

BF president Marilyn Somdahl writes FEB 6, 2016 To LAG PRESIDENTS, Editors & share w/other officers: This will be LONG, so I ask your careful reading. Some are previous requests. I just don't have 100% responses!!

CENTENNIAL Publicity— Our theme logo & news article/s will soon be coming from members of the Fellesraad Centennial Committee, and it should reach you for your next newsletter. Include the web site, please, (www.fellesraad.com/celebration/) since registration is required May 5-8 and program updates will be online, too. Remember: fees include food—coffee breaks (very costly by the gallon + more tax than you could guess) lunches, and a festive dress-up banquet Saturday evening— wear *bunader*. Cash bar available.

(Who is taking care of the following items? Need to find someone to help you?)

LAG DUES of \$5 for 2016 were **DUE JAN 1**. (When dues are paid you may seat TWO DELEGATES.) BF Treasurer R.Lee Brown, 2210 Spruce Trail, Golden Valley, MN 55422 will take checks with lag name on them NOW.

TUSEN TAKK ! I have dates and places for annual lag meetings! Be sure your lag contact person for stevne is on the BF Web CALENDAR—name, email or phone + important information. Check what is online & Send info to Gene Rodi (the.webmaster@fellesraad.com). The AD is for April VIKING magazine in color & submitted by Jean Borgerding who is editing the CENTENNIAL PROGRAM BOOK. -----Program book (in color) LAG ADS have special prices; deadline is MARCH 30. A few ads not yet complete. Businesses who wish to be in book, email— but in lower case: JLBORGERDING@msn.com for details.

Registered delegate NAMES WILL appear in the March **BULLETIN**. M. Somdahl (the.president@fellesraad.com) needs DELEGATE NAMES & your LAG NAME yesterday or ASAP! Some are registered, some are not. Incidentally, a delegate can vote and represent ONE lag. Give M. Somdahl information for the next THREE bullets, too. please.

- **AWARDS.** Who in your lag or people lag-related have decorations/medals from Norway's King? (either knighthood or the St. Olav Medal) by Norway's king? Somdahl needs names and year of awards along with which state of residence. Designate which award list pertains to that name. I have MN recipients.
- **Notable Norwegian Americans:** Please **NOMINATE 2-4 PEOPLE** connected with your lag (living or dead) who had the MOST INFLUENCE, prominence, were effective leaders and probably give length of service etc. Famous people like Ole Rolvaag will make the list, but we may not know YOUR notables.
- **Deaths.** Every year BF gives a memorial gift to maintain old Muskego Church, the first Norwegian one built in WI. Somdahl needs names in EMAILS of lag leaders who died this past year— (& office held) or some death in their families. These names are listed in the memorial letter to Luther Seminary where the church sits. A written list will be available for delegates to pick up May 7 to share at lag meetings.
- Have a person bringing the lag banner in May? Have people organizing & setting up the lag displays? Will you include 100th year lag gifts or big pictures of them? Set- up Saturday May 7 at Earle Brown Center about 7 am. Chr Ann Romo wants everything to be in place **BEFORE 7:40 AM**.

Lag Charter member project. Elaine Hasleton is the chairperson in charge of honoring ancestors and their direct descendants—children, grandchildren, great or gg grandchildren— who wish to attend the lunch at which their ancestral connection is listed by lag. Data verifying the information would be most helpful. Lag genealogists, historians, archivists may help. When you have a final count, letters of invitation can be sent. (These are NOT THE SAME as regular registration since some will only be able to attend this lunch.)

QUESTIONS about the 100th year celebration go to JEAN KNAAK, the Centennial coordinator, knaak002@gmail.com. She may refer you to a volunteer dealing with information you would like.

Leave short message on my phone, 952-831-4409, but need mostly written responses (somdahl2@usfamily.net)

Med vennlig hilsen, Marilyn D.Somdahl