

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 presents District 5 Chili Cook off awards to Steve & Barb Hilsen Polar Star Lodge!

What a fun time we had playing UFFDA at our August Piknik! The Vasa Park Scandinavian Event is fast approaching. I hope everyone is planning what they will bake or donate for this fund raiser. It would be helpful if everyone would let me know what you will be bringing so we know what we have to offer. I encourage everyone to come to Vasa Park to work at least one shift. It's a lot of fun! Warm up those singing voices because our choir will be rehearsing September 13th thanks to our Director, Doris Pittman.

Your President, Ken Johnson



BLUE team UFFDA winners .

UPCOMING EVENTS

Scandinavian Festival

at Vasa Park

September 9, 2018

Polar Star Bakery and Flea Market
See article on page 7

October 7, 2018

**Polar Star Lodge Event
at Norway, IL
Community Building**

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Polar Star

Taste of Norway

Høstfest

Sunday Nov. 4th

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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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Members in Action

OCTOBER LODGE EVENT



**October 7, 2018 – 1:00
at Norway, IL
Community Building**

2018 Slooper Society Annual Meeting

You are cordially invited to the 93rd annual meeting of the Slooper Society of America. This meeting also extends to include our Sons of Norway friends and anyone with an interest in Norwegian-American history and culture.

Please mark your calendar for Sunday, October 7th, 2018, and plan to join us at the Norway Community Building, Norway, IL, just west of Route 71. **Doors will open at noon and dinner will be served at 1:00 pm. We ask that each family bring a dish to pass. Table service and drinks will be provided.**

Entertainment will feature the [Stoughton Norwegian Dancers](#). The Stoughton Norwegian Dancers are a group made up of Stoughton High School students who perform various, authentic Scandinavian dances. The group began in 1953, performing for their home community at Syttende Mai (Norwegian Constitution Day). Today, they share their talents all across the United States, entertaining young and old and leaving all with a warm appreciation for their Norwegian heritage. Vesterheim Gold-Medalist knife maker Perry Straw will have a display table of his beautiful creations. Perry is also active with the Friends of the Viking Ship and will have a display explaining this historically important ship.

The main program this year will feature Bill Injerd, the “unofficial” historian of the Slooper Society. He will give an audio-visual presentation on, “Norwegian-Americans and World War 1” in celebration



Gangemerke Bronze & Silver Medals awarded to Josie, Ed, Barb, Ken, Diana and Jerri Lynn



Nancy Andersen first to complete the 484.7 mile Polar Star Virtual Walk from St. Jean to Santiago de Compostela. Nancy, Barb and Diana were awarded pilgrimage shells from Sports Director, Jerri Lynn, for completing the walk.



of the end of that war 100 years ago on November 11, 1918. All Norwegian-American veterans who served in the military are encouraged to attend.

As the 200-year anniversary of the Sloopers arrival approaches, we are hopeful that more current-day Sloopers will gain an interest in their very special heritage. To that end, we would like your help in identifying and reaching out to your Slooper relatives who may not be on our mailing list. If you would please take some time to send us the contact information for these people, we would like to partner with you in connecting these lost Sloopers with their very unique heritage. Please send this contact information to: Renee Mies, Secretary. 583 Oxford Lane, Lindenhurst, IL 60046 or via email at renee@sloopersociety.org

There will be a short business meeting following the program. The Norsk Museum will be open for those interested. The Norway Store has many Norwegian items and foods and will be open until 5:00 p.m.

The re-printed book, *The Sloopers: Their Ancestry and Posterity*, will be offered for sale at a special discounted price *this day only* for those that attend.

Please join us for an afternoon of great food and fellowship!

Polar Star Singers and Friends Needed.....



**Fox Valley Norwegian Choir Rehearsal
will begin Thursday, September 13th
at 7:00 p.m. at St. Olaf church for our
Høstfest performance. The 2018 season
will again feature a children's choir.
More information to follow from our
choir director, Doris Pittman**

CULTURE CORNER

by Barb Johnson

We continue to feature poetry written by Polar Star members. This month's poem was written by Jerri Lynn Baker.

A Glorious September Morning

I took a moment this morning to see and hear the world
What a gray, wet and glorious day I thought, as I sat
beneath the covering that kept me dry.

A symphony of birds, in all the trees, singing praises
to the Heavens, for the rain upon their head.
Two squirrels walking, hopping, jumping and searching.
Standing on hind legs when the treasure is found and the nibbling
begins.
Two yellow finches fluttering across the neighbor's yard.
All are seemingly oblivious that they are getting wet.

Above it all the drip, split, splat of the rain tinkling down on grass,
Pavement and brick. The robins soar from tree, to ground to tree, surveying
the land for a plump fat worm and a sip from the puddle to help the worm go
down.

A tiny chipmunk brave enough to sneak upon me for a closer look.
He scatters quickly back to the safety of the open yard. How soon he forgot
about the demon hawk.

It is a good day. It will pass much too soon. This moment, as I breathe a sigh
of joy, is taken and tucked gently in the memory of my heart, for another day
that seems not to be as glorious.

Polar Star August Piknik



How to Be A Viking 2018





Frank Krawczyk presents the 2018 District 5 Convention Report

This convention was at the Radisson Hotel in La Crosse Wisconsin from June 28th through June 29th with delegates arriving the 27th and leaving the 30th after the closing Banquet. Approximately 113 delegates attended this convention representing 43 lodges with 10 Lodges not sending delegates.

The first day of the Convention, Friday, was mostly housekeeping with a roll call of delegates and seating of the delegates, approval of the minutes of the 2018 Lodge Meeting Minutes, reports of the Credentials committee and approval of the meeting rules.

Also remarks were made by Jon Tehven, the International President, Elaine Nelson, International Treasurer, Linda Pederson, Fraternal Director and La Crosse Mayor, Tim Kabat.

The Following Committees submitted their report over the two day period.

Nominating Committee

Finance Committee

Publicity Committee

Laws Committee

Resolution Committee

Fraternal Affairs Committee

For the most part all recommended Financial and By-Law changes were inconsequential and passed via acclimation. However; one resolution recommendation of the Resolution committee created a discussion because of wording. A By-Law passed stating that if two members of the same family became delegates to the International one would get the full stipend and the spouse would get half of the stipend. The Resolution Committee with the Finance Committee stipulated the amount the stipend will be. Some delegates objected to why the wife only got half. As it turned out no same family delegates had been chosen to attend the international Convention. This became a moot point and will be changed in the next District 5 Convention. According to the constitution, I believe, once a bylaw is passed it becomes effective immediately and can only be changed at the next convention.

The Nominating Committee presented a slate of officers for the coming two year period. The following were elected.

The 2018-2020 District 5 Board

District President	Andrew Johnson	Zone 6
Vice President	Kathy Secora	Zone 5
Secretary	Darlene Arneson	At Large
Treasurer	Michael Palecek	At Large
Sports & Recreation Director	Cheryl Wille-Schlesser	Zone 3
Publicity Director	Karen Eberhardt	Zone 3
Cultural Director	Geraldine Lachman	Zone 4
Youth Director	Sandra Olson	Zone 1
Director Zone 1	Audrey Severson	Zone 1
Director Zone 2	Tom Boudreau.	Zone 2
Director Zone 2	Karen Broadhead	Zone 2
Director Zone 4	Peggy Schroeder	Zone 4
Director Zone 5	Connie Kross	Zone 5
Director Zone 6	Dee Bumpers	Zone 6
International Director Nominee	Robin Fossum	
International Director Alternate Nominee	Cheryl Wille-Schlesser	

A new lodge is forming in Carbondale IL— normally a new lodge must have 40 prospective Lodge members to constitute a new lodge but at this time has about 20 prospective members. A drive is underway to attract more members.

During the Zone 5- caucus, Connie Benson Kross was selected to be a delegate to the International convention with Tom Maxson as an alternate

The next District 5 Convention will be in at the Radisson. Hotel, Madison WI June 23-28

Just a few interesting facts and numbers for District 5

- Number of Zones = 6
- Number of Lodges in Dist 5 = 53
- Central Lodge membership = 438
- Spirit of the new Century membership = 58
- Number of total members in Dist 5 = 4285
- Number of convention Delegates = 113
- Number of Lodges not sending Delegates = 10
- Number of Lodges Disbanding = 5
- Number of Lodges lost in 2 years = 7

Respectfully
Frank Krawczyk



Polar Star Treasurer, Carol Devito

This year Vasa Park is celebrating its 65 th anniversary.

On Sunday, July 29 Frank and I headed out to Vasa Park in Elgin for their herring breakfast. What a delicious meal! Fried herring, sautéed onions, boiled potatoes, sour cream, lympha bread and rye crisp. The beverage of the day was Aquivit Bloody Mary's. They were quite popular. The other choices were white or red wine and shots of Aquivit. Of course they had soda. If you did not care for the herring the Boy Scouts were serving hot dogs and hamburgers. Something for everyone.

Our Lodge was represented by Steve Tanda, Ron and Betty Vann, and Frank and me.

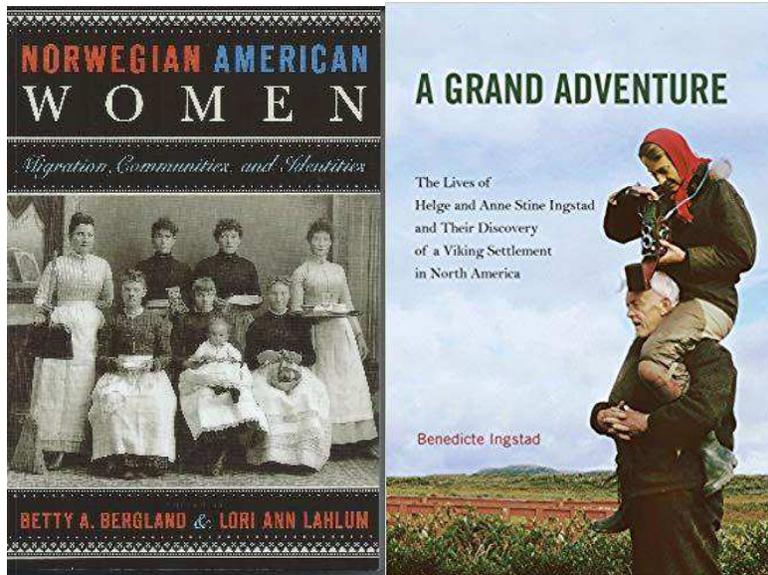
Pastor Bob played his guitar and sang for most of the day.

After breakfast there was a Swedish Maypole celebration. And, of course, the Norwegian Dancers were there to entertain us.

Frank and I also attended their Fish Boil last fall. That was also a good meal and fun. The Fish Boil this year will be October 6. Plan to attend. You won't be disappointed.

Every time we go to Vasa Park we see improvements. There is a huge playground for the children and a beautiful garden to stroll through or sit and admire.

Submitted by Carol Devito



Polar Star Current Book Club Selections

A Grand Adventure Review.....

In 1960, Helge Ingstad and Anne Stine Ingstad made a discovery that rewrote the history of European exploration and colonization of North America – a thousand-year-old Viking settlement at L’Anse aux Meadows, Newfoundland. In *A Grand Adventure*, the Ingstads’ daughter Benedicte tells the story of their remarkable lives spent working together, sharing poignant details from her parents’ private letters, personal diaries, their dinner table conversations, and Benedicte’s own participation in her parents’ excavations. Following young Helge Ingstad from his 1926 decision to abandon a successful law practice for North American expeditions through Canada’s Barren Lands, Alaska’s Anaktuvuk Pass, and the mountains of northern Mexico, the story recounts his governorship of Norwegian territories and marriage to Anne Stine Moe. The author then traces Helge and Anne Stine’s travels around the world, focusing in particular on their discovery of the Viking settlement at the northern tip of Newfoundland. With Anne Stine as the head archaeologist, they excavate these ruins for eight years, while weathering destructive skepticism from academic peers, until indisputable evidence is unearthed and their find is confirmed. A remarkable look at a personal and professional relationship, *A Grand Adventure* shows two explorers’ unrelenting drive and unflinching courage.

Editor’s Note. These books qualifies for the Literature Culture Medal

POLAR STAR CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 9 - VASA PARK Scandinavian Festival - 9:00 a.m.

OCTOBER 7 - Sloopier Mtg at the Norway Community Building – 1:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER 4 - Høstfest begins at 11:30 a.m.

Novmeber 18 – Norway Museum Smorgasbord

DECEMBER 2 - JULETFEST

SKOGFJORDEN ADULT LANGUAGE CAMP



Velkommen til Skogfjorden! You will feel like you're in Norway while spending time in the culturally authentic buildings looking down upon your own local *fjord*. Exercising your Norwegian language skills—whether beginner or advanced—is central to our programs. The staff is eager to help you improve your pronunciation, expand your vocabulary and learn new conversational skills. No matter how much or how little Norwegian you know when you arrive, we will work with you to make sure your skills have grown by leaps and bounds before the session is over. Dynamic presentations about literature, music, history and Vikings, fun activities and time to explore the woods enrich your *Skogfjorden* experience.

While these programs are tailored to the needs and preferences of adults, participants still enjoy authentic current-day Norwegian meals, adult-friendly schedules and a supportive community. Welcome to *Skogfjorden* for adults! We can't wait to meet you.

September 23-29

Visit www.ConcordiaLanguageVillages.org/Adult

Contact Sara at 800-450-2214 to register



VASA PARK SCANDINAVIAN FESTIVAL

Sunday, September 9th, 2018



TIME: 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.



We will be making Norwegian Vafler served with Lingonberries on site and selling pre-packaged baked goods and Norwegian knit items and collectibles. Baked goods are still needed. Please contact Barb & Kenny if you need us to pick up your baked goods.

<http://www.scandinaviandayil.com/>

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“Tate of Norway”

Høstfest – Fall Festival

Sunday, November 4, 2018

St. Olaf Lutheran Church – 1233 Douglas Ave.

Noon - 3:30 p.m.

Montgomery, IL

Taste Traditional Norwegian Food

Shop for Scandinavian gifts, and jewelry

Lefse and Krumkake demonstrations

Norwegian Craft demonstrations

Rosemaling

Kolrosing

Jewelry

Knitting

- **Fox Valley Norwegian Choir Performance at 1:00 p.m.**

Featuring the Polar Star Children’s choir performance

Contact: Polar Star Cultural Director - Barb Johnson

email barbjohnsonb@aol.com or by phone: 630-553-7389



**NORWEGIAN SMØRGÅSBORD
NOVEMBER 17, 2018**

**Norway Community Center
Norway, IL**

Seating at 4:00 p.m or 5: 30 p.m

**ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY (carry outs available)
\$18.00 Adults - \$7.00 Children (10 and under)**

For tickets or information Phone: 815-343-5070

www.norskmuseum.com

Sponsored by the Norsk Museum and Sons of Norway Polar Star and Cleng Peerson Lodges. All proceeds support the Norsk Museum Building Fund.

Gratulerer Med Dagen Polar Star!



AUGUST 15-30

- 19. Pat Baughman**
- 20. Floyd Anderson**
- 23. Penny Ray**
- 26. Betsy Olson**
- 27. Alexis Countryman**
- 31. Burt Severson**

SEPTEMBER 1-14

- 1. Michael Seidel**
- 2. Sheldon Rosenberg**
- 4. Frances Berg**

