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FOSELYNGEN LODGE – CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- SEPTEMBER 12 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: Syttende Mai (17th of May)
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(**Note:** This is the program that had originally been scheduled for the May 9th, 2022 meeting.) (See full details of meeting on Page 3.)
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Member Awards
Program: Sailing to America in the mid 1800's
(See full details of meeting on Page 3.)
- NOVEMBER 18, 19, & 20** **Holiday Folk Fair**
Fri., Sat., & Sun. See article on Page 4.
- DECEMBER 11 Sunday** **Lodge Christmas Party**
Noon at Clifford's Supper Club, 10418 W. Forest Home Ave, Hales Corners.
Look for reservation form and full details in the November/December *Runespeak*.

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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
(september og oktober 2022)

Gretchen Bjork, Mary Taylor and I attended the 5th District Convention in Middleton, WI. 100 delegates attended from our District.

We attended meetings from 8AM to 4PM on Friday 6/17 and Saturday 6/18. Officers were elected for the 2022-24 term. I also attended committee meetings on Thursday. The current District board has served for four years, as the last convention was cancelled due to COVID. We also elected representatives for the International Convention in Minneapolis now being held virtually. The District will host the next convention, as they did not receive any bids from lodges. We voted on a by-law changing districts and voted on resolutions. All lodges can submit resolutions if they want to suggest changes. We went over financial statements and voted on Director stipends. We donated some items from the Butikk to the silent auction, and proceeds from the auction were \$2,164.00 for the District. Lodges are asked to submit facts about their lodge activities, and awards are granted based on the number of criteria. Our lodge received two Gold and two Silver Awards for 2018-21.

Our member Judy Mathison entered three beautiful Hardanger pieces in the cultural display. Thank you, Judy.

Speakers attending included Connie O'Brien, Director of Fraternal & Foundation Development, who explained the changes at the home office and how the "Business (Insurance that is) funds the Mission (our fraternal side)". She spoke about the history of Sons of Norway and how it started with 18 immigrants In 1895, 127 years ago, who wanted to protect one another in a new world. Membership in 2015 was 53,568 and after three years of declining, the past three years have increased to 63,027 in 2021. She also spoke of the numerous scholarships and grants awarded and support given to all our lodges. We discussed Masse Moro Camp in Fall Creek, WI and the benefits of getting our youth interested in our heritage. We received the information on the Adult Heritage Weekend October 7th -9th from Rachel Storlie who is the Coordinator of Giants of the Earth Heritage Center. If anyone is interested in attending, please let me know, and I will supply a registration form and additional information, or you could obtain this from the Sons of Norway District 5 website.

I hope to see you at the September 12th meeting. Enjoy the rest of our summer weather.

Sincerely, Sue Berg Roedel

FOSELYNGEN OFFICERS

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If you have any questions, please call one of the above officers.

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH, 2022

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: Roast Beef and Red Potatoes

Meeting starts at about 6:45 PM.

Program: Syttende Mai (17th of May)

Lodge member Daryl Wunrow will present his PowerPoint of two Syttende Mai celebrations he has witnessed: one in Oslo in 2000 and one on the island community Giske near Ålesund, Norway in 2006. This presentation will focus on four aspects of Norway's National Celebration:

1. History of Norwegian independence
2. Celebration on the small island of Giske on the western coastline
3. The native costume called the bunad
4. Celebration in the capital city of Oslo, Norway

(Note: This is the program that had originally been scheduled for the May 9th, 2022 meeting.)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10TH, 2022

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 Lapkaus

Meeting starts at about 6:45 PM.

Member Awards

Program: Sailing to America in the mid 1800's.

Lodge member Daryl Wunrow will share his PowerPoint that shows how Norwegians sailed to the USA and the hardships they faced and endured.

NORWEGIAN COOKIE BAKING

The August 20th cookie demonstration was cancelled due to lack of interest, and we do not plan on scheduling another one at this time.

Arlette Johnson

FINNISH AMERICAN SOCIETY PASTY DINNER

The Finnish American Society of Milwaukee will be having its Pasty Dinner from 2:00-4:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 30th, 2022, at Grace Lutheran Church, 3030 West Oklahoma Avenue, Milwaukee.

Dinner includes one pasty (beef or vegetarian), coleslaw, dessert and coffee. Price is \$12.00 for adults, \$8.00 (children 6-12), and children 5 years and under are free. No reservations are required.

You can also purchase frozen (unbaked) pasties (beef or vegetarian) at the event for \$7.00.

HOLIDAY FOLK FAIR

Holiday Folk Fair is back in person after being virtual for the last two years, and we will be participating with our Cultural Booth. The great thing about the Cultural Booth is that only two people are needed for each shift, and you will be able to sit while working in the booth. You will be stamping passports and answering people's questions. These questions could be about the items that are displayed in the booth, the theme of this year's Holiday Folk Fair, or about the country and people of Norway. While we have yet not been informed of this year's theme, there will be information in the booth to help you answer most of these questions.

Given the nature of the booth, Gretchen and Arlette will not have to be in the booth for the duration of the event (Yipee!!), so we are counting on you to be dependable and only sign up if you are able to work. The people working the next shift are counting on you as well to show up on time so they may leave.

The shifts are as follows:

Friday, November 18th (Education Day 9:00am-4:00pm/General Public 2:00pm-9:00pm)
8:45am-1:00pm (3 people needed), 12:45pm-5:00pm, and 4:45pm-9:00pm

Saturday, November 19th (10:00am-9:00pm)
9:45am-1:30pm, 1:15pm-5:15pm, and 5:00pm-9:00pm

Sunday, November 20th (10:00am-6:00pm)
9:45am-2:00pm and 1:45pm-6:00pm

Please note we will also need help setting up the booth on Thursday, November 17th (time to be determined) and also help taking the booth down on Sunday, November 20th at 6:00pm.

If you can help, please either contact Gretchen, thebjorks@att.net or 262-502-9197, or sign up at an upcoming meeting. Thank you. Gretchen Bjork & Arlette Johnson

COMMUNITY PROJECT UPDATE

Thanks to our members and the overwhelming support from Mt. Hope Church parishioners, we have collected an enormous amount of plastic bags to make the Mercy Mats for the homeless.

We thank everyone for bringing in their plastic bags but desperately need help with sorting, flattening and cutting bags, making plarn (plastic yarn made from the plastic bags) and for the crafty people, crocheting the plarn into mats. So far only a couple people have been helping with these steps which take about 100 hours per mat, so any help you can give will be appreciated.

Before our next meeting which is on Monday, September 12th, Arlette will be at Mt. Hope Church at 3:00 p.m. to show you how to fold and cut the bags, and how to connect the strips for the plarn. We invite all members (ladies and gentlemen) to come early and help with the process.

Arlette Johnson

Hey Snow Birds!

Those of you who move from one place to another as the seasons change are asked to contact Sons of Norway International headquarters **each time you move**. Please call 800-945-8851 to notify them so you continue receiving your *Viking* and other mailings the home office may send out.



2022 Membership Awards

At the October 10th meeting, the following members will be receiving pins awarded for various years of membership:

5 year

Jeffrey Gullickson
Sheila Kershek
Charles Libal
Sue Ramstack

10 year

Don Doss
Ken Swenson

15 year

Kay Arneson
Mary Henning
Andrea Herkert
Caitlin Larson
Glendean Schmidt
Barb Vesaas

20 year

Susan Likness
Carol Schwarz
Don Schwarz

25 year

Helen Davison
Alice Modert

30 year

Carol Kalscheur
Frederick Olson

40 year

Jerry Brooks
Lon Fiedler
Pam Ness

45 year

Ella Marie Enger
Louise Koxlien
Victor Larson

50 year

Gloria Goller
Sandra Kelley

55 year

Lill Brink

65 year

Laurence Salo

(If you are not able to be at the October 10th meeting, call Arlette Johnson at 414-368-3324 to make arrangements to get your pin.)

Sympathy

Fosselyngen Lodge extends its sympathy to the following:



To the family of John Seastrand who passed away on August 10th. John was an active member for over 60 years. He will be surely missed.



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.

PICTURES FROM THE AUGUST 8TH LODGE MEETING



DANA KELLY WITH HER HUSBAND GARY SWAIN

DANA, WHO PRESENTED OUR PROGRAM, IS FROM THE GENEALOGICAL CENTER & NAESETH LIBRARY.



PAUL MAREN GIVING ANCESTOR REPORT

PICTURES FROM THE JULY 11TH LODGE PICNIC

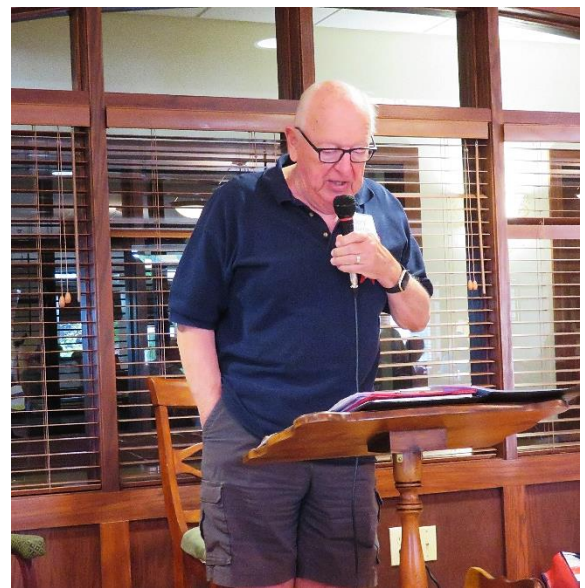
(Upper two photos from Daryl Wunrow)



CC & TOM WESTGAARD ALONGSIDE OUR NEW BANNER



ENTERTAINMENT BY MARY TAYLOR



BONNIE & DARYL WUNROW GIVING ANCESTOR REPORTS



PLAYING BINGO AFTER OUR MEAL

NORWEGIANS IN MILWAUKEE

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In 1839, the Milwaukee area's earliest Norwegian settlers arrived at [Muskego Lake](#) in search of better economic prospects and freedom from the doctrinal strictures of the State Church of Norway ([Lutheran](#)). While some settled in Milwaukee, most used the city as an entry point into Wisconsin and Illinois' larger Norwegian communities. Still, Norwegian-Americans living in Milwaukee facilitated this process by introducing their compatriots to the area, providing people with access to regional markets, and guiding immigrants through the city's [lakeside](#) ports. Wisconsin maintained the nation's highest population of Norwegians until 1870.

Leading a group of forty immigrants from Telemark (Telemarken), Norway in 1839, John Nielsen Luraas helped found the Muskego Settlement in the present-day [Racine County](#) Town of Norway. Muskego settlers established the first Norwegian-American newspaper, *Nordlyset* (*The Northern Light*), in 1847. Among them was James D. Reymert, an immigrant who arrived in Wisconsin in the early 1840s. Reymert served as a Muskego settlement delegate to the second Wisconsin State Constitutional Convention (1847-1848) and represented Racine County as a Wisconsin assemblyperson in 1849. Muskego settlers also organized the first American congregation of the Norwegian Lutheran Church (1843). Predominantly farmers in their home country, Muskego's Norwegian settlers established [farms](#) soon after arriving in southeast Wisconsin. Though they possessed little wealth, residents took advantage of the Milwaukee area's developing trade networks to barter goods. Between 1849 and 1851, [cholera](#) ravaged the Muskego settlement, killing scores of settlers. Many survivors left the swampy, contaminated area for other Norwegian settlements, such as Koshkonong in Dane County or Jefferson Prairie in present-day Rock County.

The majority of Norwegians in Milwaukee during the nineteenth century resided in [Walker's Point](#) on the South Side. This location provided a short commute to the city's emergent [lakeside port](#), where Norwegians held jobs as [mariners, shipbuilders, and boat captains](#). Others [worked seasonally](#), often in the fall and winter, helping to clear the region's dense [forests](#). Norwegians also found employment during the warmer months operating the [Milwaukee River ferries](#) connecting Kilbourn town and Juneau town. By 1900, the city's Norwegian-born population approached 2,000, augmented by a late-nineteenth century spike in immigration.

Milwaukee remained a way station for newly arrived migrants throughout the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, helping Wisconsin's various Norwegian communities grow and assimilate. By 1950, the city no longer counted many first-generation Norwegian Americans as residents. The state's Norwegian population remained numerically strong. As of 2005, residents of Norwegian ancestry comprised the fourth-largest white ethnic group in the state. In 2011, some 37,000 people in the Milwaukee metropolitan area (2.3 percent of the population) reported Norwegian as their primary ancestry in the American Community Survey.

Author - Bill Reck

For Further Reading

Anderson, Rasmus Björn. *The First Chapter of Norwegian Immigration, 1821-1840*. Fourth Edition. Madison: Rasmus B. Anderson, 1906.

Berman, Leola Nelson. *Americans from Norway*. Philadelphia: J.B. Lippincott Company, 1950.

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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

Sue Roedel & Karen Riccobono

Thanks for helping with the July/August 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.

Greg Ragan, Sons of Norway Fraternal Benefits Counselor, Insurance & Investments

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Dear Members,

If you would like your newsletter emailed to you, please email me at csjohn@att.net .

John Schneble, Editor

Notice: All articles & information for the November/December 2022 newsletter are **due by October 15th**.

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.



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South Elgin, IL 60177

The Scandinavian Day Festival is Back for 2022 !!
Reserve the Date: September 11, 2022

This will be the 42nd 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. We achieved our mission to bring the Scandinavian community together last year when 1,400 people visited the Festival, and with your support we can look forward to a memorable 42nd Festival on September 11th, 2022.

The Festival planning team is working to select the entertainment including the ever popular ABBA Salute and finding vendors to prepare those delicious Scandinavian foods and an assortment of Scandinavian goods for you. We are excited to bring to our five Nordic communities, and the Midwest, a vibrant and fun-filled Festival for 2022.

Festival Hours are from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
\$10.00 per person
Children 12 and under free!

For full information go to www.scandinaviandayil.com

Editor’s Note: This could be an optional substitute activity for our own 2022 Scandinavian Festival that has been cancelled.

NORWEGIAN LANGUAGE CLASS REGISTRATION FORM – Sept 2022

Classes will be on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm (mixed beginner and intermediate).

Held at: MT. HOPE CHURCH, 86th and Becher in West Allis

2022 Dates: Sept 7th & 21st, October 5th & 19th, November 2nd & 16th – all Wednesdays.

Instructor: Mette L Baran, Ed.D. – Associate Professor at Cardinal Stritch University

Class fees \$20 per session. Payable in full (\$120) to Fosselyngen Lodge by August 19th, 2022.

Student Name _____

Contact phone number _____ Email _____

Submit this sheet with check payable to Fosselyngen Lodge and mail to Gretchen Bjork, W149N8235 Norman Dr., Menomonee Falls, WI 53051. If you have questions, call Heidi at 262-716-9118. (You can also give payment to Gretchen or an officer at a regular meeting.)

If not enough students sign up, the lodge reserves the right to cancel classes and refund money. So please sign up soon and bring your friends.

Non-members are welcome but will be charged \$22 per session. (\$132 total)



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Ole and Lena were expecting their first baby. As the time approached, Lena announced, "I think it's time for the baby, but with the traffic this time of day, I'm not sure we will get to the hospital in time."
 Ole thought for a moment and then said, "Well, maybe we had better take two cars. That way, one of us is sure to make it."

Lena was arrested for shoplifting in a supermarket. When she went before the judge, he asked her, "What did you steal?"
 She answered, "A can of peaches."
 The judge asked Lena why she had stolen the can of peaches, and she replied that she was hungry. He asked, "How many peaches were in the can?"
 When Lena replied, "Six," the judge said, "Then I'll give you six days in jail."
 Ole, Lena's husband, suddenly stood and asked the judge if he could say something. The judge asked, "What is it?"
 Ole replied, "She also stole a can of peas."

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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