

# Ole Bull News

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to District Five's newest lodge, Music City Vikings in Nashville, Tennessee. The lodge was instituted on October 31. We look forward to their participation in District activities.

Election of officers for 2010 have taken place. Committees will be formed, with one of the most important being the membership committee. I encourage all lodge presidents to appoint an active membership committee. Thank you to all of the officers who are completing a term and to those who will serve in 2010.

District Five will again be a sponsor of the Barnebirkie to be held on February 25. Cookies will be needed for the cookie tent at the end of the race and at the Sons of Norway booth at the Birkebeiner registration. All look forward to District Five's cookies. Volunteers are also needed.

The District Board is hard at work planning the 2010 District Convention. Delegates will be elected in February. Information tables will be available for delegates. Lodge success stories of fund raisers, programs, special events, etc. are needed. Please send your lodge success stories to me. We are looking forward to providing an information and fun filled convention.

The holiday season is near. Consider a gift membership to Sons of Norway for family members or friends or a Viking Voyager insurance policy for a child or grandchild.

Have a blessed Christmas enjoying Norwegian traditions.

Fraternally,

*Mary*

## **Velkommen Music City Vikings 5-681**



Lodge President Ken Sersland read a proclamation from Tennessee Governor Phil Bredesen which declares that each October 9th will be designated Leif Erickson Day. Members of the fifth district's newest lodge were hosts for the institution celebration that was held in Nashville on October 31. After meeting and greeting guests and visitors,

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The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote and preserve the heritage and culture of Norway, to celebrate our relationship with other Nordic Countries, and provide quality insurance and financial products to its members.

everyone enjoyed a buffet luncheon. Musical entertainment was provided by “Joe Sun and Friends”. A special original song produced just for this event, *Take Me Back* was performed by the outstanding American and Norwegian performers. The lodge officers were installed by District Five President Mary Bennett with assistance from other District Five board members. District Five Treasurer, Raymond Knutson read a letter of greetings from International President Dan Rude who was unable to attend in person. Remarks for the good of the order were offered by other District Five officers Vice President Burt Bittner, Secretary Darlene Arneson and Publicity Director Duane Kittleson. Lodge President Ken Sersland announced that the charter will be held open until December 31, 2009. Meaning that all members who join this lodge by the end of the year will be charter members of Music City Viking (MCV).



Arlene Christopherson, lodge counselor and Gloria Kleve, Sunshine Coorespondant register and greet everyone.

## Vice President's Message

Dear fellow members

Traveling in Sons of Norway circles, it seems as if not a day goes by without some reference to the September 2009 *Viking* article “Is Our Future in Jeopardy?” A great deal has been said in favor of the article, and in disapproval. I would like to think that you have studied the Special Report which is only six pages in length, and discussed it with your fellow lodge members. Reading many district lodge newsletters, I sense that many of you have done just that; and are taking action to retain and recruit new members.

Looking at our current membership by age (the chart on page 10 of the *Viking*.) you can easily assume that it is a mirror image of many of our lodges in District Five. And quite frankly, being a member of the largest group, I don't think that's so bad! We seniors have the time to spend pursuing our heritage interests as well as to enjoy the fellowship sociability, and camaraderie gained from being with friends – both old and new. Yet we are painfully aware that if our lodge is like a church without a Sunday School filled with children, it too will be one generation away from extinction. Just what are we to do about this dilemma? The article's Bottom Line is: “Recruiting and retaining younger members is critical to our organization's future.” Easily said. Not easily done. To accomplish this, many of us will have to “reinvent” our lodges and ourselves. New ways, different faces, strange and diverse programs and activities are difficult to accept – or at least try. Change. “That's the culprit, the sticking point – Change!” Looking in the mirror each day, we are aware of the changes life has in store for us –and many of us find it difficult to accept these changes. If your lodge's future is in jeopardy, do you dare to make some changes?

Looking again at the age distribution of our members, roughly half are over seventy. Increasingly, these members have special needs. They have difficulty driving at night, long distances, or at all. Some have physical weaknesses and are no longer able to clean up, serve dinners, or make and sell handicrafts and bake goods. In some cases, fixed or diminished incomes no longer provide the resources necessary to participate in all lodge activities. How many times have your hearts been touched as you have witnessed the needs of members in your lodge? How often have you *intended* to be the one to help? And yet how often has day-to-day living interfered and you've left it to others to help, feeling that “oh, surely someone will take care of that need.” The following poem may become one of your favorites:

*I have wept in the night*

*For the shortness of sight*

*That to somebody's need made me blind*

*But I never have yet Felt a tinge of regret*

*For being a little too kind*

*(Portions of this paragraph are excerpts from a talk given by Thomas S. Monson on 10/04/09)*

You all are aware that our membership goal for Sons of Norway, for the period July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2010 is to achieve net membership growth. Instead of having at least 6,524 members, as of September 30, 2009, District 5 has 277 members less. We now have 60 active lodges, and if a substantial number of them make the retention and recruitment effort, the goal is easily attainable – even though we would be reversing a downward trend. Ask your zone director for help.

At our forthcoming District Convention, three lodges will be rewarded with \$400 checks for achieving the highest percentage of net growth in their size group for the period January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009. The size groups are as follows: Small – 65 or less members; Medium - 66-99; and Large – 100 or more. 19 lodges are in the Small group, 20 lodges are in the Medium group, and 20 lodges are in the Large group (since our 60<sup>th</sup> lodge, Music City Vikings, has just been instituted, it is not included in this competition.) As of the end of September, it is still a wide open race for the \$400 prizes!

Fraternally,

Burton Bittner, District Five Vice President

### Greetings from District Five Treasurer

- ⇒ New cookbooks will be arriving soon; see Audrey Walsh’s article.
- ⇒ Thank you to Wergeland Lodge for the Runescape Jewelry orders.
- ⇒ Let’s all start baking those delicious home-made cookies for Barnebirkie February 25, 2010

Welcome Music City Vikings—Nashville, TN, instituted October 31, 2009.

Raymond P Knutson  
District Five Treasurer

### Congratulations to Leif Erickson Lodge—100 Years



Sons of Norway CEO Eivind Heiberg, District 5 President Mary Jane Bennett and International President Dan Rude were on hand to bring greetings to lodge members and guests.



Marleen Berg, Editor—Fagernes Lodge and Darlene Arneson, District Five Secretary are greeted by Lee Hardison at registration table.

Within the month of October, Sons of Norway members in District Five celebrated with one of the oldest lodges—Leif Erickson 5-97 to the newest the Music City Vikings (MCV) 5-681



District 5 board members are welcomed by MCV lodge president. From left to right District 5 President Mary Jane Bennett, MCV Ken Sersland , District Secretary Darlene Arneson and Publicity Director Duane Kittleson



District 5 President Mary Jane Bennett (far left) with MCV lodge members

## District 5 Cultural Director News

### NEW BATCH OF COOKBOOKS COMING YOUR WAY!

Christmas is coming and so are some more District Five cookbooks! If you want to purchase some, please call me at (262) 553-1456. The price is still \$12.00. After I find out the postage cost of sending them to you, I will call you back and let you know the total. You can then send a check to me made out to "DISTRICT FIVE SONS OF NORWAY" and I will then mail them to you. We have had many requests for extra books, so be sure to let your members know and order as soon as possible.

### ROSEMAL SAYINGS BOOK TO BE AVAILABLE SOON!

While attending the service at Minnekirchen, the Norwegian Lutheran Memorial Church in Chicago on October 11, I met Lynn Sove Maxson who is waiting for a book she and a friend have written about Rosemal sayings to be published. The book clarifies for artists and collectors correct meanings of the Norsk words. There have been many misinterpretations of these old sayings so that is the purpose of the book. Look for the book in your bookstore and/or ask them to order it. Contact Lynn at "sovmax@wowway.com" for further information or call me.

### FOLK ART EXHIBIT AND COMPETITION

District Five will again sponsor a Norwegian Folk Art Exhibit and Competition at the June 2010 convention to be held at the Milwaukee Marriott West Hotel in Waukesha. Presidents and cultural directors—please announce this at your meetings and encourage your talented folk art members to prepare an item or two for the exhibit. However, please note that items exhibited must be made during the past two years to be eligible. Application directions and forms will be sent to former exhibitors as well as to lodge presidents early in 2010. Presidents can make copies for all interested. Let's have 100 exhibitors this coming year!!! Please encourage your members to participate. We all enjoy and appreciate these priceless works of art which display our wonderful Norwegian heritage.

### ADOPT-A-SCHOOL

The Adopt-a-School handbook has been revised and offers easier ideas for lodges to use. This will be available at a later date, but some of the easier ones to do are collecting labels for a school to use for purchase of needed items or buying books about Norway for donation to a school library in your lodge's name. And, of course, a visit with a map and brief history of Norway and some cookies always goes over big. The children love our trolls and cookies! Anne Bruechert suggested that we have a form for reporting our Adopt-a-School activities. Please note that there is such a form in this newsletter. Make copies of it for your lodge and report the things you do so that we can share these ideas with each other. We have so many fine and interesting things to share with our communities about Norwegian heritage. The children would even be interested in knowing that a Norwegian invented the paper clip. (See form on next page)

### CULTURAL SKILL CONTEST

The lodge which earns the greatest number of Cultural Skill pins from June 2008 to May 1, 2010, will be awarded \$100. The individual in our district who earns the greatest number of pins during this time period will be awarded \$50. How are we doing? Our dance group is working on Level Three of the Norwegian Folk Dancing Skill and having a lot of fun plus a lot of exercise! I know that Wergeland Lodge in LaCrosse is busy as beavers earning all kinds of pins...So what about your lodge? It's not too late to get started!

### RUNESCAPE AND POPCORN!

It's not too late to order Runescape Jewelry. It makes nice Christmas gifts. If you need a catalog, please call or email me and I'll see that you get one quickly. It's a way for both the lodge and the district to earn some money. Also—another great fundraiser for the lodge is popcorn!! A wonderful company to work with is *RURAL ROUTE1 AT 800-828-8115*. Their motto is "Quietly grown along a country road in Southwest Wisconsin." The white chocolate covered popcorn with cranberries is out of this world and so is the "Mud Puddles"—caramel corn and peanuts coated in creamy fudge. Milwaukee, Kenosha and Madison lodges have worked with this company and rate it highly. The owner, Brian Arndt, a very personable young man, visited our lodge, brought samples for us to taste, and just fit in like an old Norwegian! Here's his email address if you're interested: [briana@ruralroute1.com](mailto:briana@ruralroute1.com). (Or call.)

Fraternally yours, Audrey Walsh

(262) 553-1456

[aakvik@wi.rr.com](mailto:aakvik@wi.rr.com)

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**ADOPT-A-SCHOOL REPORT**

LODGE NAME, NUMBER, CITY, AND STATE:

DATE OF CLASS PRESENTATION OR SERVICE TO SCHOOL:

NAME OF SCHOOL(S) SERVED AND LOCATION:

APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF STUDENTS IN ATTENDANCE IF VISITED:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE:

MEMBERS INVOLVED IN PREPARATION AND PARTICIPATION:

NUMBER OF HOURS INVOLVED:

SIGNATURE

DATE

Please send report to

Audrey Walsh  
Adopt-a-School Coordinator  
1320 33rd Court  
Kenosha, WI 53144



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**For Sale**  
**District Five Cookbooks**  
**\$12.00 + Shipping Charges**  
**To order call : (262) 553-1456**  
 (See Cultural Director report for details)

## District 5 Secretary Report

What an exciting time lies ahead for District 5. We have just instituted a new lodge, our District Convention is coming up in June, and plans are underway for Barnebirkie, Masse Moro, bowling tournaments, scholarships, and Zone meetings. I hope that you will help promote and participate in these activities and share information about them with your lodge members.

In the next few months, mailings will go out in regard to:

- **D-63 – Officer Election Report-** This report is sent to both the International and the District Secretary by **December 15!** The sooner I get all reports in from lodges, the faster I can get the 2010 Lodge Directory completed. If you submit your D-63 electronically, please make a copy for me as I do need a copy to update your officer lists! **You can send me a hard copy of the report, fax me a copy, or email it to me (my contact information is listed below.)** A copy of 2010 District 5 Lodge Directory will be sent to the Lodge President and Lodge Secretary. Please make sure your members and officers know that you have a directory. We print a limited number of directories and do charge for additional copies. The directory will be in a format that you are welcome to make your own additional copies.
- **Lodge of the Year (LOY) and Family Lodge of the Year (FLOY) forms-** There are two documents that also need to be done in order to complete the LOY, those being your **D-17 Audit Report** and collecting your volunteer hours and acts. As people are putting away their 2009 calendars, that's a great time to collect those hours. **LOY and FLOY forms are due on March 1 and are sent to your Zone Director.**
- **Election of Delegates-** After the year-end, I will receive the delegate count information from the International Office and will send the lodges a letter indicating their delegate and alternate numbers. You can be promoting the convention dates and encouraging people to consider being delegates. Please see Burton Bittner's article for convention updates. The District Convention will be held on June 9-12, 2010, at the Marriott Milwaukee West and will be hosted by the District Board. The International Convention will be the end of August in Idaho.
- **Bidding for the 2012 District Convention-** Has your lodge (or lodges in your area) considered hosting the 2012 District Convention? Bids for hosting it will be due in March in order that the Board reviews them and prepare for the selection process at the 2010 convention. More information will be in the mailings but you can be thinking about hotels, locations and other details needed in bids.
- **Bylaws and Resolution Changes-** Remember that the District Convention is where our business is transacted and where changes can be made! Information on submitting resolutions and bylaw changes will be sent out. If there are issues or concerns that your lodge members have, this is the process for making changes!
- **Sponsors, Exhibitors and Support for Convention-** You will find a survey in the mailing asking you to share some of the vendors your lodge purchases from, companies that the convention committee should contact for exhibits and sponsorship, and places that might provide in-kind donations. We are hoping to increase the sponsorship for the convention so that we can decrease expenses to convention delegates and attendees. Your assistance and suggestions will be greatly appreciated.

As much as possible, we will post copies of all mailings, surveys and other correspondence on the District 5 website ([www.sonsofnorway5.com](http://www.sonsofnorway5.com)). As we complete the 2010 calendar of events and deadlines, we will include that in mailings and post on the District website calendar of events.

Fraternally, Darlene Arneson, District Secretary

Contact information: 2056 Skaalen Rd., Stoughton, WI 53589. Phone 608-873-7209. Fax 608-873-5994. Email [Arneson@chorus.net](mailto:Arneson@chorus.net)

### Your District Convention - Making a Difference

Attend the three day District Convention 10th to 12th June 2010, and make a difference in your life, your lodge, and Sons of Norway. Members from Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, Tennessee and Wisconsin will gather for fraternal encouragement and enthusiasm, spending time with friends – old and new and acquiring ideas for lodge activities.

Convention plans are being made with you in mind. Our goal is for you to leave the convention saying: "I am so glad I came and had the opportunity to spend time with so many fine people, see old friends, and make so many new ones. The social activities were a lot of fun. The breakout sessions and the exhibits gave me so many ideas to take home to my lodge. The business meeting was very interesting, informative, fast-paced, and I had the opportunity to express my ideas and concerns."

After the 2008 convention, the delegates and guests were asked to provide their comments and suggestions as how to make the 2010 convention more beneficial. The convention planners are paying close attention to these comments and suggestions. For example: time will be provided for delegates to meet with members of other lodges and interactive breakout sessions will focus on ways to enhance lodge programs and activities. There will be opportunities to visit the numerous program, cultural and vendor displays. Procedural business matters are being streamlined. Enjoyable evening

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activities are planned and the Saturday Banquet will have outstanding entertainment.

Delegates at the Convention will elect District Officers and Board Members for the next two years, as well as the delegates to the International Convention, which will be held in Idaho in late August. Also this year, we will be electing an International Board Member to replace Jostein Bakken whose term will expire. If you are interested in becoming a District Officer, a Board Member (District or International,) or a delegate to the International Convention, please remember that you have to be a delegate to the District Convention to qualify, and an Insurance Benefit Member. If you are not already an Insurance Benefit Member, please contact your Financial Benefits Counselor. Counselors will also be available at the convention to answer your questions, provide advice, and take care of your needs.

You probably know of ways to improve our fraternal organization. This is your opportunity to offer ideas for change in either our District or International Lodge. Many changes are Procedural, while others may require changes to the Constitution. Discuss your ideas and recommendations with your fellow lodge members, and if they agree and support your position, prepare a resolution to be acted on at the convention. Seek support from the other lodges within and outside of your zone. At the convention, talk with other delegates, seek their support, and when you have the opportunity, share your ideas and concerns on the convention floor.

Plan to come to the convention – either as a delegate or as a guest. Guests are welcome to participate in all of the activities, except voting or speaking at the business meeting. Delegates are to be selected at your lodge's February meeting. Your ideas and suggestions are sought and are welcome. Please contact one of the following members of the convention committee: Mary Bennett, Ray Knutson, Darlene Arneson, Audrey Walsh, Duane Kittleson or Burt Bittner.

Fraternally,

Burton Bittner, District 5 Vice President

### RECAPTURING

How many times have you asked yourself, "Now, why didn't I write that down at the time!?" Generally, this question comes much later, when trying to "write down" anything about the event is a real challenge!

We are now making changes (yes—there's that word, again!!) to keep a current and continuing history of the District Five **Masse Moro Norwegian Heritage Camp**. We need your help, though, in recapturing the early years.

If you are a former camper or a former staff member, please go to the District Five Web site ([www.SonsofNorway5.com](http://www.SonsofNorway5.com)) and find the "Masse Moro and Me" form. (Hopefully, George will have the form posted by the time you read this request.) Please write down "your story" and then send the form to me. We'll be keeping all the forms on file, and we may use your comments in our efforts to tell everyone about the great times and opportunity the camp provides.

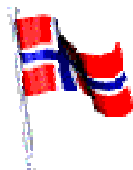
Likewise, if you have any photographs—or video, too—from camp, please send them to me. If you have just the "old fashion" printed pictures, I will return them to you after I scan them into digital form. Please, let me know as much information about the photo as you have (or can remember!!): who is in the photo, what year was it taken, and so on.

From what all campers tell me, they still have their copy of the camp newsletter. Please send me those, too. As with any photographs and videos, I will return them after scanning them to digital form. Of course, if you already have your photographs, video, and *Avis* in digital form, send them to me in digital form.

Please spread the word to anyone you know who might no longer have routine access to Sons of Norway or District Five information, to include the *Ole Bull*.

*Mange takk* for your help in recording the memories of our great camp!

Don Hermanson



## Recreation News

Greetings to all the sport enthusiasts in the 5th District! Please let me know how your lodge is doing toward earning sports medals. Please keep a running record as we're looking at presenting an award at the 2010 District convention in Milwaukee to the person who has earned the most medals since the last convention. Our president, Mary Bennett, has approved dancing as a District 5 activity if the sponsoring lodge invites other lodges and gets the OK from Mary. Some lodges are already planning dances and have received scholarship money to help defray the costs.

Your lodge president should have received the Barnebirkie and family bowling information. Please make sure that someone in your lodge takes the responsibility to plan for these events. Remember, Wii bowling is offered this year so everyone can participate regardless of physical ability. You may enter both bowling activities with separate \$5.00 registrations. This is a great way to support the 5th District Scholarship program and have a lot of fun as well. I have asked the Zone Directors to help me this year with the Barnebirkie cookie network. Every lodge should know how their cookie donations can get to Hayward for the children's ski race on Thursday February 25th. Please call your zone director if you need assistance. We need over 1000 dozen cookies so we need the support from every lodge. Of course it would make sense for those lodges who are a great distance from Hayward to give money donations which should be mailed to the Sports Director, Dave Hermundson, by February 15, 2010. Please consider volunteering for the Barnebirkie race in Hayward and helping with the Birkebeiner booth at Telemark Lodge. Call me if you would like to know more about what is involved with these events and times and dates where help is needed.

Lastly, we need to start gearing up for the Sports Activities for the 2010 District convention in Milwaukee. We are planning a Golf tournament and walking/jogging daily activities. Please call or email me if you could assist me with planning and leading these events. Keep up the good work District 5 and I hope to hear from every lodge soon. I will be in Phoenix Nov. 1- Dec.20, 2009. Contact me there by email or cell phone.

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### **Wisconsin Regional Ski for Light January 15-17, 2010**

Sons of Norway lodges in the Fifth District are the primary supporters of this not for profit organization. Your cash donations enable visual impaired individuals to enjoy an active fun-filled weekend matched up with a sighted volunteer guide as they cross country ski, snowshoe or tube down a hill onto a frozen lake. Some lodges also provide cookies which the skiers and guides need to replenish their energy levels. Each lodge president should have received a letter requesting your support from District President Mary Bennett. If you have questions, you may contact Mary Bennett (608) 837-8335 or Duane Kittleson (608) 845-9423



**Contratutions to  
Nordland Lodge  
5-544, Janesville, WI**

**Celebrating 35 years  
on Sat. November 21,**

## Youth Director

### SEASONS

One of the benefits of living here, in the Upper Mid-West, is "seasons." Oh, I know, some think we face "The Challenge of the Yukon" some years, but spring always manages to show up.

The US Navy stationed my uncle—who grew up in Wisconsin—in Hawaii for a three year tour. Quite the vacation spot with beaches and fair weather. When the Navy told my uncle they were going to extend him in place for another three years, my uncle pleaded, "No! No! No! It is 85° everyday! I can't take it anymore! I need 'seasons'!!"

"Seasons" mean "change," but it is "change" over which we have no control. For other situations, people sometimes resist change—especially if we have Norwegian heritage. So, I hope you're sitting for this one!!

The district board approved some "change" for our scholarship considerations. Look for the new applications soon on the district Web site, [www.SonsofNorway5.com](http://www.SonsofNorway5.com). You'll see the grade point average (GPA) requirement for the book scholarships is now 3.0, down from 3.5. We're hoping to see many, many students in competition for this education aid. All scholarships—the book, Norwegian high school, and summer school—now require the qualifying lodge membership to have been in effect for one year prior to application.

In addition to posting them to the district Web site, I'll be sending applications to all lodge presidents. They will all be ready within the next 15 days because we're finishing some clarification to the summer school application.

I'll be sending out the new *Masse Moro* Norwegian Heritage Camp applications too. You can find them already on the district and *Masse Moro* Web sites, [www.MasseMoro.com](http://www.MasseMoro.com). We DIDN'T make any significant changes to the applications. We DID, though, make a change to camp! Starting with the 2010 camp, we are integrating to the greatest extent possible the Sons of Norway Sports and Cultural Skills medals programs. Our campers will be earning medals as they have "lots of fun" at camp!

If you don't have youngsters attending *Masse Moro*, they are missing out on the best camp in the districts; and your lodge is not using one of the best membership-building tools available in District Five.

Check elsewhere in this newsletter for notice about a special *Masse Moro* scholarship opportunity for the 2010 camp. Come on, everyone. Let's get our youngsters involved in scholarships and camp!!

### LOGO

When you go to the *Masse Moro* and District Five Web sites, you'll see a new logo on the *Masse Moro* applications. District Five board approved this logo for the *Masse Moro* Norwegian Heritage Camp.

Camp Administrator Kaia Klockeman designed this logo. The general shape represents a Viking shield. The cross and colors come from the Norwegian flag. The four cross extensions represent the four *Masse Moro* Viking families (Friglings, Freyalings, Ullings, and Torlings) which compete in the camp Viking Olympics. In the center, the tree represents the Fellowship of Yggdrasil, Yggdrasil being the tree of life which connects the nine worlds in Norse mythology.

Like the popular saying about finding a third grader to help you with your computer or VCR, find a camper to give you more background on how the parts of this logo relate to *Masse Moro*.

Better yet, send a youngster to camp and then attend the *Masse Moro* closing program. You will be excited about this logo!!

Don Hermanson  
District Five Youth Director

The Sarah Paulsen Memorial Scholarships for year 2010.

The Sarah Paulsen Memorial Scholarship Committee announces the following:

There will be 4 scholarships made available for the year 2010, in the amount of \$150.00 to cover 25% of the total fee for year 2010 District 5. Heritage Youth Camp.

Like last year, the Scholarship Committee will not do direct mailings to any Lodges or Lodge Officers. The committee feels and hopes that with the help of District 5 Ole Bull News this announcement will reach all Lodges and members throughout District 5. To everybody reading this message: Please share this information with your newsletter Editor and fellow members.

*All interested Camp Applicants are asked to request application form(s) from the Scandiana Treasurer,*

Oleif Olsaker

114 Maplewood Trl.

Michigan City, IN 46360

Telephone 219-874-7457

E-mail [olsaker@comcast.net](mailto:olsaker@comcast.net)

The completed Application must be postmarked before April 15<sup>th</sup>.

I am really happy to see us being able to maintain the number of scholarships at 4 for this coming year.

## NORSE VALLEY VOLUNTEERS AT THE NORWEGIAN AMERICAN GENEALOGY CENTER

Volunteering at the Norwegian American Genealogy Center and Naeseth Library and having a great time doing it is the goal of Sons of Norway Norse Valley Lodge, Appleton. This is the third time a lively group has gone to Madison to show appreciation to the Center with the largest collection of Norwegian/American genealogical records in the US and an impressive collection of American Lutheran Church records on microfilm.

There is always a variety of opportunities to help such as: filing, photocopying, translating, organizing, painting, yard work, pruning, washing windows and handyman repairs. The staff is so busy with projects that some of these chores pile up. They greet us with open arms and treat us royally to show their gratitude.

We plan our work day on a summer Wednesday so before our one hour 45 minute trip home we can attend Concert on the Square with a gourmet picnic and chamber music at our beautiful capitol. It is a win/win situation!

**We challenge other Sons of Norway members and lodges to check with Director Blaine Hedberg at 608 255-2224, [genealogy@nagcni.org](mailto:genealogy@nagcni.org) to see how they can contribute their time and efforts either locally or in Madison to this wonderful gem of a resource center.**



Dave Ostrem, Guri Wuellner, Diane Hesselvan Dinter, Leah Johnson, Alice Anderson, Rog Johnson, Jim Wuellner (back), Betty Ann & Duane Nelson

Diane Hesselvan Dinter, Alice Anderson, Betty Ann Nelson filing obituaries



## 2009-10 Lodge Calendar and Other Deadlines

## November 2009

- Elect Lodge Officers for coming year (unless you have two-year officer terms)

## December 2009

- December 15- **D-63 Report of Elections** due. Send one copy to International Headquarters and one to District Secretary.

## January

- Install officers
- Member submit volunteer hours to lodge secretary
- January 15- International SN Foundation **General Heritage and Culture Fund Grants** due

## February

- Work on **Lodge of the Year (LOY)** and **Family Lodge of the Year (FLOY)** forms
- Complete lodge financial audit so the **D17- Financial Report** can be sent to International by March 1
- Elect District Convention Delegates in even years
- February 1- International SN Foundation **Helping Hands to Children Grants** due
- February 1 - Volunteer forms due for Barnebirkie to District Sports Director
- February 25- Barnebirkie Race, District 5 Volunteer Reception and Display in Hayward and Cable, WI

## March

- March 1- Deadline for **LOY** and **FLOY** forms (see February)- send to Zone Director
- March 1- Deadline for **D17 Financial Report** - send to International and District Secretary
- March 1- Deadline for International SN Foundation **Scholarships (King Olav V Scholarship, Astrid G. Cates Scholarship, Oslo International Summer School, Helen Tronvold Norwegian Folk High School Scholarship)**
- March 15- **District Scholarship** Applications due
- March 15- District **Bowling Forms** due to District Sports Director (bowling tournament runs from November 1, 2009 - February 28, 2010)

## April

- April 1- International SN Foundation **Local Lodge Partnership Grants** due
- April 1- International SN Foundation - **Nancy Lorraine Jensen Memorial Scholarships** due

## May

- May 15- Deadline for filing the **990 form**
- May 17- Early registration deadline for **Masse Moro Norwegian Heritage Camp** to qualify for additional deductions in the cost of camp from the Draxten Fund.

## June

- June 9-12- **District 5 Convention** at the Marriott Milwaukee West, Milwaukee area, WI
- June 20- Balance due for **Masse Moro Norwegian Heritage Camp** from sponsoring parents/guardians and matching funds from lodges.

## July

- July 25 - August 7 - **Masse Moro Norwegian Heritage Camp** - Beaver Creek Reserve - Eau Claire, WI

## August

- August 27- September 1- **International SN Convention** - Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

## September

- Elect Nominating Committee for local lodge elections

## October

- October 1- **Lodge liability premium due** to International SN office
- Nominating Committee report due to Lodge

## November

- Elect Lodge Officers for coming year (unless you have two-year officer terms)

## December

- December 15- **D-63 Report of Elections** due. Send one copy to International Headquarters and one to District Secretary.

**Note: Updated November 10, 2009 - 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. Compiled by Darlene Arneson, SN District 5 Secretary. Additional deadlines for the District 5 and International Convention will be added as those dates are established.**



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## SONS OF NORWAY—DISTRICT LODGE FIVE A FRATERNAL BENEFITS SOCIETY

“Ole Bull News” is a quarterly publication of the 5th District Sons of Norway. Its purpose is to provide an information exchange between the District Board of Directors and the Local Lodge. Articles for publication may be submitted by District and Local Lodge Officers. Upcoming Events are also welcomed and encouraged.

The DEADLINE for all articles for the next issue is February 1, 2010.

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Thanksgiving is not celebrated widely in Scandinavia.

A feast called Høst Gilde is celebrated in Norway when the harvest has been taken in for the year.

Follow the link below to see what a menu might consist of in Norway.

<http://www.scandcook.com/default.asp?page=21&article=161>

## “Kalender” What’s Happening in and around the District

Sat. Nov 21	Anniversary observed	Nordland	Janesville, WI
Sat. Nov 27	Frokost/Bake sale	Idun	Madison, WI
Sat. Dec 12	Xmas and breakfast	Mandt	Stoughton, WI
Fri. Jan 1, 2010	God Nytt År	alle	overall
Jan. 15-17	WI Regional Ski for Light		Rosholt, WI
Wed. Feb 24	Zone 1 seminar (Time and Place TBD)		Hayward, WI
Thurs. Feb. 25	Children Barnebirkie		Hayward, WI
Sat. Mar. 6	Central Lodge meeting (call in 11:00am)		Madison, WI
Sat. Mar. 20	Zone 3 seminar	Vakkertland	Wis. Dells, WI
Sat. Apr. 17	Zone 2 Seminar (Time and Place TBD)		
Sat. Apr 10	Skjold Lodge 100th celebration		Chicago, IL
Wedr-Sat			
June 9-12	Convention—Marriott Milw. West		Milwaukee, WI
June 2010	Sangerfest– Overture Center		Madison, WI