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Fra Presidenten!

Don Danielson

It seems there have been alternating nice days and nasty days. We hope the nice days can take over more consistently.

Polar Star Lodge is grateful to International President Dan Rude for helping to make our Benefit Banquet and Silent Auction so special and so successful. Our Banquet Room at Long Island Sound Banquet Center was filled with 106 guests enjoying excellent baked chicken or baked fish and who also put in some good bids at our silent auction netting our treasury \$1109.00. The lodge is indebted to Ken Johnson for handling the auction.

President Dan Rude, guest speaker, shared with us current information about Sons of Norway. Violin music was provided by Greg and P. J. Johnson, sons of

Barb and Ken Johnson.



District Treasurer Ray Knutson gave a report on the Barnebirke and thanked the lodges for the many dozens of cookies.

The third annual Polar Star "Family of the Year" award was presented to Al and Phoebe Bergh for their dedication and extra work as Cultural Director and Social Director respectively.

Thanks to the Committee: Al & Phoebe Bergh, Roald Berg, Don Danielson, Carol Devito, Ken Johnson, Frank Krawczyk, Ray Nerhus and Karen Oswald. Thanks to all who made our Norwegian dessert

goodies. Also thanks to all who donated items for our Silent Auction.

Earlier in the afternoon President Rude met with 30 officers and representatives from Zone 5 lodges sharing some goals, concerns and initiatives by Sons of Norway..

May the positives and the enthusiasm generated by this carry us through the summer and into our fall activities.

Fraternally,

Don Danielson

From the secretary: - Harriet Eklund

2009 attendance:

Jan 4
Members: 35
Visitors: 2

Feb 1
Members: 25
Visitors: 7

Mar 1
Members:
Visitors:

April 5
Members:
Visitors:

Jun 6 - Picnic:
Members:
Visitors:

Aug 2
Members:
Visitors:

Sep 6
Members:
Visitors:

Oct 4
Members:
Visitors:

Nov 1 - Høstfest
Members:
Visitors:

Dec 6
Members:
Visitors:

Did I mention it doesn't get any better than that???

May 1, 2009, First there was the gathering at good Templar Park in Geneva, which many attended. From there everyone went to St. Olaf's Church for our get acquainted with our International President, Dan Rude. Jostein was there, Burt Bittner came all the way from Indianapolis. Ray Knutson from Davis Junction, Greg Reagain from Rockford, along with members from all of our surrounding lodges. And what is a meeting of the SONS without the wit and wisdom of our friend George Hardison. It was great. Lorraine Straw had a presentation on the Viking Ship, and our International President Dan Rude kicked it off with purchasing the first rivet for the restoration program.

Much to my amazement. I had met our International President, when Ray and I were in Minot, N. D. at the Host Fest. At that time I thought he was just another member, should have known better, he

collected my dues way into the future. Of course I was rewarded with a very lovely cook book.

From St. Olaf's everyone followed one another to Long Island Sound, where instead of cooking the meal, everyone was dressed in their best, and we all sat down and were served. What a treat !! 106 Norwegians (for one night), dressed in their very best, sat down to a very lovely dinner, followed by Norwegian goodies.

A special thanks to all of our people who had put this all together. I felt it was a job well done. But don't just take my word for it. I had several good reports from friends. The program was very well done, and everyone had a chance to meet our International President. I believe President Rude enjoyed the day as much as we did. It was truly a great day.

But we can't stop here, next on the agenda will be our picnic at Leisure Lake on June 6, 2009. Where there is fun for

everyone. Address 21900 SW Frontage Road, Joliet, IL. 60431

And now for another new experience. The Midsummers Eve picnic which was originally scheduled for June 27, has been changed to July 11th 2009. so mark your calendars July 11th 2009 at 4:00 P.M. at Anderson Tree Farm, 508 W. Route #126, Plainfield IL. 60544. Phone 815-436-2140. Pack your picnic lunch, bring your lawn chairs, and any necessary picnic supplies, and join your fellow members. There will be a bon fire for roasting hot dogs and marshmallows, making smores. There will be a hay ride and you will have a chance to meet all of Karen's exotic animals. Look forward to a great day. It is easy to find, take #59 south to #126, make a right, and go till you see the Anderson Tree Farm sign on the south side of the highway. a! How can it get any better????

Your secretary,
Harriet Eklund

Did you know that...

ANNUAL "CLEANING" NORWAY MUSEUM

Annual Cleanup Day for the Norway Museum is Saturday, May 24.

Volunteers please call Don Danielson at (630) 299-3661.

Meet at St. Olaf Church at 9:00 a.m.

GET TO KNOW A POLAR STAR MEMBER

To ease the task of having material for this column or page in the Newsletter each time we are seeking to create a file from which to work. To help us toward that end we are asking you to provide the basic information according to the following outline or format as applicable. Feel free to insert anything significant or add any notes at the end.

Date of Birth; Place of Birth; Father; Mother; Siblings
Elementary School; High School; College; Military;

Married to; Date of; Place of; Children; Grand; Great; Employment career; Retired; When joined Sons of Norway; Offices held; What you like most about Sons of Norway & Polar Star Lodge; Where family(ies) from in Norway and Travel to Norway.

Please submit to Don Danielson

Gratulerer med dagen!

May			June			July		
Kenneth F	Nordan	7	Lois	Michalsen	1	Raymond O	Nerhus	7
Robert C	Egness	13	Nilslee A	Kreppert	3	Barbara L	Stemple	7
Ray M	Nilsen	15	Benjamin H	Moe	3	Leona N	Olson	12
Thor W	Fjell	19	Barbara A	Brungart	6	Norman A	Olson	12
Brian J	Geddes	21	Gerald L	Rucks	10	Jeffery L	Anderson	21
Robert L	Nelson	28	Sarah A	Van Winkle	17	Judith M	Wuchte	28
			James R	Van Winkle	21			
			Roald	Berg	23			
			Richard J	Hatteberg	26			
			Harold E	Brotten	29			



Pictures from May 1, 2009.

Polar Star
Member Total as of
May 1, 2009:

127

Next Newsletter
target print date:

July 13, 09

Content due:

July 3, 09

The following members
donated to our Silent
Auction:

Carol Devito
Avon Collection Basket

Kari Schussler
Crystal Bowl, Sweaters

Lois Michalsen
Julekake

Barb Johnson
Knitted Norwegian Doll

Jim Van Winkle
Kransekake

Charles & Yvette Shubert
Norwegian Dolls

Don Danielson
Leisure Lake Pass for 8



Polar Star Lodge Picnic; June 6 @ 10am

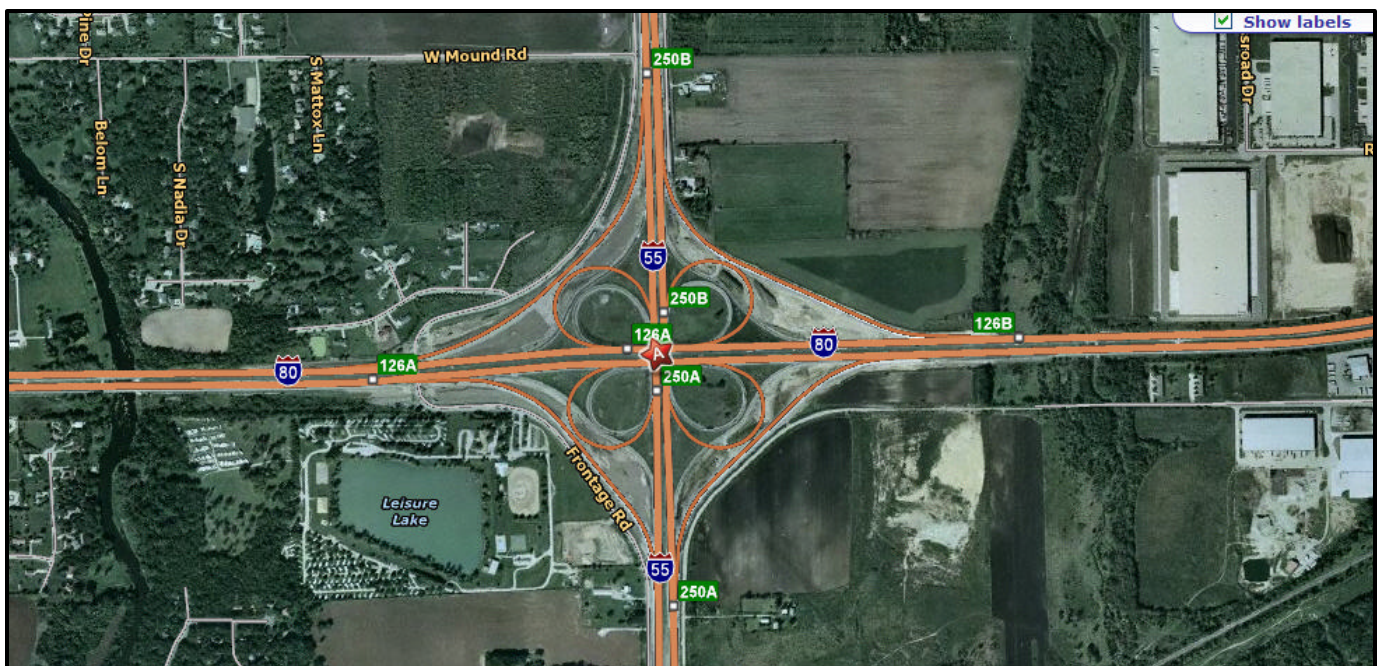
The Polar Star Lodge picnic will be held again this year at Leisure Lake Member Resort at Shorewood, Illinois. Activities available are miniature golf, paddle boats, fishing (license needed), swimming pool, swimming lake with sand beach, horseshoe pits, video games, pool tables, music, volley ball, exercise room, children's playground, boats, basketball court, tennis courts, softball area, and hiking trail. There will be a hayride in the afternoon. For the swimming lake it is suggested you bring lawn chairs and/or blankets. Please bring your own drinks and eating utensils

There is a cost of \$4.00 per person and will be collected at dinner time. The committee will be lodge officers. We have the option of eating outdoors or indoors depending on wind or weather.

Coffee will be provided. Bring potluck dish as usual and bring your own drinks.

Arrival time will be 10.00 or anytime following. Tell the gateguard that you are with Sons of Norway. For reservation call Phoebe Bergh at (630) 585-8422. For information call Don Danielson (630) 299-3661.

Coming south on 59 through Shorewood continue south through the U.S. 52 intersection to the next traffic light just before 59 deadends at I-55. Turn right at the light, then curve around and make a right turn. You will then see a Leisure Lake sign. Turn left onto the Frontage Road. Follow it along I-55 then curving right and going under I-88. The entrance to Leisure Lake is just past the underpass. Disregard the "Dead End" signs along the Frontage Road. Tell the Guard at the gate that you are with Sons of Norway and they will direct you to our location.



Letter to Polar Star from Dan Rude.

Dear Members of Polar Star Lodge 5472,
 I want to express my appreciation for inviting me to attend your Dinner & Silent Auction held on May 1. I had a fantastic time meeting so many of your members as well as a number of members from other lodges. I want to thank President Don and Counselor Roald for providing transportation to and from the airport. Also thanks to Roald for making the arrangements for my visit to the Viking Ship!
 Thanks again for the hospitality and tusen takk! for all you do for Sons of Norway!
 Dan Rude

Number of Volunteer Hours related to Dinner and Auction are needed for Thrivent..

Please report them to Harriet Eklund as soon as possible.

(630) 690-8699.

More than 1970 visits on our Polar Star Website.

Thank you, Frank Krawczyk for all the pictures.

Upcoming 2009 Events:

See more events on our website.

Date:	Event:	Kitchen Committee:
6-Jun	Picnic at leisure Lake Resort	Polar Star Officers
27-Jun	Midsummer Eve Celebration	
2-Aug	Rosemaling	Tom & Viola Skogen, Norm & Betsy Olson
6-Sep	Cultural Program: Al Bergh	Nilslee Kreppert, Roald & Frances Berg
4-Oct	Leif Erikson: Carol Devito	Joni Koehler, Barb & Ken Johnson Ray & Astrid Nerhus
1-Nov	Høstfest	
6-Dec	Christmas Party	Harriet Eklund, Lee Olson, Eleanor Bates

Report-Banquet and Silent Auction Fund Raiser - Al Bergh

Receipts:

Ticket Sales	\$ 3,120.00
Silent Auction	\$ 1,109.00
Grant - Thrivent	\$ 500.00
Total	\$ 4,729.00

Expenses:

Long Island Sound	\$ 2,254.80
Printing, Mailing, Misc	\$ 128.24
Total	\$ 2,383.04

Net Profit \$ 2,345.96

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Who is this? - Answer on the website.

Some hints:



18 August 1939 – 3 July 2008

Known for his role as Dynamite-Harry in
the Norwegian Olsen-Gang-movies