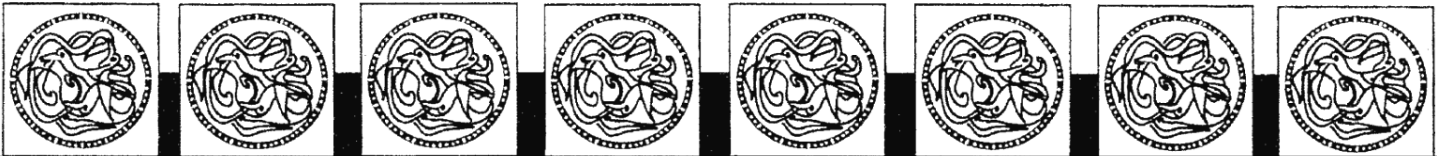


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## FOSSELYNGEN LODGE – CALENDAR OF EVENTS

|              |    |          |   |
|--------------|----|----------|---|
| <b>MARCH</b> | 11 | Monday   | Soc/Cult Meeting at Mt. Hope Lutheran Church in West Allis. Social & Supper at 6 PM, Meeting/Program at 7 PM. Program: Jack Lofte's pictures of his recent Norway trip. (Page 3)  |
| <b>APRIL</b> | 8  | Monday   | Soc/Cult Meeting at Mt. Hope Lutheran Church in West Allis. Social & Supper at 6 PM, Meeting/Program at 7 PM. Program: "Nordic Walking" (Page 3)  |
| <b>MAY</b>   | 13 | 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. The speaker will be our member Gale Tanger, Olympic Judge. Her topic will be: "The Norwegian Legacy of Winter Sports—a perspective of an Olympic Sports Official". |
|              | 18 | Saturday | Charter Bus Trip to Stoughton – Info & Reservation Form (Page 9)  |
| <b>JUNE</b>  | 15 | Saturday | Sons of Norway Zone 4 Meeting & Picnic at Heg Memorial Park in Wind Lake for all members.   |
| <b>JULY</b>  | 14 | Sunday   | <i>Reserve this date on your calendar for our lodge picnic at Valley View Park in New Berlin.</i>   |

## OTHER ORGANIZATIONS – CALENDAR OF EVENTS

|              |    |          |   |
|--------------|----|----------|---|
| <b>MARCH</b> | 9  | Saturday | Swed. Amer. Hist. Soc. Mtg. at Redemption Luth. In Tosa. 1:30 PM Program: "Swedish Witches – Folklore and Trials" (Page 7)                                    |
|              | 31 | Sunday   | Finnish American Society Pasty Dinner at Grace Lutheran Church, 3030 W. Oklahoma Ave., Milwaukee, WI. Dinner at 3:00 PM (following 2:00 PM meeting). (Page 7) |

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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**

(mars og april 2019)

Dear Members,

It sure has been a snowy, cold winter in Wisconsin. It is good we are from hardy Norwegian stock!

We have a great schedule of events for the year. Next up is our March 11<sup>th</sup> program with Jack Lofte showing us pictures of his recent Norway adventure. On April 8<sup>th</sup> we will learn about living the "Nordic lifestyle" and the benefits of Nordic walking presented by Susanna Rosario of Nordic Specialists of Oconomowoc. May 13<sup>th</sup> we will have our regular business and social meeting (details to follow). The most exciting announcement is that we are offering a bus trip to Syttende Mai Festival in Stoughton on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. So, leave the driving to the bus driver and let's plan on having a great day of fun. See the full details on page 9, and bring your reservations and check to the next meeting or mail them to Gretchen Bjork to reserve a place on the bus.

Please join me in thanking our hospitality chairpersons Arlette Johnson for the March meeting and Nancy Sande for the April meeting.

Kind regards,  
Sue Roedel

**Reserve Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> on your calendar for our lodge picnic at Valley View Park in New Berlin. Our site is reserved.**

*(Our 1<sup>st</sup> choice date that was discussed at the January 7<sup>th</sup> lodge meeting is not available.)*

### **Thank You Note for Christmas Collection**

Dear Fosselyngen Lodge members,

Thank you for your generous \$200.00 donation to the Mt. Hope Lutheran Church Hope Pantry.

Your donation will go a long way in helping us feed needy families in West Allis. We are extremely grateful for your support.

God bless you,  
Linda Helminski  
Hope Pantry Coordinator

### **FOSELYNGEN OFFICERS**

|                            |                 |              |
|----------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| President                  | Sue Berg Roedel | 414-526-8312 |
| Vice-President             | Arlette Johnson | 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.

**MONDAY, MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2019**  
**Social/Cultural Meeting**  
**At Mt. Hope Lutheran Church In West Allis**  
(8633 W. Becher Street)

6 PM Light Supper & Social

Meal: Lasagna & salad & Italian bread from That's Amore's 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.

March birthday people please bring a dessert.

7 PM Meeting/Program:

Program: Jack Lofte will share his pictures of his recent trip to Norway.

**MONDAY, APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2019**  
**Social/Cultural Meeting**  
**At Mt. Hope Lutheran Church In West Allis**  
(8633 W. Becher Street)

6 PM Light Supper & Social

Meal: Hot beef sandwiches & sides 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.

April birthday people please bring a dessert.

7 PM Meeting/Program:

Program: Dennis Dale has arranged with Nordic Specialists of Oconomowoc to have Susanna Rosario from their store give us a presentation on "Nordic Walking".

**District 5 Bowling Tournament**

The Sons of Norway District 5 Bowling Tournament continues through May.

Dennis Dale has information about the tournament and will have forms for it at our March 11<sup>th</sup> Social/Cultural meeting.

**Are you interested in helping Mt. Hope's Clothes Closet?** If so, please bring a donation of new socks and/or underwear to our next meeting. Men or boys' socks of any size and underwear (boxers preferred) are most needed. Girls' items also welcome. All items will go directly to local families in need. Thank you for your generosity and consideration.

**May 18<sup>th</sup> Bus Trip to Stoughton: See info & Reservation Form on Page 9.**

# VELKOMMEN

## Welcome New Members:

- Faye Marie Spoor
- Laura Eide Weber who is a former member transferring back to our lodge. (Laura is the daughter of Olav & Gloria Eide who were very active in our lodge when Laura was growing up.)

## OSLO PLANS TO GO CARBON NEUTRAL BY 2030

Norway has plans to stop the sales of gas and diesel-fueled cars in the next four years, and the city of Oslo is working toward an ambitious goal of being carbon neutral by 2030. Here are a few of the initiatives currently underway in Oslo that will help the city meet its impressive goal.

Since transportation makes up the largest part of the city's carbon footprint, Oslo is promoting electric cars by creating new "low-emissions zones" where only electric cars can drive. The city is also removing parking spaces to add 40 miles of bike lanes. To promote biking even more, the city is providing grants for electric cargo bikes.

Businesses are also working diligently to support this initiative. Construction companies are purchasing new electric-powered equipment and will have to comply with a zero emissions standard for new building construction sites. A computer data center in Oslo pumps heat from servers into a heating system that heats approximately 5,000 apartments in the city. A newly built office space is encouraging their employees to go carbon neutral by including space for 500 bikes and 10 electric car charging stations.

If all goes according to plan, Oslo will be leading the way for other cities striving toward a carbon-neutral environment.

*(From Sons of Norway Newsletter Service)*

## Sympathy

Fosselyngen Lodge extends its sympathy to the following:



- The family of Norris Veum who passed away in October 2018. He was a member since 1969.
- The family of Dave Bickler who passed away on December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018. He was a member since 1973.

- The family of Lorry C. Schimelfenyg who passed away on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019. She was a member since 1987.



- The family of Helen Larsen who passed away on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019. She was a member since 1969.



- The family of Jean Moberg who passed away October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018. She was a member since 1976.
- The family of Alonzo Johnson who passed away on January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019. He was a member since 1983.

**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 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.

## SONS OF NORWAY 5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT MASSE MORO NORWEGIAN HERITAGE YOUTH CAMP

SHARING THE NORWEGIAN HERITAGE CAMP EXPERIENCE FOR 40 YEARS SINCE 1979

### GENERAL INFORMATION FOR 2019 YOUTH CAMP:

- **DATES:** *SUNDAY, JULY 14<sup>TH</sup> AT 2:00 PM (check-in) THRU SATURDAY, JULY 27<sup>TH</sup> AT 9:30 AM, 2019. (A culminating program will follow for parents and other guests.)* Application deadline is May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 for those who wish to qualify for further support through District 5 and Draxten Funds.
- **ELIGIBILITY:** District 5 youth, ages 9 to 15 (as of 1<sup>st</sup> day of camp, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019). Sons of Norway affiliation, while strongly encouraged, is not required for participation at Camp.
- **COST:** \$800.00.
- **PAYMENT:** A \$50.00 non-refundable deposit & processing fee is payable with application. Be certain to have a parent or guardian sign the form. Please mail to Sandra Olson, District 5 Youth Director, 733 250th Street, Woodville, WI 54028-7025. Final payment is due on or before **June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019** and should also be sent to Sandra Olson. **Make all checks payable to: Nordic Legacy Foundation. Please print camper name(s) on all check memos.** Campers may make **all** camp fee payments via *PayPal* at [www.MasseMoro.org](http://www.MasseMoro.org) or by check or a combination of both methods.
- **MATCHING FUNDS:** Contact our LODGE SECRETARY (JANICE GREGOIRE, 262-784-6953) FOR INFORMATION ABOUT MATCHING FUNDS. Our Lodge has voted to give matching funds of \$200 to each of two youths (**early registration deadline is May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019**). District Five will also contribute UP TO \$150.00 to each of the two youths.

**NOTE:** For campers to receive additional monies from the Draxten Fund (that comes from S of N headquarters) toward their cost of camp, applications **MUST** be received by the early registration deadline of **May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019**. The amount of Draxten funding per camper is determined by the number of campers who have applied before the deadline.

- **CAMP APPLICATION FORMS** are available from our Lodge Secretary (Janice Gregoire), or get forms on-line from the S of N District 5 website [www.sonsofnorway5.com](http://www.sonsofnorway5.com) .

**APPLY NOW AS MANY CAMPERS HAVE ALREADY REGISTERED.**

**Bring a Friend: We encourage our youth to bring a friend! Campers who recruit a new camper and they both register by May 17<sup>th</sup> will also receive \$25 each toward their registration. Final payment is due on or before June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019.**

### FOSSELYNGEN GUIDELINES FOR YOUTH HERITAGE APPLICANTS AND MATCHING FUNDS:

- A. The Lodge will provide matching funds from its Masse Moro scholarship fund for two applicants.
- B. Application to be sent to our Lodge Secretary (Janice Gregoire).
- C. The applicant must be the child, grandchild, nephew or niece of a Lodge member in good standing. 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.
- D. The applicant must provide one of the following after attending camp:
  1. A thank you and article written about his/her experience at camp that will be published in the Lodge newsletter. **OR**
  2. A presentation at a Lodge meeting about their experience at camp. They may also wish to bring photos and any type of project, e.g., rosemaling, hardanger, or wood carving.
- E. The applicant and his/her sponsor must sign a contract stating his/her obligations when applying for a scholarship to Heritage Camp.

## JANUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2019 SOCIAL/CULTURAL MEETING

We were entertained by our Lykkeringen Norwegian Folk Dancers after dinner.



### INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Milt Sande conducted the installation of Arlette Johnson as Vice-President, Daryl Wunrow as Cultural Director, and Jason Jacobson as Trustee as Sue Berg Roedel looks on.

L-R: Jason, Milt, Sue & Arlette (Daryl not able to be present.)



President Sue Berg Roedel presented a bouquet of flowers to retiring vice-president Heidi Strom in appreciation of Heidi's 5 years of service as VP.



Mike Palecek from the Sons of Norway Racine lodge and from District 5 gave us information on the District 5 heritage programs. He also talked about his book, *The First Norwegian Settlements in America*, which is a fund raiser for Masse Moro Norwegian Heritage Youth Camp and other District 5 heritage programs.

**Swedish-American Historical Society of Wis.  
Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 @ 1:30 PM**

**Program: "SWEDISH WITCHES – FOLKLORE AND TRIALS".**

According to Swedish Folklore, Maundy Thursday was time for Swedish witches (*häxor*) to grab their broomsticks from hiding to fly off to celebrate the Witches' Sabbath. Holy Saturday was time to fly back home to attend Easter Sunday service with everyone else in the village, but be careful not to say your prayers backward. That would be a sure way to be identified as a witch.

Getting too old to fly at night on that rickety old broom, please consider a more modern form of transportation and join us, as we welcome Amber Rose, Ph.D. Candidate in Scandinavian Studies-Folklore, at UW-Madison and Asst. Acquisitions Editor with University of Wisconsin Press. Hear the story of Swedish witches in the period of 1450-1700.

We'll end with an exploration of today's contemporary tradition of Swedish Witches at Easter time. Who knows, we may even have an Easter Witch or two in attendance at the meeting?

Join the Swedish American Historical Society of Wisconsin meeting on Saturday, March 9, 2019, at 1:30 p.m. at Redemption Lutheran Church, 4057 N. Mayfair Rd. (Hwy 100, just north of Capitol Dr.) in Wauwatosa. Fika (*The Swedish Coffee Time Tradition*) follows.

For further info, visit [www.sahswi.org](http://www.sahswi.org) or call 414-352-7890.

**PASTIES! PASTIES! PASTIES!**

The Finnish American Society will again have its annual PASTY DINNER following the meeting on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019  
Grace Lutheran Church  
3030 W. Oklahoma Ave.  
Milwaukee, WI 53215

Meeting: 2:00 PM Dinner: 3:00 PM

Prices will be the same as last year:

Dinner: \$10.00

Children under 12: \$8.00

Parbaked \$4.00 (lower than supermarket prices)

Make your reservations with Linda Mayo at 262-789-0380 or [<mayols44@gmail.com>](mailto:mayols44@gmail.com).

Reservation deadline is Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. Remember to stock up on your parbaked. We need to make this special Sunday baking and delivery worth Reynold's time.

Also, our topic for our April 28<sup>th</sup> meeting will be presented by Sinikka Church. She will be speaking about growing up in Finland during WWII. That may be of interest to many others besides Finns.

**TRAILBLAZER WAS KNOWN FOR PRESERVING SVALBARD'S NATURE**

Norwegian botanist Hanna Resvoll-Holmsen (1873 –1943) is known for paving the way for women in both academia and polar research. Often working alone, Hanna would take expeditions to Svalbard to study the archipelago and its historic sites and fossils. She crossed glaciers, climbed mountains and walked miles of shoreline to document arctic plants and fossils. Her efforts to preserve nature in Svalbard is why she is recognized as Norway's first nature and environmental conservationist.

Hanna was independent, resourceful, passionate and continuously pushed boundaries. She became the first woman to attain a doctoral degree in botany in Norway and the first female lecturer in phytogeography (the study of the geographical distribution of plants). She was also an accomplished photographer, and the first to capture Svalbard's plants in color.

Hanna was truly a pioneer for women of her time. As such, she was recently honored through art by Anne-Karin Furunes, displayed at the Fram Centre, Tromsø.

(From Sons of Norway Newsletter Service)



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### Hey Snow Birds!

Those of you who move from one place to another as the seasons change are asked to contact Sons of Norway International headquarters **each time you move**. Please call 800-945-8851 to notify them so you continue receiving your *Viking* and other mailings the home office may send out.



**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.

### NEWSLETTER MAILING STAFF

Sue Berg Roedel, Karen Riccobono,  
John & Ann Seastrand,  
and Dean Schmidt.

Thanks for helping with the  
January/February issue.

### 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.

### 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

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Email: [gragan51@gmail.com](mailto:gragan51@gmail.com)

### 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:

**To Phone:** Call 414-526-8312

**To Send Postal Mail:**

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**Fosselyngen Lodge Web Site:**

<http://sonsofnorwaymilwaukee.org>

### [www.sonsofnorwayblog.blogspot.com](http://www.sonsofnorwayblog.blogspot.com)

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

Dear Members,  
If you would like your newsletter emailed to you, please email me at [csjohn@att.net](mailto:csjohn@att.net) .  
John Schneble, Editor

**Notice:** All articles & information for the May/June 2019 newsletter are **due by April 15<sup>th</sup>**.

Email articles to the editor, John Schneble, [csjohn@att.net](mailto:csjohn@att.net) or mail to: 1024 North 121<sup>st</sup> Street, Wauwatosa, WI 53226. The editor reserves the right to edit all articles.





**Fosselyngen Lodge 82 – Cultural Charter Event to Stoughton, WI – Saturday, May 18, 2019**

**Bus Charter from Milwaukee State Fair Park 'n Ride to Stoughton**

Departure 8:30 am AND Return approx. 8 pm

Price - \$25 Fosselyngen members; Guests \$35; Members other Lodges \$30 (incl. name of Lodge)

Note - Price includes \$5 button to access all events. Brochures/maps/buttons packet provided on the bus. **RESERVATIONS ACCEPTED UNTIL MAY 3, 2019 AND are limited to the first 50 who register. Call Daryl Wunrow if you have questions at (414) 460-5285.**

Our agenda includes an afternoon presentation by the Stoughton HS Dancers and a concert by the Edvard Grieg Chorus. We expect to have reserved seating at the Dancer performance. There is an afternoon parade. Otherwise you are on your own for the day and food. Feel free to bring along a bag chair if you wish.

Check the official website for detailed festival event information. - The 2019 program is not yet available, but the 2018 information will give a good idea of what is going on from hour to hour. There is also a map of the event sites. <https://www.stoughtonfestivals.com/>

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*(Attach separate sheet, if needed, for additional reservations)*

Total Amount of Check - \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Send your check and reservation list to –

**Gretchen Bjork, W149N8235 Norman Drive, Menomonee Falls, WI 53051-3832**



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An old farmer had owned a large farm for many years. He had a large pond in the back, fixed up nice; picnic tables, horseshoe courts, basketball court, etc. The pond was properly shaped and fixed up for swimming when it was built. One evening the old farmer decided to go down to the pond, as he hadn't been there for a while, and look it over.

As he neared the pond, he heard voices shouting and laughing with glee. As he came closer, he saw it was a bunch of young women skinny dipping in the pond. He made the women aware of his presence, and they all went to the deep end of the pond.

One of the women shouted to him, "We're not coming out till you leave!"

The old man replied, "I didn't come down here to watch you ladies swim, or to make you get out of the pond. I only came to feed my alligator."

*(As seen in Norskeland newsletter)*

De last time Lena and Ole had a fight, it vas his fault. When she asked him what vas on TV, he said, "Dust."

*(As seen in Norskeland newsletter)*

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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