, this village piqued the interest of Lars Idar Waage, a photojournalist from Stavanger Norway. Waage was so curious about this American namesake, that he flew over to the U.S. to see it for himself. He was surprised to find a community frozen in time, still keeping the traditions alive from their ancestors of the 1800's. Only six miles away is Norway, Illinois, another small village. This was the original Fox River settlement, founded in 1833, by Cleng Peerson, the father of Norwegian immigration and the Sloopers. Norway, Illinois is the oldest permanent Norwegian settlement in America and home to the first Norwegian Lutheran church in America. Today this church serves as the home of the Norsk Museum. For 50 years, the museum has been preserving the history of our Norwegian ancestors and teaching the next generations about their heritage.

Lars Idar Waage was so impressed with Stavanger Illinois and the surrounding area, that he has returned 10 times! As a photojournalist, he has created quite a collection of photographic art, telling the story of “A different Stavanger. “ In 2019, his story was published in the popular Stavanger Norway news magazine, Lorsdag, a full color 16-page spread. In 2020, his story was brought to America and published in the Norwegian-American newspaper.

When Lars was asked about this upcoming photo exhibition, he said “I am very pleased to have the opportunity to showcase the photo exhibition in the USA, and the Norsk Museum is a perfect place to start. There is a historic thread connecting Stavanger, Norway, to Norway, IL, which we will be celebrating next year.” Stavanger is where this project first began but later expanded to include Ottawa, Newark, Serena, Seneca, Morris, Leland and more. Many area communities still embrace tradition, especially during the winter months. Following the showing in Norway Illinois he will be taking his photo exhibit on tour throughout America. The Norsk Museum has been honored to be the first to show this exhibition to the public in America.

Museum hours are from 1-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday from June through October, but tours are also available during off-hours to groups upon request. We are a non-profit, non-tax supported museum and our support is procured through fund raising events and donations. The museum is staffed entirely by volunteers. The Norsk Museum is always looking for items to display as well as more people interested in preserving our Norwegian heritage.

Please contact Dave Johnson, President of the Norsk Museum Board, if you have any information, stories, or photos to share. Norway Community Building (GPS: 3676 E. 2603rd Rd., Sheridan, IL 60551).

Tusen takk, Dave Johnson, Historian, Sloopers Society of America, Board President, Norsk Museum [www.NorskMuseum.org](http://www.NorskMuseum.org)



## Profile

- Same function
- New look
- User-friendly
- Expanded options
- Will vary depending on role



## New Profile Page

The International website has updated everyone's Profile Page with a new style and features. They have a very good PowerPoint that I encourage you to watch (maybe a few times) that goes through all the changes. From what I can tell, most changes are in the landing page and what is more accessible to us as lodge leaders. Once you click into an area, the ones that I've explored haven't changes (i.e. Activity report). We'll all learn this together.

I see there is a "Revert to Previous Profile Layout" if you are having issues with the new format. There also is a green box that allows you to chose if you'd prefer some items emailed/downloadable rather than having hard copies sent.



## International Board Process Begins

The emails have begun sending benefit members information about the candidates for the International board. Some of the board members still have two years left on their term but the two from District 5, Robin Fossum and Duane Kittleson, terms are up and both are not running again. If you are a benefit member, you should have received the emails. Benefit members without email will be getting something in the mail. Voting will close at 5:00 p.m. ET on September 30, 2024.

## **ZOOM Call- Updates and new processes!**

With a number of changes in the profile page, dues increase, upcoming lodge election reporting (D63), and International Board elections, the Board has discussed offering opportunities for us to discuss these changes and help each other through them! ZOOM calls allow any members the chance to tune in and understand some of the changes, brainstorm how they are handling things and working with their members and discuss other items of interest.

I will host the first one on Sunday, September 15, at 7 PM CST. Any Sons of Norway member can jump on the call.

Thanks

Darlene

Darlene Arneson is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Sons of Norway D5 Call on Updates and Changes

Time: Sep 15, 2024 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87517566855>

Meeting ID: 875 1756 6855

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## Sons of Norway Membership Benefits you should try!

There are many membership benefits that most of us either aren't aware of, don't take advantage of, or don't know where to find them. Having time at meetings to show them **how to log-in** is a big first step as that opens up so many resources for members! Here is the video on how to do that:

<https://youtu.be/4q-7Mxuww5Q?si=BNgdhKdlv2V687DT>

**#10- Norwegian for Reading Comprehension-** Learning Norwegian is never easy, however, especially for adult learners who may not have access to university extension programs. Even those who are lucky enough to study in a classroom often find that their instruction in modern standard Norwegian is not always useful for understanding older documents or texts written in the minority language form.

[https://members.sofn.com/members/showPage.jsp?document=norwegianforgenealogists/toc.html&\\_ga=2.236025027.337902980.1725536136-382800131.1674420980](https://members.sofn.com/members/showPage.jsp?document=norwegianforgenealogists/toc.html&_ga=2.236025027.337902980.1725536136-382800131.1674420980)

### Norwegian for Reading Comprehension

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## **Other Dates to Note (changes in red)**

September 15- ZOOM call on recent changes and updates hosted by Darlene Arneson- 7 PM CST

September 20- Viking Photos due to LaVonne Wier

September 30- Voting will close at 5:00 p.m. ET for International Directors

October 20- Viking Photos due to LaVonne Wier

November 8-9- District 5 Board Meeting- northern IL (Chicago area)

November 20- Viking Photos due to LaVonne Wier

December 20- Viking Photos due to LaVonne Wier

## **2025 Calendar**

January 20- Viking Photos due to LaVonne Wier

February 20- Viking Photos due to LaVonne Wier

February 20- Barnebirkie Race in Hayward, WI

March 20- Viking Photos due to LaVonne Wier

April 20- Viking Photos due to LaVonne Wier

May 17- Masse Moro Lodge Supporting Grants Due

May 17- Masse Moro Registrations Due

May 20- Viking Photos due to LaVonne Wier

June 20- Viking Photos due to LaVonne Wier

July 13-26- Masse Moro- Youth Heritage Camp in Fall Creek, WI

July 20- Viking Photos due to LaVonne Wier

August 20- Viking Photos due to LaVonne Wier

September 20- Viking Photos due to LaVonne Wier

October 20- Viking Photos due to LaVonne Wier

November 20- Viking Photos due to LaVonne Wier

December 20- Viking Photos due to LaVonne Wier

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## **Who to contact at the home office when you need help**

- You can email [cbs@sofn.com](mailto:cbs@sofn.com) for any member updates that need to be made.
- **Foundation, Scholarships & Grants- Amy Tuchenhagen**  
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- For matter like submitting a death, a change to a members address or other info please email [cbs@sofn.com](mailto:cbs@sofn.com)
- For issues with passwords or website use [ithelp@sofn.com](mailto:ithelp@sofn.com).
- The 800 number to call in for member support is 800-945-8851

**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 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!**

**Send all web posting info and calendar dates/events directly to our webmaster at [inputd5@sonsofnorway5.com](mailto: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 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.