Bygdelagenes Fellesraad BULLETIN

OCTOBER 2014

Good wishes for Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas and the New Year!!

BF Centennial Committee News: Met October 6 and will meet November 17. General Chairperson Jean Knaak did a tour of Earle Brown Center and Doubletree by Hilton (aka Boulevard) where the May 6-7, 2016 Fellesraad Centennial event will be held. Jean reports committees will be busy by email to cut down on big meetings.

Volunteer slots are open now, in the interim until the event by people on committees, and closer to or at the event.

Please inform your lag members that we can find things for willing hands in many and varied times. Jean plans for members to work,—she will call VERY FEW meetings. Many groups have responded by enlisting members close to Minneapolis, but out of town folks came from as far away as Appleton, WI for Oct 6! Please check the web site, and let's have at least four from each lag to work on the projects that must be lined up soon. Please visit the www.fellesraad.com/centennial web site and E-mail knaak002@bevcomm.net and say which lag you represent.

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Ann Romo is chair of the Lag Displays & Exhibits and Vendors. The Fellesraad president and Ann will be sending lag presidents a mailing about ways you may wish to present the accomplishments of your group, your gifts or large pictures of them, items from lag centennials, enlarged photos from activity of lag members—whatever you chose to make a big, bold statement. This will give you ample time to begin plan in the space available and to share with the movers and shakers in your group.

In time you will also get a description of the physical display area, tables and sizes so you can begin making your plans. You are visually selling your group to those attending. Some may not be familiar with *bygdelag* organizations, but back in time almost all the prominent Norwegians and Norwegian –Americans were members—people like Ole Rolvaag.

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The Fellesraad will be making a large financial commitment and investment in this 2016 event, and we would like to have both members and non-members enjoy it.

We can accommodate a huge gathering! If you can **suggest musical entertainers or speakers** who are unusually appealing, please send them **to Jean** Knaak **or Marilyn** Somdahl (<u>somdahl2@usfamily.net</u>) *Immediately*.

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BF Annual Meeting is the first Saturday, May 2, 2015, at Mindekirken, Minneapolis

Early registration for annual meeting delegates and guests is **\$17 per person before April 10** and \$20 thereafter. For treasurers who are snow birds, you may pay for delegates before you leave to go south to

BF Treasurer R. Lee Brown,2210 Spruce Trail, Golden Valley, MN 55422

Annual Dues are \$5.00 and are payable by January 1

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