

BYGDELAGENES FELLESRAAD BULLETIN

Norwegian American National Council of Bygdelag

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Get Ready, Set, GO

Fellesraad Meets May 1

Each first Saturday in May—this year May 1-- the Fellesraad holds its annual meeting in Minneapolis. Come and hear some old time Norwegian music during the **9 AM coffee time**. The meeting begins at about 9:30 AM at **Mindekirken, the Norwegian Memorial Church**. Parking is available at East Franklin and 10th Avenue S, Minneapolis.

REGISTRATION will be \$14 per person for postmarks on or before April 15 and \$16 per person thereafter. Guests are welcome at the same rates. You may choose a **Table Topic on the registration form**. All checks need to be in the hands of the treasurer **by April 22**. **No cancellations or refunds after April 22**.



Speaking for our program is **Pastor Kristin Sundt of Mindekirken**, whose connections include those in one of the large valleys of Norway and one of our bygdelag! On the www.mindekirken.org web site, she claims ancestry to Hans Nielsen Hauge.

This church will be one of the excellent places to worship for

Norway's Constitution Day, May 17. The service will be the day previous with concerts at 10:30, prior to the 11AM service and hot dogs and ice cream outside after the neighborhood parade.

If your lag is late with lag dues (\$5) and the ad fee (\$15) which were **due January 1**, please remit in order to participate in the meeting. Add to the registration form check and send to the Fellesraad treasurer, **page 2**.

Minutes of the 2009 meeting are included elsewhere in this issue to read prior to the meeting. Business will include ad approval for 2011.

Roll Call: Last year we found lag membership between 4,000-6,000 from your responses. This year answer with your names only when your lag name is called. **Please note:** Later in the morning, lag names will be drawn at random from a basket for **delegates prepared to tell of one newsworthy success your lag experienced since last year.**

In Memory

Since 2004 have sent a memorial to Muskego Church's maintenance fund to **remember present and past lag officers who have died and their families**. This early Norwegian church is on the campus of Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN.

The Fellesraad extends sympathy to families of the following reported deaths:

Matt Mathison	Gladys Randall
Aleck Gunderson	Maureen Botten
Arne Rosenlund	John Andorfer
Marion Murdock Pladsen	Hazel Haugo
Harriet Foss	Hazel Foss
Leslie Rogne	Doris Campbell

Please **notify or re-notify the president** of other deaths of lag leaders or their families **prior to the annual meeting**. Lag presidents and others can send an e-mail as a reminder to the.president@fellesraad.com of names sent in since last May 2.

Hilsen fra President Somdahl
God Påske til alle! Happy Easter April 4!

This is a record year for **seven** centennial bygdelag: **Møre og Romsdal, Hadeland Lag, Landingslag, Toten Lag, Østerdalslag (NHOH), Nordfjord Lag and Solør Lag.** On behalf of the Fellesraad and its affiliated lag, we say *Gratulerer med 100 års fester!* With assistance from Vesterheim's staff, **gifts have again been commissioned** by Norwegian American artists and will be presented by the Fellesraad at the *stevner* for the largest number to see --at a time the Fellesraad must choose.

Last year it was a bit hair-raising and really expensive, to say the least. After being guests at Laurel Dikken's lake for Nordlandslag, we took Hwy 7 back to the Twin Cities. It was a black, black night with a great bursts of blustery heat lightning. But it got exciting in a hurry! You see, about a year earlier Minnesota DOT had put in a roundabout at the Rt 25 crossroads to Monticello. Both of us missed seeing the sign so we hadn't slowed down, and we were really shaken up in the ensuing accident. Luckily, my husband did wonders at the steering wheel, but we were airborne. We had help getting a tire changed, but the car wasn't driveable, so we waited quite a while to get towed to a local Ford garage at 1 a.m. Our Minneapolis son-in-law who was driving to Colorado early the next morning came to get us. It was a short night. The **next night** we were caught on southbound I-35 with both lanes having slow or stopped traffic enroute to Albert Lea for Vosselag's party at Vestlandslag and the **following night** for Valdres Samband's banquet. Luckily, the Gudbrandsdalslag centennial was celebrated in August!

Our prime activity is support of all bygdelag. Our **web site** has the best and most current information. **Your lag must be responsible to maintain your data.** E-mail any changes to the.webmaster@fellesraad.com. Our **Bulletins and brochures are printable** online as well. **Support of Norwegian American civic events**, such as Syttende Mai Minnesota, Norway Day in July, and Leif Eriksson International Festival in October have

been a part of our advertising in the past along with memorials to Muskego Church.

In 2009 we completed three years of one-time assistance to our member lag with Fellesraad stipends for the Norwegian genealogy week in Salt Lake City, UT. This has become known as **Bygdelag Week** there, which continues for anyone interested. Norway is also paying attention! **Dates will be February 20-26, 2011.**

Registration Form

May 1 – lunch TABLE TOPICS choices
To Complete/SEND with Registration
1st choice 2nd choice

_____ _____ Genealogy _____
_____ _____ Membership _____
_____ _____ Stevne Site
Selection _____
_____ _____ Website _____

If you would like to **share (S) information**, or if you **need (N) information** or are willing to **lead (L) a discussion** of 4-6 others, please fill in the code letter following the topic. (If your lag has already paid your registration, you may e-mail choices to EuniceHelgeson@aol.com.)

Delegate? Yes No (All others are guests)

Lag name _____

Your

Name/s _____

Address or current e-mail

_____ \$14 x _____ persons \$ _____

_____ \$16 x _____ persons \$ _____

TOTAL CHECK \$ _____

Send checks to Fellesraad treasurer, R. Lee Brown, 2210 Spruce Trail, Golden Valley, MN 55422. Mail by April 20. No refunds after Apr 22.

Lag presidents: check to see that your lag delegates get this newsletter. You may be mailed extras for them.

Bygdelagenes Fellesraad

invites inquiries for participation in 2010 annual meetings

Mark Your Calendar & Celebrate Your Heritage

SEVEN NATIONAL BYGDELAG REACH 100 YEARS !

JUNE 17-19 Vestlandslag, UW-RF, River Falls, WI. Bob Hanson, H4414463@juno.com
MØRE og ROMSDAL, Vosselag, Sunnfjordslag, Sunn-&Nordhordlandslag,
Sognalag, Rogalandslag, Hardangerlag

JUNE 24-26 Valdres Samband, Days Inn, LaCrosse, WI. Earl Evenstad, 612.861.4793

JUNE 24-26 Nordlandslag, Moorhead, MN. Christian Skjervold, 763.786.2427

JULY 14-17 7 Lag Stevne, WSU, Winona, MN. Narv Somdahl, 952.831.4409
TOTEN LAG, LANDINGSLAG, HADELAND LAG, Telelag, Sigdalslag,
Ringerike Drammen Districts, Numedalslaagen Lag, 7lagstevne@aol.com

JULY 29-AUG 1 Hallinglag, Sawmill Inn, Grand Rapids, MN. Bob Helling, 218.363.3478

AUGUST 4-7 Tre Lag Stevne, Ramada Inn, Stevens Point, WI. Joy Shong, 262.567.9263
(ØSTERDALSLAG) N. Hedmark og Hedemarken, Trønderlag, Gudbrandsdalslag

AUGUST 12-14 Sognefjord Lag, Stoughton, WI. Kathy Johnson, 608.238.1785

SEPTEMBER 11-12 Opdalslag, Centerville, SD. Evy Kuecker, 308.237.5651

SEPTEMBER 15-19 SOLØR LAG and Romerikslag, Bigwood Center, Fergus Falls, MN.
Homer Saetre, 218.864.5287

SEPTEMBER 19 NORDFJORDLAG, Spicer, MN. Betty Rodi, 320.796.6800

Updated data for individual bygdelag on the official web site:

www.fellesraad.com

Agenda - May 1

Coffee and informal visiting at 9 AM
Old time Norwegian music
Call to order about 9:30 or so
National anthems and Greetings
Roll Call of delegates: **your name & lag;**
See Note, Page 1

Secretary's Minutes of May 2, 2009
Report of Treasurer and auditor
Special order:

Election of 2010-2011 Officers
Report of the President
Report of the Webmaster
Report of the Vice President & Genealogy
Report on Table Topics from registrations
Director Eunice Helgeson

Old Business: Advertising

*New Business, if any

Sharing lag successes of the past year

By delegates

Lag drawn in random order

Cultural Program – **Pastor Kristin Sundt**

Table Prayer & Lunch

Announcements

Adjournment

(*Items for possible inclusion in the agenda must reach the board by April 15. And meetings intended to follow Fellesraad's should call Mindekirken, 612-874-0716)

Celebrate Constitution Day, May 17

Events at the Norwegian Memorial Church will be **Sunday, May 16**. Last year there was not an empty seat in the whole church at the 11 AM service.

Would you like to attend the **Syttende Mai MN Banquet, to be held Monday, May 17**, at Minnesota Valley Country Club in Bloomington, MN? Tickets are \$50 per person for the dinner—either salmon or beef—at 6:30 PM. At 5:30 PM in the same location, the Honorary Norwegian Consulate General is hosting a reception. The dinner speaker is Ambassador Strømmen from the Norwegian Embassy in Washington, D.C.

Souvenir 17th of May buttons sell @ \$2 each. SSMn brochures will be available.



FIRST CLASS MAIL



Fellesraad **BULLETIN**
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Bloomington, MN 55437

A gifted writer, **Bjørnsterne Bjørnson**, wrote Norway's National Anthem. Aulestad, the home in Gudbrandsdal he shared with his wife Karoline for 35 years until his death in 1910, has been totally renovated for the 100th anniversary of his death this year. It is open to the public.

Ja, Vi Elsker Dette Landet - -

(Let's all try to learn this first verse - - -)

**Ja, vi elsker dette landet, som det stiger frem,
Furet, værbitt over vannet, med de tusen hjem;
Elsker, elsker det og tenker, på vår far og mor,
Og den saganatt som senker, drømmer på vår jord,
Og den saganatt som senker,
senker drømmer på vår jord.**

Honorary Consul General Gary Gandrud assumed his duties in Minneapolis following the resignation of **Walter Mondale** who had held the same title. A reception was held to mark the occasion February 11 at which the very first 2010 Syttende Mai MN button was presented to the former vice president!

Twin Cities Friends of Vesterheim sponsors the **NORDIC BRUNCH May 8** from 9 AM-3PM at Interlachen Country Club, Edina, MN. Visit www.vesterheim.org for lunch reservation deadlines.

Note:: Have you checked the accuracy of what your lag currently has on the www.fellesraad.com web site? Please do so today. It could be out of date.