



President's Corner

December brings an end to the annual cycle of lodge events with the retiring of some of our office holders. Additionally, it is a time to be thankful for our membership and events in which we joyfully participated. With that in mind, please attend our Juletefest on December 12. Bring your children, grandchildren, or perhaps neighborhood youngsters.

December is also marked by the installation of new office holders to shoulder and guide the events and efforts of 2016. Stein Fjell's 40th Anniversary Party and Convention 2016 look to be highlights of the year! Everyone's support and involvement are essential to this end.

I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks and gratitude to all for their efforts and involvement in 2015. Stein Fjell Lodge is blessed with many good people.

Rod Skaflen, President

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SCHOLARSHIPS

The Scholarship Committee 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 Gary Zook at the mailing address or e-mail address, on the application. Applications must be received by December 31st.

December Calendar

- 3: Lodge Meeting 7:00 pm, Good Sam LvInd
- 7: Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- 10: Woodcarving, 6-9pm, Trinity Lutheran, LvInd
- 12: Juletefest, Greeley
- 18: Hardanger, 1-3pm, Parkos house
- 24: Christmas Eve
- 25: Christmas Day
- 29: Boxing Day, Norway
- 31: New Year's Eve

January Calendar

2016

- 1: New Year's Day
- 7: Lodge Meeting 7:00 pm, Good Sam LvInd
- 18: Martin Luther King Day
- 21: Board Mtg 7pm, V. Johnson
- 23: Stein Fjell 40th Anniversary Dinner
- 30: Officers training

December Cultural Corner Program:

This month's program will be an Irish "c oir leighis" (a welcomed gift). Desiree "Dez" McAndrew from the "Scoil Rince Stewart" of the Irish Dance Company of Berthoud will explain and perform Irish dances. Come and Learn! Have fun and *even* participate!

Irish Dance

The Vikings you know, were in Ireland from 795 AD to 1014 AD. There will be another Irish cultural program in March of 2016. See you there...



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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! Don't forget to bring your stamps to the December meeting so we can earn our cards and maybe win!!!

Sunshine

Marian Erdal

Stein Fjell sends condolences to Kristi Quinlan and Nissa Yestness. Kristi's Dad, Don Yestness, passed away on October 31st. He was also Grandpa to Nissa and Great Grandpa to Vina Yestness.



December Birthdays: Gratulerer Med Dagen:

2: Makenzie Kvasager	4: Robert Berwick
11: Inger Froyland	11: Paul Fuglestad
11: Rick Bilstad	13: Nancy Dunn
15: Jane Strand	19: Ras Erdal
21: Daniel Hilleman	24: Tamara Bothwell
28: Kyle Berwick	28: Bill Nesse
31: Blaine Johnson	

Please respect fellow members' privacy. names, phone numbers, and addresses must not be redistributed, or used for commercial purpose

Stein Fjell Shirts

Everyone looked fantastic in their SteinFjell shirts at the Lutefisk Dinner. Other members have asked if we could put in another order. The first order was for 27 shirts- to keep approximately the same cost, we must order at least 12. Right now, we have orders for 6 shirts. If any member didn't get in on the first order and wants to buy yourself or your spouse a Christmas present, let me know as soon as possible. If we do not get the 12 orders, we'll wait until Spring to reorder. Thanks!
Marian Erdal 970.225.9035

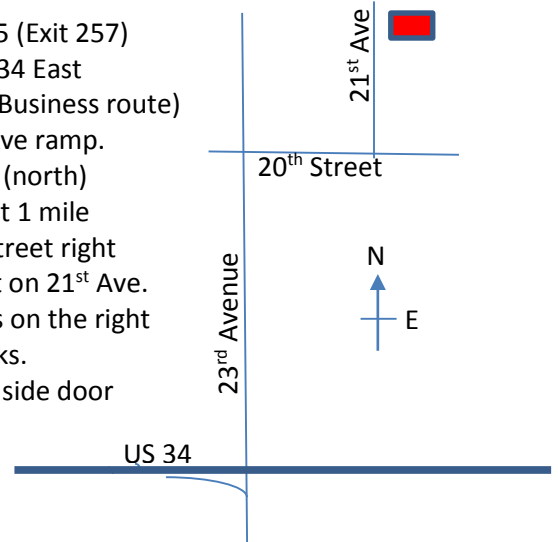
Juletreffest

Come and enjoy food, singing around the tree, the Christmas story in English and Norwegian, and have a visit with Julenisse. December 12th at 2:00 to 4:00 pm held in Our Savior's Lutheran Church at 1800 21st Avenue, Greeley. Use the EAST door only! Please call Midge Parkos by December 7th regarding the number of children you will be bringing so the Julenisse can provide for them. Her number is 970.356.7489 For the potluck using last names: N-Z, please bring a main dish and dessert. A-M, please bring a main dish and a salad.



Come celebrate the Christmas season with us!!

From I-25 (Exit 257)
Take US 34 East
(not the Business route)
To 23rd Ave ramp.
Turn left (north)
For about 1 mile
To 20th street right
Turn Left on 21st Ave.
Church is on the right
In 2 blocks.
Use East side door



Cultural Skills Information

Hardanger: Our next meeting is 1:00 PM, December 18th at Midge's home. And again... We are always welcoming new friends to learn Hardanger embroidery. We welcome anyone who wants to learn this beautiful craft. Please contact Midge at 970.356.7489 and let her know which meeting days that you can attend.

Woodcarving: We meet again at 6:00 PM on December 10th. We are having a lot of fun learning how to do woodcarving. Please contact Angela at 970.669.8636 if you are interested in joining this group. You can receive help in Figure Carving, Chip Carving or Relief Carving. We meet at Trinity Lutheran Church in Loveland.

Welcome New Members!

Ginger Ketles



Ginger was born in Albert Lea, Minnesota and graduated high school there but has called Colorado home for the last 48 years, no doubt Colorado is home to her! She was a loyal employee of Hewlett Packard and retired after 29 years, working as a planner. She has a married daughter and 2 grandchildren plus 3 sisters and 2 brothers.

Her grandmother emigrated from the Telemark area of Norway. Her great grandfather emigrated through Bergen in 1865 and was from Vik.

Ginger and her family visited Norway this past summer and were able to see where her great grandfather was raised near Vik, on the Sognefjord. While there they toured the Hopperstad Church, one of only 23 stave churches remaining in Norway. They traveled with the Brekke Tour Company and would recommend going with them.

Ginger's hobbies include gardening, sewing and she would like to explore Norwegian Rosemaling and traditional Norwegian cooking to that list.

Her goal for the next several years is to travel the world!



Debra Walser

Debra lived in Albert Lea, Minnesota until she was 13 when the family moved to Loveland. Her sister is Ginger Ketles mentioned above. She graduated from Loveland High School and studied two years in college. Debra proudly served in the United States Army with a rank of Staff Sergeant. This career had her traveling to Seoul Korea; Augsburg Germany; Newport News Virginia; Missouri and Alabama. Debra's second career was with Hewlett Packard with her last position in the research and development area. Debra is happy to be retired and enjoys skiing, fishing, hiking, reading, jewelry

making and spending time with her 2 sons and their wives and 3 grandchildren that all live locally. Although camping was fun when they were younger, seeing the sights on road trips and staying in hotels is more to their liking nowadays. Debra has Norway on her bucket list and would like to see the town of Vik and the Sognefjord where her great grandfather emigrated from.

Thank you Debra for your loyal military service of 12 years!



Dana Engelhardt

Dana would be the queen of multitasking if you were at her side most days. Being a wife and mother of three, Owen who is 4 and twins, 17 month old Emlyn Jane and Preston, plus working full time for the Larimer County Sheriff's office as the Assistant Coordinator of the Victim Response Team you know she is busy.

Dana was born and raised in Loveland graduating from Loveland High School and the University of Northern Colorado with a teaching degree.

Finse Norway is where Dana's great grandfather emigrated from and her great grandmother from Sweden. She hasn't been to Norway but traveling there is high on her bucket list.

Dana is an avid reader and loves history. She loves to spend time with family and friends. Her wish list for Norwegian culture skills includes Rosemaling, Genealogy, traditional Norwegian cooking, Norwegian language and music.

Dana, and her husband Scott, just celebrated their 9th year anniversary and moved into a new home that Dana's father Dennis built for them.

Dana shared this touching story, "I lost my beloved grandmother in May. She was a very active member of Stein Fjell. It's a bit emotional for me still, so bear with me when it comes to anything to do with Jane Robbins. She was so proud to be a member of the Lodge. I hope to continue the tradition for our family!"

2016 Stein Fjell Officers:

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Committees/Special Activities

Sunshine: Susan Zook *FtC, Bernice Kwan *LvInd,
 Kris Bakich *Longmont, Bonnie Heberlein *Greeley,
 Kristi Quinlan *Windsor, Marian Erdal *long distance,
 Karen Everett *Wyoming.
 Audio Visual: Ras Erdal and Bill Nesse
 Scholarships: Gary Zook

Committees/Special Activities Cont:

Tubfrim: Bonnie Heberlein
 Framtid: Maria Reichel
 Sister Lodge: Viking 8-007 in Kvinesdal, Norway
 Inger Froyland and Maria Reichel



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Norwegian Lesson:

Maria Reichel

Barn i Norge liker "å gå julebukk" literally means that children in Norway like to go Christmas Ram-ing. There is a tradition that to outsiders looks like a mix of Halloween and Christmas caroling. In the days between Christmas and New Year's (called "romjula") kids dress up in costumes and walk through the neighborhood ringing doorbells. As soon as the door is opened, the kids sing a Christmas Carol and receive a treat as a reward. This is called going Julebukk.

"Åpne julekalenderen" is to open the Advent Calendar. There is a widespread tradition, as Norway is a Lutheran country, to put great emphasis on the 24 days before Christmas Eve. Children usually have chocolate filled calendars, or even 24 individually wrapped small presents to help them count down the days until the big day. In addition, children's TV programs make mini-series with 24 episodes. It is a big deal, and a tradition that had been passed on for generations.



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STEIN FJELL LODGE meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 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!**



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