

# Fellesraad Update 18 Dec 2018

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- **God Jul og Godt Nytt År to all!** We wish you and your family a joyous Holiday Season! Tusen takk for **ALL** that you do for your Bygdelag and Fellesraad.
- The Stevne database has been updated by Nancy Pickering, which is called: **FellesraadStevneHistoryDatabase.xlsx** file out on Google Docs. The file has been set so that anyone with the link can edit the file – no extra logins or passwords are necessary. Please go in and add your recent Stevne information. Just click on this link:  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QCbokZsWLiUq9PGDGh4g3tB1yC4LmHzH/view?usp=sharing>
- If you prefer to have Nancy put in your Stevne information, email her [nancyp@minn.net](mailto:nancyp@minn.net)
- Planning is well under way for our next Annual Meeting on May 3-4, 2019. Our theme will be DNA!! We have confirmed acceptance from Jan Myhrvold of Gjerdrum, Norway, DNA and Finnskog expert, to be our guest presenter. He is both an administrator and a researcher in the largest DNA project in Norway, the Forrest Finn DNA Project. Other presenters may be asked as well. DNA is a topic that interests both young and old, so invite your Lag Members as well as younger people to attend these presentations! We have applied for a grant from the Sons of Norway Foundation to help with our expenses.
- We are happy to announce that the new Agder Lag is making progress in creating the Articles of Incorporation for their organization. We welcome them to the wonderful world of Bygdelag and all that it represents. If you or someone you know may be interested in this Lag, please contact Priscilla Pope at [p-pope@umn.edu](mailto:p-pope@umn.edu)
- Both Fellesraad and Norwegians World Wide are co-sponsoring a trip “The Viking Age to Contemporary Norway” from May 12 to May 24, 2019. It includes the southern coastal area of Norway, including Agder. See more information on the Fellesraad.com website.
- The Norway House Bibliotek Fundraising continues. Whatever we donate individually or as a Lag will be matched up to \$200,000 by Dr. John Haugo’s matching campaign. To donate online, go to the Norway House website <https://www.norwayhouse.org/> and then click on **JOIN + GIVE**. Next click on **DONATE**, then click on **DONATE TODAY**. Scroll down to **Dr. John E. Haugo Library Matching Fund** and fill in your amount. Or you can send a check. Be sure to note that it is for the Bibliotek. Please consider the Norway House Bibliotek in your estate planning as well. This Bibliotek is a pathway to our future, especially when considering the Lag genealogical materials! So, this an investment in the future for the Bygdelag!