

Park Ridge
Syttendemai
Søndag 2025

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

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President's Message



President Ken and Social Director Nancy,
“Celebrating Norwegian Immigration”
at the
Syttendemai Parade
“Gratulerer med Dagen Norge”



The Rubis Family

Upcoming Events

Norsk Museum

Opening Day

“Taste of Norway”

Breakfast

Saturday.

June 7th, 2025

See details on page 2 & 3

Geneva Swedish

Days Parade

June 22, 2025

See page 4 for details

Polar Star Newsletter Deadline

Will be the 14th of every month. Please
submit all articles to Barb Johnson at

barbijohnsonb@aol.com

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Sons of Norway – Polar Star Lodge

POLAR STAR LODGE 5-472
JUNE 7th
EVENT

**Norsk Museum Breakfast
and
Polar Star Bake Sale**

Editor's Note: Polar Star will **NOT host a
general meeting event in June
But we **WILL** work together in Norway, II
at the Opening Day Breakfast
and Norwegian culture day that benefits
THE NORSK MUSEUM
ON JUNE 7th**

**Norwegian "Frokost"
will be served from 8:00-11:00**

**No advanced ticket sales - donations taken at the
door will be used for the Norway Temperance Hall
Project**

**POLAR STAR HELP NEEDED FOR MUSEUM
OPENING DAY ON JUNE 7th**

**Polar Star workers and bakers are needed to support the Norsk
Museum Breakfast and promote our 200th Anniversary
Heritage Weekend in October.**

**Please contact Nancy Andersen or Barb Johnson if you are able to
work the event or if you are willing to bake Norwegian cakes,
cookies or breads for our Polar Star Bakery.**

**Coming Soon...
Polar Star Bake Sale**





POLAR STAR NORSK MUSEUM BAKE SALE VOLUNTEER SIGN UP

Bakers

Name	Phone number	Baked goods
Barb Johnson	630-553-7389 Cell: 630-632-2329	lingonberry bars, Lingonberry loaves, Kringla and oatmeal cardamom cookies.

Bakery tent located outside the Museum Helpers

Name	Time	
Barb Johnson	7:00 a.m. - ???	

NORSK MUSEUM DOCENTS NEEDED IN 2025



Barb Johnson and Joni Koeler serving as Docents

Docents are needed at the Museum on Saturday and Sunday
Contact Dave Johnson (david7dog@yahoo.com)
to pick your dates.

The Norwegians are coming.....

Heia Heia Norge!!!

Swedish Days 2025 June 21-22 Geneva, IL



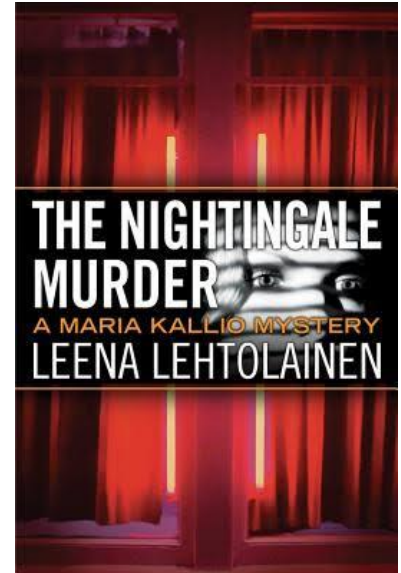
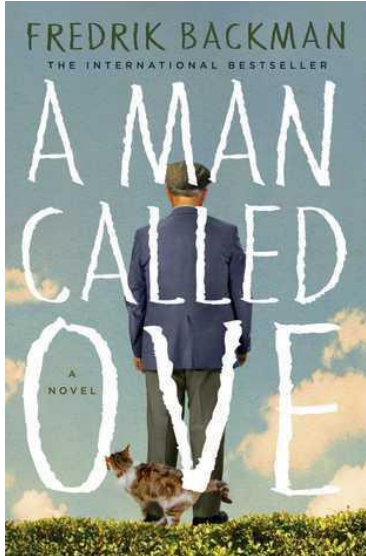
June 22nd 1:00 pm Annual Swedish Days Parade

Join us for a hometown parade! Line of March: Anderson Blvd. and Center, south to State, east on State to Third, south on Third to Metra Train Station. Coordinated by the Geneva Chamber of Commerce and Awesome Parade Marshals Sponsored by Audi Exchange of St. Charles

Polar Star Culture Corner

with Barb

Sons of Norway Book Club



May Main Read: *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman

Editor's Note: I absolutely **LOVED** this book! The writing is so clever and the content is very relatable . I highly recommend this book and also both the Swedish movie and the American Movie, "A man called Otto" starring Tom Hanks.

May Mystery Read: *"Nightingale Murder"* (Maria Kallio Mystery #9) by Leena Letolainen

Editor's note: Also a good read by a Finnish author, but if you have not read book one of the series, I would start with "My First Murder" .

May Book Club Zoom Meeting

May 29, 2025, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

To receive a Zoom link email Bill Browning at sonsofnorwaybookclub@gmail.com

Sons of Norway Book Club

Reading Schedule

May 2025 - April 2026

	Main Selection	Mystery Title Selection
May 29, 2025	A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman	Nightingale Murder (A Maria Kallio Mystery, Bk 9 of 11) by Leena Lehtolainen
Jun. 26, 2025	Out Stealing Horses by Per Petterson	Seven Graves One Winter by Christofer Petersen
Jul. 31, 2025	The Art of Compassion: a Biography of Sigrid Undset by Yola Miller Sigerson	Sixteen Trees of the Somme by Lars Mitting
Aug. 28, 2025	The District Governor's Daughters by Collett Camilla	Sun storm (Rebecka Martinsson Book 1) by Asa Larsson
Sep. 25, 2025	We Die Alone by David Howarth	Still Waters (Sandhamn Murders Book 1) by Viveca Sten
Oct. 30, 2025	Accidental Shepherd by Liese Greenfelder	Frozen Assets (A Sergeant Gunnhildur Novel) by Quentin Bates
Nov. 20, 2025	The Cotter's Son H.A. Foss	The Mine by Antti Tuomainen
Dec. 18, 2025	A Malmo Midwinter (An Inspector Anita Sundström Novella) by Torquil MacLeod	The Creek on the Stairs (Forbidden Iceland Book 1) by Eva Bjorg AEgisdóttir
Jan. 29, 2026	Butter in the Well: A Scandinavian Woman's Tale of Life on the Prairie	Death at the Sanitorium by Ragnar Jónasson by Linda K. Hubalek
Feb. 26, 2026	Stolen: A Novel by Ann-Helén Laestadius	The Traitor by Jørn Lier Horst

Mar. 26, 2026

Viking London
by Thomas Williams

Yours Until Death
by Gunnar Staalesen
[Book 2 of 14: Varg Veum](#)

April. 30, 2026

**Across the Deep Blue Sea:
The Saga of Early Norwegian
Immigrants**
by Odd S. Lovoll

The Tennant
([Book 1 of 3: Korner and Werner](#))
by Katrine Engberg

Zoom links for all book club meetings, Eastern U.S./Canada and
Western U.S./Canada will be announced/emailed
a month prior to their respective meetings.

**To join the Sons of Norway Book Club or put your name on our email list,
please send your name, lodge name and District/Lodge number to
SonsofNorwayBookClub@gmail.com**

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Polar Star and Cleng Peerson
Fox Valley “Håndverksklubb “
Join the group and take home a
Felted Norwegian Flag Project
at
Esthers’ Place
201 W. Galena St (Rt 3) – Big Rock, Il 60511
June 5, 2025 – 10:00-12:00



Polar Star Sports and Activities

by Jerri Lynn Baker



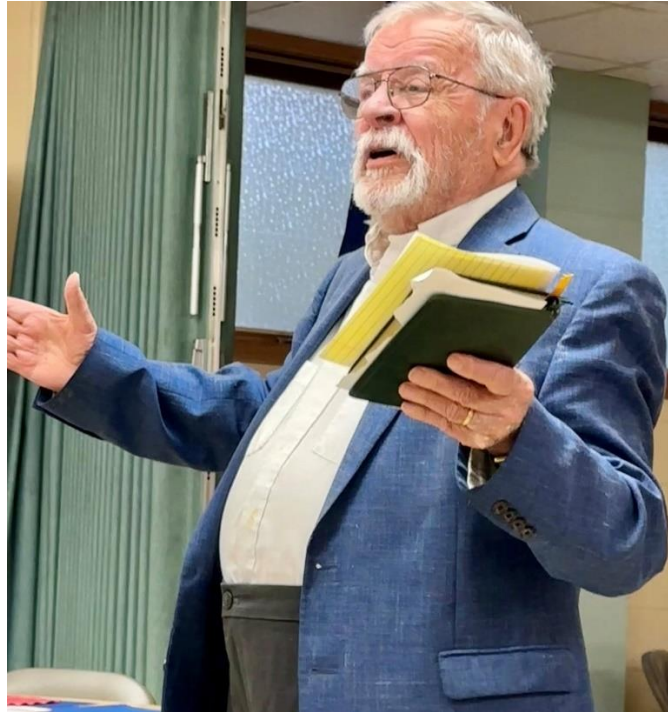
Diana and Barb were gifted a reward by our “Viking Sports Queen” for reaching the “under 300 miles” as we complete the “Immigration Walk” from New York to Norway before October 3rd.



**Fortsett å gå!!!
(Continue walking)**

Polar Star “Service of Remembrance”

May 4, 2025







POLAR STAR CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**JUNE 5th: Needle felting at Esther's Place,
Big Rock, Il. – 10:00-12:00**

**JUNE 7th Norsk Museum Open House and Breakfast
8:00-11:00**

AUGUST 3rd : Norwegian Pioneer PIKNIK

SEPTEMBER: 7 - VASA PARK 9:00 a.m.

**OCTOBER 3-5 Norwegian Heritage Culture Weekend –
Norway, Illinois**

NOVEMBER 2 - Høstfest begins at 11:30 a.m.

DECEMBER 7 - JULETREFEST

Gratulerer Med Dagen (Happy Birthday)

Polar Star Members!



Mai 16-31

20. Blake Chaussey

June 1-15

3. Nilslee Kreppert

4. Nels Johnson

10. Gerald Rucks

13. Mary Ann Knutson Doetschman

Fødselgdagen

Editor's note: As most of you know, one of the Norwegian traditions I like best is the singing of *Hurra for Deg (Cheers for You)*, the Norwegian birthday song. It was written by Margrethe Aabel Munthe (1860 – 1931). Though there are two verses, Polar Star only sings the first verse. The words are below if you want to learn them.
(I could use all the help I can get!)

***Hurra for deg som fyller ditt år!
Ja, deg vil vi gratulere!
Alle i ring omkring deg vi står,
og se, nå vil vi marsjere,
bukke, nikke, neie, snu oss omkring,
danse for deg med hopp og sprett og spring,
ønske deg av hjertet alle gode ting!
Og si meg så, hva vil du mere?
Gratulere!***

Happy Constitution Day **NORWAY**









Park Ridge Hodges Park

Syttendemai in Stoughton, Wisconsin



Stoughton Alumni Norwegian Dancers



Mandt Lodge Syttendemai Bingo

Saturday, September 7, 2025

2025 Scandinavian Day Festival



**The 45th Scandinavian Day Festival will be held at Vasa Park at 3
W 217 Rt 31 in South Elgin 60177.
Festival Hours are from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
\$15.00 per person
Children 12 and under free!**

Go to the Vasa Park Website at <https://www.scandinaviandayil.com> for a schedule of events, vendors and entertainment guide.



Visit the Polar Star Bakeri – closest booth to the entertainment stage.

**Sons of Norway
Polar Star Lodge 5-472
Regular Meeting, May 4, 2025
St. Olaf Lutheran Church
1233 Douglas Avenue
Montgomery, IL 60538**

President Johnson called the meeting to order at 2:24 p.m., following a 1:30 p.m. delicious potluck luncheon of meatballs and assorted vegetables, salads, and desserts. Kitchen hosts were Carol and Richard Vigsnes, and Nancy and Art Andersen.

President Announcements:

- Ken opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, and welcomed everyone.
- Pledge of Allegiance was followed by singing of United States, Norwegian, and Canadian national anthems.
- Two visitors were introduced by Phoebe Bergh: Marion Michaelson and her daughter Joy Kauke.
- There were no objections to the April meeting minutes.
- We plan to participate in the Park Ridge Syttende Mai parade (May 18), and the Geneva Swedish Days parade (June 22). Save the dates. We will advertise our Oct 3-5 Heritage Weekend at both events by handing out flyers to adults along the parade route. We will toss candy to the kids, so everyone should bring candy to distribute. For May 18th, be there to line up at 12:30 (Polar Star is #20). The parade kicks off at 1 p.m.
- Every year Polar Star purchases an ad in the Vasa Park Scandinavian Festival program. Motion to approve purchase of our ad for 2025 was made, seconded, and passed.

Treasurer Report: In Carol's absence, Ken read a summary of the monthly Treasurer's report (copy attached). Current checking account balance is \$4,732.39, and our total assets \$19,263.37. Motion to approve the report was made, seconded, and passed.

Vice President/Membership Director Report: Frank told us about his Sons of Norway business cards, with his name and phone number. Each of us should keep some of those cards on hand to give to persons interested in Sons of Norway. Frank would be happy to talk with them.

Sports Director Report: Jerri Lynn talked about our August 4, 2024 to Oct 5, 2025 Sloopier immigration virtual walk from New York City to Norway, IL, and reminded everyone to keep walking. Two members won a prize for coming to the May meeting with 300 miles or less left to walk: Barb Johnson and Diana Raimond.

Social Director Report: Nancy reminded about the Saturday June 4th Norsk Museum Opening Day breakfast 7-11 a.m. She asked that everyone please also remember to bring Norwegian baked goods for our bake sale.

Cultural Director Report: Barb reminded us about the Sons of Norway Zoom Book Club, and the new Sons of Norway Zoom Norwegian language classes.

Heritage Oct 3-5 Weekend Committee Report:

- Karen reminded everyone to please read through the entire weekend schedule information and determine what days they will attend and where they would like to volunteer. This is a big and important undertaking, and we will need everyone's help. Lots of volunteer opportunities will be available to all of us that weekend. We will all have fun not only attending, but also volunteering for a few activities ((but mainly to attend and enjoy!)).
- In May and June, each member will be contacted directly by one of the committee members about signing up to volunteer. Please be ready to discuss any questions about volunteering, as well as your volunteer choices. Please remember that there are so many things that your committee has to commit to/arrange/purchase beforehand, so is very important to have all jobs filled as soon as possible. The coming months will fly by before we know it!

Meeting Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:42 pm, followed by a beautiful Polar Star Memorial Service, led by Al Bergh, which remembered and honored members and close friends of our lodge who passed away over the last two years: Richard Hatteberg, Eleanor Bates, Don Danielsen, Inger Langsholt, and Todd Skogen.

Next Meeting: Sunday, August 3, Pioneer Polse Piknik and Ice Cream Social.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Oswald, Secretary