

Descendants of Lags' Charter Members to be Honored

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The Bygdelagenes Fellesraad 100th Anniversary Celebration will provide an opportunity to honor individuals who are direct descendants of bygdelag charter members. This facet of the Fellesraad celebration should bring a personalized experience to each lag.

The honoring of the direct descendants of charter members will occur at the **Saturday luncheon [12 noon – 1:30 pm] on May 7, 2016 at the Earle Browne Center**. Each lag will want to invite their lag's descendants to attend this specific event. At the luncheon the 30-40 minute honor **program will proceed like this:**

- We will have a list of the direct descendants for each lag who are in attendance and have been asked to represent their charter member ancestor.
- A PowerPoint presentation will feature:
 - Each bygdelag's geographic area on a slide
 - Bio info of the charter member whose descendants are attending (name, photo, several bullet point of info) on a slide
 - Names of the descendants who are attending will be read
 - As their names are read, we will invite them to stand
- The program will begin with the earliest "formed" lags and then proceed in that order.
- Attendees should sit at reserved tables at the Saturday luncheon.

Each bygdelag is asked to:

- **Submit a list of Charter Members for their lag. [DUE: ASAP or 1 Dec 2015]**
 - That list of names with their lag names will be included on a continuous "looping" PowerPoint that will be played in the exhibit hall.
 - Include initially the members of lags that were established in the early 1900s.
 - Include next the names of charter members of lags which were recently re-activated or begun.
- **Identify individuals who are charter member descendants. [DUE: 10 Jan 2016]**
 - Clarify number of charter members in each lag and then determine number of charter members with direct descendants who are current lag members.
 - Expand to include direct descendants who are not current lag members.
 - Descendancy research may need to be done.
 - Contact your lag genealogist for assistance.

- **Decide which descendants will represent your lag at the luncheon. [DUE: 1 Feb 2016]**
 - Make a personal phone call or send a personal invitation to invite your lag's descendants to the celebration.
 - If an individual is not a lag member, suggest they become a lag member to receive the centennial discount.
 - You may need to assist them with lag membership and the registration process.
 - Indicate the benefits by becoming lag members.
 - We are trying to recruit new lag members.
 - If the direct descendant wishes to attend the Saturday luncheon only, the price will be \$35

- **Send to Elaine the list of descendants who will be attending. [DUE: 1 Mar 2016]**
 - Please include the individuals name and the name of the charter member or members from whom they are descended. A short bio on the charter member is also needed.
 - The Carriage Hall in the Earle Browne Center can seat up to 1,000 people, so a large number of people may attend the recognition luncheon.
 - However, due to time constraints at the luncheon program, we are suggesting that **no more than 25 descendants** per lag can be recognized.
 - We want to encourage attendance, especially younger people.

- **NOTE: Lag members who pay before 15 Jan 2016 receive a discount.**

- **Include charter member info at your lag booth display.**
 - Info about your lag's charter members and also their descendants

If you already have a list of your lag's Charter Members, please send ASAP to Elaine Hasleton at either of the following email addresses: hasletonee@familysearch.org or eehasleton@gmail.com I can then begin work immediately on the PowerPoints

Mange takk for all you are doing to facilitate this aspect of the Fellesraad's 100th celebration. This Charter Member acknowledgement will be unforgettable!!