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FOSELYNGEN LODGE – CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY 9 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: Clinton's Ditch - Early Immigrants Link to Wisconsin
Did Your Immigrant Ancestors Use the Erie Canal to the Midwest? European immigrants who arrived in the US in the 1830's - 1850's, most likely used the Erie Canal after arriving in the United States. Our January cultural program will feature how early immigrants made it from New York to the Midwest before railroads were available. Daryl Wunrow
(See full details of meeting on Page 3.)

NO LODGE MEETING IN FEBRUARY

MARCH 13 Monday **Soc/Cult Meeting at Mt. Hope Lutheran Church in West Allis.**
(See March/April 2023 *Runespeak* for details of meeting.)

APRIL 10 Monday **Soc/Cult Meeting at Mt. Hope Lutheran Church in West Allis.**
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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 2023)

Make way for 2023! May the new year bring you peace, joy, health and happiness.

The fall is always a busy time for the lodge participating in FEZtival of Trees, Folk Fair and the Christmas party. Mange Takk to Arlette Johnson and Gretchen Bjork for all their efforts on these events. Thanks also to the many members who volunteered at Folk Fair and special thanks to our Julenisse for visiting us at the Christmas party. Four boxes of food were collected and delivered to Mt. Hope Food Pantry along with \$400 the lodge donated to the pantry. Thank you for your generosity!

The lodge Officers met in December to plan for the new year. The schedule for 2023 is listed in this newsletter (see Page 5). We are planning our programs as well as some new events this year. If you have any ideas you would like to see, please contact Daryl Wunrow or myself.

We have updated our website. Please check it out at sonsofnorwaymilwaukee.org .

Our member Gale Tanger has offered to give us a “back lot tour of the Pettit National Ice Center” in February. Gale is an Olympic judge for speed skating. Please watch for my email when a final date is secured. I hope you can attend this exciting tour along with our Racine lodge. If you don’t have an email address and are interested, please call me so I can give you the details.

Godt Nyttar!
Sue Roedel
414-516-8312
sjroedel@gmail.com

MERCY MAT PROJECT

As we have done for the past couple meetings, we will again meet at 3:00 prior to the January 9th meeting to cut plastic bags for our Mercy Mat project. Please bring a scissors with you.

Arlette Johnson

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.

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 9TH, 2023

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. Menu: Norwegian meatballs, boiled potatoes and vegetables

Meeting starts at about 6:45 PM.

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Daryl Wunrow

Introducing your Norwegian Ancestors

At each lodge meeting we enjoy a lodge member's introduction of a Norwegian ancestor. In January 2023, Louise Koxlien will share about her Norwegian ancestor. We have enjoyed a number of similar introductions over the past year. Let us hear about one of your Norwegian ancestors. We have openings for March and May meetings.

Contact Daryl Wunrow to schedule your time. Daryl's email address is dmwunrow@gmail.com or text his cell phone 414 460 5285.

2022 VOLUNTEER HOUR SHEETS INFORMATION

Please remember to have your filled out **2022** Volunteer Hour Sheet ready to give to Jan Gregoire **during January 2023** so that she can tabulate totals for S of N Headquarters in February.

The 2022 Volunteer Hour Sheet was distributed to you with the January/February 2022 *Runespeak*.

If you did not receive it, or if you misplaced your copy of the 2022 Volunteer Hour Sheet, please request another copy of it from John Schneble by phone at 414-771-4176, or email csjohn@att.net.

2023 VOLUNTEER HOURS WORKSHEET INFORMATION

A blank 2023 Volunteer Hours Worksheet is included as Page 9 of this Jan/Feb 2023 *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 2023 so that it will be ready for you to turn in during January 2024.**

God Bedring

We wish a speedy recovery for Norma Devine. She was recently in the hospital.

VELKOMMEN

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Kenneth Dallmann
John Dimmick
Karen Brubakken
Deanna Sommerfeld
Holger Sommerfeld

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.

NORWAY LUTHERAN CHURCH

6321 Heg Park Road, Wind Lake, WI

Norwegian

Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner

Saturday, February 11, 2023

Dine-in or carryout options are available.

By Reservation Only

Tickets go on sale on January 2, 2023.

Buy your tickets online

Or call Pam at 262-895-3407.

www.norwaylutheranchurch.org

Sympathy

Fosselyngen Lodge extends its sympathy to the following:



- To the family of Carol Hense who passed away on November 22nd, 2022. Carol was a member since 1995.



- To the family of Gordon Knutson who passed away on December 13th, 2022. Gordon was a member since 1996.



You are invited to:

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

145 East Lisbon Road, Oconomowoc
(on Fowler Lake)

Annual Smorgasbord Wednesday, February 15, 2023

Serving from 3:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Enjoy: Swedish Meatballs, Ham, Turkey, Herring, Mashed Potatoes, Rutabagas, Sodsuppe (fruit soup), Rice Pudding, Lefse, Relishes, Salads, Cheese, Bread, Rosettes, Krumkake, Fattigmond, Sanbakkelse, & Other Desserts

Adults: \$12 Children 6 - 12: \$5 5 & under: free
(Tickets on sale now in the church office)

Reservations NOT required.

(262) 567-8349

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Our vision is to reach every person with the love of Christ.

Schedule for Fosselyngen Meetings for 2023

Monday, January 9, Social Meeting

No February Meeting

Monday, March 13, Social Meeting

Monday, April 10, Social Meeting

Monday, May 15, Social Meeting

No meetings in June

Monday, July 10, Picnic 5PM; Steepleview Apartments, Community Room, 12455 W Janesville Rd. Muskego, WI

Monday, August 14, Social Meeting

Monday, September 11, Social Meeting

Monday, October 9, Business Meeting- Social, Elections and Service Awards

No meetings in November

Sunday, December 17, Christmas Party, time and place to be determined

General Information- Meetings held at Mt. Hope Lutheran Church, 8633 W Becher St. West Allis, WI 53227 unless stated elsewhere and Social begins at 5:30PM, dinner at 6PM, Meeting immediately following (approximately 6:45PM).

Schedule subject to change, to verify call Sue Berg Roedel 414-526-8312
12-7-22

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2023

\$1000.00 College Scholarships

Children and grandchildren of a Fosselyngen member in good standing are eligible for the college 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 a minimum of 2.5 is required. (We will also accept applicants with a 165 score (C+) in one of the four subject areas of the GED diploma.)

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, 2023. Janice's phone number is 262-784-6953.

Sons of Norway District 5 Scholarships

- **Olav Eide District 5 Book Scholarship**

District 5 is offering a \$500.00 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 District 5 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**.

2022 FEZtival of Trees

We participated in the 5th annual FEZtival of Trees at the Tripoli Shrine Center, 3000 W Wisconsin Ave, during the week of Thanksgiving, and this year's theme was "A Patriotic Christmas." This event raises money for the Shriners Hospital for Children system, with the trees (pre-lit 6'-8' tree, ornaments, and anything under the tree) being donated by various individuals, organizations, and businesses, and then raffled off to the public. Santa and Mrs. Claus were also available for visits and photos.

We decorated our tree with straw ornaments, paper stars, paper woven heart baskets, and Norwegian stringed flags, and included a tree skirt, a julbuk, a gnome couple, and a throw blanket. We included a poster board that explained the ornaments and their meaning, as well as a QR code that provided a link to the lodge's Facebook page. This year's winner (Melissa Schobert) of our tree posted photos of the tree in her home on Facebook and tagged the Lodge in her post. It was so awesome to see the decorated tree in her home.

We plan on participating again in 2023, and the theme will be "A Merry Grinchmas.". It's for a great cause and a great way to introduce our lodge to the public.

Arlette Johnson & Gretchen Bjork



2022 Holiday Folk Fair International

After two years of being held virtually, the 79th annual Holiday Folk Fair International returned to being held in-person from Friday, November 18 through Sunday, November 20, in the Expo Center at the Wisconsin State Fair grounds. We continued our participation with our cultural exhibit (our Norsk Hus), this being the third year after a pre-pandemic hiatus of a number of years. While this year's Folk Fair had fewer cultural exhibits and some of the food and sales booths were missed, it was wonderful to be back in-person and hopefully word will spread that Holiday Folk Fair has returned and more groups will participate.

Thank you to those members and non-members that helped in the Norsk Hus booth on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday: Mary Reykdal, Mary Taylor, Karen Smeiska, Dennis Dale, Sheila Kershek, Erin Becker, Rebecca Taalbi (Friday and Saturday night), Hanne & Peter Bonovich, Bonnie & Daryl Wunrow, David Christianson, and Janet & Kirstin Dallmann (also assisted in packing up and taking down the Hus). And of course, thank you to our family (Abigail, Elizabeth, and Steve) for helping in setting up the Norsk Hus and working in the booth! 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 17th, 18th, and 19th, 2023.

Mange Tusen Takk!

Arlette Johnson & Gretchen Bjork



2022 Christmas Party

A wonderful Sunday afternoon was spent celebrating Jul (Christmas) at Clifford's Supper Club in Hales Corners. 33 members and 10 guests enjoyed a delicious buffet, a visit from the Julenisse, and entertainment provided by accordionist Val Sigal. A few members even went out on the dance floor! We missed those of you who could not attend and hope you will be able to join us next Christmas. **Please mark your calendars for Sunday, December 17, 2023, Christmas Party, time and place to be determined.** Arlette Johnson & Gretchen Bjork



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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

Karen Riccobono
Thanks for helping with the November/December 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.

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

Notice: All articles & information for the March/April 2023 newsletter are **due by February 14^h**.

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 2023 (to be turned in January 2024)
(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>

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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