

Sons of Norway

Polar Star Lodge

5-472

Meetings on the first Sunday of the month – Potluck at 1:30 p.m.
St. Olaf Lutheran Church – Douglas Road, Montgomery, IL

President's Message



President Ken and the Stoughton Norwegian Dancers

Hilsen Polar Star!

Once again, you've stepped up to the plate and hit a home run! We had such a great turn out by our Lodge and the community when we hosted the high school Norwegian dancers from Stoughton, Wisconsin. I can't tell you how proud I am of you guys. Several individuals came up to me and expressed what a great show it was. Even my pastor expressed gratitude for us using Cross Lutheran as a way to reach out to the community. Our Lodge baking skills are well known as witnessed by the tremendous desire to purchase our baked goods. All in all, it was a tremendous day for everyone! Thank you for being the best Lodge anyone could ask for!

Your President
Ken Johnson



Stoughton Norwegian Dancers

Upcoming Events

POLAR STAR

Stamps and

Books

Live Event

Sunday, April 3, 2022
St. Olaf Lutheran Church
1:30 p.m.
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Polar Star Newsletter Deadline
Will be the 14th of every month. Please
submit all articles to Barb Johnson at
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POLAR STAR
Påskeloge program
“Frimerker og Bøker”
(Stamps and Books)
Sunday April 3rd

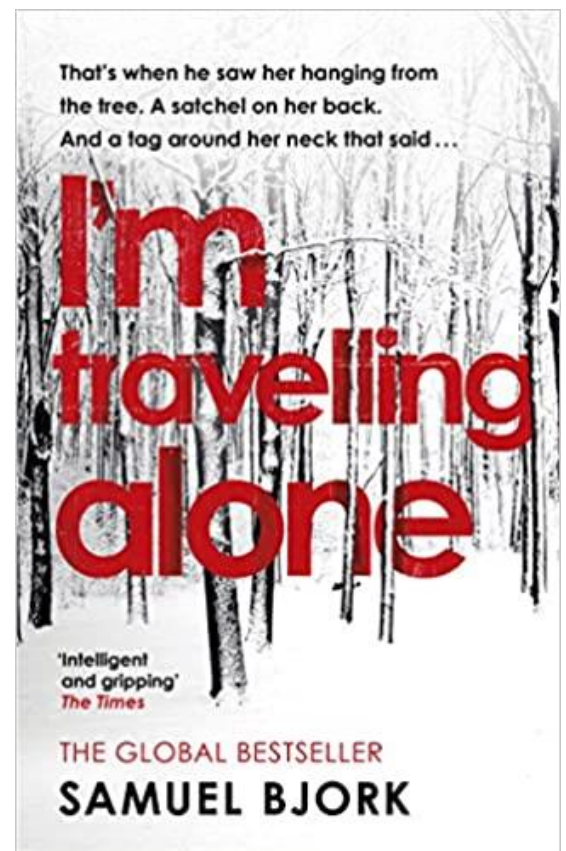
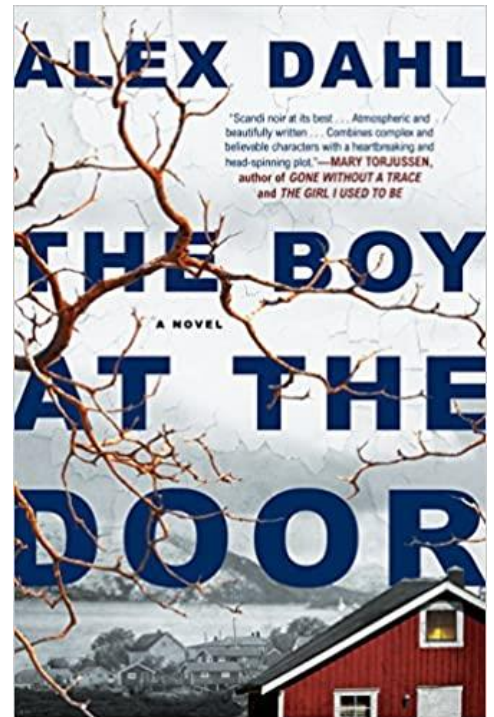
Arthur Andersen and Barb Johnson will team up for our Påskeloge program (Easter Lodge Program). Barb will provide a history of Norway’s passion with “Paskekrim” and Art will share his Norwegian stamp collections. We hope it inspires all of you to actively participate in our Polar Star Stamp Club and the Sons of Norway Book Club.

Polar Star Buffet Luncheon begins at 1:30 p.m. followed by the program.

Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service.



Påskkrim 2022



Polar Star Culture Corner

by Barb Johnson

“SONS OF NORWAY BOOK CLUB”

I hope that most of you are aware that Sons of Norway has implemented a new On-line “Zoom” Book Club. I joined the group in December and have participated in the on-line book discussions. I have been very impressed with the book selections and have enjoyed hearing comments from lovers of Norwegian literature from members who live in all of the Sons of Norway Districts. I will use the “Culture Corner” in the Polar Star Newsletter to preview upcoming book selections and review books that I have enjoyed or think are worthy of your reading time. The group meets at 6:00 p.m. central time on the last Thursday of the month. Each month there are two book selections; The main read is often non-fiction or a “classic” written in a certain style by a famous author. Sometimes the main read is selected for its unique content that speaks to Norwegian history, culture, political or social issues. The second book is a mystery/crime book which happens to be my favorite genre so for me, that is a great combination. A book to make me think and a book to feed by Nordic noir addiction. I hope Polar Star members will consider joining me on-line to discuss books that will earn Sons of Norway Literature Culture medals.

March Book Club Selections

Main Read: *Peer Gynt* by Henrik Ibsen

Mystery Read: *Burned* by Thomas Enger

Bonus Read: *In Cod we Trust* by

To join and receive the March zoom link please contact Bill Browning
at sonsofnorwaybookclub.com

Sons of Norway Book Club February “Main Read” Review by Barb Johnson



“Ice Palace” by Terjei Vesaas was the Sons of Norway February “main read”. Ironically, I was scrambling to try to finish reading it during the snow storm the last week in February. This book is about isolation, pre-teen friendship, insecurities, and grief. I ended the book by thinking, “Wow!!” I wish I had discovered this book when I was still facilitating grief groups for middle school students. It was the first book I have ever read that truly captured the stages of grief from the perspective of a pre-teen female and used the unique winter landscape of Norway to clarify the stages of life and the hope of tomorrow. Ice Palace is a short novel that may have become my new favorite Norwegian novel.

Polar Star 5-472 - 2022 PROGRAMS

1:30 p.m. St. Olaf Lutheran Church – Montgomery, Il (unless listed)

April 3	Stamps and Books
May 1	May Day Memorial Celebration
June 4	Norsk Museum Open House and Breakfast
August 7	Polar Star Piknik
September 11	Scandinavian Day at Vasa Park
October 2	Celebrating Leif!
November 6	Høstfest TBD
December 4	Juletreffest



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...and Maurice Durufle.
On March 13, the Chris Rollins Jazz Quartet, featuring the

...by early 19th-century Austrian composer Franz Schubert and 19th-century Czech composer

...players in addition to being a part of the Apas Piano Trio.
On March 27, James

...composer Ad Wammes, 20th-century French composer Jeanne Demessieux.

Yorkville Lutherans host Norwegian American folk dancers

Submitted by Al Benson

Cross Lutheran Church in Yorkville hosted the Stoughton Norwegian Dancers Sunday, March 6.

The performance was sponsored by Sons of Norway Polar Star Lodge 4-472, a Montgomery-based social-service group of Fox Valley Norwegian Americans dedicated to preserving Norway's culture and heritage.

The traveling troupe from Wisconsin comprises 20 Stoughton-area high school students who perform traditional Norwegian folk dances in authentic Norwegian costumes called bunader.

In a post-show fundraiser, Polar Star members sold homemade prepackaged traditional prepackaged Norwegian-style baked goods.

The performance replaced Polar Star's monthly luncheon meeting on the first Sunday of the month at St. Olaf Lutheran Church in Montgomery.

Founded in 1952 with six Stoughton High School junior girls and six boys accompanied by a single accordion player, the group has grown to 20 dancers and three keyboardists.

The bunad costumes continue to be constructed in Stoughton. All the patterns, fabrics and threads are imported from Norway to keep bunads authentically Norwegian. Even the shoes and jewelry are imported from Norway. The girls wear bunads representing different districts in Norway, while the guys all wear the same.

Stoughton Norwegian

Stoughton Norwegian Dancers, a traveling folk-dance troupe from Wisconsin, perform March 6, at a free event sponsored by the Montgomery-based Sons of Norway Polar Star Lodge 4-472.

Dancers are Stoughton's Goodwill Ambassadors. They have performed for millions of people in tours across the U.S., Canada and Norway and have appeared in several national folk festivals. The dancers tour a different part of the country each spring. The group has made five tours to Norway.

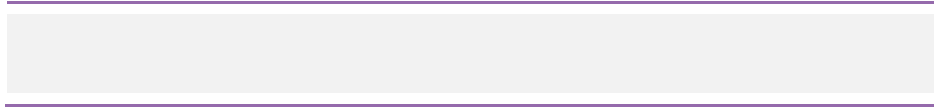
A dancer goes airborne during a performance by the Stoughton (Wis.) Norwegian Dancers.

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Happy Birthday Steve, Ron and Art

Polar Star Members!

MARCH 16-31

19 Art Andersen
19 Joni Koehler
21 Ronn Vann
22 Carol Devito
23 Stephan Tanda
30 Shandra Showers

APRIL 1-14

14 Juliene Peterson

Stoughton Norwegian Folk Dancers Performing at Cross Lutheran Church on March 6th











