

Sons of Norway

Polar Star Lodge 5-472

Meetings on the first Sunday of the month – Potluck at 1:30 p.m.
St. Olaf Lutheran Church – Douglas Road, Montgomery, IL

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President's Message



President Ken in Stoughton and at the Norway Museum Breakfast

Hilsen Polar Star Lodge!

What a busy month of Norwegian fun we have had!!! The Polar Star group attending Syttende events in Stoughton had a great time and I have heard that all attending the events in Park Ridge also felt the same way! The Norway Museum Breakfast was also a huge success! I am so proud of the many Polar Star members who worked and baked at the event. Total profit for the museum was \$1,753.00.

Barb and I will be heading to LaCrosse, Wisconsin the end of the month to attend the Sons of Norway District 5 Convention. We look forward to meeting with other leaders in our District and sharing the outstanding work of Polar Star Lodge.

Mark your calendars and begin thinking and planning for our fall fund raising season at Vasa Park and Høstfest.

Have a great summer Polar Star!

Your President
Ken Johnson



Steve Tanda serves as Master of Ceremonies at the 2018 Norwegian National League Syttendemai Banquet

Upcoming Events

Sons of Norway District Convention

June 28-30

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“How to be a Viking” Children’s Workshop

July 16, 18, 20

10:30-12:30

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Polar Star Family Picnic August 5

1:30 St. Olaf Lutheran Church

Polar Star Newsletter Deadline
Will be the 14th of every month.
Please submit all articles to Barb Johnson

District 5 Convention June 27-30

Radisson Hotel – LaCrosse, Wisconsin
Polar Star Delegates
President: Ken Johnson
Vice President: Frank Krawczyk
Steve Tanda

HOW TO BE A VIKING IV



Help needed for the 4th “How to Be a Viking” Children’s Workshop!

July 16,18,20 from 10:-30-12:30
Language, Cooking, Games, Music, and
Stories

Call Yorkville Public Library to register 630-553-4354
Attend one session or all three
Presentors: Barb Johnson, Polar Star Lodge
Connie Kross, Cleng Peerson Lodge

Syttendemai Banquet 2018



VASA PARK SCANDINAVIAN FESTIVAL

Sunday, September 9th, 2018



TIME: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend and work in the Polar Star Bakery Booth. Start baking (and freeze) your favorite Norwegian baked goods to sell in the booth and look for Norwegian collectibles at garage sales to re-sell in our loppemarked (flea market). We will be baking Norwegian Vaffler with Lingonberries on site and selling pre-packaged baked goods and Norwegian knit items and collectibles.

<http://www.scandinaviandayil.com>

POLAR STAR 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2018 PROGRAMS 1:30 p.m. (unless listed)"

JULY (16,18 & 20) "HOW TO BE A VIKING" CHILDRENS WORKSHOPS

10:30-12:30 – Yorkville Public Library

AUGUST 5TH – Polar Star Family Picnic

SEPTEMBER 9th - VASA PARK 9:00 a.m.

OCTOBER 7th - Program TBA

NOVEMBER 4th - Høstfest

December 2nd - Juletreret



Save Your Canceled Postage Stamps for Tubfrim

Celebrating Syttendemai 2018



Park Ridge Norwegian National League Events

Syttendemai 2018 in Stoughton, Wisconsin



4:00 a.m. Royal Wedding Viewing Party



Grieg Male Chorus at the Opera House



VIP Seating for the Stoughton Norwegian Dance Performance



Dinner at the Viking Pub



Dinner and Bingo at Mandt Lodge

Polar Star Culture Corner

By Barb Johnson

Polar Star Summer Literature Selection



Editor's Note: This book was featured in the June 2018 Viking Magazine. It qualifies as a non-fiction selection for Part 2 of the Norwegian Literature Culture Medal and sounds like a great book to discuss at our October meeting.

Polar Star Poets

In April we invited Curt Vevang, poet, author, and woodworker to our Lodge meeting. He was very inspiring and encouraging so I asked Polar Star members to submit any original poetry that they would be willing to share in the newsletter. For the next few months I will be featuring Polar Star Poets in the "Culture Corner". Our June Poet is Carol Vigsnes. Thanks Carol for taking the time to submit and share your poetry with us.



POLAR STAR POET...Carol Vigsnes

A PRAYER

I saw Christ in our world this morn-as I looked out the window at the earth
Reborn. Dear Lord as I start each day anew; may you be in everything I say and do.

I saw Christ in our world today-as I knelt I the garden to weed and to pray; Dear
Lord pull the old me out so your Spirit may take root and sprout.

I saw Christ in our church tonight-in you and in me sharing at twilight; Dear Lord
as you feed both our body and our soul, join us together and make us whole.

LOSS

Our angel came from heaven just the other day. Though we wanted her to linger;
She didn't come to stay. She came to give our lies new meaning, how to love, to hope, to
pray. It is true what Jesus say, "A child will lead the way".

STRANGER

Who is this person lying beside me? The obvious answer would be; husband, father, lover,
friend, but my answer is stranger.

We have not quarreled you and I; animosity is not what I'm feeling, rather
detachment.

How odd to wake up and question my present existence and yours. I have no grasp of wife
or mother or even self

What will I do if you wake and turn to me with welcome in your eyes?

A SPRING DITTY

The flowers that bloom in Spring-tra, la,
Make my nose itch and twitch-tra, la,
Still I wouldn't switch-tra, la,
For the winter bite and sting-tra, la!!

Halloween

Once a witch developed such an itch that her broom began to twitch, so she
landed in a ditch-and had to start all over again-FROM SCRATCH!!

Gratulerer Med Dagen (Happy Birthday)



Polar Star Members!

15-30 JUNI

- 15. Kirsten Miller
- 21. Jim VanWinkle
- 23. Roald Berg
- 26. Richard Hatteberg
- 29. Harold Broten

1-15 JULI

- 5. Linnea Vann

Norway Museum Open for the 2018 Season



Help is needed at the Norway museum Saturday and Sunday through September. Contact Dave Johnson at david7dog@yahoo.com to be placed on the 2018 schedule

