

Bygdelagenes Fellesraad *BULLETIN* - November 2015

Happy Thanksgiving Day and a Joyous Christmas Season to All

Lag Presidents and Treasurers: Are you an incorporated *bygdelag*? Check to see that you have renewed registration for 2015 with the Secretary of the state in which the incorporation is held.

Lag Dues of \$5 paid before Jan 1 would be most helpful—especially THIS YEAR; send to Treasurer Lee Brown, 2210 Spruce Trail, Golden Valley, MN 55422. Paid lag may seat **two delegates** for the election of officers. **Both delegates' names should be spelled correctly & sent to the president by Feb 1 for the March BULLETIN.**

Stevne dates/places for 2016 and one email or phone person for the WEB CALENDAR should reach President Somdahl, the.president@fellesraad.com and Gene Rodi, the.webmaster@fellesraad.com ASAP.

CENTENNIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE members need VOLUNTERS available for two evenings—Thursday or Friday; all day Friday, and a long day SATURDAY May 7, including young adults who enjoy helping with children's activities. Speak to people who plan to come and email a few. Many like you to be asking.

Please help uncover these facts from your lag newsletters, lag books & knowledgeable board members:

- **Direct descendants of CHARTER MEMBERS of your lag.** (Children, grandsons/g'daughters, great or great- great children of those members **who are present** at the Centennial and attend May 6 or 7 will be recognized. Follow-up will be done by **Elaine Hasleton; (need names and address as well as email or phone so we can contact them**
- **Active Lag People now living or deceased** who have been recognized by Norway's King with awards. Either **knighthood**_(What kind?) or with **Saint Olav Medals**. Our **MN information is about complete**, but there will be others in neighboring or distant states: IA, IL, ND, NY, SD, WA, WI, others. **We need names and the year awarded.**
- **Among the reasons** the Fellesraad board is offering reduced prices to 2016 lag members is that \$15 (in savings) is about the rate for one membership in most lag. **It is our hope that each lag might promote the Centennial and GAIN SOME YOUNG INTERESTED NEW MEMBERS to come!** Hopefully each lag will be stronger because of the 2016 Centennial enrichment. Efforts and expense are **an investment in our collective future!** The ethnic future is about **survival** of the elements that distinguish Norwegian Americans (and individual lag members) from others, according to NAHA's archivist, Gary De Krey.
- **Congratulations to new lag presidents: Sandra Nelson, Hallinglag; Vivian Gullickson White, Rogalandslag; Jim Oftelie, Telelag; and George Olson, Totenlag!** *Tusen takk* to predecessors. New people bring new ideas to members. Will you try new projects or inspire more activity?
- **Emails for officers**, including treasurers, are needed for **lag information** pages. Remember to erase the beginning and endings to use the emails. **USE IT; try it; share it.**
- **Brochure updates** have been made recently. **Thanks for current information.** Get changes to the webmaster ASAP, as they occur. Why make prospective members work hard to find your lag?
- **Naughty? Or nice?** Please take care of lag responsibilities for **YOUR LAG before** you head to warmer climates. It will build better relationships down the line.
- Gift memberships to a favorite lag help **SANTA** share the values of heritage.