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FOSELYNGEN LODGE – CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY

No Monday Evening Lodge Meetings Scheduled for July.

14 Sunday Lodge picnic at Valley View Park in New Berlin. (Page 3)

AUGUST

12 Monday Soc/Cult Meeting at Mt. Hope Lutheran Church in West Allis. Business Mtg. at 5 PM, Eat at 6 PM, Meeting/Program at 7 PM. Program: Our speaker will be Terry King from Osher Lifelong Learning (UWM). Terry will provide an overview of this program. (Page 3)

SEPTEMBER

9 Monday Soc/Cult Meeting at Mt. Hope Lutheran Church in West Allis. Program: The guest speaker will be author Michael Stevens who will talk about his book "The Making of Pioneer Wisconsin". (See September/October *Runespeak* for meeting details.)

OCTOBER

5 Saturday Reserve date on your calendar for Scandinavian Festival (Page 4)
14 Monday Soc/Cult Meeting at Mt. Hope Lutheran Church in West Allis. Program: The guest speakers will be Jan and Miriam Hansen who will be presenting a PowerPoint program "Alt for Norge: Occupation and Resistance, 1940-1945". (See September/October *Runespeak* for details.)

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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.

FRA PRESIDENTEN

(juli og august 2019)

Dear Members,

I have just returned from the Zone 4, Sons of Norway picnic at Heg Park. What a nice event! We had a great turn out from Fosselyngen, nearly 20 attendants from our lodge as well as members from Racine, Lake Geneva, and Janesville. We had a great meal and enjoyed the museums. Thank you to those of you who participated.

We were treated to a wonderful speaker at our May 13th meeting, Gale Tanger, our very own member who is an Olympic judge. Thank you Gale.

Picnic season is upon us and Sunday, July 14th, 1-4PM is our lodge picnic at Valley View Park, Shelter #2, 5051 S. Sunny Slope Rd., New Berlin. This is off of Sunny Slope Rd. and Beloit Rd., just 2 blocks south of Beloit Rd. Cost is \$5.00 Members and \$8.00 Guests; pay at the picnic. If you haven't made your reservation yet, please let me know **as soon as possible** if you will attend so we can have the correct amount of food. If you have any prizes for bingo that you would like to share, please bring them along. We will play bingo and other games after lunch. Lunch will be served from 1-2PM.

Please see page 3 for the program information for the August meeting. We have a great lineup for programs this fall. I hope to see you soon. Have a great summer.

Fraternally,

Sue Berg Roedel
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For Norwegian language classes during September through November 2019, see the class registration form with class details at the bottom of Page 9 of this newsletter.

SPORTS MEDAL PROGRAM

Just a reminder that forms and information about the Sports Medal Program are available. Contact Dennis Dale at 414-771-3470 or by mail at 1527 Alice Street, Wauwatosa, 53213.

Are you interested in helping Mt. Hope's Clothes Closet? If so, please bring a donation of new children's clothes, socks or underwear for boys or girls for back to school to the meeting. All items will go directly to local families in need. Thank you for your generosity and consideration.

FOSSELYNGEN OFFICERS

President	Sue Berg Roedel	414-526-8312
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If you have any questions, please call one of the above officers.

MONDAY, AUGUST 12TH, 2019
Social/Cultural Meeting
At Mt. Hope Lutheran Church In West Allis
(8633 W. Becher Street)

5 PM Business Meeting

6 PM Light Meal & Social

Meal: A dinner of "build your own burrito", chicken or beef, with all the toppings, along with coffee and lemonade. Feel free to bring your own (BYO) drinks if you would like something different.

Also, desserts will be provided by the lodge.

7 PM Meeting/Program:

Program: Our speaker will be Terry King from Osher Lifelong Learning (UWM). Terry will provide an overview of this program that now has over 2000 members in the Milwaukee area. Osher offers many programs for its members throughout the year: short courses, talks, travel tours, day trips to explore our Milwaukee area, and special interest. Be sure to attend this informative presentation.



You Are Invited to the Fosselyngen Lodge Picnic

Sunday, July 14th, 2019 1PM-4PM

Valley View Park, 5051 S. Sunny Slope Rd., New Berlin, Shelter #2.

(This is off of Sunny Slope Rd. and Beloit Rd., just 2 blocks south of Beloit Rd.)

Cost- \$5.00 per member, \$8.00 guests. Pay at the picnic.

Hamburgers, Brats, Hot Dogs and Salads. Soft drinks and water provided. Feel free to bring your own preferred drink.

RSVP to Sue at 414-526-8312 or email sjroedel@gmail.com **as soon as possible** if you will attend *(if you haven't already responded)* so we can have the correct amount of food.

Games: ladder golf - bean bag toss – bingo

2019 SCANDINAVIAN FESTIVAL SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5TH

At Ronald Reagan Elementary School
4225 South Calhoun Road in New Berlin

**Please reserve this date on your calendar
for the Scandinavian Festival**

The featured entertainment for the 2019 Scandinavian Festival has been secured. It will be the SmörgåsBandet from Long Island, NY that will come here and entertain us along with our other local entertainers. This lively group is shown in the picture below. If you would like to see more information about them, go to <http://smorgasbandet.com> . There is YouTube info at their website if you would like to listen to samples of their music.

Watch for more information about the Scandinavian Festival in future issues of Runespeak.



Note to anyone who wants a vendor booth at the festival: You must fill out a copy of the "Request for Exhibitor Space" form and submit it to the Nordic Council per instructions on the form. The sooner you do this, the better the chance you'll have to get your preferred spot, as vendor registrations are already being received by the Nordic Council. If you received the *Runespeak* issue that you are now reading via email, a copy of the form is attached to the email that delivered this newsletter. Otherwise, request a copy of the form from John Schneble (phone 414-771-4176 or email csjohn@att.net).

NORWEGIAN FOOD TABLE AT SCANDINAVIAN FESTIVAL 2019

At our May meeting we voted to have a food table at Scandinavian Festival 2019 and asked for volunteers to bake cookies, etc. We have five "bakers" so far. We could use several more "bakers" to have a good supply of our famous Norwegian cookies.

Also, and as important as bakers, we need sellers to work the table on Oct. 5th. There are two shifts; 9:15 AM to 2 PM and 2 PM to 6:15 PM. Show hours are 10-6, so the 1st shift will be setting up and the 2nd shift will be packing up.

Please prepare to sign up as a baker or seller at our Aug. 12th meeting, or call Bonnie Wunrow at 414-745-5885 to sign up.

Scandinavian Festival 2019 is again held at Ronald Reagan School at 4225 South Calhoun Road, New Berlin, WI.

Thanks to all who stepped up to make our lodge a strong partner at Scandinavian Festival 2019.

Bonnie Wunrow also needs helpers to work the Nordic Council hot/cold beverage table. Please call Bonnie at 414-745-5885 to help her if you can. She needs helpers from 9:15 AM to 2 PM and 2 PM to 6:15 PM (two shifts).

NORSK BUTIKK AT SCANFEST 2019

Come to the 2019 Scandinavian Festival on Saturday, October 5th, 2019 from 10:00AM to 6:00PM. We will have a Norsk Butikk booth and will be offering 30% off (some exclusions may apply). Come get a start on your Christmas shopping while helping us to reduce our inventory - especially the books; those boxes are the heaviest to tote around.

GALE TANGER, OLYMPIC JUDGE

At our May 13th meeting, our speaker was Gale Tanger, a 25-year member of the Fosselyngen Lodge, who has served as a judge and official for U.S. and International Figure Skating for over 45 years. Her topic was "The Norwegian Legacy of Winter Sports -- a perspective of an Olympic Sports Official".

Gale's father was a Norwegian ski jumper from Norway. As a child Gale grew up in a Norwegian family who embraced and celebrated all winter sports. Gale chose figure skating as her competitive sport and lifelong passion.

Gale was the Team Leader at the 94 Lillehammer Olympics. She continued to serve with the U.S. Olympic Committee at the 2000 Sidney Summer Olympics, the 98 Nagano Games, Assistant CEO of the U.S. Olympic Team at the 2002 Salt Lake City Games, Judge at the 2006 Torino Games and Official Assessment at the 2014 Sochi Winter Games. She served as U.S. press liaison for the recent 2018 Winter Games in Korea.

She especially enjoyed the 94 Lillehammer Olympics because she has many of her Norwegian family members living there, so they were able to visit with her, as well as to watch the games.

Gale has recently retired from her long career which involved traveling all over the world with much time away from home. She enjoys being able to spend more time now at her Wauwatosa home with her husband, Tom.



God Bedring

Fosselyngen Lodge is thinking of and praying for member CC Westgaard due to her current illness.

Sympathy



Fosselyngen Lodge extends its sympathy to the family of Karen Sanderson who passed away on April 27th, 2019.

Karen was an active member of the Lodge as well as the Norway House Board. She was a Golden Member since 1979, and will surely be missed.

Karen was also very active in the Rosemaling Association.

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

Also, don't forget to notify Arlette Johnson when a member of the Lodge passes away, since Arlette 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 were a member of Sons of Norway.

Our Lodge has lost the services of two very active members, both of whom were very involved at all levels in our Lodge and also with the Nordic Council:

Pam Steuernagel, who is no longer able to participate, and Karen Sanderson, who passed away recently.

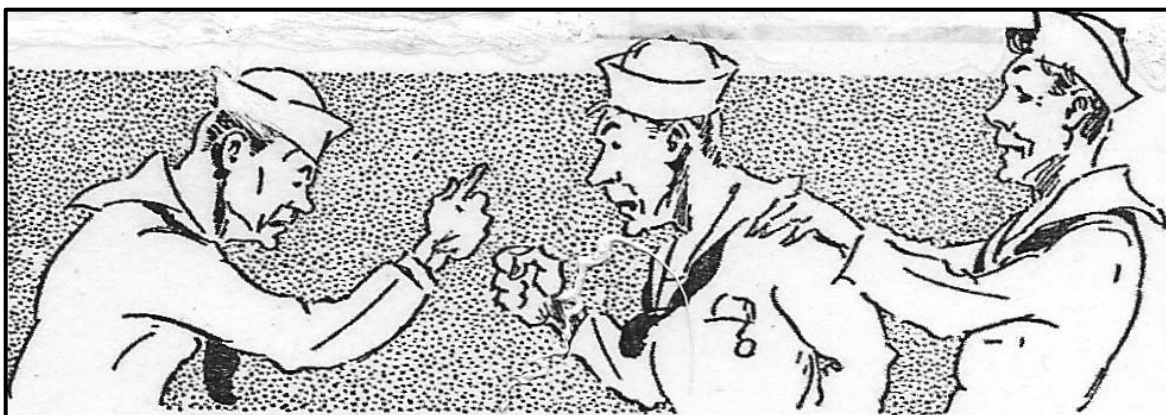
Both were very active for many years in our Fosselyngen Lodge activities, the Norway House, and the area-wide Nordic Council, which offers the October Scandinavian Festival. All of us will miss their extraordinary efforts.

(Tribute suggested by Daryl Wunrow)

“BERSERK”

This word, denoting ungovernable rage, was coined from a custom of the Vikings, who, to prove their courage in desperate fights, would tear off their coats of mail, and fight half-naked. Hence the term “Berserk” or “Bare-sark”, meaning literally “Bare of Shirt”, as sark is the Norse word for shirt.

Our American phrase “**Keep your shirt on**” is slang for “Don’t get fighting mad.” It refers to the above-mentioned act of the ancient Viking berserkers, who in fury would tear off their shirts and fight half-naked.



(Suggested by Steve Welli, from the book called “The Navy Tradition” issued in 1942.)

EXPLANATION OF WHY YOU MAY BE RECEIVING A PRINTED COPY OF THE *RUNESPEAK* BY POSTAL MAIL THAT YOU MIGHT NOT NEED OR WANT

The bulk mail postage rate is a small fraction of the first-class postage rate. But in order to go by bulk mail, the post office requires the mailing to be a *minimum of 200 copies*. In the past when our lodge had many more members than today, it was easy to meet this minimum copy requirement.

Our lodge membership has been dropping and now is still *somewhat* over 200. But, some members who get the *Runespeak* by email don’t want a paper copy, and some members who live in households with two lodge members don’t want two copies sent to them.

Therefore, the number of paper copies wanted by our members is *less than 200*, so if we only mailed the newsletter to those members who want the paper copy, we would be forced to send the newsletters using expensive first-class postage.

But when we send a paper copy to *every* member, the cost savings to our lodge of the bulk mail postage far exceeds the extra cost of printing these extra copies. So please allow us to send you the paper copies that you might not need or want so that we save money for our lodge.

Thank you.

John Schneble, Editor



MASSE MORO

SONS OF NORWAY FIFTH DISTRICT NORWEGIAN HERITAGE CAMP

40th Anniversary Celebration!

Celebrate with us - Masse Moro's 40th Anniversary!

When: Saturday, July 27th starting at 10 a.m.

Where: Beaver Creek Reserve, Fall Creek, WI

Agenda: Presentations by our 2019 campers

- ◆ Founder's statement as to "how it all began"
- ◆ Comments from some of our first campers
- ◆ Folk Dancers, Treats and Frozen Custard

(donated by Culvers—Brackett Ave. Eau Claire, WI.)

Mange Takk!



Heddal Stavechurch in Telemark, Norway

Here is a legend telling about the erection of this church and how it was built in three days:

Once upon a time five of the farmers in Heddal agreed upon building a church in the valley. But there was this problem of finding a qualified builder. One day one of the farmers, named Raud Rygi, ran into a stranger who promised to build the church. But on one condition: -- When the church was finished, Raud should bring him the Sun and the Moon, or the blood of his heart unless he could guess the stranger's name. Raud thought it would be more than enough time to discover the man's name, and so he made the deal.

But alas, he didn't get very much time. During the first night all the timber was in place, the second night the main tower was raised, and the third night the church was finished. Fearing for his life, Raud strolled along his fields desperately, wondering how to guess the stranger's name. Then he heard this beautiful song coming from inside a nearby mountain:

*"Hush, hush, little baby do -- tomorrow father Finn, will bring to you,
Moon and Sun and Christian Heart as toys for you, -- so nice and smart."*

The riddle was solved. -- The builder was the "troll" Finn, who lived in the nearby mountain. That's how Raud saved his life and Heddal got its church. But the troll couldn't stand the sound of the church bells every Sunday, and therefore moved with all his family to the mountain Himingen. When you go north from Heddal stave church you'll see the Himingen Mountain on the western horizon, where the angry and frustrated troll still lives with his family.

(Suggested by Shirley Engelmqnn)



NORSE ROSEMALING GROUP

The new contact person for the Norse Rosemaling Group is Judy Dimmick. Her phone number is 262- 370-1712.

Ride Share: If you need help getting to or from a meeting or event, please contact Arlette Johnson at 414-368-3324, and we will make every effort to find a ride for you. Thank you.

www.sonsofnorwayblog.blogspot.com

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

FOSELYNGEN LODGE SCHOLARSHIPS

We are pleased to announce that the following students received Fosselyngen Lodge scholarships:

- Brandon Hoff, grandson of Ron and Marit Hoff
- Jack Hauser, grandson of Ron and Marit Hoff
- Kayla Thoresen, granddaughter of Ellie Thoresen
- Sam Wade, grandson of Dennis and Helen Dale

We wish them success in their chosen field of study.

MEMBERSHIP FORMS

Please do not use any old membership forms. Any new members should call Arlette Johnson at 414-368-3324 to get new forms.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If you have a change of postal address, *please* notify the Sons of Norway International Headquarters Membership Department at 800-945-8851.

HOW TO CONTACT FOSSELYNGEN LODGE:

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NEWSLETTER MAILING STAFF

Dennis Dale, Nancy & Milt Sande,
Bonnie & Daryl Wunrow, Gleandean Schmidt,
and Karen Riccobono.

Thanks for helping with the May/June issue.

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.

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Dear Members,

If you would like your newsletter emailed to you, please email me at csjohn@att.net.

John Schneble, Editor

Notice: All articles & information for the September/October 2019 newsletter are **due by August 15th**.

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.

NORWEGIAN LANGUAGE CLASS REGISTRATION FORM – SEPTEMBER 2019

Classes will be on Wednesdays at 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM (mixed beginner and intermediate).

Held at: MT. HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH at 86th and Becher in West Allis.

2019 Dates: September 11th & 25th, October 9th & 23rd, and November 6th & 13th – all Wednesdays.

Instructor: Mette L. Baran, Ed.D. – Associate Professor Cardinal Stritch.

Class fees \$20 per session. Payable in full (\$120) to Fosselyngen Lodge by September 1st, 2019.

Student Name _____

Contact phone number _____ Email _____

Submit this sheet with check payable to Fosselyngen Lodge to Heidi Strom or mail to Gretchen Bjork, W149N8235 Norman Dr., Menomonee Falls, WI 53051. Call Heidi w/questions at 262-716-9118.

If not enough students sign up, the lodge reserves the right to cancel classes and refund money. So please sign up soon and bring your friends.

Non-members are welcome but will be charged \$22 per session. (\$132 total)



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Two Norwegian brothers kept their two horses in a pasture. To tell them apart, they trimmed the tail on one horse. Later, they discovered that the black horse was about 8 inches shorter than the white one.

Ole: "Uff da. Dose people upstairs drive me goofy! Last night dey stomped and pounded on de floor till almost midnight."

Landlord: "Did they wake you up?"

Ole: "No. I was lucky I vas playing my tuba."

On a very stormy day, Little Ole asked his mother, Lena, "Maw, do you vant me to go to the grocery store for you?"

"I wouldn't send a dog out on a day like dis!" replied MaMa Lena. "I'll get your father to go."

(The above three items were seen in the Norskeland newsletter.)

Monthly meetings vary. Please see page one for dates, times, and location of meetings.
 Web site: <http://sonsofnorwaymilwaukee.org>

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