



Fellesraad Update 10 Oct 2019

- Congratulations to all of you for your successful Stevner! They are the major events for the Bygdelag which require so much preparation and time! Thank you for all you do to keep your Bygdelag up and going!
- We know that Officer changes have been made at your Business Meetings held during Stevner. Please forward the names of new officers and their contact info to Gene Rodi. the.webmaster@fellesraad.com Once Gene has made the changes on the Website, we will then print new Explorer brochures. Let me know if you want some sent to you.
- Fellesraad has obtained its 501c3 status as a charitable donation status. Individual Lags can tap into this status and use our EIN number, which is a Tax ID number. Contact Bob Torkelson, Fellesraad Treasurer at 952-457-3954 or at the.treasurer@fellesraad.com

As an example, Family Tree DNA just contacted us for our (Fellesraad) Tax ID number. They needed the number to show that they donated a DNA kit to us for the drawing at our Annual Meeting last May. If other businesses contribute items to your Lag, they will need to know our ID number.

- The Fellesraad Board has voted to participate in the Matching Funds Campaign for the Norway House Bibliotek in the amount of \$45,000. The deadline is 30 April 2020. We invite all Bygdelags and Bygdelag members, and others to participate in this worthwhile venture. More definite information about this Bibliotek will be shared soon, as Norway House is writing an official document regarding our funding details. They plan to break ground in the Fall of 2020. Be sure to put Bibliotek on the Memo line of your checks.
- Planning has begun for the 2025 Commemoration celebrating the bicentennial of Norwegian emigration to America. While it seems a long time until the celebrations, it is none too early to plan for them. Participants on the planning committee include Fellesraad/Bygdelag, Norway House, NAHA, Norwegian Consulate, Vesterheim Museum, Sons of Norway, Norwegian-American Genealogical Center, Sloop Society, and the Norwegian Emigrant Museum in Ottestad, Norway. This celebration will be all-encompassing in many different venues. It is so great being Norwegian and Norwegian-American!!