

# 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



Grandpa Ken with Leif Thomas Johnson born September 28<sup>th</sup>

### Hilsen Polar Star Lodge!

President Ken has a short message this month....  
Bake, Bake, Bake and be prepared to Work, Work, Work!  
We have two major events in November to prepare for;  
Hosffest Taste of Norway on November 4<sup>th</sup> and the Norway  
Museum Smørgåsbord on November 17<sup>th</sup>! See you all there!

Your President  
Ken Johnson



**Singers still needed!**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Fox Valley  
Norwegian Choir  
Rehearsal continues...  
Thursday night at 7:00  
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**Polar Star**  
“Taste of Norway”  
Høstfest  
Sunday Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>  
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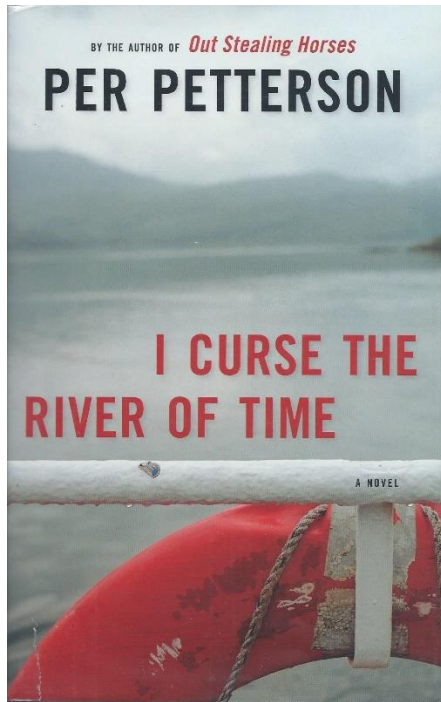
**Polar Star**  
Julefest  
Sunday Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>

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Polar Star Newsletter Deadline  
Will be the 14<sup>th</sup> of every month.  
Please submit all articles to Barb Johnson  
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# Polar Star Book Club

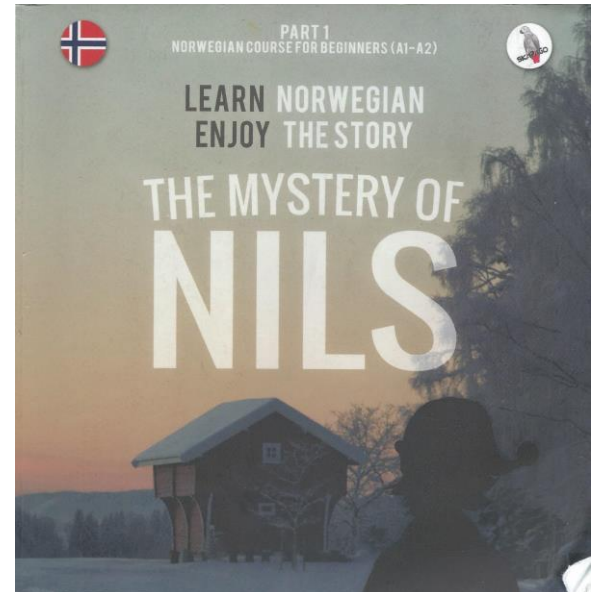


**Editor's Note:** This novel was required reading for Skogfjorden Norwegian Language Camp this year. Some of you have probably already read, "Out Stealing Horses" which is a very popular novel written by the same author. I was not a fan of this book at first; but after we talked about it at camp, and I read the entire novel, I have changed my mind. The author writes about loss as he faces his mother's pending death and his own divorce. It is also written as if the author is randomly writing down his memories from his childhood. I can't wait to talk about it with all of you if you choose to read it.

## Members in Action.

Coming to Polar Star in 2019....

**Part I : Norwegian Language  
Culture Medal Class**



[https://www.amazon.com/gp/offer-listing/3945174007/ref=sr\\_1\\_1\\_olp?ie=UTF8&qid=1539389626&sr=8-1&keywords=the+mystery+of+nils](https://www.amazon.com/gp/offer-listing/3945174007/ref=sr_1_1_olp?ie=UTF8&qid=1539389626&sr=8-1&keywords=the+mystery+of+nils)

## Polar Star attends October Slooper Mtg.



Slooper historian, Bill Injerd, presents the program at the annual Sloop Society Meeting



**“Taste of Norway”**  
**Høstfest – Fall Festival**  
**Sunday, November 4, 2018**  
**St. Olaf Lutheran Church – 1233 Douglas Ave.**

**HØSTFEST WORKERS NEEDED**

Please sign up to help with our Høstfest November 4th. We are really in need of workers again this year since many of us will be singing in the choir right before we open at noon and again at 1:00p.m. Here’s what we need:

**Work Crew**

- Saturday afternoon (November 3rd) set up help
- Sunday workers (Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> )
  - Set up – 11:00
  - Kitchen Help any time between 11:00 - 3:00 p.m.
  - Food Servers from noon to 3:00 p.m.
  - Craft Table from noon to 3:00 p.m.
  - Krumkake and/or vafler demonstrators
  - Clean up at 4:00 until we are done.

**Food:** We would like each member who is able to bring at least two dozen open-faced sandwiches (smørbrør), plus some Norwegian dessert(s). Here is a list of the dessert items that have been well received in the past:

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|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Fruit Soup            | Bløtkake or other cream cakes |
| Lefse (homemade only) | Lingonberry Bars and Cake     |
| Julekake              | Almond Bars and Cake          |
| Kringla               | Ice Cream with Lingonberries  |
| Eplekake              | Krumkake                      |
| Kransekake            | Kardamom rolls/cake/cookies   |

Please contact Nancy Andersen (640-377-2956 or email her at [nancyandarthur@comcast.net](mailto:nancyandarthur@comcast.net)) and let her know when you will be working or what you will be bringing so we can avoid last minute phone calls.

**Høstfest Schedule:**  
**Fox Valley Norwegian Choir Performs for the 10:15 church service**  
**11:30 Lunch is served and Market opens**  
**1:00 Fox Valley Norwegian Choir Performance**

# The Norsk Museum sponsors the 2018 Norwegian Smørgåsbord with the help of Polar Star and Cleng Peerson Lodges...

Norsk Museum presents a

## NORWEGIAN SMØRGÅSBORD

Sat., Nov. 17th, 2018  
Seating at 4:00 OR 5:30 p.m.

Norway Community Building  
Norway, IL  
(GPS: 3676 E. 2603rd Rd. Sheridan, IL 60551)

**ADVANCE TICKET SALES ONLY**  
*For tickets or information, please call:*  
**815-343-5070**

**\$18 – Adults**  
**\$7 – Children**  
(10 & under)

Carry Outs Available!

*God Jul*

Sponsored by the Norsk Museum,  
Sons of Norway Polar Star and  
Cleng Peerson Lodges.  
Proceeds benefit the  
Norsk Museum Building Fund



Polar Star members are being asked to make two salads (containers will be provided) and work one of the two shifts. **Please email or call Barb Johnson with your choice of work shifts: 3:00-5:15 or 5:15-7:30.** If you purchase tickets you may eat anytime during the shift you are not working. If you work the entire event, you do not need to buy a ticket and will eat with all of the event workers at the end of the second seating. If you feel ambitious, we are also in need of desserts!

# **Culture Corner...by Barb Johnson**

## **Plan now to attend Skogfjorden 2019!**

I have just returned from “Skogfjorden”, the Norwegian Language Camp, held at the Concordia Language Villages on Turtle Lake outside Bemidji, MN. This was the eighth year I have attended this camp with my mother (Phyllis Benson) and my sisters, (Connie Kross and Joni Koehler). We had another wonderful week in the North Woods with other “Professional” Norwegian Americans who are as passionate about their heritage as we are. We have developed life-long relationships with the other campers who come from all over the country. This year we were fortunate to have a native Norwegian from Hamar as one of the instructors who provided programs on Norwegian Tourism and the importance of “torsk” (cod) in the Norwegian economy. We began every day with folk dancing and ended our day with Norwegian movies. In between we had spraktime (Language class), lectures on Norwegian culture/history, games, crafts and plenty of wonderful Norwegian food! I would highly recommend marking your calendars and arranging your schedules to attend this outstanding camp!



### **Skogfjorden 2019 Dates and Rates**

**Spring Adult Weekend April 25-28, 2018 - \$520.00**

**Summer Nordic Family Week – July 2019**

**Fall Adult Week – Dates to be determined**

# POLAR STAR 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PROGRAMS 1:30 p.m. (unless listed)

NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> - Høstfest

December 2<sup>nd</sup> Juletreffest

January 6 – Polar Star 2019

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## POLAR STAR JULETREFEST

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018

Tree trimming at 1:00 p.m.

POTLUCK BEGINS AT 1:30



Plan to attend our Traditional Norwegian Christmas Celebration with your children and grandchildren. Bring your favorite Christmas dish to pass and your own table service.

➔ **POLAR STAR ADULT GIFT EXCHANGE.** Bring a wrapped gift (\$15.00-\$20.00 value) and participate in the gift exchange organized by our very own Polar Star Julenisse. This is not a white elephant exchange – so be creative and bring a gift that you would be happy to receive. Children will receive their own gifts – so parents and/or grandparents please bring a wrapped gift with your child’s name attached to the gift so that the Julenisse will know who to deliver it to. Tree trimming will begin at 1:00 p.m followed by our potluck at 1:30 p.m. Singing around the tree and the gift exchange will begin after we finish eating.

**Gratulerer Med Dagen (Happy Birthday)  
Polar Star!**



OCTOBER 16-31  
19. Donna Kristensen  
30. Karen Oswald

NOVEMBER 1-15  
4. Cole Johnson  
9. Gelaine G. Gallucci

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**Scenes from the Slooper Society Meeting on October 7, 2018**



**Polar Star members enjoy the entertainment from the Stoughton Norwegian Dancers at the Slooper Annual Meeting**

