

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 earns Stamp 1 & 2 Culture Medals

Godt NyttÅr Polar Star Lodge

Happy New Year Polar Star Members! I'm very proud of the way everyone "dug in" to earn those cultural medals. Let's not rest though. We need to keep our momentum going for the new contest period.

Thank you to everyone who stepped up to get on the 2016 kitchen crew schedule.

Get those auction items ready for our Penny Social and plan to attend for a fun time. I hope to see everyone in February!

Your President,
Ken Johnson



Brooke Johnson shares her Family Tree as the January keynote speaker.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, January 16 & 23, 2016

Lefse making for Vasa Park

9:00 a.m. at

Barb Johnson's house

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Penny Social

Sunday, February 7, 2016

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

barbjohnsonb@aol.com

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Sons of Norway – Polar Star Lodge

Penny Social

February 7, 2016 - 1:30 p.m.

Bring your garage sale treasures for re-sale at our Penny Social Auction. Tickets will be sold for 25 cents each. Potluck will begin at 1:30 pm followed by the Penny Social. Don't forget your auction items, a dish to pass and your own table service.

Also... plan to bring cookies packed in non-returnable containers to this meeting that will be sent to the Barnebirkie (Cross Country Ski Event for Children) in Hayward Wisconsin on Feb. 20th. Our Lodge gets points toward outstanding lodge for every dozen we provide.

Goal: 1 dozen per member (66 members) = 66 dozen

Lefse Making

January 16 and 23 at 9:00 a.m.

Barb Johnson's House
501 WestRidge Street
Yorkville, IL 60560



Join Barb on either day as she makes lefse to sell at Vasa Park. Bring your lefse grills, sticks, rolling pins and lefse boards. We should be done by Noon.

Member News!

POLAR STAR EARNS 24 CULTURE MEDALS



L to R : Brooke Johnson, Barb Johnson, Aden Baker, Jerri Lynn Baker, Norm Olson, Ken Johnson, Kari Schussler and Arthur Andersen

Well Done!

POLAR STAR "PILGRIMS" ARRIVE IN TRONDHEIM

Eight Polar Star "pilgrims" complete the Sons of Norway Virtual Walk



Ken Johnson, Barb Johnson, Norm Olson, Phoebe Bergh, Jerri Lynn Baker, Carol Devito, Al Bergh and Betty Landorf completed the Sons of Norway 387 Virtual Walk from Oslo to Trondheim.

CREATING TRADITIONAL NORWEGIAN FOOD

March 6, 2016 – 12:00 and 12:30 start time



The Polar Star March meeting will be devoted to making a three (3) dish Norwegian meal that meets the Sons of Norway Culture Food Medal requirements.

Group one will begin food preparation at 12:00 p.m.

Group Two will begin food preparation at 12:30 p.m.

The schedule for the day will be:

Food Preparation followed by eating, the business meeting, and completion of Food Medal paperwork.

2016 POLAR STAR KITCHEN COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 7	Karen Oswald Ed Hatteberg and Diana Raimond
MARCH 6	Ken and Barb Johnson Art and Nancy Andersen
APRIL 3	Vi and Tom Skogen Doris Pittman
MAY 1	Carol Devito and Frank Krawczyk Pat Baughman
OCTOBER 2	Jerri Lynn Baker Phoebe Bergh
DECEMBER 4	Polar Star Board Members

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 gallon of 2% milk. All other members are asked to bring a potluck dish to share.

- Arrive at the hall 1-½ hours prior to meeting time.
- Set up 6-8 tables with chairs in their proper places.
- Provide table decorations according to season. Napkins and placemats may be in cabinet – check this at meeting before – for inventory.
- Make the coffee (50-60 cups). Coffee is provided by Lodge and is in the Lodge cabinet. If not, purchase coffee and you will be reimbursed. Start coffee immediately. Takes at least one hour.
- 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 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). 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, please feel free to do so. The committee will love you!

Don't forget the gallon of milk!

Updated January 2015 by Carol Devito



Save Your Canceled Postage Stamps for Tubfrim

Supported by Sons of Norway, Tubfrim is a Norwegian charitable organization originally started in 1928 to help fight tuberculosis. Since tuberculosis is no longer the threat it once was, today Tubfrim resells the cancelled stamps and donates the proceeds to help disabled and needy children.

Clip canceled stamps from envelopes, leaving at least a quarter of an inch around the edges. Be sure to take the time to cut the stamps properly. Stamps can't be used if they are torn, have extra layers of envelope behind them, or are on a string of multiple stamps (such as 3 stamps in a row without the spacing). Non-profit and bulk stamps also can't be used.

Stamps from any country and all styles of stamps are accepted. For envelopes or postcards over 40-50 years old, submit the entire envelope or postcard. Bring stamps to a regular meeting; there will be a Tubfrim container on the hallway table, next to the meeting sign-in book. The Polar Star Tubfrim designate prepares and periodically sends the stamps to the Sons of Norway Tubfrim chairperson.

ANNUAL NORGE WINTER 2016 SKI JUMP TOURNAMENT

Noon – 4:00 P.M.

Gates Open at 11:00 A.M.

Saturday Jan. 30: Junior Competition and K70 Competition

Sunday, Jan. 31: K70 US Cup Five Hills Tournament and Long Standing Competition

Highlights

- Junior National Qualifier – Junior Ski Jumpers compete on the big hill (Saturday) for a spot representing the Central Division for the Championships in Salisbury, CT in Feb.
- U.S. Cup – USA Ski Team Jumpers compete on Sunday for U.S. Cup Points. Cash and National Rankings in their 1st stop on the National Tour which wraps up in March in Park City, Utah
- Five Hills Tournament: International Ski Jumping Teams will compete head to head with U.S. Jumpers both days, for the first of 5 Competitions in the Midwest's Five-Hills Tournament.

A Weekend of Fun for the Entire Family!

Ski jumpers from around the world compete on our 70 meter hill.

Brats, Hot Dogs, Pizza, Popcorn, Pop, Beer, Wine Jägermeister,

NO SNOW, NO PROBLEM – WE MAKE OUR OWN!

Admission – Buttons are required and good for Saturday and Sunday!

\$10.00 entrance buttons purchased at local merchants by January 29th

\$11.00 entrance buttons purchased on line

\$15.00 entrance buttons purchased at the gate

Free admission for children 12 & under

Bring blankets and lawn chairs

No carry-ins allowed

No dogs allowed

Polar Star has a new Sports Director



Our new Polar Star Sports Director, Jerri Lynn Baker presents Carol Devito and Al Bergh with walking sticks that they earned for completing the “Virtual Walk”.

Starting Jan. 1st please turn in all Sports Record forms to Jerri Lynn.

Jerri Lynn Baker: lovingmom@comcast.net

Polar Star 5-472 2016 PROGRAMS

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

JANUARY 16 & 23 – LEFSE ROLLING (9:00AM)

Barb Johnson's house 501 West Ridge Street, Yorkville, Il

FEBRUARY 7 PENNY SOCIAL

MARCH 6 TRADITIONAL NORWEGIAN COOKING

APRIL 3 FAMILY TREE FAIR

MAY 1 PREPARING FOR SYTTENDEMAI

JUNE 5 MIDSUMMER CELEBRATION

JUNE 22-24 Sof N DISTRICT 5 CONVENTION MARSHFIELD, WI

JULY (Thursdays) "HOW TO BE A VIKING" CHILDRENS WORKSHOPS

JULY Polar Star Field Trip – TBA looking for ideas!!!!

AUGUST 7 NORWEGIAN BARN DANCE WITH CLENG PEERSON

SEPTEMBER 11 VASA PARK 9:00 a.m.

OCTOBER 2: PROGRAM TBA

NOVEMBER 6 Høstfest begins at 11:30 a.m.

DECEMBER 4 JULETREFEST

Gratulerer Med Dagen (Happy Birthday)

Polar Star Members!

Januar

29 Elsie Sorensen

Februar

1 Brianna Meek

4 Al Bergh



Polar Star 2016



Kari earns Knitting Part 3 Medal



Ben, Tim and Josie Gehler



Cole and Chocolate



Brooke earns Genealogy Part 1 Culture Medal



Karen, Phoebe, Al, Frank and Carol



Vi and Pat



Ed, Josie and Diana



2016 Culture Goal... Genealogy



Norm, Jeremy and Betsy

