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FOSELYNGEN LODGE – CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY 7 Monday Soc/Cult Meeting at Mount Hope Lutheran Church in West Allis.
Business Mtg. at 5 PM, Eat at 6 PM, Meeting/Program at 7 PM.
(Officer Install. & Lykkeringen Norwegian Folk Dancers) (Page 2)

For Norwegian language classes during February through April 2019, see the class registration form with class details at the top of Page 8 of this newsletter.

FEBRUARY *No Monday Evening Lodge Meetings in February.*

MARCH 11 Monday Social/Cultural Meeting (See Mar/Apr 2019 *Runespeak* for Details.)

APRIL 8 Monday Social/Cultural Meeting (See Mar/Apr 2019 *Runespeak* for Details.)

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS – CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY 12 Saturday Swed. Amer. Hist. Soc. Mtg. at Redemption Luth. In Tosa. 1:30 PM
Program: "Remembering the Sweden of Our Ancestors". (Page 7)

FEBRUARY 9 Saturday Lutefisk Dinner at Norway Luth. Church in Wind Lake, WI (Page 7)

13 Wednesday Smorgasbord at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Oconomowoc, WI
3 PM - 7:30 PM (Page 7)

MARCH 9 Saturday Swed. Amer. Hist. Soc. Mtg. at Redemption Luth. In Tosa. 1:30 PM
Program: "Nordic Witchcraft".
(See Mar/Apr 2019 *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
(januar og februar 2019)

Dear Members,

Happy New Year! I'm wishing you all happiness and health.

As I write this message the year is drawing to a close. It has been a great year and I want to thank all those who helped with all that needed to be done for the lodge: the Officers, Committee members and all other helpers. I also want to give a special thanks to Heidi Strom as she retires from her position as Vice President after 5 years in this position.

The lodge Christmas party was a great success with 70 attendees. We enjoyed a great meal, conversations, a visit from our resident Julenisse, and Norwegian Bingo with prizes for all. It was a fun time.

Our next event is our installation on Monday, January 7th. Our Lykkeringen Folk Dancers will entertain us after we install our new officers. We will also have a visit from Mike Palecek from the Sons of Norway Racine lodge and also from District 5 who will give us information on the District 5 heritage programs. I hope to see you then.

Also, please complete and bring your Volunteer hours form with you to the January meeting or mail to Jan Gregoire by January 30th, 2019. This helps us keep our tax-exempt status.

Kind regards,
Sue Roedel

MONDAY, JANUARY 7TH, 2019
Social/Cultural Meeting
At Mt. Hope Lutheran Church In West Allis
(8633 W. Becher Street)

5 PM Business Meeting (all lodge members are welcome to attend the business meeting).

6 PM Light Supper & Social

Light supper of sandwiches will be provided by the lodge, along with coffee and lemonade. Feel free to bring your own (BYO) drinks if you would like something different. Also, January and February birthday people please bring a dessert.

7 PM Meeting/Program:

- Installation of Officers
- Lykkeringen Norwegian Folk Dancers
- Mike Palecek from the Racine lodge will *briefly* talk about his book, *The First Norwegian Settlements in America*, and about the Nordic Legacy Foundation. (Refer to the article on Page 7 of the Nov/Dec 2018 *Runespeak* regarding this book and the foundation.)

FOSELYNGEN OFFICERS

President	Sue Berg Roedel	414-526-8312
Vice-President	Arlette Johnson (Effective 1/7/19)	414-368-3324
Treasurer	Gretchen Bjork	262-502-9197
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.

Lodge Cultural Programs for 2019

We are busily working on special programs for our 2019 monthly meetings. Here are some of the programs we are considering: Stoughton HS Norwegian Dancers (Sept. or Oct.); Edvard Grieg Chorus (May); Norwegian Resistance in World War II (fall); Highlights of Jack Lofte's 2018 Norwegian Trip; Life of a Norwegian Mariner by Daryl Wunrow; etc. Watch your *Runespeak* newsletter for program details.



Welcome New Members:

- Mary Louise Erickson Treadaway
- Janet Dallmann family - Janet, Heidel, Brita and Kristin

As this newsletter is going to press, there have not been any members reported for God Bedring or for Sympathy.

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 the person 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.

2018 VOLUNTEER HOURS WORKSHEET INFORMATION

NOTE: Jan Gregoire is required to send her tabulation of our Lodge members' 2018 Volunteer Hours to S of N headquarters by February 15th, 2019. **Therefore, Jan needs to have you submit your filled-out 2018 Volunteer Hours Worksheet to her no later than January 30th, 2019.**

Please either give your filled-out sheet to Jan at the January 7th Social/Cultural meeting, or get it to Jan by January 30th by mailing it to her home address: Janice Gregoire, 17725 Nassau Drive, Brookfield, WI 53045.

The 2018 Volunteer Hours Worksheet was distributed to you with the Jan/Feb 2018 *Runespeak*.

If you did not receive it, or if you misplaced your copy of the 2018 Volunteer Hours Sheet, please request another copy of it from John Schneble by phone at 414-771-4176, or email csjohn@att.net.

(Or alternatively, you could make a replacement 2018 sheet by copying the blank 2019 Volunteer Hours Worksheet included on Page 9 of this *current* Jan/Feb 2019 *Runespeak* issue, and cross out the year numbers and write in the year numbers as Volunteer Hours Worksheet for **2018** to be turned in January **2019**).

2019 VOLUNTEER HOURS WORKSHEET INFORMATION

A blank 2019 Volunteer Hours Worksheet is included as Page 9 of this Jan/Feb 2019 *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 2019 so that it will be ready for you to turn in during January 2020.**

EARLY NORWEGIAN SETTLERS IN WISCONSIN

Norwegians were the earliest and most numerous of the Scandinavian peoples to settle in Wisconsin. In 1840, there were already two sizable communities, Rock Prairie and Jefferson Prairie, in Rock County. About the same time, 40 Norwegian families from Upper Telemarken district settled near Lake Muskego in Waukesha County, and the following year, the largest of these early colonies was founded at Koshkonong in southeastern Dane County. By 1850, over half of the 5,000 Norwegians in Wisconsin lived in the Koshkonong settlement. These four communities served as launching points for later Norwegian settlement in the state, such as the Indilandet colony in Portage and Waupaca Counties. In 1860, there were 44,000 Norwegians in Wisconsin. After the Civil War, Norwegians settled primarily in western Wisconsin, from Prairie du Chien to Barron County. Most lived on small farms as they had in Norway, but they learned new techniques from their Yankee neighbors; tobacco farming in the state became an almost exclusively Norwegian enterprise.

(The above information is courtesy of The Max- Kade Institute for German- American Studies at the University of Wisconsin.)
(From Daryl Wunrow)

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2019

\$300.00 Book Scholarships

Children and grandchildren of a Fosselyngen member in good standing are eligible for the book 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.

Applicants 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, 2019. 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**.

Swen and Ole worked together at a garment factory. They were both laid off together. So, they went to the unemployment office. Asked his occupation, Ole said, "Garment Stitcher. I sew the elastic onto garments."

The clerk looked up garment stitcher. Finding it classed as unskilled labor, she gave him \$300 a week unemployment pay.

Swen was asked his occupation. "Diesel fitter," he replied. Since diesel fitter was a skilled job, the clerk gave Sven \$600 a week.

When Ole found out, he was furious. He stormed back into the office to find out why his friend and co-worker was collecting double his pay. The clerk explained: garment stitchers were unskilled and diesel fitters were skilled labor.

"What skill?" yelled Ole. "I sew the elastic on the garment. Sven, he holds them up, inspects them and says, 'Yah, diesel fitter.'"

2018 FOLK FAIR – NORWEGIAN CULTURAL BOOTH



THE NORSK HUS



NORWEGIAN CHRISTMAS TREE



ARLETTE JOHNSON AND ABIGAIL & GRETCHEN BJORK



"KNUT" THE VIKING, FORMERLY IN THE LOBBY AT NORWAY HOUSE
(Name given to him by Abigail & Elizabeth Bjork.)

Thank you to everyone that helped us at the 75th Holiday Folk Fair International! We had a great year with our cultural exhibit and have already started brainstorming for next year's booth. The cultural exhibit allowed us to visit with so many familiar faces, but more importantly we made many new friends from so many other ethnic groups in the local and regional community.

Thank you to Jack Lofte and John Seastrand for helping us figure out how to get the roof on the Norsk Hus! We could not have done this without you and will be better prepared in the future for building the Hus.

Thank you to those members that helped in the booth on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday and helped pack up on Sunday evening: Gary Christianson, Shirley Engelmann, Marit Hoff, Reidun Mayer, Linda & Don Reed, Karen Sanderson, Glendean Schmidt, John Seastrand, Maren Seymour, Barbara Snyder, Susan VanLith, Melanie Woellert, and Bonnie & Daryl Wunrow. And of course, thank you to our family (Abigail, Elizabeth and Steve) for helping in the booth and packing it up for next year!

We really appreciate all of your help and especially appreciate that we did not have to be in the booth from open to close every day!

Please mark your calendars for next year's Folk Fair on November 22nd, 23rd, and 24th, 2019. Mange Tusen Takk!
(Photos on this page from Gretchen Bjork)

2018 CHRISTMAS PARTY PICTURES



BJORK FAMILY WITH THE JULENISSEN



WELLI FAMILY WITH THE JULENISSEN



DON & CAROL SCHWARZ WITH THE JULENISSEN



NADINE GOLLIHER WITH THE JULENISSEN



SHIRLEY ENGELMANN
WITH THE JULENISSEN



AFTER EATING, WE ALL PLAYED "NORWEGIAN BINGO".
THIS SHOWS ONE OF SEVERAL TABLES OF BINGO PLAYERS.

Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner

Saturday, February 9th, 2019

Norway Lutheran Church

6321 Heg Park Road
Wind Lake, WI

**11:30 AM, 12:30 PM,
1:30 PM, 2:30 PM, 3:30 PM, 4:30 PM**

By Reservation Only

Tickets:

\$19.00 Seniors \$17.50
Children under 10 \$9.00

For reservations & information,
call Donna @ 262-534-3862
or Joanne @ 262-534-2367

**Swedish-American Historical Society
of Wisconsin**

Saturday, January 12, 2019 @ 1:30 PM

**Program: Remembering
the Sweden of Our Ancestors**

Start the new year with us on Saturday, January 12, 2019. We'll mark the map to show the area from which your ancestors emigrated. What are the attributes, customs, special celebrations, experiences or memories that made that area of Sweden special to your ancestors and to you? Come and share and learn more about Sweden and Swedish customs and history. FIKA (*The Swedish Coffee Time Tradition*) follows the presentation with an opportunity to visit with members and guests.

Redemption Lutheran Church, 4057 North Mayfair Rd. Wauwatosa.

For further information, visit www.sahswi.org or call 414-352-7890.

SMORGASBORD

Wednesday, February 13th, 2019 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 for adults, and \$5.00 per child (ages 6-12). 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.

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.

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.

2018 SCANDINAVIAN FESTIVAL – A BIG SUCCESS

Our Nordic Council representative Daryl Wunrow reports that attendance at the 2018 Festival was excellent and there were 30 vendors attending, a substantial increase from 2017. In addition, the festival featured language classes and genealogy help to all those attending.

The Nordic Council meets monthly at the New Berlin Library to produce the annual Scandinavian Festival at Ronald Reagan Elem. School in New Berlin. The Council has representation from Norwegian, Swedish, Danish, Icelandic, and Finn ethnic groups.

The Council is in need of a new Treasurer. Call Daryl Wunrow 414 460 5285 for more information. Save Saturday, October 5th, 2019 for the next Scandinavian Festival.

(From Daryl Wunrow)

NORWEGIAN LANGUAGE CLASS REGISTRATION FORM

LAST CALL - NEED STUDENTS TO REGISTER ASAP PLEASE!!!

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

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

2019 Dates: February 6th & 20th, March 6th & 20th, and April 3rd & 17th— 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 Jan 18th, 2019.

Student Name _____

Contact phone number _____ Email _____

Submit this sheet with check payable to Fosselyngen Lodge to Heidi Strom or mail to Heidi Strom 1309 S 94th Street, West Allis 53214 by January 18th, 2019 – call w/questions 262-716-9118.

If not enough students sign up — 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)

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

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Karen Riccobono,
John & Ann Seastrand,
and Dean Schmidt

Thanks for helping with the
November/December issue.

HOW TO CONTACT FOSSELYNGEN LODGE:

To Phone: Call 414-526-8312

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<http://sonsofnorwaymilwaukee.org>

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.

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 March/April 2019 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.

Sons of Norway Individual Volunteer Hours Worksheet for 2019 *(to be turned in January 2020)*
(See guidelines on back side of this page.)

Member Name: _____

Fraternal Individual Support Hours		
Date	Name/Description of Activity	Hours

Community Individual Support Hours		
Date	Name/Description of Activity	Hours

Count the number of lines filled in above. This is your Fraternal Individual Support Activity Total.

Add up the time in your Hours column for Fraternal Individual Support Hours.

Count the number of lines filled in above. This is your Community Individual Support Activity Total.

Add up the time in your Hours column for Community Individual Support Hours.



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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 - An example of a community activity is: 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, times, and location of meetings.
Web site: <http://sonsofnorwaymilwaukee.org>

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