

10129 Goodrich Circle, Minneapolis, MN 55437 - - January 8, 2004

HAPPY NEW YEAR MEMO

From: Marilyn Somdahl, Bygdelagenes Fellesraad president
To: lag presidents, contact persons, treasurers, editors et al

Please read and respond to information as indicated.

- Before FEBRUARY 10 and preferably sooner- - - - -
Send the following 2004 information for print publicity to Marilyn Somdahl, (e-mail and address above) esp. for Sons of Norway's *Viking* magazine ad:

Date/s, place and city of your 2004 stevne/stemne

And ONE PERSON with phone number (who will answer questions the ad information generates and or register them at your event.) If possible, include **a current e-mail for the lag --or that person.** (Enclosed are those announcements I had. But I need the person & phone).

- **Dues are payable every year on January 1. Checks should come in ASAP (no later than Feb 1) to be legally included in advertising and in sending delegates to the May 1 annual meeting.**

This memo comes now instead of December as a reminder for those who have assumed a new office as president or treasurer. To be "in good standing" your annual lag/s dues of \$5.00 should be sent with the lag's name and the title or ID of the person (sometimes a personal check) sending it to Fellesraad treasurer:

R. Lee Brown, 2210 Spruce Trail, Golden Valley, MN 55422

- **Delegates names and addresses with name of your lag are needed by Somdahl for the March newsletter by FEB 10. It will have details about the annual meeting, Saturday, May 1.**

It is being planned for the Norwegian Lutheran Memorial Church in Minneapolis at Franklin at 10th Ave. **Costs will be less before Easter. Any business or questions that the board might consider at the annual meeting should be sent to Somdahl before April 1.**

- **Nominees Sandra Hendrickson is accepting nominees--names of potential Fellesraad board members.**

Please include a statement of two about the candidates' willingness to serve in this way. There are 3-5 meetings in the metro area each year. Also provide a way for her to contact the candidate personally or by phone. **Her e-mail is tomsandy@frontiernet.net**

- **MEMORIALS:** In October the Fellesraad Board sent money to NAHA, the Norwegian-American Historical Association, Northfield, MN, in memory of notable lag members passing away during 2003.

To date that includes **Carl Narvestad, Faith O'Malley, Mary Cannons, and former Ambassador to Norway, Sidney A. Rand.** **Please notify me soon if there are others** (long time officers, editors, genealogists or stevne presenters who were active and very important to your lag.) I'd appreciate knowing of personal losses as well. As some of you know, Laurel Dikken's husband passed away January 1 after an eight-year battle with cancer. She is both genealogist and editor for Hardanger Lag and previously Numedal's genealogist.

- **NORWAY TRIPS**

Ringerike Drammens District Lag has a mid-June departure for nine communities in eastern Buskerud. It's also a June departure for **Valdres Samband** members and an autumn departure for **Nord Hedmark og Hedemarken Lag** members. Any others in 2004? How about next year?

2004 Stevner Schedule to date appears on page 3.

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If you do telephone 952-831-4409, remember to give your name and number first; then leave a short message. The recording tape does not continue beyond its own limit so you might get cut off. Hilsen, M. Somdahl)

- FOOD FOR THOUGHT—especially lag board members

Attendance at the various stevner would have the possibility to grow and increase if there weren't so many crowding the SAME weekends!!

2004 STEVNER

Hallinglag meets **June 17-20, 2004**, at St. John's University, Collegeville, MN
www.fellesraad.com/hallinglag-home.htm

Valdres Samband meets **June 17-20, 2004**, at Holiday Inn, Fargo, ND
www.valdressamband.org

Vestlandslag (Hardangerlag, Møre og Romsdalslag, Nordhordland/Sunnhordlandslag, Rogalandslag, Sognalag, and Vosselag) meets **June 17-19, 2004**, at Fergus Falls, MN
E-mail: rogerhannah2@aol.com

Sunnfjordlaget meets **June 25-26, 2004**, at Best Western Hudson House Inn, Hudson, WI
Register before May 25th. E-mail: dandvrun@usfamily.net

7-Lag Stevne (Hadeland Lag, Landingslag, Numedalslågen Lag, Ringerike Drammen Districts Lag, Sigdalslag, Telelag, and Toten Lag) meets **July 7-10, 2004**, at Holiday Inn Convention Center, Willmar, MN
E-mail: eoknutsn@en-tel.net

3-Lag Stevne (Gudbrandsdal National, bkstrand@att.net
Nord Hedmark og Hedemarken Lag, golson6638@aol.com
and Trønderlag, skarvold@mindspring.com) meets **August 4-7, 2004**, Best Western Apache Hotel, Rochester, MN

Solørlag meets **September 14-18, 2004**, at Holiday Inn City Centre, Sioux Falls, SD

Nordfjord Lag meets **September 19, 2004**, at Green Lake Bible Camp, Spicer, MN

**(Received to date; corrections ? It's also on our official web site:
www.fellesraad.com)**

