

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 and Polar Star friends with Governor Rauner at Vasa Park 2018

Way to Go Polar Star Lodge!!!

Once again you have amazed me! What a great day at Vasa Park! Everyone worked hard and we had a great time. I even noticed that everyone stayed as long as possible!.. You have set the bar even higher since we raised \$2,266.00 which was \$400.00 more than last year. Many thanks to all those who worked the booth, baked goods, and donated items for the loppemarked. It's truly a blessing to lead such a remarkable group of individuals!

Your President
Ken Johnson

PS: We are in need of more voices for our Norwegian choir that began rehearsal Thursday night – so get your voices warmed up and join us!



Ed, Steve and Roald
Scandinavian Festival September 9th

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Fox Valley
Norwegian Choir
Rehearsals
Thursday nights
at 7:00 p.m**

**October 7, 2018
Slooper Society of
America Annual Mtg.
See article on page 2**

**Polar Star
Taste of Norway Høstfest
Sunday Nov. 4th
See flier on page 5**

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

Polar Star Website

www.polarstarlodge.com

Norway Museum Website

www.norskmuseum.org

MEMBERS IN ACTION

POLAR STAR OCTOBER 7th EVENT



SLOOPER SOCIETY OF AMERICA

2018 ANNUAL MEETING

NORWAY COMMUNITY BUILDING

“Norwegian Americans and World War 1”

The program will be presented by Bill Injerd, the “unofficial” historian of the Slooper Society in honor of the 100th anniversary of the end of WWI on November 11, 2018.

Entertainment: Stoughton Norwegian Dancers

DOORS OPEN AT NOON – POTLUCK SERVED AT 1:00 P.M.

PLEASE BRING A DISH TO PASS



Editor’s note: my grandfather Andrew Bernie Knutson WWI photo



Don and Richard making Norsk vafler



Polar Star workers at Vasa Park



Governor Rauner enjoying Peppersmåkake with iskrem at our Polar Star Bakeri

Polar Star Lodge



“Taste of Norway” Høstfest – Fall Festival Sunday, November 4, 2018

St. Olaf Lutheran Church – 1233 Douglas Ave.

Noon - 3:30 p.m.

Montgomery, IL

**Taste Traditional Norwegian Food
Shop for Scandinavian gifts, and jewelry
Lefse and Krumkake demonstrations
Norwegian Craft demonstrations**

Rosemaling

Kolrosing

Jewelry

Knitting

- **Fox Valley Norwegian Choir Performance at 1:00 p.m.**

**Contact: Polar Star Cultural Director - Barb Johnson
email barbjjohnsonb@aol.com or by phone: 630-553-7389**

Calling all Polar Star singers, friends and children.....



The Fox Valley Norwegian Choir began rehearsal on Thursday, September 13th for our Høstfest performance. We are in need of more voices! Please join us and recruit your friends, children, and grandchildren! Rehearsals will be held every Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. through October at St. Olaf Lutheran Church in Montgomery under the direction of Doris Pittman.

POLAR STAR 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

OCTOBER 7 – Slooper Society Annual Mtg.

Pot luck begins at 1:00 – Norway Community Bldg.

NOVEMBER 4 - Høstfest

NOVEMBER 17 – Norway Museum Smørgåsbord

DECEMBER 2 - JULETFEST



NORWEGIAN SMØRGÅSBORD NOVEMBER 17, 2018

Norway Community Center
Norway, IL

Seating at 4:00 p.m. or 5: 30 p.m.

ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY (carry outs available)

\$18.00 Adults - \$7.00 Children (10 and under)

For tickets or information Phone: 815-343-5070

www.norskmuseum.com

Sponsored by the Norsk Museum and Sons of Norway Polar Star and Cleng Peerson Lodges. All proceeds support the Norsk Museum Building Fund.

Tickets are now available – See President Ken, Roald or Steve at the October meeting.

Send your favorite Norwegian Christmas Cookie recipes to Barbjohnsonb@aol.com by October 14th for publication in the November newsletter.



Activity Hours Tracking Sheet - Polar Star Lodge 5-472

Member Name _____ Phone _____ Service Year _____

This data is used for mandatory reporting that maintains Sons of Norway tax-exempt status, and for National Sons of Norway to lobby on behalf of Fraternal benefit societies. Annually, by end of January, submit your completed form to the Polar Star Secretary. **Taken task.**

- **Membership services** – Projects/programs organized by Sons of Norway at a lodge, district or international level that you worked at or for, which were devoted to lodge business affairs, recreational or social events, training seminars, cultural classes, officer duties, etc. Include time spent organizing, planning and/or working on the events. Do not include lodge meeting attendance time.
- **Community services** – Include activities that you participated in the name of in behalf of Sons of Norway lodge, district or international level. Include time attending/volunteering, as well as travel and preparation time.

Member Activity	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Lodge Meetings <small>(prepare food for potluck)</small>													
Lodge Meetings <small>Set up/clean up/other duty)</small>													
Cultural Training <small>(class/seminar)</small>													
Program/Meeting <small>(plan/prepare/training/etc)</small>													
Officer Duties													
Newsletter/ Website													
Board/Committee Meetings													
District/National Meetings													
Other <small>(describe)</small>													
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP HOURS:													

Community Activity	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Hastfest <small>(prep/food/work)</small>													
Fox Valley Norwegian Choir													
Vasa Park <small>(prep/food/work)</small>													
Norsk Museum <small>(docent/manage/maintain)</small>													
Norsk Museum Fundraisers <small>(arrange/donate/serve/prepare/food/work)</small>													
Stylendama Parade/Banquet													
How to be a Viking <small>(prep/food/work)</small>													
Norwegian National League													
Viking Ship <small>(docent/manage/maintain)</small>													
Red Hat Knitting													
Tubfin													
Barnbirka <small>(prep/food/work)</small>													
Other <small>(describe)</small>													
TOTAL COMMUNITY HOURS:													

Revised 2016

Editor's Note: Please download this form and use to track volunteer hours

Gratulerer Med Dagen (Happy Birthday) Polar Star!



SEPTEMBER 15-30

- 21. Richard Vigsnes
- 22. Brooke Johnson
- 30. Lukas Motylewski

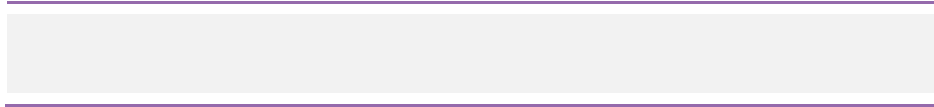
OCTOBER 1-14

- 7. Richard Jensen
- 7. Matthew Johnson



SAVE YOUR STAMPS!

<p>Nordikreations Scandinavian and Viking-style Jewelry HAND-CRAFTED BY PHYLIS</p> <p>www.etsy.com/shop/Nordikreations www.etsy.com/shop/kreationsbyphylis email: nordikreations@yahoo.com Facebook: Nordikreations</p> <p>See back for shop information -></p>	<p>SHOP INFORMATION Nordikreations Scandinavian and Viking-style Jewelry and Gifts Hand-crafted jewelry by Phyllis. Domestic and imported gift items 1 Courthouse Square, Space #21, Crown Point, Indiana Hours: Tues - Sat, 10a-5p (closed Sunday and Monday)</p> <p>Come out to Crown Point, Indiana . . . stop by my new Nordikreations Shop, located in the Old Crown Point Court House. We are about 13 miles south of I-80/94. Make a day of it and check out the many antique shops and old town restaurants. Find out about other events in the area on alongthesouthshore.com.</p>
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Polar Star Poetry

Editor's Note: The following poems are being reprinted due to publication errors in July and August newsletters

A Glorious September Morning

by Jeri-Lynn Baker

I took a moment this morning to see and hear the world.
What a gray, wet and glorious day I thought, as I sat
beneath the covering that kept me dry.

A symphony of birds, in all the trees, singing praises
to the Heavens, for the rain upon their head.
Two squirrels walking, hopping, jumping and searching.
Standing on hind legs when the treasure is found and the nibbling
begins.
Two yellow finches fluttering across the neighbor's yard.
All are seemingly oblivious that they are getting wet.

Above it all the drip, split, splat of the rain tinkling down on grass,
pavement and brick. The robins soar from tree, to ground, to tree,
surveying the land for a puffy fat worm and a sip from the puddle to help the
worm go down.

There is unrest for a moment. A hawk dives and the maddeningly
sound begins of the little sparrows, chittering, in hot pursuit of their
brother caught in the talons of the mighty hawk. He flap, flap, flaps
away indifferent to their pleas.

A tiny little chipmunk brave enough to sneak upon me for a closer look.
He scatters quickly back to the safety of the open yard. How soon he forgot
about the demon hawk.

It is a good day. It will pass much too soon. This moment, as I breathe a sigh
of joy, is taken and tucked gently in the memory of my heart, for another day
that seems not to be as glorious.

Poetry from Skogfjorden Norwegian Language Camp by Barb Johnson

Vår Første Lærer

Sterk, klok og kreativ

Evig nysgjerrig

Begavet syerske

Datter av Norge og den Amerikanske Revolusjon

Vår første lærer

Som lærte oss kjærlighet

Som lærte oss å arbeide

Med modighet og tillit

Med verdighet og begeistring

Vår første lærer

Vår mor

English Translation

Our First Teacher

Strong, smart and creative

Lifelong learner

Gifted seamstress

Daughter of Norway and the American Revolution

Our first teacher

who taught us to love,

to work,

to succeed, to inspire.

And now...she teaches us to age

with strength and pride,

with courage and confidence,

with dignity and enthusiasm.

Our first teacher

Our Mother

SEND YOUR POETRY FOR PUBLICATION IN FUTURE ISSUES TO:

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Polar Star Norwegian Book Club

Paperwork Party for the following books



If you have read any three of these books (or *Macbeth* by Jo Nesbø) and have not earned part 1 of the Literature culture medal, mark your calendars and we will meet to complete the paperwork at Panera on Orchard Road, on Saturday, December 8th at noon.

Fall Selections



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Editor's Note:

These two books book drew my interest. *Defiant Courage* because it is written by the same author as my Norwegian cookbook and *Hell's Princess* sounds so creepy I just have to read it. (How could a "nice" Norwegian girl become a killer?) If you read one of these books along with the previous nonfiction selections, you will have completed the requirements for Part 3 of the Literature medal. Let's see how many of us can earn part 3 before the end of the year?

VASA PARK 2018

