

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



Polar Star members attending the District 5 Convention June 22-26

Hilsen Polar Star Lodge!

The District 5 Convention in Marshfield, WI , was a wonderful experience. I want everyone to consider being a delegate for the next convention in 2018. I know it seems early, but we should be thinking about our first big fundraiser Sept. 11th at Vasa Park. Baked goods went over really big last year, so get those ovens fired up! After Vasa Park, Høstfest will be right around the corner...so keep on baking! Lastly, get those voices warmed up for our Norwegian Choir. If you like to sing it's great fun! It will be great to see all of you again at the Norwegian "Barn" Dance!

Your President
Ken Johnson



"How to Be a Viking" 2016
July 7, 14 and 21

UPCOMING EVENTS

Norwegian "Barn" Dance

August 7 – 1:30

See article on page 3

The "Draken" Viking Ship arrives at Navy Pier

July 27 – July 31 2016

See article on page 2

Scandinavian Festival

at

Vasa Park

Sunday Sept. 11th

Polar Star Bakery and Norwegian
Flea Market Booth

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Polar Star Newsletter Deadline
Will be the 14th of every month.
Please submit all articles to Barb Johnson
at barbijohnsonb@aol.com
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Sons of Norway – Polar Star Lodge

The Draken has arrived



The Drakan Harald Hårfagre Viking Ship has arrived in America and is currently docked in Bay City Michigan. It will arrive in Chicago on July 27th. See you there!

Bay City, MI, United States, July 14th

Tall ships Celebration Bay City July 14-17.

Chicago, IL, United States, July 27th

Tall ships Navy Pier July 27-31

Green Bay, WI, United States, August 5th

Tallships Festival Greenbay Park August 5-7

Duluth, MN, United States, August 18th

Draken will stay in Duluth August 18-21

<http://www.drakenexpeditionamerica.com>



The Draken may **not** be able to enter Lake Michigan!

Please check their website (above) **before attending** the Tall Ships Celebration at Navy Pier on July 27th for updated information.

Members in Action



Zone 5 Convention delegates (L to R) Phyllis Benson, Steve Tanda, Frank Krawczyk and President Ken



Sue Tanda and Carol Devito attend a living history program at the convention



Barb Johnson attended knitting and Hardanger embroidery classes at the District 5 convention



“District 5 Announces a Culture Medal Contest”

“We have been challenged and we have accepted the challenge!!!!”

This was the title to the article in last year’s July Newsletter. I am so proud of our Lodge! You not only accepted the challenge....YOU WON!!!! President Ken accepted the Polar Star Culture Award at the District Convention and the Individual award for Jerri Lynn! WELL DONE!!!

The contest continues so hopefully we will see everyone at the Folk Dancing Event in August so we can all earn Folk Dancing Part 1 medals.

POLAR STAR AND CLENG PEERSON LODGES HOST A NORWEGIAN FOLK DANCE EVENT – AUG. 7TH



Polar Star and Cleng Peerson Lodges will join together to host a pot-luck dinner followed by folk dancing on August 7th. The joint event will be held at the Norwegian Community Building, in Norway, Illinois. The Potluck dinner will begin at 1:30 and will be followed by folk dancing instruction by members of *Leikarringen* “Heimhug” Norwegian Folk Dancers of Chicago. Plan to bring your family and friends!

Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service.

KATHLEEN ERNST BOOK SIGNING NORSK MUSEUM – July 9 2016



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Bestselling author, Kathleen Ernst, spent the day in Norway, Illinois on July 9th. She provided two wonderful programs and signed her books in the museum. What a wonderful day for all of us who had the opportunity to attend!

Editor's Note: ***A Memory of Muskets***, the seventh book in the Chloe Ellefson Mystery series will be released in October 2016



“How to Be A Viking 2016” at the Yorkville Public Library on July 7th and July 14th



“How to be a Viking 2016 “is off to a great start. Week one began with Viking themed crafts, stories, games and food.



Week 2 “Huldra, Nisser and Trolls...Oh My!” continued with folkdancing, troll making and a “Troll” hunt. The final day of camp on July 21st will be devoted to celebrating a Norwegian Christmas. Thanks to all of our adult volunteers!

Week 3 camp on July 21 10:00-12:00

Presentors: Barb Johnson, Polar Star Lodge and Connie Kross, Cleng Peerson Lodge
Funded by a Sons of Norway Community Grant

VASA PARK SCANDINAVIAN FESTIVAL

Sunday, September 11th, 2016



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 Singers and Friends Needed.....



Fox Valley Norwegian Choir Rehearsal will begin Thursday, September 15th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Olaf church for our Høstfest performance. 2016 season will feature a children's choir. More information to follow from our choir director, Doris Pittman

GRATULERER MED DAGEN POLAR STAR



JULI

16 Barb J.
21 Jeff A.
21 Doris P.
25 Frank K.
27 Aden B.
31 Audrey M.

AUGUST

6 Tristan M.
12 Sandy K.

HELP NEEDED AT THE NORSK MUSEUM

Emailed to Steve Tanda by Dave Johnson, President of Norsk Museum

We all have joined Sons of Norway for different reasons. Perhaps it was for learning about your heritage, meeting other Norwegians/descendants or tracing your roots. Regardless of the reason, we welcome you. Cleng Peerson Lodge members started the Norsk Museum about 40 years ago and it is still strongly supported today. The museum is now recognized by the National Register of Historic Buildings and has welcomed thousands of visitors from around the world! Polar Star Lodge has also partnered with the museum with great enthusiasm, today representing half our docent workforce.

The Norsk Museum needs YOUR help, to volunteer as a docent and be a presence for the many visitors. The 4 hours required goes quickly, 1:00-5:00, Saturdays and Sundays. You have the opportunity to meet people with a common interest, i.e., Norway, and you will learn more about your heritage. The present museum layout with its abundance of signage allows the visitors to guide themselves, which they often much prefer, at their own pace. A handout is also available to walk the volunteer through the process of opening and closing the museum on your day. First-time docents will be partnered with seasoned ones until they feel comfortable in all aspects. Two or three docents are needed per day because of the two buildings, so there is room for YOU. Please look over the attached summer schedule and find a date that works with your calendar, then call, email (david7dog@yahoo.com) to add your name to the list. We would so appreciate YOUR involvement!

VOLUNTEER DOCENT SCHEDULE – NORSK MUSEUM

	JULY	
16	SAT	Ralph and Lynette Johnson
17	SUN	OPEN
23	SAT	Steve Tanda - Help needed - open
24	SUN	Pat, Wayne and Laurie
30	SAT	Norway Car Show (1-8) – help needed from 5-8:00
31	SUN	Rob and Karen B
	AUGUST	
6	SAT	OPEN
7	SUN	OPEN
13	SAT	Steve Tanda and Ed Hatteberg
14	SUN	Barb and Ken Johnson
20	SAT	OPEN
21	SUN	Pat, Wayne, Burnie & Jane Brusveen
27	SAT	Karen Lendebrekke – Help needed
28	SUN	Floyd and Sherry Anderson -
	SEPT	
3	SAT	OPEN
4	SUN	OPEN
10	SAT	OPEN
11	SUN	Pat, Wayne and Laurie
17	SAT	Steve Tanda, Burnie and Jane Brusveen

18	SUN	OPEN
24	SAT	OPEN
25	SUN	OPEN

PLEASE SHARE THIS WITH SOMEONE YOU KNOW WHO QUALIFIES!



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