

# **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**



Thanks to our Polar Star Bakers for a successful Norsk Museum Bake Sale

### **Hilsen Polar Star Lodge!**

Barb and I, along with our Polar Star delegates, Steve, Kelly and Floyd, are headed to Indianapolis next week to attend our Sons of Norway District 5 Convention. I look forward to watching our leadership in action while Barb participates in the convention culture program.

Start baking everyone since our Vasa Park fund-raising event will be here before we know it.

Looking forward to seeing all of you in your Norwegian gear at the Geneva Days Parade on Sunday, June 23.

Your President

Ken



### **Polar Star UPCOMING EVENTS**

## **June 23**

**Geneva Days  
Scandinavian Days  
Parade step-off at  
1:00 p.m.**

**Line up # 15  
Stevens and McKinley  
Or  
Logan and Center**

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### **Polar Star Indoor Picnic**

**August 4<sup>h</sup> – 1:30**

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### **Scandinavian Days**

at

**Vasa Park**

**Sunday September 8th**

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**AUGUST LODGE EVENT**  
**AUGUST 4, 2024**

**Viking Games and Piknik**



Kjeppepinne



**Potluck Pølse Piknik begins at 1:30**  
**St. Olaf Lutheran Church**  
**Montgomery, IL**

**Please bring a picnic dish to pass, your**  
**own table service and lawn chairs**



**Norsk Museum**  
**Opening Day**  
**Breakfast and Bake Sale**  
**was held on June 1<sup>st</sup>**



**Docents are still needed!**

**Contact**

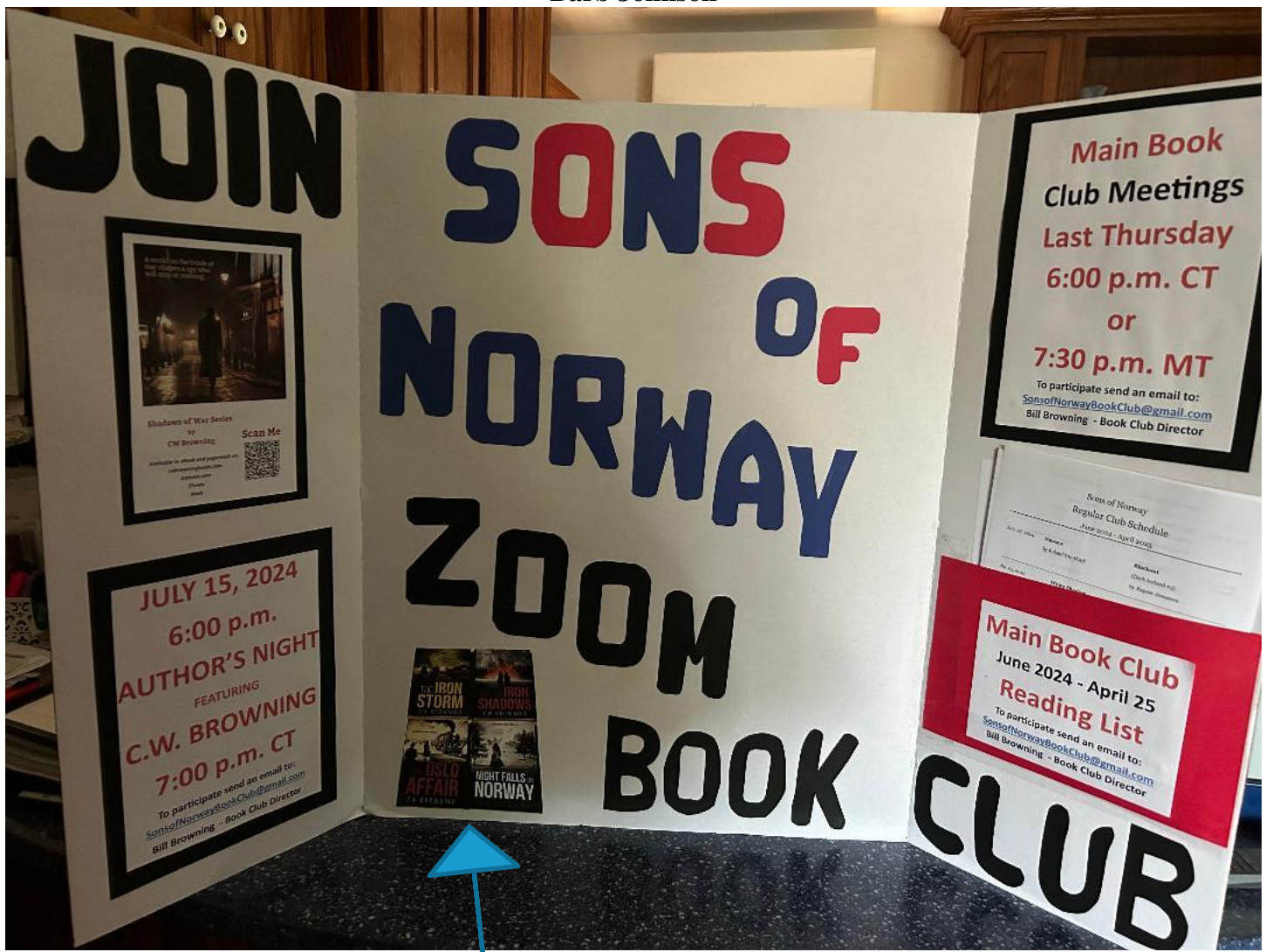
**dave.norskmuseum@gmail.com**  
**to be placed on the schedule**

**Art wins the Norsk genser**  
**at the Norsk Museum**  
**raffle!!!**



# POLAR STAR CULTURAL CORNER

by  
Barb Johnson



Editor's Note: I encourage all of you to attend the Author's Night Zoom Book Club meeting in July. We will be talking with CW Browning who has written an excellent WWII series called, "Shadows of War". Two of the books take place in Norway as Germany prepares to invade in 1939-40. Even if you have not read the books, I think you will enjoy hearing from the author about her research and her ideas about the plot and the characters.

**July main read: "White Shadow" by Roy Jacobsen**

**July Mystery read: "Death Deserved" by Thomas Enger and Jon Lier Hørst**

**To be placed on the Zoom Book Club list contact Bill Brownig at**  
[SonsofNorwayBookClub@gmail.com](mailto:SonsofNorwayBookClub@gmail.com)

# Vasa Park Scandinavian Festival

## Sunday, September 8, 2024



“This will be the 44<sup>th</sup> Scandinavian Day Festival. Many years have passed and the festival has evolved but it remains loyal to its roots; the heritage of the five Nordic countries.”

The Festival planning team is working to select the entertainment and finding vendors to prepare those delicious Scandinavian foods and an assortment of Scandinavian goods for you. They are excited to bring to our 5 Nordic communities, and the Midwest, a vibrant and fun-filled Festival for 2024”



Editor's Note: Polar Star will be on site at the Scandinavian Day Festival selling our baked goods and Norwegian collectibles. See the event schedule on the Vasa Park website [https://www.scandinaviandayil.com/schedule\\_of\\_events.asp](https://www.scandinaviandayil.com/schedule_of_events.asp)

# Mark your calendars!!!!



If you are interested in participating in the planning of this special Culture Event that will celebrate the history of Norwegian immigrants who made an impact on our Fox Valley communities, please contact [barbjjohnsonb@aol.com](mailto:barbjjohnsonb@aol.com) to be added to the zoom link.

# Polar Star Sports and Activities

by  
Jerri Lynn Baker

**"In these hot days please remember to stay hydrated when getting your  
Virtual Viking miles in"**



**Also... Get ready because we'll be "[Slupen](#)" [Around Norway](#)"  
[in 2025](#)! More walking details as we get closer to the 2025  
Norwegian Immigration culture weekend.**

# Polar Star team anyone?????



## Kubb Tournament

Sunday, July 28, 2024

*Join us at Vasa Park for our second annual Kubb Tournament!*

Vasa Park

35 W 217 Route 31, South Elgin, IL 60177

Gates open 11:00 AM Lunch 11:30 – 12:30

Tournament starts 12:30 PM

*We'll have a catered picnic lunch, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages available for purchase and a beautiful setting along the Fox River for an afternoon of fun! Never played Kubb before, but interested? No previous experience is necessary,*



Catered lunch of hamburgers, hot dogs, boneless chicken breasts, side salads & chips

Vasa Park Members (also get 2 drink coupons) \$15.00 per person

Non-members \$20.00 per person

**Kubb Tournament entry fee: \$60/team of 3-6 players—there will be 2 categories of teams: Team A—Skilled Teams Team B—Backyard Teams**

Preferred payment method online via PayPal at  
or mail in checks using form below

[www.vasaparkil.com](http://www.vasaparkil.com)

Make checks payable to **Scandinavian Park, Inc. NFP**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Member \_\_\_\_\_ Team A \_\_\_\_\_ Team B \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Member \_\_\_\_\_ Team A \_\_\_\_\_ Team B \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Forms with payment must be received by July 15, 2004**

**Mail to: Johannes Smits 315 Chatham Lane, Roselle, IL 60172**

# GRATULERER MED DAGEN POLAR STAR



**June 16- July 15**

**21.June - Jim Van Winkle**

**25. June - Jeanne Leifheit**

**29. June - Harold Broten**

**30. June - Sasha Betke**

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## POLAR STAR CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All events held at St. Olaf Lutheran Church, Montgomery, IL at 1:30 unless otherwise listed

**JULY – Polar Star does not meet in July**

**June 23 – Geneva Days Scandinavian Days Parade**

**August 4 – Polar Star Viking Picnic 1:30**

**SEPTEMBER 8 - VASA PARK Scandinavian Festival - 9:00 a.m.**

**OCTOBER 6 - Annual Sloop Mtg in Norway, IL**

**NOVEMBER 3 - Høstfest begins at 11:30 a.m.**

**DECEMBER 1 - JULETFEST**

**SAVE THE DATE....**

**OCTOBER 6<sup>TH</sup> 2024**  
**SLOOPER SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING**



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**Save Your Canceled Postage Stamps**

# Track your 2024 Volunteer Hours!!!

## Activity Volunteer Hours Tracking Sheet - Polar Star Lodge 5-472

Member Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Service Year \_\_\_\_\_

This data is used for mandatory reporting that maintains Sons of Norway tax-exempt status, and for National Sons of Norway to lobby on behalf of Fraternal benefit societies. Annually, by end of January, submit your completed form to the Polar Star Secretary. Tusen takk.

- **Membership Activities** – Volunteer time spent on preparing, running or supporting projects/programs organized by Sons of Norway at a lodge, district or international level that were devoted to lodge business affairs, recreational/social events, training seminars, cultural classes, officer duties, etc. Include only volunteer time spent organizing, planning or working at/for the events. Do not include lodge meeting attendance time.

Member Activity	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Lodge Meeting/Food (prepare food for pot luck; set/clean up; kitchen duty)													
Lodge Meeting Programs/Activities (plan/prepare/lead)													
Training/Seminars (plan/prepare/lead)													
Officer Duties													
Manage Newsletter/ Facebook/Website													
Board/Committee Meetings													
District or National Meetings/Training													
Other (describe)													
<b>TOTAL MEMBERSHIP HOURS:</b>													

- **Community Activities** – Record time that you volunteered in the name of / on behalf of Polar Star lodge, another Sons of Norway lodge, or SON district or international level at events focusing on community involvement/interest. Include only your volunteer time working at, planning for, or traveling to/from the event. Do not include time just attending.

Community Activity	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Høstfest (prep/food/work)													
Fox Valley Norwegian Choir													
Vasa Park (prep/food/work)													
Norsk Museum (docent/manage/maintain)													
Norsk Museum Fundraisers breakfast/smorgasbord/etc (prep/food/work)													
Syttende Mai Parade/Banquet (prep/food/work)													
How to be a Viking (prep/food/work)													
Norwegian National League (plan/prepare/lead)													
Viking Ship (docent/manage/maintain)													
Red Hat Knitting													
Tubfrim													
Barnebirke/Norge Ski (prep/food/work)													
MSI Christmas Tree													
Other (describe)													
<b>TOTAL COMMUNITY HOURS:</b>													

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