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Editor

Greetings:

This issue I would like to deal with a bit our Foundation History in conjunction with the 125th Anniversary of Sons of Norway. Plans have been made for the celebration of this historic event in a number of Lodges within the eight (8) S.O.N. Districts and undoubtedly something special is planned for the District Meetings in this Convention year.

I have been reading the History of our Foundation in Canada and find that we are on the eve of celebrating our 50th Anniversary.

The Sons of Norway Foundation in Canada was established as a Charitable Corporation under the Canada Corporations Act with Letters Patent issued on the 6th of August 1971. (reference www.sonfic.ca under History)

What better time than NOW to start planning for our Foundation's 50th Anniversary Celebration Fundraiser project. If you have a small Lodge join up with another Lodge and plan something special.

This Foundation Newsletter was started in 2014 and in most of the issues you will find ideas for either a simple or elaborate function. Go to the Foundation website and under News you will find all the Newsletters from that date. You will also see the fun I have had in making changes and also the different ways of saying the same things over and over.

SAVE THOSE STAMPS

As usual every Newsletter contains a reminder about the simplest way you, as a Lodge can "FUND RAISE" for your Foundation.

I have mentioned many time about asking for Commemorative Stamps when purchasing stamps. One Foundation Director, Jette Dunluck, Eidsvold No. 53 and our Foundation Treasurer, Erik Brochmann, followed my suggestion (my little Post Office did not carry any this year). I took a picture of each one and they are featured in this Issue. They both know that those stamps will be cut and saved, and passed on to Russell Wiigs who will sort, weigh, appraise them and a cheque will be sent to Erik Brochmann, Foundation treasurer.

How simple can it be to purchase the Commemorative stamps, send it on a letter or card, cut the stamp and give it to your Foundation Director?

My late husband, Jack, was known when sending a letter, to draw a line around the stamp and print SAVE on the envelope.



CHECK OUT THE FOUNDATION WEBSITE



LODGE FOUNDATION FUNDRAISING

I have a tendency to retain a lot of, in my mind, important documents. I kept in my files a document that National Foundation Director, Gloria Benazic, distributed in 2010 on Recruitment and Fund Raising. I have taken the liberty of adapting one idea to fit in with something you can easily do at a Lodge meeting or a special Pot Luck etc.

LOONIES ON PARADE



It is important to make sure your Lodge members are aware of why this event is taking place. I suggest you have a picture displayed of a Bursary recipient, a group or event that the Foundation sponsored.

Ask your members to bring their **LOONIES** to the meeting or Fund Raising event.

Members line up with a loonie in hand. The “Auctioneer” secretly determines the time limit of maybe a minute on a cellphone timer setting (each new round can be a different time limit) and holds the “loonie pot”. It will be a surprise when the alarm rings. Members begin placing their loonie in the pot, one at a time. The member placing the last loonie in the pot when the alarms goes off gets the prize. This process can be repeated several times over the course of maybe 10 minutes. Members are eligible to compete in as many parades as they want. The Lodge treasurer can have a roll of loonies members can exchange for paper money if a member has forgotten to bring their loonies. This can be on the same context as Musical Chairs.

The prize can be something like a nice small plant.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

It is always important to know how you have helped a young person and your Foundation Board is no exception.

The letter in this Issue is from Natasha Boettcher (Feldes) who received a Bursary in 2015-2016-2017.

Natasha is the granddaughter of Viking Lodge No. 81 member, John Kaland. John has been a member of Sons of Norway for 41 years. *Thelma Lyone, Editor*



Dear Board of Directors and Evaluation Committee:

I would like to take this opportunity to provide an update and to thank your organization again for generously awarding me an undergraduate award for 2015 and 2016. It was truly a great honor to be selected as a recipient of this award. This scholarship has helped tremendously in reducing my financial burden and allowed me to focus on my career.

I completed my degree at the University of British Columbia graduating in Natural Resource Management in Forestry in 2019. I am now registered as a forester in training and have a full-time position working in the public sector as an Indigenous Liaison Officer/Forester, in Chilliwack.

Thanks again for investing in my career and future. Your seeds of support have made it possible for me to achieve my academic and career goals.

Sincerely,

Natasha Boettcher (formerly Natasha Feldes), FIT
Indigenous Liaison Officer, Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations

PLEASE NOTE: It is important that you, as Sons of Norway Lodge members, keep your fellow members children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, relatives and friends up to date on what your Foundation in Canada does for you in the way of bursary, grants and scholarships.

Keeping me informed about your Lodges Bursary recipients and grants for Lodge functions and cultural activities is important so I may pass your activities on to every Lodge on how your Foundation in Canada is working for you and also how you can keep supporting your Foundation through Fund Raising.

One way to support our Foundation is to forward “Your Foundation News” to all your members, family and friends.

A tax receipt is issued for donations, this makes a donation to your Foundation a win/win arrangement.

VARDEN LODGE NO. 07-19 FOUNDATION FUND RAISER

Varden Lodge No. 7-19 held a Foundation Fund Raiser event on Friday January 31, a very wet and stormy night. About ninety (90) people braved the storm for a meatball dinner with all the trimmings. We are fortunate on the WET coast to have many Scandinavian organizations always willing to support one another. We also had four (4) people from Iceland taking part in the Fund Raiser. The Scandinavian Dancers of Vancouver entertained and involved the audience in dancing. Varden Lodge is renowned for the involvement of young people as you will see pictured below. Varden will be celebrating their 110th Anniversary in March 2021

District Lodge No. 7 Cultural Director, and Varden Lodge Secretary, Susan Strang, is the organizer of this annual event. Pictures of the dancers appear blurry because they are ACTION shots. These pictures are self-explanatory.



THE DANCERS



FUTURE BURSARY APPLICANTS



Meatball Chef,
Susan Strang with
Cian Beeby,
Jayden Britt
Nerissa Beeby
Enid Britt



1 ½ year old Connor Schilbach helping
mom Karen serve buns.

Varden
Border
Queen
14 year old
Jayden Britt
dancing with
the
Scandinavian
Dancers



12 year old
Nerissa
Beeby
&
10 year old
Sadie
Strang
serving
meatballs



8 year old
Spencer
Strang
Door prize
winner



Spencer - 8
Jayden - 14
Nerissa - 12
and
Cian - 10
Serving dinner



VALHALLA LODGE, CALGARY, ALBERTA



Ron Rennie, President of Valhalla Lodge presenting Barbara Olson (formerly of Fjellsyn Lodge 4-574) her gold pin.



2019 BURSARY RECIPIENTS

President Ron Rennie presented two 2019 Bursary Recipients their cheques at the Lodge meeting.

Pictured left to right Dylan Viste, Ron Rennie and Skyler York

The following story was relayed to me by Valhalla President Ron Rennie and I would like to pass it on to you, Sons of Norway Lodge members. It is always so rewarding to hear of a very busy young person who is involved in many activities along with their Studies. I invite you to submit any stories about outstanding young people in your Lodge. Thelma Lyne,

One such person is 2019 Bursary Recipient, Dylan Viste. Dylan is in his second year of studies in the Medical Science Faculty at the University of Calgary with the intention of becoming a doctor. His interest is in the field of Pediatric Medicine. He has a very demanding work schedule but finds the time to serve as treasurer for the Medical Sciences Student Association and in January became the Financial Secretary for his Sons of Norway Lodge Valhalla No. 04-341, Calgary and is always ready to volunteer for Lodge events.

Dylan is part of the group of students at the University of Calgary welcoming the first year students and their parents as they prepare to move into residence. He noticed a young man who was alone and just had a duffel bag. Dylan approached him to offer assistance and it turned out the young man was from Norway and knew no one in Calgary. Dylan took this man under his wing, offering him advice about life at the University and the City of Calgary in general.

It is hard to find something new to report on for Syttende Mai because we all know the Constitution was agreed unanimously by the Eidsvoll assembly on May 16, was signed and came into force the next day May 17, 1814.

It is tradition for children to be in the forefront of the parades. The majority of Norwegians will parade in their bunads, the national dress that indicates where you were born. These bunads and jewelry are very expensive and are meant to last a lifetime and passed from one generation to the next. One tradition I came across is that each generation should embroidery their initials and date on the inside hem of the skirt thereby creating and passing on the history of their bunad.

Because these bunads are so valuable one Norwegian bank offers a 24-hour bunad insurance just for May 17th.



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