



VITALITY AND RENEWAL

Final thoughts from President, Kathy Browne

It is December and amid all the celebrations and increased activity, our lodge will be making changes -- changes in leadership. Although this event is routine and done with a set ceremony, it is critical to the renewal of our lodge and the vitality of our membership. A heartfelt thank you to those who agreed to take on a responsibility. The Nominating Committee had a tough job filling key leadership positions this year. A special thank you goes out to Rod, Marian and Ras for getting the job done.

Filling positions, however, is just the first step. Each of us must make a commitment to actively participate in our lodge. There is saying about many hands making for light work and that holds doubly true to organizations like our lodge. So as we start a new calendar year, let's do it with the openness, excitement, and the passion of a young child.

December Cultural Corner

During the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries was the peak of Old Norwegian folklore. This month our program will look at one of the most popular tales. Be ready to be amused as we talk about the supernatural being in Norse mythology called the *Jötnar*.



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Juletefest: Christmas Tree Party

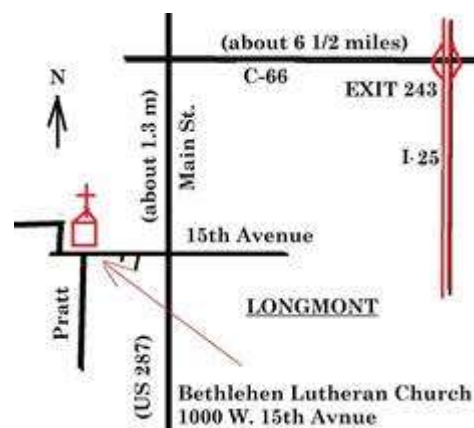
Sunday, December 7, 2 P.M, Longmont

Come to Stein Fjell's Juletefest and enjoy food, Julenisse, singing around the tree, the Christmas story in English and Norwegian, and more. It also is your last chance this year to buy Christmas Gifts at Butikken. The Juletefest will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1000 W. 15th Ave., Longmont. (See map.)

Please call Kris Bakich at (303) 883-1890 by December 3rd to let her know the number of children you will be bringing, so Julenisse can provide for them. Bring your children, your grandchildren, and/or your neighbor's children.

For the potluck dinner, if your last name begins with **A-M**, Please bring a main dish and dessert, and if it is **N-Z**, Please bring a main dish and salad.

We look forward to celebrating with you!



Desember Calendar

- 4: Lodge Meeting, 7:00 pm
Installation of Officers for 2015
7: Juletefest - Longmont
21: December Solstice - Norway
25: Christmas
26: St. Stephen's Day, Boxing Day - Norway
31: New Year's Eve

Januar Calendar

- 1: First day of 2015!
8: Lodge Meeting, 7:00 pm
15: Board Meeting: TBA
17: 39th Anniversary Luncheon
24: Zone 8 Leadership Meeting

MEETING REMINDERS FROM RAS

...Stein Fjell Host Coordinator.

For our December 4th meeting, our Refreshment Hosts are: Becky & Jon-Eirik Holm-Johansen (Chair), J & A Strand, John Everson, J. Robbins & K. Robbins.

Looking ahead to our January 8th "2015": Our hosts will be: Rosalind Larsen (chair), Gary & Susan Zook, Rob Werge, Bernice Kwan

**Stein Fjell's 39th Anniversary Potluck**

Stein Fjell's 39th Anniversary will be celebrated on Saturday, January 17th, 2015 at Zion Lutheran Church, 815 E. 16th Street, Loveland. Our 2015 Memorial Service & the newest Viking of the Year, along with social time begins at 11:30A.M., followed by a Potluck Luncheon. The \$5.00 cost for the luncheon will help cover the appetizers, dessert and other expenses, will be collected at the door. Since this is a potluck, everyone is requested to bring a main dish and either a salad or dessert.

Make your reservation by January 15th with Gary Zook at (970) 493-9344.

**December Birthdays**

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| 2: Makenzie Kvasager | 11: Richard Bilstad |
| 11: Inger Froyland | 11: Paul Fuglestad |
| 13: Nancy Dunn | 15: Jane Strand |
| 16: Russ Knutson | 19: Ras Erdal |
| 24: Tamara Bothwell | 28: Bill Nesse |
| 31: Blaine Johnson | 31: Paula Sutton |

Please respect fellow members' privacy.

Names, Phone Numbers, and Addresses must not be redistributed, or used for commercial purpose

SUNSHINE Marian Erdal

We are glad to hear that Linda George has weathered her Glaucoma Surgery and is back doing her knitting and craft work

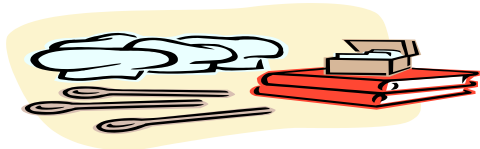
We wish Wilma Gullickson good health and happiness in her new surroundings. Please send Wilma a message care of Karen Leeson at: 3164 Portland St., Eugene, OR, 97405

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Scholarship Committee Chairman recommends that we give one Member Scholarship and one Community Scholarship, this year, for \$750.00 each, to graduating High School Seniors. Download the application from our website, steinfjell.com, and send it to Keith Robbins at the mailing address or e-mail address, on the application. Applications must be received by December 31st.

**A Hassle free way to earn lodge \$\$**

November and December are perhaps the two busiest grocery months of the year. Please remember to use your gift cards while grocery shopping. This is one of the absolutely easiest ways for all lodge members to contribute to Stein Fjell's fiscal well-being. Thank you.



December has been designated Cookies & Cakes month for recipe collection for the "Cookies & Cakes" section of our Stein Fjell cook-book. Please consider copying your favorite recipes to contribute this month, either by bringing the recipes to the December meeting, or emailing them to Kathy or JoAnn.



Of course, any recipes you wish to contribute will always be appreciated and printed, but it might be easier if we each think of specific recipes by category:

Dec: Cookies & Cakes	May: Side Dishes
Jan: Breads	Jun: Scandinavian Recipes
Feb: Soups	Oct: Vegetables
Mar: Eggs	Apr: Casseroles

Please help us get a Cookbook going!

Kathy Browne at browneks@gmail.com
JoAnn Kison at jkison@comcast.net.

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If you have a change in address, phone number(s), and/or email, please let Marianne Workman-Nesse know ASAP. 2015 Membership Directories will be available in January. Mange takk for making our directory as accurate as possible! Marianne W Nesse

Take a look at Stein Fjell's Website and our Facebook page. Bill and Marianne Nesse are doing a wonderful job on the Website and Roxanne Storlie is doing a fine job keeping the Facebook page up to date. They both give our lodge good publicity.

2015 Officers

Board of Directors

President-Rod Skaflen
Vice President- Vicki Johnson
Secretary-JoAnn Kison
Treasurer-Gary Zook
Financial Secretary-Neva Gulliksen
Counselor-Marian Erdal

Program Directors

Cultural Committee-Nancy Dunn, JoAnn Kison, Bernice Kwan
Cultural Skills-Ras Erdal
Foundation-Rick Bilstad
Sports-Jon-Eirik Holm-Johansen
Youth- Gjelde-Bennett family

Support Officers

Auditor-Jane Robbins
Butikken Manager- Inger Froyland
Greeter-Susan Zook
Historian-Kristi Quinlan
Marshals-Jon-Eirik Holm-Johansen, Terry Thompson, John Martin
Musician-Midge Parkos
Posten Editor-Peggy Kvasager
Web Masters- Marianne and Bill Nesse
Trustees- Marianne and Bill Nesse, Jane Robbins
Librarian- Carol Baldo
Publicity- Position to be discussed
Social Media-Roxanne Storlie (Facebook)

Committees/Special Activities

Meeting coordinators- Host Co-coordinator-Ras Erdal
Supplies-Barbara Nolin
Sunshine and Long Distance Co-coordinator-Marian Erdal, Greeley-Bonnie Heberlein, Longmont-Kris Bakich, Fort Collins-Susan Zook,, Loveland-Jane Strand, Wyoming-Karen Everett
Framtid- Maria Reichel
Audio-Visual-Bill Nesse and Ras Erdal
Scholarships- Keith Robbins
Sister Lodge-Inger Froyland and Maria Reichel
Tubfrim- Bonnie Heberlein

Cultural skills at Stein Fjell

Our Hardanger Sewing group will meet at 1 p.m. on Friday, December 12th. Please call Midge or Ras if you would like to join us.

Last call for interest in Woodworking. Contact Ras

District Six 2016 Convention

The vote is in, the contract is signed -- all seven lodges of Zone 8 will be hosting the District Six 2016 Convention in Colorado. The dates are June 19-22, 2016. The location is the Loveland Embassy Suites. Our theme is "Mining our Heritage". The core committee recommends that all projects be across all the lodges rather than assigning unique tasks to specific lodges -- it's time to team together. A Master Schedule and further details will be revealed at the January 24, 2015 Leadership Workshop. Plan on attending the workshop and be one of the first to know all the details.

Everyone is invited to submit logo designs and ideas for delegate gifts. Detailed information about requirements for submittal will be available at the December and January lodge meetings. Your designs should be given to a Stein Fjell lodge member attending the January 24th Leadership Workshop for review and selection. All submitters will be given special recognition for their ideas.

If you are interested in joining the excitement by assembling and or painting the aspen leaf voting paddles or the ore cart table centerpieces, please sign up at the December and January lodge meetings. Kits and instructions will be distributed to each lodge at the Leadership Workshop



A SON Lodge will be the winner of the **Tubfrim drawing** to give away a ticket to Norway, worth up to \$1,000. A postcard will be drawn from cards from all the participating Lodges. The cards are earned by each Lodge with one card

for every pound of stamps turned in this year! Sons of Norway sent at least 1,229 pounds of stamps to Tubfrim in 2013. Don't forget to bring your stamps to the December meeting so we can earn our cards and maybe win !!!

Velkommen Neil A. Johnson

Stein Fjell Lodge is pleased to give a warm velkommen to Neil A. Johnson. Although he grew up on a farm, Neil calls Minot, North Dakota home. After graduating from Minot High School, he stayed to earn a degree in Music Education from Minot State College. Neil earned a master's degree in Choral Conducting from Colorado State University.

Colorado and North Dakota are the states in which Neil has resided. This past October Neil joined Sons of Norway, while attending the Minot hosted Norsk Hostfest.

Neil is a retired public school music teacher, who has taught music from kindergarten through college. He states, "I was mainly vocal/choral, but have taught all aspects of music, instrumental and vocal." Twenty two of these teaching years were in Colorado and seventeen years in North Dakota.

In reply to Interests and hobbies he answered with part time handy man, entertaining occasionally, woodworking, golf, and compose/arrange choral music. Norwegian Language and Culture, Ornamental Woodcarving, Chip Carving, and Music & Musicians of Norway were his choices for Norwegian cultural skills.

Neil and Paulette, his wife, have two children. Chad, their oldest, has one daughter. Shannon has three children, two boys and a girl.

In regards to the question of sharing, Neil responds, "No. Well you should know I am half Swedish."

Norwegian phrase for December

Har du roykta sokka dine?
Have you been smoking your socks?
(Expressing disapproval of someone's half-baked idea)


"A **Host home** is needed for the Board Meeting on January 15, 2015.

If you can volunteer...Please contact Rod Skaflen ASAP."

Tusen takk,

☺ Ras

2015 Stein Fjell Kalender

<p>JANUAR</p> <p>8...Lodge Meeting Program: Exchange of Cultural differences between Norway and America Hosts: *R. Larsen, G&S Zook, R. Werge, B. Kwan</p> <p>15...Board Meeting...@... TBA 17...39th Anniversary Luncheon 24...Zone 8 Leadership Meeting</p>	<p>FEBRUAR</p> <p>5...Lodge Meeting Program: Synopsis of Norwegian Mystery Book Authors Hosts: *J. Baldo, R. Skaffen, C. Grinager, P & C Kvasager</p> <p>28...Barneløpet</p>	<p>MARS</p> <p>5...Lodge Meeting Program: "A Star Among Us" Inger Froyland's Story Hosts : * M&B Nesse, R&M Erdal, H. Fretheim, M Reichel</p> <p>19...Board meeting @ Zooks</p>
<p>APRIL</p> <p>2...Lodge Meeting Program: "Viking Women" Performed by Stein Fjell members Hosts: *N. Gulliksen, J. Hanson, R. Bilstad, V. Johnson, J. Everson</p>	<p>MAI</p> <p>7...Lodge Meeting Program: Historical Review of Norway's involvement in WWII Hosts: *Dunn/Linsenmann, D&J Miller, K. Robbins, J. Robbins</p> <p>17...Syttende Mai 21...Board Meeting @ Parkos</p>	<p>JUNI</p> <p>4...Lodge Meeting Program: History of Norwegian Migration to N & S Dakota Hosts: *M. Parkos, B. Heberlein, J. Harris, N. Kløv Dahl, L. Kellogg</p> <p>27—28 Scan Fest</p>
<p>JULI</p> 	<p>AUGUST</p>	<p>SEPTEMBER</p> <p>3...Lodge Meeting Program: TBA Hosts: *K. Everett, R. Knutson, C. Johnson, I. Froyland, T. Thompson</p> <p>17... Board Meeting @ Froyland</p>
<p>OCTOBER</p> <p>1...Lodge Meeting Program: Viking Runes (Alphabet) Hosts: *K. Bakich, K. Gjælde-Bennett, M. Schmidt, M. Loustalet</p> <p>17 or 24 ??? Lutefisk</p>	<p>NOVEMBER</p> <p>5... Lodge Meeting Program: "Pizza Party Social" Hosts: *B. Nolin, A-C. Mosher, B&J-E Holm-Johansen, L. Warrick</p> <p>19...Board Meeting @ Gulliksen</p>	<p>DESEMBER</p> <p>3... Lodge Meeting Program: Holiday traditions from Scandinavian countries Hosts: * K. Quinlan, N. Yestness, J. Kison, J. Martin, A&J Strand</p> <p>?? Juletrefest Greeley</p>

* denotes the Chair for Refreshment Committees. Reminders will be mailed or E-Mailed about 2 weeks before the meetings.

If you can't serve on your assigned date, please switch with someone and inform the Host Coordinator

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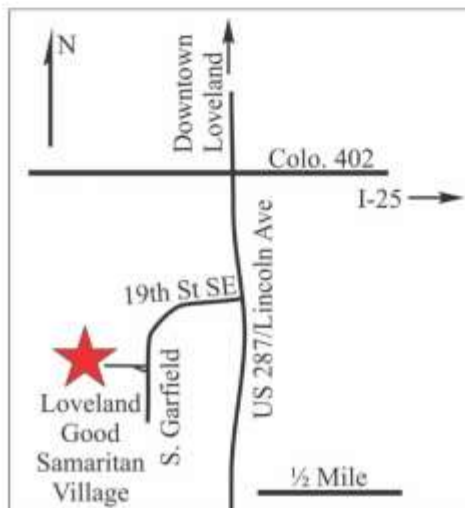
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STEIN FJELL LODGE meets on the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Spiritual Life Center, Good Samaritan Society – Loveland Village, 2101 S. Garfield Avenue, Loveland, Colorado. Board meetings are held on the third Thursday of every other month at the home of a member. YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US!



SONS OF NORWAY



The mission of Sons of Norway is to promote and to preserve the heritage and culture of Norway, to celebrate our relationship with other Nordic countries, and provide quality insurance and financial products to our members.

Sons of Norway misjon er å fremme og ivareta norske kulturtradisjoner, feire vårt forhold til andre nordiske land, og samtidig tilby de beste forsikrings og finansprodukter til våre medlemmer.