

# BYGDELAGENES FELLESRAAD BULLETIN

NORWEGIAN-AMERICAN NATIONAL COUNCIL OF BYGDELAG

Since 1916

December 2007

*God Jul! Merry Christmas!*

**The Annual Meeting of the Fellesraad will be Saturday, May 3, 2008, at Mindekirken, 21<sup>st</sup> Street and 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN.** Costs and hours will be announced by mid-March. As of this writing, present board members are willing to serve for the coming year.

## Web Site Changes: Webmaster Gene

Rodi will continue to list your 2008 and 2009 stevne dates and locations on our official web site. See [www.fellesraad.com](http://www.fellesraad.com) to view your lag's information for accuracy.

**E-mail the webmaster and the president** to share your information for the BF Brochure, also. Officer e-mails: [the.president@fellesraad.com](mailto:the.president@fellesraad.com), [the.treasurer@fellesraad.com](mailto:the.treasurer@fellesraad.com) and [the.webmaster@fellesraad.com](mailto:the.webmaster@fellesraad.com) .

A president or designated Contact Person for each Norwegian organization is also maintained by the Norwegian American Foundation, which issues a Directory of Organizations. The e-mail for sending **event information** or changes is [naf.info@norway.com](mailto:naf.info@norway.com)

## Memorials for Lag Leaders

Since 2005 the Fellesraad has given a memorial to the historic Muskego Church Maintenance Fund (at Luther Seminary) for former lag officers and leaders who have passed away: Bob Hookom and Gary Morgan. No deaths were reported in 2006.

In 2007 a memorial gift was sent to remember **Sam Bergaas**, Nordhordlandslag; **Amy Narvestad** and **Hilda Kringstad**, Valdres Samband; and **Daniel Christ**, son of David and Ruth Christ, Møre og Romsdal, Toten, and Vosselag. Since then, deaths of **Belvin Heieie**,

former Halling president, and **Helen Vinje**, former Landing president, have occurred along with that of Douglas Holter, son of Dick and Carmen Holter, Numedal editors/genealogist.

**Let the president know soon of other 2007 deaths so they may be included in an additional memorial gift to be sent in January those mentioned above.**

## WANTED BEFORE JANUARY 15: \$15 for STEVNE AD, \$5 DUES Plus AD & DELEGATE DATA

It is time to pay the usual \$5.00 dues and the \$15 co-op advertising fee for 2008, voted affirmatively at the last annual meeting. **By Jan 15 send a \$20 check** to Treasurer **R. Lee Brown, 2210 Spruce Trail, Golden Valley, MN 55422.**

**Advertising rates have increased 5%**, but the Fellesraad will absorb the added cost for 2008. Note that many **wait for** and **re-copy** this ad--a huge part of our budget each year. This year the Fellesraad will more than match the \$15 fee from each lag.

This provision continues to be reviewed at each the annual meeting, allowing the Fellesraad to live within its means, which is mostly dividends and interest from invested endowment funds.

### E-mail the webmaster and president:

*(what to include)*

- **Give the City, State, and Place (college or hotel) of 2008 (and 2009) Stevne**
- **Accurate Date or dates of the event**
- **ONE name (person to take phone inquiries), + area code & phone number**
- **Names of May 3 Delegates + their addresses**
- **Send ad information ASAP; please mail so it is received BEFORE JANUARY 15, 2007, to meet deadlines**

## **Fellesraad Genealogy Project News:**

**Feb 24 to March 1, 2008**

For the second year, any person interested in attending a Fellesraad sponsored genealogical workshop at the Family History Center in Salt Lake City should contact **Marilyn Sorensen**, Fellesraad vice president, [rddlagen@usfamily.net](mailto:rddlagen@usfamily.net)

**Lag presidents should contact her when** a lag designee has been determined to take advantage of a one-time \$100 Fellesraad grant (to each lag for genealogy to be used within the 2007 to 2010 time frame). About 7 or 8 lags participated with designees in 2007.

This is also an opportunity for developing personal skills or to assist in the genealogy room at your lag's next stevner. Check the Fellesraad Special Projects link on the web site or e-mail for deadlines.

## **Officers Elected This Summer**

Several leaders changed addresses this past year, so check the web site often. **Earl Evenstad** leads **ValdresSamband** now, and in July during the 7 Lag Stevne, **Sigdalslag** elected **Judy Sosted** and **Toten Lag** chose **Helen Buche** as presidents. **Telelag's** new president is **John Haugo**.

Please inform both the Fellesraad webmaster and the president of address and phone changes or those of officers or contact person to keep the brochure up-to-date.

Information on **new editors** can be announced in March; please report if a current newsletter has not been sent.

Remember that the **Fellesraad president** is interested in receiving your newsletters at **5100 West 102 Street, #209**, Bloomington 55437. See [www.fellesraad.com](http://www.fellesraad.com)

## **Three Lag Will Observe**

### **Centennials in 2008**

**Sognalag, Trønderlag** and **Numedalslågen Lag** are the *bygdslag* holding their 100<sup>th</sup> year celebrations in 2008. Please see the web site for the

dates. One is in June, one in July and one in August.

In planning for 2009, the Fellesraad board pleads with your lag planners to give the SEVERAL centennial lags the choice of dates so there are not conflicting events on their chosen dates.

**Keep checking our web site or telephone other presidents for more information.** Please invite people to attend these bygdslag celebrations, especially if you know someone with roots in these areas. Others have the opportunity to invite their friends to your lag stevne, too. Tell them about the various bygdslag and the Fellesraad web site.

**Many more are finding and downloading the Fellesraad Brochure (if they wish) from our web site. This drastically cuts down on the number we are printing.**

## **Future Plans**

**Centennials in 2009 for four groups will take place---** *Gudbrandsdal, Nordfjord, Nordlandslag, Vosselag.*

*Setesdalslag* is no longer an active lag, but it was also a "1909 model."

**In 2010 there are SIX lag each reaching a centennial year. These groups should be looking at sites now.** It is also very desirable NOT to have COMPETING events on these special occasions, but it would be easier to give priority if the planning were done early.

**While you are in the planning stage, please call or email other presidents so that your proposed schedule will not compete or conflict.**

Last year we had only **one** conflict!

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**Any agenda items from lag delegates for the May 3 meeting should be submitted to the board for consideration before its next meeting in February.**

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HAPPY NEW YEAR...

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