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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

Steve T. previews upcoming events at the May Lodge meeting

President's Message

President Ken, Vice President Frank, Treasurer Carol and Culture Director Barb at the Syttendemai Banquet

Hilsen Polar Star Lodge!

Thanks to everyone who filled in for Barb and I last month. It looks like everything ran smoothly and the food looked amazing as usual!

I am Looking forward to seeing all of you at one of the the Syttendemai events in Park Ridge, at the Norsk Museum Breakfast in June and on the Polar Star Field Trip in July!

Enjoy the wonderful May weather!

Your President
Ken Johnson

Upcoming Events

Syttendemai 2017

Park Ridge Parade and Park Events

MAY 21

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NORSK MUSEUM BREAKFAST

Saturday, June 3rd

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Polar Star Field Trip

July 20-22

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Polar Star Newsletter Deadline Will be the 14th of every month.

Please submit all articles to Barb Johnson at barbjjohnsonb@aol.com

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SYTTENDEMAI PARADE

Sunday May 21, 2017
Syttendemai Parade
1:00 p.m.
Hodges Park – Park Ridge

Wear your Polar Star Vest, Norwegian "genser" (Norwegian style sweater) or red, white and blue and join us as we march in the Syttendemai parade. Arrive at noon and park in the Nelson Funeral Home Parking Lot at 820 West Talcott. Parade begins at 1:00. View the parade from Hodges Park. Pre-parade activities begin at noon.

POLAR STAR May Event Photos

Editor's Note…..Welcome back Michael!

3rd Annual

TASTE OF NORWAY BREAKFAST

Sat., June 3, 2017 8 to 11 a.m.

Norway Community Bldg. — Norway, IL

*Right in Norway — Just **West of Route 71** on 2603rd Road*

Enjoy delicious home cooked Norwegian specialties such as FRIED KUMLA, Norwegian Waffles, Guma, scrambled eggs with chives, fried potatoes, fresh fruit, a whole bunch of desserts and of course coffee!

ADULTS
$8 *(Advance Sales)*
$10 *(at the door)*

CHILDREN *(under 8)*
$5 *(Advance Sales)*
$7 *(at the door)*

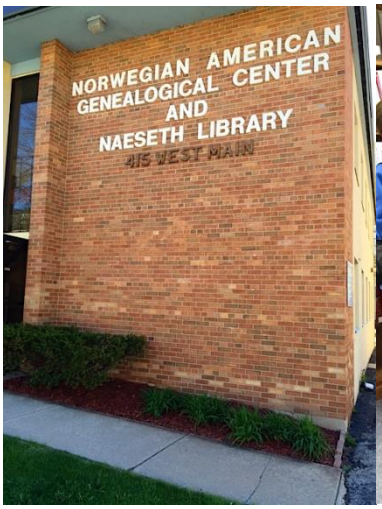
Phone (815) 343-5070
for more information & tickets or
Email: dave.norskmuseum@gmail.com

After breakfast – go over to the NORSK MUSEUM for their Season 2017 GRAND OPENING !!

Docents needed….at the Norsk Museum on Saturady and Sunday from June through September. Contact Steve Tanda (630-377-3621) to be placed on the schedule. Don't miss out on the opportunity to share our heritage with people from all over the world!

Pictured Barb Johnson and Joni Koeler serving as Docents

POLAR STAR FIELD TRIP DEADLINES APPROACHING…….



Editor's note….Revisiting articles written by Nancy Andersen and Carol Devito from the May 2016 Newsletter that led to the scheduling of our 2017 Polar Star Field Trip:

Did you think you would have to go to North Dakota or Norway to do research on your family roots? The Norwegian American Genealogical Center and Naeseth Library is an amazing resource right in Madison, Wisconsin near UW campus. We were amazed at their collection of bygdeboks (local Norwegian record books, including farm information) and many other resources. They also have obtained online access to databases in Norway. Something that really sets them apart is that they also offer translation assistance and expert, in-house research assistance (for a fee). The fees are reduced for members, and basic membership is just $40 per year. Go to their website (www.nagcnl.org) and check out what they have to offer. Be sure to watch their fine, short videos. (submitted by Nancy Andersen)

Just recently the Livsreise-Norwegian Heritage Center opened. I have an information letter from the manager of the center. The center tells the story of Norwegian immigration to the Midwest from 1825 to 1920, when 800,000 people left Norway for a new life. They house a combination of historic artifacts along with electronic and interactive displays, immigrant storybooks, and a large "map wall" where visitors can build a sample immigrant journey. They also have another small gallery housing the "Sacred Symbols of Norway" exhibit on loan from the Vesterheim Museum in Decorah, Iowa. There is also a small genealogy lab where you can research your family lineage.
The town is fun to explore. It has many specialty shops and, of course, a bakery,
And Stoughton is the home of The Sons of Norway Mandt Lodge #314. (Submitted by Carol Devito)

DEADLINE FOR MAKING HOTEL RESERVATIONS AT THE QUALITY INN STOUGHTON IS JUNE 20TH. (608-877-9000) * Ask for Sons of Norway – Polar Star Lodge room rate.

Family History Research Workshop Registratrion form and fee (page 5) should be mailed immediately to NAGL at 415 West Main Street – Madison, WI 53703-3116

Last call for the Research workshop.
Please mail this registration form with fee by June 1st

Polar Star Lodge - Sons of Norway
NAGC & NL
Family History Research Workshop
Friday, July 21, 2017
8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Cost per registrant:

$100 NAGC Member

$150 Non-Member

**If registrant wishes to become a member to take advantage of the NAGC member price of the workshop, an Associate membership costs $40.00*

Annual Membership includes:

- *Reduced rates on research, staff assistance, classes and translation services*
- *Use of genealogical resources for those visiting the Naeseth Library*
- *Discounts on selected items for sale at the Center and via the Estore on nagcnl.org*
- *Subscription to **Norwegian Tracks** newsletter*
- *Copy of the Annual Report*

Registration includes coffee, snacks & beverages throughout the day, lunch, and a copy of "A Research Guide for Norwegian Genealogy"

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Name_____ Member_____ Non-Member_____

Street_____

City, State, Zip_____

Phone #_____ Email_____

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 10,12, & 14 from 10:30-12:30
How to Be A Viking III
Language, Cooking, Games, Music, and Stories
Call Yorkville Public Library to register 630-553-4354
Attend one session or all three
Presentors: Barb Johnson, Polar Star Lodge
Connie Kross, Cleng Peerson Lodge

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POLAR STAR CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE 3rd Norsk Museum Open House and Breakfast
JULY 10,12,14 "HOW TO BE A VIKING" CHILDRENS WORKSHOPS
JULY 20,21,22 Polar Star Field Trip
AUGUST 6 : Lindebrekke Family Scandinavian Experience
SEPTEMBER 10 VASA PARK 9:00 a.m.
OCTOBER 1: PROGRAM TBA
NOVEMBER 5: Høstfest begins at 11:30 a.m.
DECEMBER 3: JULETREFEST

Gratulerer Med Dagen (Happy Birthday)

Polar Star Members!

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19. Thor Fjell
20. Blake Chaussey
21. Brian Geddes
30. Ellen Jensen

June

3. Nilslee Kreppert
4. Nels Johnson
10. Ben Gehler
10. Gerald Rucks
15. Kirsten Miller

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