

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

President's Message



Greetings Polar Star Lodge

What a great year 2016 was for our Lodge and for our family! Barb's mom celebrated her 95th Birthday with a visit from her Norwegian cousins. Our Lodge hosted a Family Tree Fair, we enjoyed learning how to make and serve a complete Traditional Norwegian meal, we learned Norwegian Folk dances and thirteen of us earned Culture Medals! Of course, the best part of 2016 was celebrating the Cubs World Series Victory with my family and friends!

I am looking forward to more fun with all you in 2017.

Your President
Ken Johnson



HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY DON!

Upcoming Events

Sunday Feb. 5
The Rothheim Family
"America Experience"
1:30 p.m.
St. Olaf Lutheran Church

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Penny Social

Sunday, March 5, 2017
St. Olaf Lutheran Church
1:30 p.m.
See article on page 2
Polar Star Newsletter Deadline
Will be the 14th of every month.
Please submit all articles to Barb
Johnson at
barbjohnsonb@aol.com
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Sons of Norway – Polar Star Lodge

The Rotheim Family America Experience

Feb. 5, 2017 - 1:30 p.m.

Polar Star is so excited to announce that the February program will be meeting and hearing about the “American Experience” of a Norwegian Family living in Chicago for the past year. Bengt and Eva Kjersti Rotheim will attend our meeting with their children. They will share what brought them to America and the experiences they have had in America raising and educating Norwegian children. Eva’s family is also very involved in “bunad” making in Norway and will discuss that as well. We plan to eat at 1:30 as usual followed by a short business meeting and the Rothheim presentation.



Remember... Feb. 5th is also our District 5 “Chili Cook Off” so get those award-winning recipes out! Bring your crockpot of chili covered in a towel and drop it off in the kitchen by 1:00 p.m.

Please bring a dish to pass or a dessert if you are not a chili maker.

It will be fun to see how the Rotheim’s like American chili.

Also... plan to bring cookies packed in non-returnable containers to this meeting that will be sent to the Barnebirkie (Cross Country Ski Event for Children) in Hayward Wisconsin on Feb. 20th. Our Lodge gets points toward outstanding lodge for every dozen we provide. And we all know that we **ARE AN OUTSTANDING LODGE!**

Member News!

POLAR STAR MEMBERS EARNING CULTURE MEDALS IN 2016



Front L to R: Barb J., Jerri Lynn B., Pat B.,
Phoebe B. Al B.

Back Row L to R: Art A., Steve T, Frank K., Ben G,
Ken J. Not pictured: Carol D. and Karen O.

Well Done Polar Star!



Penny Social

Moved to March in 2017

March 5, 2017 - 1:30 p.m.

Begin gathering your garage sale treasures for re-sale at our Penny Social Auction. Tickets will be sold for 25 cents each. Potluck will begin at 1:30 pm followed by the Penny Social.

TRADITIONAL NORWEGIAN DESSERTS

APRIL 2, 2017 – 12:00

Polar Star will be baking again in 2017. We will be working on the requirements for Part II of the Food culture medal.

2017 POLAR STAR KITCHEN COMMITTEE

Feb. 5	Karen O. Frances and R. Berg
March 5	Carol D. and Frank K Sue and Steve T.
April 2	NEEDED
May 7	Diana R. and Ed. H Don D.
Aug.	NEEDED
Oct.	Jerri Lynn B. Floyd and Sherry A.
Nov.	All members - Høstfest
Dec.	Polar Star Board

Member News!



PHOEBE B. defends her KRUMKAKE "BAKE OFF" TITLE at the Julefest!

Taste means everything!



Sports Director Jerri Lynn receives Polar Star scholarship

SONS OF NORWAY – Polar Star Lodge 5-472 MEETING HOSTS (Kitchen Committee)

At least two members/families are needed each meeting to serve on the kitchen committee. Join in by volunteering for one time each year.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOSTS FOR SETTING UP LODGE MEETING

Chairperson: Contact members of your committee to complete your plans ahead of time. The committee normally supplies meat or main dishes and one gallon of 2% milk. All other members are asked to bring a potluck dish to share.

- Arrive at the hall 1-½ hours prior to meeting time.
- Set up 6-8 tables with chairs in their proper places.
- Provide table decorations according to season. Napkins and placemats may be in cabinet – check this at meeting before – for inventory.
- Make the coffee (50-60 cups). Coffee is provided by Lodge and is in the Lodge cabinet. If not, purchase coffee and you will be reimbursed. Start coffee immediately. Takes at least one hour.
- Set up the buffet table (two long tables). Arrange the food on the tables as it comes in. Include a basket at the front end for donations.
- Please set up an entry table for the sign in book.
- Set up the podium and the three flags in the front of the room.
- After everyone has eaten, wash cups, spoons, etc. and clean up area. Use our lodge dishtowels (in storage room). One person from the committee needs to take the dishtowels home, wash them, and bring them back to the next meeting.
- Return all chairs and tables to their proper places.
- If it is inconvenient for you to serve at the time scheduled for you, exchange with someone or find a substitute. Any questions notify the Social Chairperson, Nancy Andersen.

If there is anyone who would like to assist in serving, please feel free to do so. The committee will love you!

Don't forget the gallon of milk!

Updated January 2015 by Carol Devito

Polar Star Cultural Field Trip 2017

Thursday, July 20:

- Arrive in Stoughton – Attend “Liv Reiser” Norwegian Heritage Center
- check into Quality Inn and Suites – Stoughton, WI
 - Dinner as a group at the Viking Brew Pub in Stoughton

Friday, July 21:

- Breakfast in Hotel check out and head for Madison
- Attend the Norwegian American Genealogical Center
- Center opens at 10:00 - We will have a group instructor
- Back to Stoughton for dinner and overnight stay

Saturday, July 22:

- Breakfast in Hotel, check out, head for Old World Wisconsin
- 1 hour drive from Stoughton to Old World
- Old World Wisconsin guided tram tour (Time TBD)
- Lunch as a group on the grounds (Clousing Café)
- Shop & tour the (10) ten ethnic Farmsteads
- Head home at your leisure

Estimated Hotel Cost: \$109.00 + tax per night at the Quality Inn in Stoughton

Admission to Genealogy Center: \$15.00 per person + additional fee for a group instructor

Old World Wisconsin Admission fee: Seniors (65+ = \$16.00) Adults: \$19.00

Group rate (20 or more) – Additional fee of \$150.00 for a Narrated Tram Group Guide

Lunch at Old World: Clousing Café sandwich prices approx. \$10.00 – group lunch can be provided if we have 20 participants.

***** **Polar Star July Field Trip*******

Please complete and return to Barb ASAP – May 1st Deadline

Name: _____

I am interested in participating in the Polar Star field trip

YES NO

I will be staying with the Polar Star group?

YES NO

Norge Annual SKI JUMP TOURNAMENT

This is an
International
competition.
Norway will
be confirmed
in January.

January 21- Saturday Noon - 4pm
Junior Olympic Qualifier K70 and Small Hills

January 22 - Sunday Noon - 4pm
International Competition and Super Tour K70

Gates open at 11am both days. Buttons good all weekend



***Norge Ski Club would like to invite you and a guest to our
VIP area during our tournament on Sunday Jan. 22nd.***

Note: The VIP area will once again be in the main clubhouse.
Bob and Tricia Fisk will be your hosts in the VIP area.

Special discount buttons available now!!!

Now - January 12th

\$5/person children 12 and under are free

**Limited to 2 VIP buttons others will be considered friends and family of VIP.
Friends and family must be with VIP member to enter VIP area.**

DONATIONS: We continue to have an ongoing fundraising campaign for our Junior Club.
If you have made a donation THANK YOU! Please consider making a donation.

Fill out the form below with payment and send to: **Elsie Graczyk - Norge Ski Club**
104 Spring St.
Fox River Grove, Illinois 60021

Questions? contact - Elsie Graczyk 847-639-0630 or bestest1974@gmail.com
Tricia Fisk 815-455-6061 or tfisk59@yahoo.com

Norge Ski Jump Tournament button order form

Your buttons will be held at the ticket booth under your name
Buttons can be mailed - add \$5

(print clearly)

Name(s) _____

Guests of VIP _____

Phone _____ Email _____

of Buttons \$5 _____ Donation\$ _____ amount due \$ _____ check (Norge Ski Club) or cash
optional - (p&h) \$5/ _____

Donation Only \$ _____ Sorry, I will not be able to attend.

Polar Star 5-472 - 2017 Events and Programs

1:30 p.m. St. Olaf Lutheran Church – Montgomery, IL (unless listed)

FEBRUARY 7	THE ROTHIEM FAMILY EXPERIENCES IN AMERICA
MARCH 6	PENNY SOCIAL
APRIL 3	TRADITIONAL NORWEGIAN DESSERTS
MAY 1	PREPARING FOR SYTTENDEMAI
JUNE 3RD	NORWAY MUSEUM OPEN HOUSE AND BREAKFAST
JULY 10, 12, & 14	“HOW TO BE A VIKING” CHILDRENS WORKSHOPS
JULY 20-23	Polar Star Field Trip
AUGUST 7	Program TBA
SEPTEMBER 10	VASA PARK 9:00 a.m.
OCTOBER 1	PROGRAM TBA
NOVEMBER 5	Høstfest begins at 11:30 a.m
DECEMBER 3	JULETREFEST



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Polar Star Culture Corner...by Barb Johnson

POLAR STAR CULTURE GOALS 2017

Genealogy Part 2 and 3

Food Part 2

Literature 1, 2 or 3

Genealogy

For any Polar Star members planning to work on genealogy this year, Jerry Paulson (Naeseth Chair for Genealogical Research and Publication) at the Norwegian American Genealogy center in Madison, suggested that we do the following before we visit in July,,,

- 1) Type rootsmagic.com into a google search
- 2) Go down to the website listed as RootsMagic-Software to Unite Families and under that you will see Roots Magic Essentials.
- 3) Click on that and it will come up with information about the free genealogy software that allows the addition of 200 names before there is a fee.

Traditional Norwegian Food

We will be creating Norwegian desserts at the April Lodge meeting

Literature

So much to read and so little time.....Let's keep our Book Club going this year!

Gratulerer Med Dagen Polar Star!

January	Birthdays	February	Birthdays
1	Eleanor B.	1	Brianna M.
8	Ashley F.	4	Alvin B.
8	Ralph K.	9	Allan B.
8	Michael S.	16	Jeremy O.
29	Elsie S.		

