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Greetings to all my Sons of Norway Friends

I hope you all had a great Holiday Season and got to spend some very special time with your family and friends plus made some memories to be remembered for a lifetime.

Now that the New Year is here it's time to remind members and lodges of the many things that are coming.

First of all it is time to send in your D17 Financial Statement. This is a required form to be filed by February 9, 2018. The instructions can be found on the Sons of Norway website. The lodge presidents should have received the instructions as to how to accomplish this on line.

The IRS form 990 (this includes the 990, 990EZ and the 990N) which is required to be filed by May 15, 2018. The instructions as to how to accomplish this is in the letter sent out by the home office to the lodge presidents. It is imperative that you file this important tax form by May 15. Failure to file could result in an automatic loss of tax-exempt status for your lodge and of course, none of us want to see the happen.

Another reminder is the District Convention, June 14-16, 2018 to be held at the Radisson in Bismarck, ND. The Sverdrup Lodge has been working hard on the convention. They are a very organized lodge and have some wonderful events planned for the members. Please elect delegates from your lodge to attend this awesome convention. You should have received information by now as to how many delegates your lodge can send to the meeting. We would like to see every lodge represented.

There will be election of District IV Officers. If you feel led to run for an office you can go into the District IV website to get an application to do so. The application can be found in the convention information folder. The instructions are there along with the names of the three members on the nominating Committee.

I want to remind you again to always be working on membership. Do you have a membership application with you, in your purse, brief case, car, where you can easily retrieve it if someone is ready to sign up to become a member of Sons of Norway? If you are not familiar with the Simplified Dues Structure you can go into the Sons of Norway web site and sign in and click on the membership resources and it will walk you through the information you need to know.

Have a good rest of the winter and thanks for all you do for Sons of Norway.

Faternally,

Nordy Riley
District IV President



Sons of Norway's Mission

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

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Kalendar

District IV Nominating Committee

**February 1Family Lodge of the Year
to SON Headquarters**

John Trangmoe

**February 1..American Fraternal Alliance
Year End Report to SON Headquarters**

Bitterroot Dalen Lodge 4-656

105 Meadow Drive

**February 1... Lodge Achievement Form to
SON Headquarters**

Hamilton, MT 59840-3178

john.trangmoe@gmail.com

**February 9D17 Financial Statement
due to District President**

406-363-2463

**April 7.... 50th Anniversary Mollargutten
Maddock ND**

E. Diane Berg

Brubyen Lodge, 4-576

March 1 Dist IV Academic Scholarship

325 Keevil Crescent, Unit 445

**March 23-24 Folk Dance Workshop
Kringen Lodge Fargo ND**

Saskatoon, SK S7N-4R8, Canada

edberg@sasktel.net

April 1..... Dist IV Cultural Scholarship

306-373-3156

May 15 IRS Form 990 Due

G. Paul Larson

**June 1-3 Zone 4 Sports Weekend
Lethbridge AB**

Gyda Varden Lodge 4-021

2918 Chestnut Street

**June 7-10..... Trollfjorden Camp
Bottineau ND**

Grand Forks, ND 58201-7528

gpaul_larson@yahoo.com

**June 14-16, 2018...District IV Convention
Bismarck ND**

701-772-6003

**July 5-8 Bjornetann Camp
Red Lodge MT**

**August 12-18..... Trollhaugen Camp
Alix AB**

This is the 2018 District IV Nominating Committee. If you would like to run for an office or if you know of anyone who would like to run for an office, contact the committee or your zone director.

**August 16-18, 2018 International
Convention--Bloomington MN**



Greetings to all!

As we start the new year, I am busy getting the new officer information into the 2018 directory. Thank you to all

Lodges that have been so prompt in reporting their officers. However, I am still missing a fair amount of the Lodges and hope they will be forthcoming in the next few days. I have also just sent out the information regarding how many delegates each Lodge is entitled to for the upcoming convention.

Work is proceeding on the convention that will be held here in Bismarck on June 14-16, 2018. We are hoping many of you are planning to attend.

We will be electing new district officers at the convention. Please think about running for an office and submit your information to the nominating committee as soon as possible. The information and forms are found on the District IV website.

I wish each and every one of you a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year.

Ruth Olson

District IV Secretary



I have been busy gathering interesting cultural workshops for you to attend at the District IV convention in. It looks like we will have a wide variety of choices for you to choose from—genealogy, spinning, language, just to name a few.

We received quite a few District IV fraternal funds grant applications. Those winners will be announced very soon—perhaps later in the newsletter. It looks like our lodges have some wonderful things planned in the new year.

I have been having so much fun with the cultural groups in our own lodge, and yes, I have done the work to earn medals, but haven't turned in the paperwork. Don't be like me. It's time now to set your cultural goals for 2018. When you earn medals, claim them!

I am about out of pictures for the Viking magazine so please send me good quality photos (Resolution 300) of what your lodge is doing. Please include the following information: Lodge name and number, city and state/province, individuals pictured from left to right, and a caption for the photo. The pictures that have been coming in recently have been very fine quality for the most part and I thank you for that. At least one picture was sent back to me as unusable because it didn't have any people in it. The picture had a great story behind it, but I'm sure you can understand that smiling faces can be more interesting than still-life in our small space. You may want to make note of that.

If you notice, there are places on the District page for member profiles and news. The editors of the Viking magazine are asking that we make more use of these sections. You may want to think about that.

Let's celebrate our heritage with pride again this year!

Flo Kallenbach, Director
Culture and Publicity



Wipe out! I found out that's what happens when you get sick over the holidays. Thanks to a really good husband who is the best nurse and caretaker ever, I am here to tell about it. Enough about that, and Happy New Year!

With the help of the Board and the Bismarck convention committee,



ZONE REPORTS

Vaarliv Lodge in Fairdale, ND hosted a cultural tour on October 7. Flo Kallenbach and I joined them at the Aadahlen Church near Fairdale. We spent the entire afternoon traveling to different country churches. At each location there was at least one person connected with that church who shared information about its founding and history. Joel Hylden gave a 2-minute sermon at each location as well. We stopped at six churches before heading in to Park River for supper. Flo has written a summary of this trip. Later this fall, we received news that President Gerard Dahl was killed in a car accident. This has been quite a blow to the lodge and they are considering closing.

Mjosen in Mayville had a membership drive in September which resulted in the addition of 21 adult members and 9 youth, for a total of 30 new members. Way to go!

Mollargutten also hosted a membership dinner resulting in 12 adult members and 15 youth, totaling 27 new members. Another successful event!

Gyda Varden, Mjosen, and Mollargutten have applied for grants.

Respectfully

Kathy Daeley, Director

Zone 1



Zone 3 Director-Mae Streich

I attended the District 4 meeting in Devils Lake and was installed as Zone 3 Director. I have a great deal to learn and I know I can depend on Erling Olson to help me with whatever I need to know about the position. I hope I can do as great a job as he did over the past years.

I mailed the Simplified Summary of the Dues Structure which I received from International to all my ten Lodges and hope that this will answer some of the questions that our members have regarding the increase.

I have four Lodges to visit and will get that completed as soon as the weather permits. It has been too cold to go very far at this time.

I forwarded all the grant applications and evaluations I received to Flo and am very impressed at what you are doing.

I hope to see and meet everyone at the Convention to be held in Bismarck and am looking forward to a great and informative time. I have attended two Conventions and one International Convention and found them to be well worth going to and hope that every Lodge will be able to send at least one representative to Bismarck.

(With the ill-health of former Zone 3 Director Erling Olson, Alternate-Mae Streich has stepped up to take his place.)



Zone 4

Events and Lodge Newspaper Tidbits

Edmonton lodge holds its lutefisk dinner on January 27, and encourages attendees to bring a pair or two of new socks for the Youth Empowerment and Support Services. Diners enjoy not just lutefisk but also meatballs, roast pork, salads, lefse, breads, rosettes, krumkaker, and more.

An interesting article: <http://www.norwegianamerican.com/featured/the-great-lutefisk-mystery-solved/>

Saskatoon lodge held a lutefisk (and yes, delicious accompaniments such as home-made flatbread) dinner on December 3 to celebrate their 35th anniversary, with about 80 people in attendance. They honored two special guests with a “Gee, we’re glad you’re Norwegian” award. This involves choosing people from the community with Norwegian ancestry and recognizing their contributions to the city, their occupation, or to organizations.

On February 4 lodge members will man a display table at the annual Heritage Festival, which typically draws 2500 people.

Calgary lodge sponsored the showing of the Norwegian movie The King’s Choice as part of the Calgary European Film Festival in November. It was an excellent movie, and well attended. It is now available on itunes. <https://itunes.apple.com/ca/movie/the-kings-choice/id1269894339>

Olds Lodge, founded in 1983, recently voted to close. They served their community faithfully these many years. They promoted Norwegian culture in Olds and the surrounding area, contributed greatly to Trollhaugen camp, hosted birthday parties at seniors’ residences, hosted Sports Weekends and bowling days, and served in innumerable other ways. Some members may transfer to Calgary or Red Deer lodges. And as a group of friends, they still plan to celebrate Syttende Mai and St. Hans Fest.

Lethbridge hosts Zone Four’s Sports Weekend, June 1-3. Fifteen rooms have been booked for Sons of Norway members at the Premier Inn & Suites, 2225 Mayor Magrath Drive South, Lethbridge. Continental breakfast provided. Toll free 1-888-757-6884.

Registration for the Weekend is \$75, covering the Friday evening meal, Saturday’s banquet and Sunday brunch, as well as the sports activities and entertainment.

Trollhaugen Camp takes place August 12-18 at Deer Valley Meadows near Alix, AB. Many lodges pay part or all of the camp fee for young campers. In addition, Trollhaugen offers some camperships to assist lower-income families or campers facing high travel costs. The website: trollhaugenalberta.ca, will be updated soon with camp forms for 2018.

Scholarships - The Sons of Norway Foundation in Canada considered 19 applications for post-secondary scholarships at their September AGM and awarded 10 scholarships of \$800. Also two Bjarne & Karel Thorshaug Bursaries for Norwegian Studies of \$1000 each were awarded.

District IV post-secondary scholarship applications are due March 1. Information is at <http://www.sofn-district4.com/scholarships/>.

Alison Wiigs
Director





ATTENTION: District 4 Sons of Norway Members. Montana's Bjornetann Camp is in need of your help! We are close to not having this wonderful cultural and language camp. Reason being we do not have enough attendance to sustain the cost, manpower and interest in the camp! The Board of Directors are concerned about the attendance. Last year the Board members did all kitchen duties plus conducted cultural classes. There were only 2 children who attended camp. We know times are different. Many grandchildren have advanced to summer jobs, grandparents are older, and life is just busier. This camp gives so much to our Norwegian Heritage.- Cultural crafts, learning Norwegian language, and Scandinavian food! Please discuss this problem in your lodges and let's turn the tide! It all goes back to a stronger membership! Please let us secure Sons of Norway for future generations.

**Becky Lewis, Director
Zone 5**



District IV Cultural Grants Approved for 2018

Zone 1

Gyda Varden--Grand Forks ND
Mjøsén--Mayville ND
Mollargutten--Maddock ND

Zone 2

Wergeland--Jamestown ND

Zone 3

Vidda--Crosby ND
Små Fjell--Hettinger Bowman ND
Thor--Minot ND

Zone 6

Normanden--Missoula MT

Folk Dance Workshop
Canadian Sports Weekend

Congratulations to the lodges!

Folk Dance Workshop

March 23-24, 2018

at Kringen Lodge in Fargo

**The workshop is hosted by the Rapid
City Lodge. Registration begins at
1 p.m. on Friday**



What's Happening Around Distict IV?



The holiday season brings out the flour and butter and all those other white things in our Norwegian kitchens.

On the left, it was lefse day at Valhalla Lodge. On the right, they had a krumkake demonstration in Dillon, MT.

And at Mjøsén Lodge in Mayville, ND, (bottom left) they are making sandbakkels.



From Lodsen Lodge 4-138 Great Falls, Mt. The Roberta Hastings' family ranch is ready to haul 2 large loads of donated hay, to the drought stricken areas in Eastern Montana. (Bottom Right)

