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PLEASE READ IMPORTANT LETTER ON PAGE 3, ABOUT THE LODGE MEMBERSHIP VOTE TO BE TAKEN AT JANUARY 9TH, 2017 SOC/CULT MEETING, REGARDING THE FUTURE OF NORWAY HOUSE.



Sons of Norway Fosselyngen Lodge No. 5-082

7507 W. Oklahoma Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53219-2861

FOSELINGEN/NORWAY HOUSE – CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY	9	Monday	Lodge Officers' Meeting 4:30 PM <i>Note: Any Member May Attend.</i>
	9	Monday	Soc/Cult Meeting/Installation with Meal 5:30 PM Social, 6 PM Meal, 7 PM Meeting (Page 2)
	18	Wednesday	Norway House Board Meeting 7 PM
	28	Saturday	Torsk Supper and Bake Sale 4-7 PM (Page 2)
FEBRUARY		Note:	No Monday Evening Lodge Social/Cultural Meeting in February.
	15	Wednesday	Norway House Board Meeting 7 PM
	18	Saturday	Torsk Supper and Bake Sale 4-7 PM (Page 2)
		Note:	<u>The February Torsk has been RE- SCHEDULED One Week Earlier than Previously Published.</u>
	27	Monday	Lodge Officers' Meeting 7 PM <i>Note: Any Member May Attend.</i>
MARCH	13	Monday	Soc/Cult Meeting with Meal 5 PM Social, 6 PM Meal, 7 PM Meeting (Page 4)
	15	Wednesday	Norway House Board Meeting 7 PM
	25	Saturday	Torsk Supper and Bake Sale 4-7 PM
APRIL	10	Monday	Soc/Cult Meeting with Meal 5 PM Social, 6 PM Meal, 7 PM Meeting (Page 4)
	19	Wednesday	Norway House Board Meeting 7 PM
	22	Saturday	Torsk Supper and Bake Sale 4-7 PM
	24	Monday	Lodge Officers' Meeting 7 PM <i>Note: Any Member May Attend.</i>
	29&30	Sat & Sun	Rosemaler's Show at Norway House (See Mar/Apr 2017 Runespeak.)

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS – CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY	14	Saturday	Swed. Amer. Hist. Soc. Mtg. at Redemption Luth. In Tosa (Page 5)
FEBRUARY	11	Saturday	Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner at Norway Lutheran Church (Page 5)
	12	Sunday	Bosnian Luncheon at NH. For Info & Reservations call Mimi at 414-446-9628.
	15	Wednesday	Smorgasbord at Our Savior's Lutheran in Oconomowoc (Page 5)
	26	Sunday	Czech Dinner at NH. For Info & Reservations call Sonia at 414-313-3063.

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Like the modern alphabet, runes were the written symbols of our Norse ancestors. Understood only by the very wise, they were used to communicate with others, as well as with the ancient gods.

(januar og februar 2017)

FRA OUTGOING PRESIDENTEN

Hilsen fra President

We are sending out the newsletter early so everyone will get it before the Jan. 9th Social/Cultural meeting. Besides installation, this is a very important meeting for the future of the Lodge and Norway house.

We hope you had a wonderful Holiday season. To all those members who have volunteered for the Lodge and Norway House, a big tusen takk. They know who they are.

See you soon,

Ellie

FRA INCOMING PRESIDENTEN

See letter to Lodge from President Elect, Sue Berg Roedel, on next page (Page 3).

**MONDAY, JANUARY 9TH, 2017
SOCIAL/CULTURAL EVENING**

4:30 PM Officers' Meeting, open to all members)

5:30 PM Social Hour

6 PM Light Meal – Officers will provide the food (***except desserts***) – see below.

7 PM Meeting including installation of newly elected officers & board members and ***other very important business***

See list of newly elected officers and board members & alternates on Page 5 of this issue.
(All newly elected officers of the Lodge and Norway House Board are invited to be present to be installed that night.)

Members with birthdays in January/February 2017 are to bring desserts.

Officers will provide traditional open face sandwiches.



Torsk Supper, January 28th

Call Pam (414-651-4575) or Jack (414-270-9939)
if you'd like to work.

We also need donations of bakery.

**Torsk Supper, February 18th
NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE.**

Call Kristen (414-481-3427) or Karen R. (414-915-9849)
if you'd like to work.

We also need donations of bakery.

Ride Share: If you need help getting to or from a meeting or event, please contact Heidi Strom at 262-716-9118 and we will make every effort to find a ride for you. Thank you.

FOSELYNGEN OFFICERS

President	Sue Berg Roedel	414-526-8312
Vice-President	Heidi Strom	262-716-9118
Treasurer	Evonne Hurst	262-786-8683
Secretary (Correspondence)	Janice Gregoire	262-784-6953
Secretary (Recording)	Maureen Welli	414-774-0507

If you have any questions, please call one of the above officers.
Our web site address is: www.norwayhouse-milw.org

LETTER FROM PRESIDENT ELECT, SUE BERG ROEDEL, TO MEMBERS OF FOSSELYGEN NO 82 LODGE

Dear Members,

Norway House has reached a turning point. A steering committee has met several times, recommendations have been made by the Norway House Board, and the board has voted 10-1 to sell the building. They made the recommendation based on the following:

- Norway House has been losing money for over 5 years –more details given at meeting
- Aging population not being replaced with new members
- Limited volunteers are available to run our business
- No reserve funds set aside for property maintenance, which could be needed soon as our building is 17 years old

We need to sell the building before we have more serious financial problems. We will continue with torsk suppers and scheduled rentals for the rest of the season.

Please attend the January 9th, 2017 meeting as we will be taking a vote from our Fosselygen membership to approve of the sale. We need your support as we move to a new phase of our Lodge. With a sale of our building, we feel we will be able to continue with the original mission of Sons of Norway, which is our fostering our culture and heritage and helping each other. We also feel we could then invest in speakers for meetings and other programs without fund raising. Our Lodge is our people (members), not our building. We have been told by other lodges that have sold their buildings that they are now having more fun and less work.

After the Lodge membership majority approves the sale, the steps will be as follows:

1. We will interview and select a commercial real estate agent.
2. A committee will select a team to work on logistics for our personal property.
3. A committee will explore possible future meeting locations.
4. Upon sale, the proceeds would revert to Fosselyngen and be reinvested.

John Grinde, International Director, from Sons of Norway will be our guest speaker on January 9th, 2017 for our social/ cultural Lodge meeting and installation. We will begin with an officer meeting at 4:30 PM (open to all members), social to begin at 5:30PM, light supper of open faced sandwiches provided by Lodge officers at 6PM and installation at 7PM. Please plan on attending installation and casting your vote, as this is the only way your vote will be counted. We will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Fraternally yours,

Sue Berg Roedel
President Elect, Fosselyngen No 82 and
Norway House Board Member

2016 VOLUNTEER HOURS WORKSHEET INFORMATION

NOTE: *Jan Gregoire is now required to send her tabulation of our Lodge members' 2016 volunteer hours to S of N headquarters by January 31st, 2017.* This is **EARLIER** than in previous years. Therefore, Jan would like to have you to send in your filled out **2016** Volunteer Hours Worksheet to her (or put into Jan's box in the Norway House office) **no later than January 15th, 2017.** This is to give Jan sufficient time to tabulate your Volunteer Hours Worksheets to meet her deadline for S of N Headquarters.

The 2016 Volunteer Hours Worksheet was distributed to you with the Jan/Feb 2016 *Runespeak*.

If you did not receive it, or if you misplaced your copy of the 2016 Volunteer Hours Worksheet, please pick up another copy of it at the Norway House.

(Or alternatively, if you need a replacement blank 2016 Volunteer Hours Worksheet, you could make a photo copy of the blank 2017 Volunteer Hours Worksheet included as Page 9 of this *current* Jan/Feb 2017 *Runespeak* issue, and cross out the year numbers and write in the year numbers as Volunteer Hours Worksheet for **2016** to be turned in January **2017**).

2017 VOLUNTEER HOURS WORKSHEET INFORMATION

A blank 2017 Volunteer Hours Worksheet is included as Page 9 of this Jan/Feb 2017 *Runespeak* issue. The bottom of the back side of this page (which is Page 10, the postal page) includes guidelines for the Volunteer Hours Worksheet. Fill out the sheet throughout 2017 so that it will be ready for you to turn in by January 15th, **2018**.

MONDAY, MARCH 13TH, 2017 SOCIAL/CULTURAL EVENING WITH LIGHT SUPPER

- 5 PM Social Hour
- 6 PM Light Supper – Chili Sampling
(See Box Below about Chili Cook-off)
- 7 PM Short Meeting Followed by
Program

March birthday members provide dessert.

See Mar/Apr 2017 *Runespeak* for program details.

1st Annual District 5 Chili Cook-Off

**Submit your name now to
enter your recipe!**

- Chili will be sampled at the Social/Cultural night on March 13th and voted on immediately by all who attend
- Winners will receive a Blue Ribbon and a Certificate and will also be listed on the District 5 website.



- If you would like to enter your chili recipe, please contact Social Director, Nicholas Rogneby by e-mail or phone.
nrogneby@gmail.com
920-723-9257
- Additional details to follow. Contestants will be updated directly.

**NOTE: No Monday Evening Lodge
Social/Cultural Meeting in February**

MONDAY, April 10TH, 2017 SOCIAL/CULTURAL EVENING WITH LIGHT SUPPER

- 5 PM Social Hour
- 6 PM Light Supper
- 7 PM Short Meeting Followed by
Program

April birthday members provide dessert.

See Mar/Apr 2017 *Runespeak* for program details.

Torsk Supper Report

(not including about 65 workers)

November 12 th , 2016	December 10 th , 2016
209 Adults	175 Adults
10 Children	2 Children

NORWAY HOUSE TORSK SUPPER DATES FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE 2016/2017 SEASON

2017: Jan. 28th, Feb. 18th, Mar. 25th, Apr. 22nd

Traditional Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner

Norway Lutheran Church
6321 Heg Park Rd., Wind Lake, WI 53185

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11th, 2017

Servings 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

By reservation only

Call Donna Hanson (262-534-3862)
for more information.



Sympathy

Fosselyngen Lodge extends its sympathy to the following:

- The family of Gordon Martinson.
- The family of Pat Nelson.
- Linda Peters in the loss of her mother.
- Haakon Randar in the loss of his wife.

Swedish American Historical Society of WI

We invite all to our first meeting of 2017 on Saturday, January 14th, 2017 to learn the Walgreen Story. We'll explore the Swedish background of the son of an immigrant who started the chain in 1901 and why it is called Walgreens today.

Join us 1:30 p.m. Saturday, January 14th, 2017, at Redemption Lutheran Church, 4057 N. Mayfair Rd. Coffee hour to follow. For further information, visit www.sahswi.org or call 414-352-7890.

Please Note: If you receive a notice or call that a member is sick, in a nursing home or has passed away, call Gertie Mork or Ellie Thoresen so that they can be remembered and other officers notified.

Also, don't forget to notify Heidi Strom when a member of the Lodge passes away, since Heidi must notify the Sons of Norway office in Minneapolis. Many people do not purchase a newspaper and others do not indicate in the obituary that they are a member of Sons of Norway.

SMORGASBORD

Wednesday, February 15th, 2017 from 3:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Our Savior's Lutheran Church -145 E. Lisbon Rd., Oconomowoc, WI 53066

Join us for this great Annual Dinner.

Cost is \$12.00 per ticket and you can get tickets at the door. (**NO** reservations needed.)

From Waukesha/Milwaukee: I-94 west to Oconomowoc exit #282/Hwy 67 north, right on bypass, left on Lisbon Rd., church is on the corner of Lisbon & Greenland Ave.

For more info, call church office at (262) 567-8349.

NORWEGIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES

2017 Norwegian Classes, (Beginner & Intermediate Combination classes), start in February.

Sign up by Jan 28th.

6 sessions of each: Feb 8th & 22nd, March 8th & 22nd, and April 5th & 12th.

Total cost is \$120 per student payable to Fosselyngen Lodge. Call Heidi for info 262-716-9118.

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS & ALTERNATES TO BE INSTALLED AT THE JANUARY 9TH SOCIAL/CULTURAL MEETING

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>TERM</u>	<u>POSITION</u>
President	2017	Sue Roedel Berg
Youth Director	2017	Open
Trustee	(1) 3 yr. 2017/18/19	Ellie Thoresen
NH Board	(2) 3 yr. 2017/18/19	Dennis Dale
	2017/18/19	Barbara Pelnar
	(1) 2 yr. 2017/18	Jack Lofte
	(2) 1 yr. 2017	Dean Schmidt
NH Bd. Alt.	2017	Karen Riccobono
	(4) 1 yr. 2017	Steve Welli
	2017	Mark Bjorgo
	2017	Heidi Strom
	2017	David Engen

Norway House Outdoor Fall Cleaning

On Tuesday morning, November 15th, several of our Lodge members did the outside yard cleanup. They had beautiful autumn weather to do the work.

Many thanks to the crew of Jack Lofty, Pam Steuernagel, Dennis Dale, Gertie Mork, Kristen Toth, Karen Sanderson, Karen Riccobono, and Ron & Evonne Hurst.

Also, thanks to Evonne Hurst for the lunch that she provided for the crew when they were finished with the yard work.

NORSK BUTIKK

Norsk Butikk Dates Open

Here are the dates for the rest of the season that we will be open at Norway House:

- Saturday, January 28th Torsk
- Saturday, February 18th Torsk
- Saturday, March 25th Torsk
- Saturday, April 22nd Torsk
- Saturday & Sunday April 29th & 30th, Rosemaler's Show

Other times can be arranged; please call Gretchen or Arlette. Please note that we will be closing the store at 7:00 pm at the Torsk dinners, so please plan accordingly and shop before your work shift begins. Also, we accept cash or check only.

Thank you.

Gretchen Bjork and Arlette Johnson

Helping in the Norsk Butikk

Gretchen and Arlette are looking for a few MEMBERS to help in the Norsk Butikk during Torsks. If you are interested, please contact Gretchen at thebjorks@att.net or 262-502-9197 or Arlette at aejohnson118@hotmail.com or 414-368-3324 for specific details.

FOLK FAIR

Thank you to everyone that helped us with Folk Fair! We had another successful year and without our members and families, Fosselyngen Lodge would not have been able to staff the booth to raise the funds necessary to finance the Lodge's budget. Did you know that over the course of the week (Wednesday to load/unload the truck, Thursday to set up, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday to staff the booth and then on Sunday night to pack the booth up and take everything back to Norway House), over 450 hours are worked by our volunteers. Please mark your 2017 calendar for the 74th Annual Holiday Folk Fair: November 17th, 18th, and 19th, 2017. We are always appreciative of those who help us each year and we welcome any new members or your family or friends to help work in the booth.

Thank you,

Gretchen Bjork and Arlette Johnson

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2017

Duane Olson \$300.00 Book Scholarship & Sverre Thoresen \$300.00 Book Scholarship

Children and grandchildren of a Fosselyngen member, in good standing are eligible for *either* of these scholarships. A member in good standing is identified as being a Fosselyngen member for a minimum of two years and working a minimum of ten volunteer hours during those two years. Grade point average of 3.0 is required.

Applicant may acknowledge the scholarship with their presence at a meeting or written acknowledgement.

Applications may be obtained from Janice Gregoire, our Lodge secretary. Return applications to Janice Gregoire, 17725 Nassau Drive, Brookfield, WI 53045, no later than May 1st, 2017. Janice's phone number is 262-784-6953.

Sons of Norway District 5 Scholarships

- ***Olav Eide District 5 Book Scholarship***

The 5th district is offering a \$300.00 book scholarship in honor of Fosselyngen's long time leader Olav Eide at the district as well as the International level. You can download the application on the Sons of Norway 5th district website www.sonsofnorway5.com. See the application deadline on this website.

- ***Other District 5 Scholarships***

For a list of other District 5 scholarships, visit the District 5 website at www.sonsofnorway5.com. Download applications at this site. See the application deadlines on this website.

Sons of Norway Foundation Grants and Scholarships

The Sons of Norway Foundation offers many grants and scholarships. For the listing of these grants and scholarships, go to www.sofn.com/foundation. See the application deadlines on this website.

All Sons of Norway Foundation grants and scholarships **MUST** be applied for **ONLINE**.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

FYI - Sons of Norway regular member dues will be increasing in 2018 - also we will have a true family membership program which we really never had previously. More info to come in the next issue of *Runespeak*.

PICTURES FROM THE DECEMBER 3RD, 2016 CHRISTMAS PARTY



CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT, "MR. FUN", THE MAGICIAN



SINGING & MARCHING AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE



THE JULENISSEN VISITING THE CHILDREN

All Members - Please Note

We are in the winter season when it is **DANGEROUS** to the building to **turn off the heat**. Please **DO NOT EVER TURN OFF** the thermostats. Just lower the temperature to 55° & leave the setting on "HEAT" and always leave the fan on "AUTO".

CLOSING OF NORWAY HOUSE DURING SEVERE WEATHER:

Norway House closures due to severe weather are included in WISN-TV (Channel 12) weather closure announcements on television.

Note: You can also get WISN-TV's weather closure information by going to the station's weather page on its website www.wisn.com/weather and then clicking on "Closings".

When searching the internet, use

www.freelanthropy.com

and designate Fosselyngen Lodge #82. For each search done, the Lodge earns money.

www.sonsofnorwayblog.blogspot.com

Designed to provide up-to-date commentary or news on issues related to Norway and Sons of Norway.



Save used stamps and expired or used phone cards for Tubfrim to help disabled children and youth in Norway. **Trim stamps so that you have at least at least 1/4 inch but not more than 1/2 inch around the edge of stamp. (See Tubfrim article on Page 7 of the September/October 2016 issue of Runespeak.)**

There is a place in the office for the stamps. Tusen Takk!

NEWSLETTER MAILING STAFF

John & Ann Seastrand, Darla Thingvold, Karen Riccobono, Gertie Mork and Pam Steuernagel
Thanks for helping with the November/December issue.

RECYCLING♦♦♦DOES PAY
PLEASE Save Your Aluminum Cans
For Norway House

NEW 2016 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

If you don't yet have a copy of the new Fosselyngen 2016 Membership Directory, please pick-up a copy for yourself when you come to Norway House for a Lodge meeting, or for Torsk, or anytime during Norway House office hours.

(If you are unable to get to Norway House, call Norway House at 414-321-2637 during office hours to request that a copy be mailed to you.)

Please inform Pam Steuernagel of any changes in your postal address, email address, or telephone number for future directory updates.

Have You Had a Financial Checkup Lately?

If not, contact your field staff representative, Greg Ragan, to set up an appointment to discuss your financial needs at no cost to you. This is a benefit of membership.

Greg Ragan, Sons of Norway
Fraternal Benefits Counselor,
Insurance & Investments
1-800-442-4146



Welcome New Member:
Mary Christine Taylor

Rosemaling Class

If you have any questions, please contact Karen Sanderson at (262) 679-1377.

Dear Members,

If you would like your newsletter emailed to you, please email me at csjohn@att.net . If you would like both an email copy and a hard copy let me know.

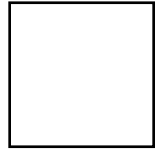
John Schneble, Editor

Please note: If you have any questions about this mailing, address changes or newsletter subscription, please contact Pam Steuernagel at 414-651-4575.

Notice: All articles & information for the March/April 2017 newsletter are **due by February 14th**. Email articles to the editor, John Schneble, csjohn@att.net or mail to: 1024 North 121st Street, Wauwatosa, WI 53226. The editor reserves the right to edit all articles.



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Guidelines for Sons of Norway Individual Volunteer Hours Worksheet

Track the amount of time you spend working on Sons of Norway business and activities. This form is kept and maintained by each member of Sons of Norway and submitted to the Lodge secretary.

Fraternal - Some examples of Fraternal activities are: working on the Lodge website, preparing a speech for a Lodge meeting, typing up meeting minutes, and shopping for treats for the upcoming Lodge meeting. Include anything you do which supports your Lodge and fellow members.

Community - Some examples of Community activities are: cutting stamps for Tubfrim, or volunteering as part of a Lodge organized charity group. Include anything you do which has been organized by your Lodge and supports the people outside the Lodge.

Include any travel time associated with these activities in the time you record for them.

Do not record the time you spend at Lodge meetings, celebrations or any other group event.

For each activity, write down the date (if available), a description of activity and length of time you spent on the activity.

Monthly meetings vary. Please see page one for dates and time. Our location: Norway House
 7507 W. Oklahoma Avenue 414-321-2637 * SE Corner next to AMF Bowling Lanes
 Web site: www.norwayhouse-milw.org

The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote and preserve the heritage and culture of Norway and provide quality insurance and financial products to its members.

Sons of Norways mission er a fremme og ivareta norske kulturtradisjoner, og samtidig tilby de beste forsikrings-og finansprodukter til alle medlemmer.

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