

# 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 checking to see if Ingers Språkkrigere are studying!

**Greetings Polar Star Lodge!**

Our Polar Star “Suppe bolle Søndag was a huge success! Thanks to all of you who created the outstanding soups for our annual Super Bowl Sunday soup cook off! Congratulations to Nancy Andersen and Al Bergh for winning the “Bowl” and the “Ladel” this year.

Our Penny Social continues to be a great success – we brought in \$170.00 and for our Lodge. Thanks to everyone for bringing in items to auction and to all of you who bought tickets!

Your President,  
Ken Johnson



Velkommen til Polar Star  
New Member Sandy Frank!

## Upcoming Events

Fern Dell Historical

Association

Kumla Dinner

February 15

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**POLAR STAR MARCH EVENT**

**IBSEN**

**SØNDAG**

**March 1, 2020**

St. Olaf Church

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Polar Star Newsletter Deadline  
Will be the 14<sup>th</sup> of every month.

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## Member News!

**MARCH 1, 2020**

**St. Olaf Lutheran Church – Montgomery, IL  
POLAR STAR MONTHLY EVENT**

**HENRIK IBSEN: Norwegian Playwright, Poet and Director**



For nine years in the 1890s, Henrik Ibsen made Norway's most famous walk, from his home in Oslo to the Grand Café of the Grand Hotel. It was rumored that people could set their watches by his daily routine. To this day, the hotel keeps a table reserved in the café, with Ibsen's top hat. This famous Norwegian playwright, poet, and director, who lived from 1828 until 1906, wrote 27 plays and 300 poems and is the most frequently performed dramatist after Shakespeare. His most famous play, *A Doll's House*, is the world's most widely produced play.

Join us March 1 for Marie Gillespie's program on this famous Norwegian playwright, poet, and director who lived from 1828 until 1906. Ibsen wrote 27 plays and 300 poems and is the most frequently performed dramatist after Shakespeare. His most famous play, *A Doll's House*, is the world's most widely produced play

**Presented by  
Marie Gillespie**

Marie is a recent retiree from a thirty-three year career as a teacher/director/performer. Marie is shaping her next chapter with varied creative pursuits and service opportunities. During her career, Marie taught voice, speech, theater, and English in varying capacities to all ages, including at Lyons Township High School, Columbia College Chicago, College of DuPage, Northeastern Illinois University, Montclair State College, Iona College and Seton Hall University. Marie directed 33 theater productions, including at Lyons Township High School, Columbia College Chicago, College of DuPage, and Downers Grove North High School. Marie acted in 45 plays, in school, community theater, semi-professional, and self-produced. Other past highlights include operating her own business, Theatre Connection (voice and acting classes/lessons for all ages) and founding and serving as Artistic Director for No Name Players. Marie has a BA Degree in Speech/Theater Education from St. Olaf College and her MFA in Acting from the University of Southern California.

**Buffet begins at 1:30 p.m. followed by the Henrik Ibsen Program.  
Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service**



**Art, Nancy, Carol and Richard  
attend the Norge Ski Jump  
Competition January 27th**



**Nancy receives her Cooking Part 3  
Cooking Culture Medal from  
Culture Director Barb J.**



## **POLAR STAR CULTURAL CORNER**

by Barb Johnson

### **Polar Star Culture Goals for 2020**

1. Lodge members will earn Part 1 The Basics of Norwegian Language medals by participating in the “Ingers Språkkrigere” Group at the Hinckley Library from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Norwegian treats served at every lesson!



2. Lodge members will earn Part 1 Literature Medals by reading three books written by Norwegian American or Norwegian authors in 2020.

The 2020 Polar Star Chocolate Book Flood continues....

Bring a book you love with your favorite chocolate to every event



3. Lodge members will participate in the Polar Star Cooking Club to earn Traditional Norwegian Cooking medals.

I also hope that Polar Star knitters will continue to make “Little Red Hats for Big Hearts” in 2020

Project website and pattern links below.

[http://www.heart.org/HEARTORG/Affiliate/Little-Hats-Big-Hearts\\_UCM\\_487734\\_SubHomePage.jsp](http://www.heart.org/HEARTORG/Affiliate/Little-Hats-Big-Hearts_UCM_487734_SubHomePage.jsp)

<http://www.handsoccupied.com/red-hats/>

<http://www.bevscountrycottage.com/bevs-baby-ribs-hat.html>

## Polar Star Sports and Activities

# POLAR STAR VIRTUAL WALK TO RINGSAKER, NORWAY

by Sports Director, Jerri Lynn Baker



Hei Polar Star Walkers! We are doing great with the walk to Ringsaker Norway! Close to being halfway! We are over 2000 miles! Yay us! So, what I need you to do is send me or post on the Polar Star Facebook page a picture of you walking, biking, swimming to get your miles in! Today I will be running a 5 miler and will hopefully get a picture. I will be submitting photos to District 5 to show our activities, so please have someone snap a picture of you walking.

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## Polar Star Poetry

“My February poem fits the season” by Curt Vevang

### Twenty-Four Roses for you

I don't write love poems very often – or very well

After 35 years of marriage I wrote a Valentine's love poem to my wife.

...I'm putting my love for you in my own words  
rather than just signing my name to a store bought card  
created by a wordsmith...

Wrong. Suzie Hallmark did not like that I forgot to buy a card.

After 46 years of marriage I took another stab at a Valentine's poem.

*...All I know is that if you ever died I would look for another wife.*

*Not the perfect wife, I'd never find another. But a sold second place wife...*

This went over even worse – my advice – never mention a second wife.

At the 50 year mark I bought 2 dozen red roses and wrote seventeen syllables:

*My dearest Susan  
Twenty-four roses for you  
Happy Valentine's*

...and the world was at peace

# Polar Star April 5<sup>th</sup> Event Smørbrød and Språktime



Polar Star will be learning to make open faced sandwiched and “Ingers Språkgriggere” will provide a Norwegian Language lesson.

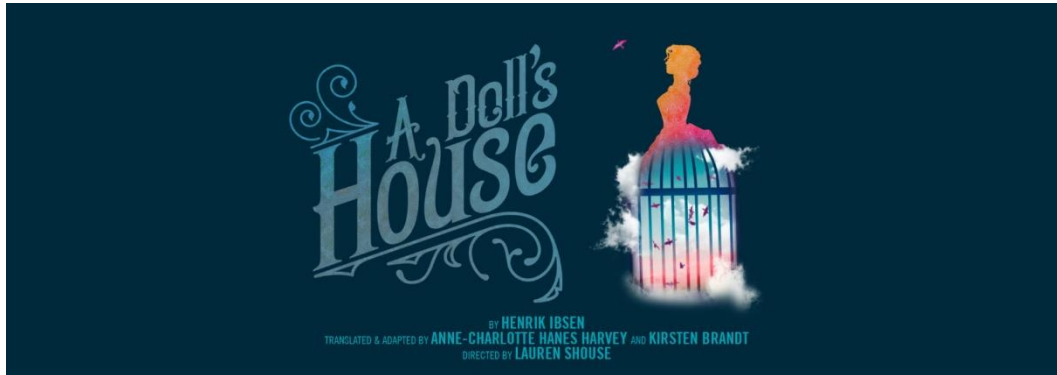
## **APRIL 19, 2020 STOUGHTON NORWEGIAN DANCERS**



**Cross Lutheran Church  
2:00 p.m. performance**

# Polar Star March Culture Event

## March 22, 2020 – Ravens Theater



### A Henrik Ibsen Play

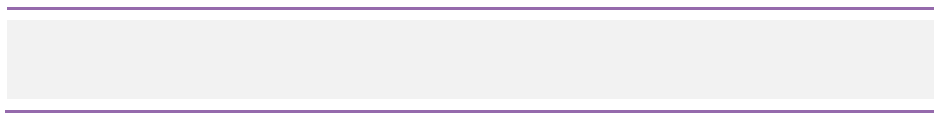
Tickets for Seniors \$38.00 – Call 773-338-2177

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## Polar Star 5-472 2020 EVENT SCHEDULE

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

<b>March 1</b>	<b>Henrik Ibsen Søndag</b>
<b>March 22</b>	<b>“A Dolls House” Ibsen Play at the Raven Theater</b>
<b>April 5</b>	<b>Smørbrød and Språktime</b>
<b>April 19</b>	<b>Polar Star hosts the Stoughton Norwegian Dancers</b>
<b>May 3</b>	<b>“Odin’s Promise” Author Talk at Yorkville Public Library</b>
<b>June 6</b>	<b>Norsk Museum Open House</b>
<b>Date TBD</b>	<b>How to Be a Viking – Yorkville Public Library</b>
<b>August 2</b>	<b>Polar Star Indoor Picnic</b>
<b>September 13</b>	<b>Vasa Park – Scandinavian Days</b>
<b>October 4</b>	<b>Norge</b>
<b>November 1</b>	<b>Polar Star Høstfest</b>
<b>November 14</b>	<b>Norsk Museum Smørgåsbord</b>
<b>December 6</b>	<b>Julefest</b>







# Polar Star Penny Social 2020





**SONS OF NORWAY - Polar Star Lodge 5-472**  
**MEETING HOSTS (Kitchen Committee)**  
**By Nancy Andersen Social Director**

At least two members/families are needed each meeting to serve on the kitchen committee.

Join in by volunteering for one time each year.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR HOSTS FOR SETTING UP LODGE MEETING**

Chairperson: Contact members of your committee to complete your plans ahead of time. The committee normally supplies meat or main dishes and one half-gallon of whole milk. All other members are asked to bring a potluck dish to share. - Arrive at the hall 1-1/2 hours prior to meeting time. - Set up 6-8 round tables with chairs in their proper places. - Provide table decorations according to season. Napkins and some plastic tablecloths MAY be in cabinet or storage area. Check for inventory at meeting before. - Make the coffee\* (50-60 cups). Start coffee immediately, as it takes at least one hour to brew. Coffee is provided by Lodge and is in the Lodge cabinet. (Check inventory at meeting before.) If not, purchase coffee and you will be reimbursed. - Set up the buffet table (two long tables). Arrange the food on the tables as it comes in. Include a basket at the front end for donations. - Please set up an entry table in the hall for the sign-in book. - Set up the podium and the three flags in the front of the room. - After everyone has eaten, wash cups, spoons, etc., and clean up area. Use our lodge dishtowels (in storage room bin). One person from the committee needs to take the dishtowels home, wash them and bring them back to the next meeting. - Return all chairs and tables to their proper places. - If it is inconvenient for you to serve at the time scheduled for you, exchange with someone or find a substitute. Any questions, notify the Social Chairperson, Nancy Andersen. If there is anyone who would like to assist in serving or cleaning up, please feel free to do so. The committee will love you! Don't forget the half-gallon of milk!

\*Coffee: (Usually taken care of by Pres. Ken Johnson.) 1) Fill urn with COLD water. DO NOT IMMERSE URN OR CORD IN WATER. 2) Pour coffee into basket. For 55 cups, use 3-1/2 cups ground coffee. 3) Plug in urn. When it has finished brewing, remove basket with grounds

**Kitchen Hosts still needed for 2020 Events**  
**Please contact Nancy Andersen to volunteer**  
**630-377-2956 or [nancyandarthur@comcast.net](mailto:nancyandarthur@comcast.net)**

# SECOND ANNUAL POLAR STAR "SUPPE" BOWL "COOK OFF"



Nancy A. wins the 'suppe bolle" cook off and Al B. wins the 2<sup>nd</sup> place ladle



## 2020 Kitchen Hosts

<b>March 1</b>	<b>Sue and Steve Tanda</b>
<b>April 5</b>	<b>Frank K. and Carol D. &amp; Eleanor B.</b>
<b>May 3</b>	<b>Jerri Lynn B.</b>
<b>June 6</b>	<b>Open House at Norway Community Bldg. – all members</b>
<b>August 2</b>	<b>Indoor Picnic</b>
<b>October 4</b>	<b>Phoebe and Al B.</b>
<b>November 1</b>	<b>All members - Høstfest</b>
<b>December 6</b>	<b>Polar Star Board Members</b>

### Fern Dell Kumla Dinner Feb 15<sup>th</sup>

This Letter to the Editor appeared in the Shaw Media Publications on Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>.

Fellowship, to be in the company of friendly people. Kumla, a Norwegian potato dumpling that when eaten will keep you firmly anchored in a wind storm.

Kumla is very tasty with butter and sour cream but pace yourself because kumla has a tendency to sneak up on you. And yumpin yiminee whatever you do don't ask for ketchup!

The Fern Dell Historic Association will be hosting their 35th Annual Kumla Supper on Saturday, Feb. 15 at the Newark Firehouse, 101 E. Main St. in Newark. Tickets are \$13 for adults and \$5 for children 8 and under for a ham dinner with kumla, applesauce, bread and butter, dessert and beverage. Baked potatoes are available for those with weak knees. Tickets may be purchased at the door but pre-sales are preferred. They're available Heartland Bank & Trust in Newark, by chasing down Lowell Mathre or calling Marilyn Thompson at 815-736-6190.

This is the Fern Dell Association's biggest fundraiser of the year and the proceeds go towards operating expenses for their four buildings which include the Fern Dell one room school house, blacksmith shop and two buildings downtown housing their vast collection of local memorabilia and dust bunnies. We're grateful to all the volunteers and sponsors that help us with this event. Did I mention that carry-outs are available?

Wendy Bernard

Newark



# Sons of Norway Polar Star Lodge 5-472

## Regular Meeting, February 2, 2020

St. Olaf Lutheran Church  
1233 Douglas Avenue, Montgomery, IL 60538

President Johnson called the meeting to order at 2:15 PM, following our 1:30 Norwegian Soup Cook-Off and potluck luncheon. The kitchen committee of the day included Karen Oswald.

The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by the singing of the United States, Norwegian and Canadian national anthems.

**Treasurer's Report:** Carol read the Treasurer's report (copy attached).

**Medals/Pins/Awards:** The Part 3 Norwegian Cooking medal was awarded to Nancy Andersen.

**Norwegian Soup Cook-Off voting:** The winner was Nancy Andersen's delicious Norwegian Pea Soup. Coming in second was an adult-only (boozy), special Norwegian Fish Soup prepared by Diana Raimond and Ed Hatteberg.

**Presentation:** Financial Benefits Counselor Greg Ragan talked with us about the insurance and investment products available through Sons of Norway.

### President's announcements and discussion items:

- New members are Larry Baker (his wife Carol joined in December), Sandy Frank, and Carol Olsen.
- Visitors included Charlie Richard (Floyd Andersen's grandson), new member Carol's daughter Cynthia, and Sherry Jensen (an acquaintance from Karen Oswald's new neighborhood).
- 2020 District 5 Convention: Polar Star is entitled to 3 delegates. Elected as delegates were Kelly Welin, Ed Hatteberg, and Steve Tanda. Frank Krawczyk, and Barb and Ken Johnson were elected as alternates. A motion was made and passed to reimburse \$500 to each attending delegate.
- Syttende Mai holiday parade will be Sunday May 17 and the banquet on Saturday May 16. Guest of honor will be Chicago's new Norwegian Consul.
- Norwegian National League (NNL) of Chicago 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner is April 5 at the Park Ridge Country Club.
- Final call for 2019 SON Volunteer Hours Activity sheets to be submitted to Karen Oswald this week.
- Long-time Polar Star member Harriet Eklund passed away on January 31. Ray Nerhus passed away in 2018.

### Cultural Director's discussion items:

- The agenda has changed for our March meeting. Guest speaker Marie Gillespie will talk with us about Henrik Ibsen, complementing our March 22 Chicago field trip to see Ibsen's play, "A Doll's House".
- Those with birthdays this month were honored and celebrated with singing and marching to the Norwegian Birthday Song.

**Next Meeting:** Next meeting will be March 1. Guest speaker Marie Gillespie will talk with us about Henrik Ibsen.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Following the meeting, the Annual Polar Star Penny Auction was held to the great enjoyment of all !

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Oswald, Secretary

