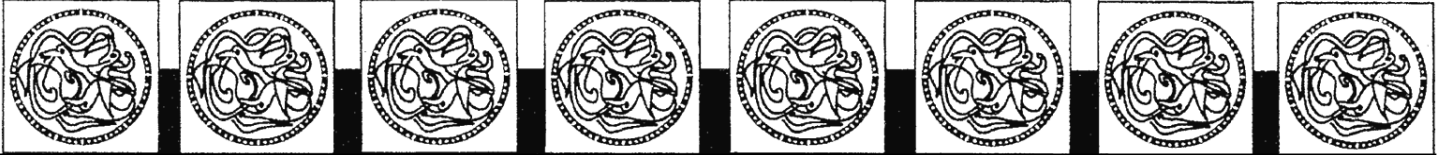


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Fosselyngen Lodge No. 5-082, Sons of Norway

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***NOTE:** There was NO mai og juni 2020 Volume 45 No. 3 Runespeak issue due to all the meeting cancellations resulting from COVID-19.

FOSELYNGEN LODGE – CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY	13	Monday	Virtual Lodge Meeting for All Members VIA Zoom @ 7PM. See Daryl Wunrow's instructions for preparing to use Zoom in the top box on Page 3.
AUGUST	10	Monday	Lodge Picnic at Steeple View Community Center (<i>tentative</i>). Starting at 6PM. Steeple View is located at 12455 W Janesville Rd. in Muskego. See 2 nd box from the top on Page 3 for more details.

NOTE: The October 2020 Scandinavian Festival at Ronald Reagan School has been cancelled because of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

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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

(july og august 2020)

Kjaere venner,

How are you? Are you busy and keeping in touch with friends? I sure miss our get togethers. We even missed our last issue of the Runespeak since we didn't know what was happening from day to day or what to report. Hopefully we can safely begin to move forward with social distancing. We conducted our lodge business meeting virtually by Zoom on May 26th, 2020. This is a new way of meeting via tablet or smart phone. We have funded the District 5 Olav Eide Scholarship to Hanna Berg, from Marshfield, Wisconsin and have received a thank you note from her. She will be attending UWM in the fall. A \$500 donation has been made to Hunger Task Force to assist those in need during this difficult time. We voted to cancel the picnic for July 13th and conduct a Zoom meeting instead at 7PM. I hope you will join in. See Daryl's article (in top box on Page 3) and feel free to call Daryl or myself if you need help in logging in prior to the meeting time. At this time, we have re-scheduled the picnic for the August meeting date of August 10th at Steeple View Community Center if the room is open at that time (presently closed due to COVID-19). We would certainly practice social distancing, and I have a box lunch in mind for our meal. Please contact me prior to venturing out to confirm that the picnic meeting is still on. We will send an email to those on our email list. If you haven't been receiving emails from us and would like to, please let me know so you can be added. Stay safe and I hope to be able to see you soon.

Sue Berg Roedel

FOSSELYNGEN OFFICERS

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If you have any questions, please call one of the above officers.

***NOTE:** For membership information, call our Vice-President, Arlette Johnson.

MONDAY, JULY 13TH, 2020

Virtual Lodge Meeting for All Members VIA Zoom

We want to try a [zoom.com](https://zoom.us) virtual meeting that you can attend from your home on Monday, July 13th at 7PM.

If you have a computer or smart phone or a notebook / iPad you need to download the app for [zoom.com](https://zoom.us)

You need to send Daryl Wunrow your current email address and we will send you a link to the meeting. We are hopeful that many of you will be able to "attend" this meeting in your own home. Let's try it and see if we can remain in touch with each other. The meeting is limited to 40 minutes and will cut off when that time limit has been reached. Daryl's email address is dwunrow1@icloud.com.

MONDAY, AUGUST 10TH

Lodge Picnic at Steeple View Community Center

The starting time for the picnic is 6PM. We will have box lunches.

Steeple View is located at 12455 W Janesville Rd. in Muskego. Go to the **west** entrance of Steeple View by going a short way south of Janesville Rd. on South Lowell Place and turning east up the driveway to the parking lot by the west entrance.

Note: The scheduled picnic meeting is **tentative** pending the re-opening of their community room. We will send an email to the member email addresses we have, if the meeting is cancelled. Please call Sue at 414-526-8312 to confirm that the picnic meeting is still on before venturing out.

IS YOUR MEMBER CONTACT INFORMATION UP TO DATE?

With all that has happened in the last couple months due to the COVID-19 pandemic and cancellations of meetings and the decision not to print the May/June issue of the newsletter, we tried to make every effort to update members of these changes, but know we were not able to contact everyone.

An email was sent to individuals who receive the newsletter electronically and also phone calls and another email was sent to members who have attended meetings in 2019 and 2020, advising them of the meeting cancellations and newsletter not being published. During this process, we noted that some member information was incorrect or had changed. With that being said, we ask that you please check your member information on file with Minneapolis and let them know if there are changes, so we have the correct information when we print our yearly directory.

Also, since the newsletter is only issued every other month, we will post updates on the Lodge website (www.sonsofnorwaymilwaukee.org) if meetings are cancelled in the future, or if there are any other updates you should be aware of.

Thank you. Arlette

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES AND UPDATE YOUR LODGE DIRECTORY:

Julie Instenes – add phone number (414)541-3373

Reidun Mayer – correction in phone number, please change it to (414)466-6232

Barb Snyder – add phone number (262)782-6929.

Effective July 1st, 2020, Ellie Thoresen's apartment number will change to #217.

Gertie Mork's Burial at Scandinavia, WI Cemetery

The members of Fosselyngen Lodge 5-82 respectfully wish to express sorrow to Gertie's daughter Lori and family. We will honor her now and will do so later when we can gather.

Lori was able to reach out to the Sons of Norway Lodge in Gertie's home town of Scandinavia, WI. President Dale Thompson, his wife Debbie and member Martha Cook (pictured below) gathered with the family at the Scandinavia cemetery to honor Gertie's membership and the many, many hours of service she gave to Fosselyngen Lodge.

Gertie was a Golden member. She was at every event at Norway House, at Folk Fair, torsk dinners, rentals, conventions and so much more.

She did it all! And always with a happy heart and Norwegian smile.

Mange Tusen Takk Gertie



(L-R) Martha Cook and Debbie & Dale Thompson
*(Article by Shirley Engelmann.
 Photo from Lori Pritzl.)*

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.

Sympathy

Fosselyngen Lodge extends its sympathy to the following:



- The family of Ed Strom who passed away on April 26th.



- The family of Gertie Mork who passed away on May 12th.



- The family of Irene Brandies who passed away on June 11th.



Tribute for Gertie Mork

To the family of Gertie Mork, Fosselyngen Lodge extends its sympathy.

Gertie passed away May 12th. She was a member since 1978 and was active as soon as she joined.

She was past President of Lyngblomsten Lodge which was a lady's lodge.

She was an active member during most of her Sons of Norway membership.

She was on the Norway House board. She made the baskets for the children's Christmas parties for many years.

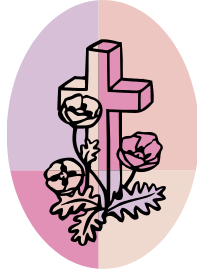
You would also find Gertie in the Kitchen volunteering for Norway House torsk dinners and the lodge's Social/Culture Nights.

God bless her.

(by Ellie Thoresen)

Remembering our members who passed away this past year (between May 2019 and May 2020):

Karen Sanderson
 JoAnne Anderson
 Betty Witke
 Wayne Johnson
 Wilma Nygaard
 Ardell Brynildson
 Raymond Johnson
 Ed Strom
 Gertie Mork



Please remember these members and their families, and keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Happy Birthday, Mrs. Betty O'Sullivan!!



BETTY SHOWN WITH HART PARK SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR, KOSTA ZERVAS

Betty celebrated her 101st birthday on January 31st!! Betty continues to be active at the Hart Park Senior Center by taking her weekly chair yoga class and singing with the Music From The Hart group. What an inspiration to all of us!

(Photo & article courtesy of Hart Park Senior Center. Reprinted with permission of the O'Sullivan family.)

HYGGE

TOP TEN HYGGE CITIES IN THE USA



Hygge is a Danish and Norwegian word for a mood of coziness and comfortable conviviality with feelings of wellness and contentment. As a cultural category with its sets of associated practices hygge has more or less the same meanings in Danish and Norwegian, but the notion is more central in Denmark than in Norway.

At least Milwaukee (at bottom center of the banner) is in the top 10 of the most hygge cities in the USA!!

Weekly SofN District 5 Virtual Meetings

Each week during the COVID-19 pandemic, District 5 is holding a weekly virtual meeting for all SofN members. Called "Ole's Corner", it is hosted by Mike Palecek from our Racine lodge.

Meeting start times for the virtual presentations are 6:20 PM (CT) every Tuesday.

The session opens 10 minutes early, to give you time to connect. The meeting will be finished about 40 minutes later.

You can **participate by** computer or other type of electronic device at:

<https://gotomeet.me/SofN-D5>

(You need to have a zoom app installed free on your device. If you want to use an iPad, iPhone, or Android smartphone or tablet, go to the appropriate app store and download the GoToMeeting app. The session name is SofN-D5).

Members can also view videos of previous archived presentations by going to:

http://www.sonsofnorway5.com/programs/speakers_bureau.php

Click on any of the programs listed at this website. For example, one of the many presentations listed here is:

04/28/2020: Norwegian Midwives in the Midwest (Glenn Borreson)

<https://transcripts.gotomeeting.com/#/s/7ab13de6a5248410f73d372de1aa754c9bf19b9c22a748f3b14894d96caadf49>

Daryl Wunrow will present his "Erie Canal: Immigrants to the Midwest" program on Sons of Norway District Five Zoom website <https://gotomeet.me/SofN-D5> on Tuesday, July 21st, at 6:20PM.

District 5 Scandinavian Photo Contest

For description of contest and rules, go to:

http://www.sonsofnorway5.com/conventions/convention_contest.php

The deadline for submitting photos is Sunday July 5th, 2020.

MIDSUMMER CELEBRATIONS IN NORWAY

The evening of June 23rd is celebrated as Midsummernight Eve in Norway, also named 'St.Hans Aften' or Jonsok-kveld', depending on where you are in the country. Huge bonfires are burned as part of the celebrations. St. Hans or Jonsok both reveal that the festival has been named after St. John the Baptist, as the 24th is his birthday according to the Festival Calendar of the pre-Reformation Church.

As with so many of the church festivals, it was introduced in order to replace an old heathen festival on that same date, thought to be the Summer Solstice, or the longest day of the year.

In Norway, the evening is celebrated with partying, good food, music and dancing, and the burning of huge bonfires. The burning of bonfires has of course survived from heathen times, when it was believed that the fire had special cleansing powers, and was also used to drive away evil powers, witches included.

Medical herbs also had special powers at Midsummernight, and so did water. Dew that fell on that night was believed to have healing properties, particularly for ailments of the eyes.

Midsummernight Eve was a public holiday in Norway until 1771, and has as a matter of fact survived as a day off in several communities to this day.

(From: <http://www.norwaypost.no/culture/10053->)

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.

HOW TO CONTACT FOSSELYNGEN LODGE:

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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.

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.

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NEWSLETTER MAILING STAFF

John Seastrand, Milton & Nancy Sande,
Glendean Schmidt, Daryl & Bonnie Wunrow, &
Karen Riccobono.

Thanks for helping with the
March/April 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 2020 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.



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Ole and Lars go ice fishing. Ole pulls out his new thermos and Lars says to him, "Ole, whatcha got der?"

Ole says, "Well Lars, dis here's a thermos. It keeps hot tings hot, and it keeps cold tings cold."

After a while, Lars gets curious and says, "Vell Ole, whatcha got in dat der thermos?"

Ole says, "Vell Lars, I got a popsicle, and two cups of coffee."

(as seen in Små Fjell newsletter)

Respect for the Dead:

Ole and Sven are fishing near a bridge. They had been there for a while with the fish biting. Then a funeral procession starts to go over the bridge, and Ole stands up and takes off his hat until it passes.

"Vell Ole, I didn't know you had so much respect fer da dead," Sven says.

"Vell I should. I vas married to her for 30 years."

(as seen in Budstikken newsletter)

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

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