

# The Fabulous

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# Fourth Footnotes

Montana • North Dakota

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## GREETINGS TO SONS OF NORWAY MEMBERS OF DISTRICT IV

Starting a new year seems to help us start a new page for Sons of Norway, family, friends, and personally. I hope you all have some great plans of things you want to accomplish both for yourself and your lodge.

First of all I would like to encourage you to go to the District IV web page and get the information that is offered for scholarships. All the information you need is there. If you know of someone in your lodge who has a family member or relative who could benefit from one of these scholarships, please encourage them to apply.

I would like to encourage all of the lodges to set a system to have the meetings set up – do the planning for the year so that all are participating and not the same people are doing the biggest share of the duties all year. This is also a good way for all the members to get better acquainted by working together to do this for their lodge. If all of us do a little then a few do not have to do a lot. If any of the lodges would like assistance in getting this set up in their lodge, please let me know and I would be glad to assist you.

Membership is always on the horizon. There is lots of work that needs to be done in all of our lodges to increase our membership totals. We need to work on membership all year, not just have a membership event once a year and hope you get a lot of new members at that. Always, be ready to talk to someone about Sons of Norway, have a membership application with you in your purse, vehicle, briefcase or in your pocket. Be ready when they might even mention something about being of Norwegian decent, or maybe their name sounds Norwegian, volunteer in the community – wear a badge or shirt that says Sons of Norway on it.

I am asking the Zone Directors to have leadership training for lodges in their zones. This will take some organizing but it can be done. I do feel this is very important as people need to know what their job duties are for whatever office they have been elected to. These leadership training/seminars are not only for the lodge officers, but for the members too.

I would like to wish you all a Happy & Prosperous New Year. Remember for membership “Each One Get One.”

Fraternally,

Nordy Riley  
District IV President  
Sons of Norway



Two beautiful sisters together at District IV convention--Nordy Riley and Delores Baldry, Billings Jotunheimen Lodge and past board member.

### **Sons of Norway's Mission**

*The mission of the Sons of Norway is to promote and to preserve the heritage & culture of Norway, to celebrate our relationship with other Nordic Countries, and to provide quality insurance and financial products to its members.*

[www.sofn-district4.com](http://www.sofn-district4.com)



Greetings from snowy North Dakota!

We are having a true winter this year, already have over 30 inches of snow in Bismarck and forecast is for more coming.

Fall is the “easy” time for a District Secretary, but now I am starting to gather the information

for the new District Directory and hope to have that ready soon after the first of the year. Thank you to all who have already submitted the new officer lists to me, and I hope to hear from the rest of you before this is published. It is important to get these reports to me ASAP so the information in the Directory is correct.

Marci Larson, International Secretary has instituted a conference call including all District Secretaries. We just had our first conference call and I believe this will be very helpful to all as we share ideas and concerns. She plans to schedule these conferences on a quarterly basis so if anyone has a concern or idea they would like me to bring up, please let me know.

Happy New Year to all.

Ruth Olson, District IV Secretary



Happy New Year!

My desk has been busy receiving grant applications and grant evaluations. Zone Directors, if you haven’t sent them to me, please do so as soon as you can. Thanks to all lodges who submitted

applications and evaluations.

Note a separate article with deadlines for scholarships and grants yet to come this year.

One of my goals as Cultural Director this year is to start a database of District 4 Experts. This will allow lodges who are in need of teachers for a certain skill another resource from which to draw. I have received enough entries to get the database started. If you have someone to add to the database, let me know at any time.

Another list I would like to make available is “Favorite Cultural Tours/Sites”. We can even add a page in the next newsletter for pictures of these spots to get ready for the summer tour season. Send a picture of your lodge and tell exactly where you are and what there is to do there.

I appreciate all the pictures that have been coming in for the Viking magazine. Although they are getting better, I need to remind you that they need to be a resolution of 300. I have quite a lot of pictures on hand right now so if it takes a while to see YOUR pictures; that is why.

I will admit that this job made me a busier lady than I had anticipated. I have been rewarded with travels to Montana. I have had the opportunity to discover the loveliness of the state of Montana! Wow!

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Faternally

Flo Kallenbach  
District IV Cultural and Publicity Director

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### Medal Challenge

***I haven’t earned any medals yet. My goal is to earn 3 medals in one year’s time.***

***I have plans. I’m working on some things; you know how it is. I have purchased yarn for my scarf for my knitting project at least twice, and I know what I want to cook for the cooking class. Now I just have to get started. I guess that is my goal for this quarter.***

**How are you doing on your Cultural Skills?**

**Flo Kallenbach District IV Cultural Skills**



# From Your Zone Directors



## Zone 1 Report – Kathy Daeley

Flo Kallenbach and I have visited Mjosen in Mayville and Prairie Fjord in Cando. We were impressed with the excitement at Mjosen. They have quite a lot of younger people involved. They showed slides of the fjord people and made rommegrot

at the meeting. They do not have business at every meeting, just about 4 times a year.

Another group has been much more challenging for me. As is the case in many lodges, age and lack of members have taken their toll. This winter has made it difficult for them to meet and for me to get there, but we hope that we can get them up and running again. We certainly hate to lose these lodges that flourished only a few years ago.

Gyda Varden in Grand Forks has applied for a grant of \$100. They have my approval.

I hope to get to the other lodges by spring if the weather permits. I was unable to attend the camp board meeting, but hope to make the next one.

I am enjoying meeting new people and am trying to get all of my duties figured out.



Kathy Daeley, Zone 1 Director,  
earned  
all four levels in  
sports medals  
for  
Idrettsmerke  
in 2016.



## Zone 3 Report

The lodges in Zone 3 are all prompt at getting information in to the district secretary. Eight of ten lodges have their form D63 in.

Tioga was having their election of officers later and would be forwarding. Bjarne Lodge has 18 new members since September 2016. Bjarne has also been having genealogy classes during 2016. Other lodges are having Norwegian classes, cooking classes, and folk dance classes.

Most lodges are sending their newsletters. Most lodges are very active. When Flo asked about setting up a database of potential cultural instructors, I contacted each lodge and so far have over six people willing to be listed and I have just scratched the surface. Flo that was a **terrific idea. KUDOS!!!**

This is a terrific zone with a bunch of enthusiastic Nordic visionary and hard workers.

Happy New Year

Erling Olson



Erling and Ruth Olson and Vicki Anderson at Små Fjell 4-557 Lodge Anniversary.



## Zone 4 Cultural Tour Ideas



### **Camrose**

Lefse House, where members of Edmonton's Solglyt lodge enjoyed lunch.

Camrose and District Centennial Museum

Augustana Faculty, University of Alberta, contact Admissions Office for a campus tour

[www.thelefsehouse.ca](http://www.thelefsehouse.ca)

[www.camrose.ca/847/Camrose-District-Museum](http://www.camrose.ca/847/Camrose-District-Museum)

[www.augustana.edu/admissions/visit](http://www.augustana.edu/admissions/visit)

### **Red Deer area**

From the Laft Hus (Norwegian museum) in Red Deer, to Markerville Creamery and nearby Stephansson House (Icelandic heritage sites), to the Dickson Store Museum and Danish National Museum.

[www.norwegianlafthussociety.ca](http://www.norwegianlafthussociety.ca)

<http://www.historicmarkerville.com/markerville-creamery-museum.html>

[www.history.alberta.ca/stephansson](http://www.history.alberta.ca/stephansson)

[dicksonstoremuseum.com](http://dicksonstoremuseum.com)

[danishcanadians.com](http://danishcanadians.com)

Or the all-Norwegian tour: Laft Hus and then Deer Valley Meadows for the Trollhaugen Camp lunch, crafts display, and windup performance on August 19, 2017 [www.trollhaugenalberta.ca/](http://www.trollhaugenalberta.ca/)

**Grande Prairie's** Northern Lights lodge arranged this tour for Sports Weekend participants: from historic Silverwing Hall [http://ca.geoview.info/silver\\_wing\\_hall,55538013p](http://ca.geoview.info/silver_wing_hall,55538013p) to Valhalla Centre <http://www.discoverthepeacecountry.com/htmlpages/valhallacentre.html> and La Glace <http://www.discoverthepeacecountry.com/htmlpages/laglace.html>

Valhalla Mercantile offers a delicious lunch of home-made soup, sandwiches, and pie.

<http://www.peacecountrysun.com/2006/09/14/valhalla-cafe-integral-part-of-rural-community>

**Sundre** – Calgary's Valhalla lodge toured the Mjolsness Wildlife Museum <http://www.sundremuseum.com/chester-mjolsness> and Sundre Pioneer Village Museum <http://www.sundremuseum.com/historical-society>

**Saskatchewan** has many communities that were originally settled by Norwegians, such as Climax, Outlook, and Birch Hills. The website [www.historicplaces.ca](http://www.historicplaces.ca) lists several Norwegian Lutheran churches which are now historic sites. Among them is Saron Evangelical Lutheran Church, south of Highway 25 on Saron Church Road, west of Hagen, SK. The property features a small structure constructed in 1907, the first Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church to be built in Saskatchewan, and a larger wood-frame church erected in 1916 which is still in use. <http://birchhills.org/saron/>

Alison Wiigs



Welcome to the New Year, 2017.

I have received only two grant proposals to pass along to Nordy Riley. One proposal was from Great Falls, Lodsens, dealing with Rosemaling. The other proposal was from Missoula, Normanden, regarding sports. Thanks for getting those in. I am about to participate in the installing of officers at Normanden in Missoula.

One thing that needs to be done in the near future is that of education of our Members on the new dues structure, which won't be incorporated until the year 2018. I hope to visit all lodges before the next international convention. That is a big project where there are 10 lodges in Zone 6. I will be communicating with all lodges regarding a good time to visit.

John Knudsen  
Zone 6 Director

# Upcoming Events and Activities

## Sports Weekend

April 28-30, 2017  
Aspelund, Red Deer, AB

## 26th Annual District IV Folk Dance Workshop

March 24-25, 2017 in Fargo

## Trollfjorden Language Camp

North Dakota – June 8-11, 2017 (Thursday-Sunday)

## Bjørnetann Language and Cultural Camp

Montana – July 6-9, 2017 (Thursday-Sunday)

## Trollhaugen Language Arts and Cultural Camp

Alberta – August 13-19, 2017

## Skogfjorden Language Camp

Feb 1—International SON Foundation General Heritage and Culture Fund Grants due

Feb 15—International SON Foundation Helping Hands to Children Grants due

March 1—Deadline for District Academic Scholarship Applications

February 1—Deadline for LAF,FLOY, and American Fraternal Alliance Year End Report form sent to International (This is a correction)

February 10—Deadline for D17 sent to District President

March 1—Deadline for International SON Foundation Academic Scholarships

**Parents and Grandparents: Check out the websites for scholarships that your student should apply for!**

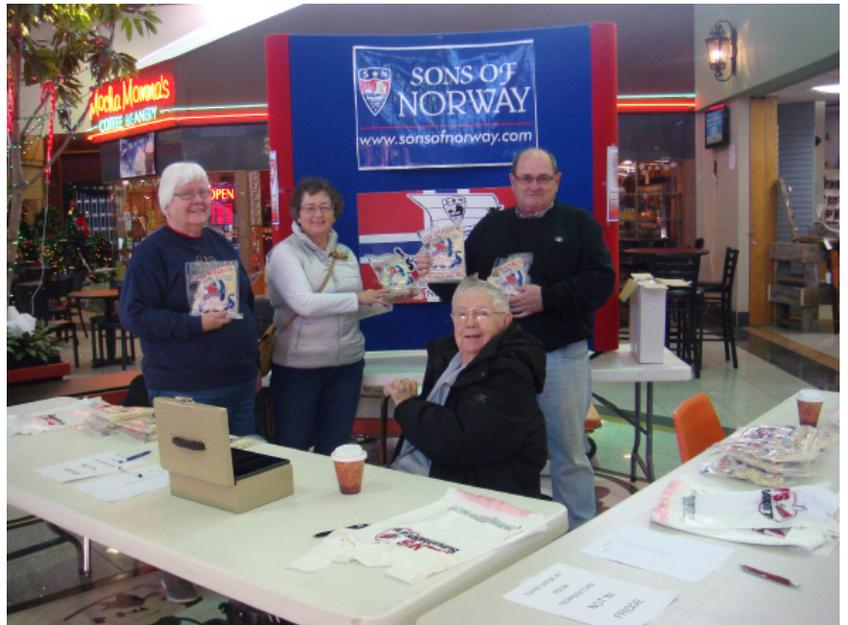


Normanden Lodge 75th Anniversary

L to R: John Tehven, Nordy Riley, Lowell Hansen, Russell Hartse, Dan Rude, Sharon Tanberg, Betty Wing, Nina Sverdsten



# Christmas in District IV





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## A Note of Thanks and a Reminder about Scholarship Deadlines

Hello wonderful District Presidents!

Congratulations on a successful "50th Anniversary Give Together" campaign for the Foundation's grant and scholarship recipients. We are so grateful for the role you all played in raising awareness of the Foundation - THANK YOU! Please look for an the announcement about how each of your districts will receive a \$1,000 grant from the Foundation in January.

We hope that you all have a wonderful holiday and thank you for all you do.

We also wanted to remind you that some of our scholarship deadlines are coming up quickly. Will you please share this information with your follow lodge members and also the lodge presidents in your districts?

God jul,

-Corrie

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### **Reminder - Sons Norway Foundation of Scholarship Deadlines are Fast Approaching!**

The Sons of Norway Foundation scholarship applications for 2017 summer programs and the 2017-2018 school year will be closing soon. These scholarships celebrate Nordic heritage and culture while supporting college students from the age of 17 and over reach their educational dreams.

All international applications are due on January 2, 2017. Opportunities are as follows:

#### **American students to study in Norway:**

- Helen Tronvold Norwegian Folk High School Scholarship\*
- King Olav V Norwegian-American Heritage Scholarship
- Oslo International Summer School Scholarship \*

#### **American students to study anywhere abroad:**

- Lund Fund Scholarship\*

#### **American or Canadian Students to study in Norway:**

- Douglas Warne-Rolfe & Wenche Eng Scholarship

#### **Norwegian students to study in the US:**

- King Olav V Norwegian-American Heritage Scholarship



Domestic applications are due March 1 and April 1, 2017. Opportunities are as follows:

**American students to study any major within the US, including the trades:**

Astrid G. Cates/Myrtle Beinhauer Scholarship\*

**Female students in chemistry, physics or in chemical, electrical or mechanical engineering:**

Nancy Lorraine Jensen Memorial Scholarship\*

Two more domestic scholarships are expected to be available in January. Be sure to check back on the website for these wonderful opportunities!

For more specific information please go to [www.sonsofnorway.com/scholarships](http://www.sonsofnorway.com/scholarships). Applications are accepted only online and a new username and ID will need to be created for the 2017. This log-in information is different from your Sons of Norway website information.

\*Indicates Sons of Norway membership is required.

Seek an Expert-District IV Sons of Norway

<b>Expertise</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Email</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Address</b>
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