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FOSELYNGEN LODGE – CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- JULY** 11 Monday Lodge Picnic at Steepleview Apartments Community Room
12455 W. Janesville Rd. Muskego; 5 PM
(See 4th paragraph of Sue's President's message on Page 2 for picnic details.
If you have not yet registered for the picnic, please register ASAP, or at least by July 5th.)
- AUGUST** 8 Monday Soc/Cult Meeting at Mt. Hope Lutheran Church in West Allis.
Socialize at 5:30 PM. Dinner at 6 PM. Meeting at about 6:45 PM.
Program: Our guest speaker will be Dana Kelly from the Norwegian-American Genealogical Center and Naeseth Library in Madison. She will speak on the topic "Norwegian Geography for Genealogy".
(See full details of meeting on Page 3.)
- SEPTEMBER** 12 Monday Soc/Cult Meeting at Mt. Hope Lutheran Church in West Allis.
(See September/October 2022 *Runespeak* for details of meeting.)
- OCTOBER** 10 Monday Soc/Cult Meeting at Mt. Hope Lutheran Church in West Allis.
(See September/October 2022 *Runespeak* for details of meeting.)

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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

(jul og august 2022)

Although we did not have a lodge meeting in June, your board met on June 6th to make plans for the remainder of the year and conduct the business of the lodge. I'm excited to announce that the board has approved granting 11 college scholarships of \$1,000 each, this year to children and grandchildren of our lodge members. In addition, we have granted the District 5 Olav Eide Scholarship \$500 to Britta Elsbernd.

Gretchen Bjork, Mary Taylor and I are getting ready to attend the District 5 Convention June 16th-18th in Middleton, WI. We hope to bring some news and new ideas for our lodge. The International Sons of Norway convention is August 31st-September 1st and will now be held virtually.

We should have more information about the Adult Heritage Weekend October 7th and 8th, in Spring Grove, MN after attending the convention. I will share this with you at the picnic July 11th.

Our picnic on July 11th is at 5PM at Steepleview Apartments Community Room, 12455 W. Janesville Rd. Muskego. If you have not called or emailed me for your reservation and you want to attend, please call me at 414-526-8312 or email sjroedel@gmail.com by July 5th, so I can order the correct amount of food. The cost is \$5.00 which will be collected at the door. The new membership directory will be available for pickup at the picnic.

Also, please don't miss our fantastic speaker Dana Kelly, Executive Director from the Norwegian-American Genealogical Center & Naeseth Library in Madison at our August 8th meeting.

I look forward to seeing you soon. Have a safe and fun summer!

Sue 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, AUGUST 8TH, 2022

Social/Cultural Meeting

At Mt. Hope Lutheran Church In West Allis
(8633 W. Becher Street)

(Facemasks are optional.)

Socialize at 5:30 PM. (Someone will be at the doors from 5:15 until 6:00. After that, you must call the cell phone number posted on the door for someone to let you in).

Dinner at 6 PM. The menu is: roast turkey, mashed potatoes, vegetable. and dessert.

Meeting starts at about 6:45 PM.

Program: Norwegian Geography for Genealogy

Our guest speaker will be Dana Kelly, who is the Executive Director of the Norwegian-American Genealogical Center and Naeseth Library in Madison. She will speak on the topic "Norwegian Geography for Genealogy".

INTRODUCING YOUR NORWEGIAN/AMERICAN ANCESTOR

We invite members to introduce one of their "Norwegian" ancestors at forthcoming 2022 meetings on August 8th, September 12th, and October 10th.

Email Daryl Wunrow at dmwunrow@gmail.com . We would like to schedule two member talks for each meeting, lasting for 3-5 minutes.

We have a form you can use for planning your short introduction. See Page 8 of the May/June *Runespeak* for the format of your introduction.

Your ancestor would be honored to be introduced to our Lodge members.

HOLIDAY FOLK FAIR

This year's Holiday Folk Fair will be held "in-person", November 18-20, 2022 at State Fair Park in West Allis. The Lodge will participate again with our Cultural Booth, and we will need people to help with four-hour shifts Friday through Sunday. Sign-up sheets will be available at the August, September and October meetings. Two volunteers are needed for each shift, and we hope many of you will step up to help.

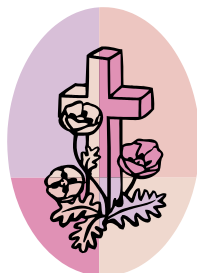
Gretchen Bjork and Arlette Johnson

NORWEGIAN COOKIE BAKING

As mentioned in the last newsletter, we are having a Norwegian Cookie Baking class to demonstrate how to make Krumkake and Sandbakkels. We have reserved Saturday, August 20th at Mt. Hope Church from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Dough and batter will be provided, but if you have a Krumkake baker, please bring it with you. We will provide the Sandbakkels tins.

Arlette Johnson

Remembering our members who passed away this past year (between May 2021 and May 2022):



Ronald Hoff (May 29th, 2021)
 Norman Sande (October 31st, 2021)
 Anna Veum (November 3rd, 2021)
 Marit Hoff (May 8th, 2022)

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

God Bedring

We wish a speedy recovery for Carolyn Le Beck

Sympathy

Fosselyngen Lodge extends its sympathy to the following:



The family of Marit Hoff who passed away on May 8th, 2022. She was a member of the Lodge for over 55 years and was very active.



VELKOMMEN

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Gordy Gunderson
 Casey Jordi
 Elizabeth Papandria

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.

COMMUNITY PROJECT

Our next community project will be making Mercy Mats for the homeless. Mercy Mats are made by crocheting plastic bags together. The mats, which are 3 feet wide by 6 feet long, provide the homeless with a cushioned, pest-resistant alternative to sleeping on concrete and also keep plastic bags out of landfills. Just one mat is made from 700-750 bags, and it takes about 100 hours of work to come together.

Please save your plastic bags and bring them to meetings. There is a job for everyone, including sorting bags, flattening bags, making plarn (plastic yarn made from the plastic bags) and for the crafty people in the group, crocheting the plarn into mats. We have not chosen a place for the donated mats but have a couple in mind.

Arlette will have a short demonstration at upcoming meetings as to how to fold and cut the bags.

Arlette Johnson

COL. HEG STATUE REDEDICATION IN MADISON

(by Sheila Kershek)

Sheila Kershek and her husband, Mark, attended the Col. Heg Statue Rededication in Madison, WI on May 29th, 2022. Col. Hans Christian Heg was an immigrant soldier from Norway and was commander of the 15th Wisconsin Regiment. He was mortally wounded on the battlefield at Chickamauga and died the next day on September 20th, 1863. Spearheaded by the Norwegian Society of America, a statue of Col. Heg was unveiled at the Capitol Park on October 17th, 1926. In June 2020, protestors tore down the statue. Since then, various groups worked together to recreate the Col. Heg statue and rededicate it.

The day included music from the 1st Brigade Band and Edvard Grieg Chorus (who sang the National Anthem of Norway which was beautifully done), various speakers who were Civil War and Col. Heg experts, Lori Coffey (an Heg descendent) who introduced the 25 or so family members who came for the rededication, a wreath ceremony, a prayer, and playing of the taps (our favorite).

It was a nice ceremony. Below are a couple of photos from the day. The photo on the right is of Sheila, wearing her Amlibunad, with 100% Norwegian Mr. Kelly, Dana Kelly's husband. Dana works at the Norwegian American Genealogical Center & Naeseth Library in Madison.



HOW TO CONTACT FOSSELYNGEN LODGE:

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<https://sonsofnorwaymilwaukee.org/index.html>

Fosselyngen Lodge Facebook Site:

<https://facebook.com/fosselyngenlodge>

*** JOIN US IN SONG ***

Festival City Chorus, Milwaukee's own a cappella chorus, is working diligently to prepare for performances and contests.

We rehearse most Tuesday evenings at Mount Hope Lutheran Church, 8633 W. Becher.

ALL males interested in learning more about us are encouraged to call our hotline: 414-281-SING (7464)

Don Doss, SON Member

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.

NEWSLETTER MAILING STAFF

Arlette Johnson, Nancy Sande,
and Karen Riccobono

Thanks for helping with the
May/June issue.

CHANGE OF POSTAL ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, OR EMAIL ADDRESS

If you have a change of any of these items, **please** notify the Sons of Norway International Headquarters Membership Department.

Either phone their office at 800-945-8851, or you can log on to the Sons of Norway website (<https://www.sofn.com>) and view & update your member profile.

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
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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 2022 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.



35W217 Route 31
South Elgin, IL 60177

The Scandinavian Day Festival is Back for 2022 !!

Reserve the Date: September 11, 2022

This will be the 42nd Scandinavian Day Festival. Many years have passed and the festival has evolved but it remains loyal to its roots; the heritage of the five Nordic countries. We achieved our mission to bring the Scandinavian community together last year when 1,400 people visited the Festival, and with your support we can look forward to a memorable 42nd Festival on September 11th, 2022.

The Festival planning team is working to select the entertainment including the ever popular ABBA Salute and finding vendors to prepare those delicious Scandinavian foods and an assortment of Scandinavian goods for you. We are excited to bring to our five Nordic communities, and the Midwest, a vibrant and fun-filled Festival for 2022.

Festival Hours are from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

\$10.00 per person

Children 12 and under free!

For full information go to www.scandinaviandayil.com

Editor's Note: This could be an optional substitute activity for our own 2022 Scandinavian Festival that has been cancelled.

NORWEGIAN LANGUAGE CLASS REGISTRATION FORM – Sept 2022

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

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

2022 Dates: Sept 7th & 21st, October 5th & 19th, November 2nd & 16th – all Wednesdays.

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

Class fees \$20 per session. Payable in full (\$120) to Fosselyngen Lodge by August 19th, 2022.

Student Name _____

Contact phone number _____ Email _____

Submit this sheet with check payable to Fosselyngen Lodge and mail to Gretchen Bjork, W149N8235 Norman Dr., Menomonee Falls, WI 53051. If you have questions, call Heidi at 262-716-9118.

(You can also give payment to Gretchen or an officer at a regular meeting.)

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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A Swede and a Norwegian were always trying to outdo each other. If one of them bought a new boat, then the other would buy a bigger boat. If one of them added on to his house, then the other would build an even bigger addition.

Finally, the Norwegian did something which he thought would give him the upper hand. He called up the Swede and said, "I bought myself a farm over ta Vestby, Visconsin, and, you know, it takes me tree days yust ta drive my car from vun end a de place ta de udder."

"Ya," said the Swede, "I had a car like that vunce."

Sven calls Lars in Oslo and asks for the quickest way to Lillehammer.

Lars says: "Are you on foot or in the car?"

Sven replies: "In the car."

"Well, that's the quickest way," says Lars.

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