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Trollheim News

Greetings to all members!

I hope you all had a most wonderful Christmas and a very joyful New Year!!! We had a fun-filled December Christmas General Meeting and party. The waffles and krumkake were especially delicious. It was special to see Norwegian Christmas traditions in the film we watched, *Christmas in Norway*. We did the *best* we could singing Norwegian Christmas songs and dancing around our Christmas tree.

The New Year 2025, starts out very busy at Trollheim. Join us for the January 18th General Meeting from 2-4pm when we'll install Lodge Officers and TBC Board members. Barb Hessel will present a program on Norwegian Prinstaz Calendar Sticks. Don't miss this educational program!

The annual Zone 8 meeting will be held at the Lodge on January 25th from 9-1:30. All are invited to attend, especially officers to learn duties and share with sister lodges. Our Lutefisk / Meatball Dinner is February 1st at 2pm. Please reserve early! It will be delicious as always. I think you all know that our dear Joan Enget died on Nov 30. We miss Joan very much!

Everyone stay warm and well.

Fraternally,

President, **Perry Monkeliën**

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Calendar of Events 2024/2025



- 1 Mary Hagen-Drummond
- 1 Jack Lockman
- 1 Joanne Svenningsen
- 1 Steve Svenningsen
- 1 Ruby Vega
- 2 James Aarvig
- 3 Patricia La Moe
- 4 Karen Feste
- 4 Debbe Knutson
- 5 Janet McNally
- 7 Julia Singler-Gonzalez
- 7 Linden Wiberg
- 12 Robert Hansen
- 12 Dennis Orr
- 12 Richard Rosene
- 12 Grace Singler-Gonzalez
- 13 Jeff Hammer
- 14 Paul Aaker
- 15 Maren Massie
- 16 K Curtis Barner
- 18 Raegan Anderson
- 20 Bonnie Johnshoy
- 21 Mark Menghini
- 22 Thora Aarvig
- 22 Sue Peterson
- 23 Milo Lamas
- 23 Robert Svenningsen
- 26 Hunter Holmgren
- 28 Sonja Engebretson
- 31 Robert Stabo
- 31 Koerner Wiberg

January

- 6 Board meeting 12noon
- 11 Genealogy Group in the Library 10am-2pm
- 18 General meeting 2-4pm Installation of Lodge Officers and TBC board members, dessert/snack potluck
- 25 District 6 Zone 8 Officer Training 9am-1:30pm

February

- 1 Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner 2pm
 - 3 Board Meeting 12 noon
 - 8 Genealogy Group 10am in the Library
 - 15 General Meeting 2pm Memorial Service; dessert/snack potluck
 - 26 Vesterheim Museum Presentation 7pm
- Zoom link: <https://sofn6.org/vesterheim-trunks-hands-hearts/>

Scholarship News!

Trollheim Lodge 6-110 scholarships are available to any Lodge member who intends to continue their education at a nationally accredited college or university. Scholarships are available in the amounts of \$500-\$1,500. Applications are accepted January 1 - March 31, 2025. For more information and a form, contact Joan Johnson: (Scholarship Director) phone/text: 720-326-6015. Email: jei.jay48@gmail.com



Joan's Norsk Butikk is closed for inventory!

Butikk is closed but aims to reopen on Saturday January 25th **if Bruce gets enough volunteers to do the inventory during January 2025.** Contact Bruce on the lodge number and leave a message how best to contact you to help take inventory. Takk





Sunshine

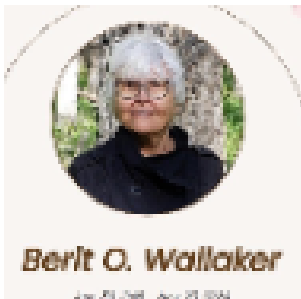


We Say a Final Tearful Goodbye to 42-year Active Member, Joan Ellen Enget

It has been a teary place since Joan passed away on 11/30/2024 in Monroe WI. Nearly every Trollheim member knew Joan dating back to her working Bingo in the 1980s, Adopt-a-Street or highway cleanup over several years, and finally supporting Severt's managing the Butikk Scandinavian Store where Joan took over managing for 9 years. To show our appreciation and admiration for Joan's dedication, we had renamed the store to "Joan's Norske Butikk" before she retired and moved to WI

in December 2022. Joan was awestruck and speechless with this recognition.

Via email, the board previously shared her obituary and link to the service, and we offer them again in case you missed them or want to read it again. Click on [Obituary | Joan E. \(Reffue\) Enget of Monroe, Wisconsin | New-comer Funeral Home and Cremation Service](#). If you do not have a computer with access to the obituary, let a board member know and we will print one and mail it to you.



From son **Jon** (Jan-Erik) **Chew**: "Mom, **Berit Wallaker**, was proud to be Norwegian, and even though she lived her final 55 years in the USA, "home" to her was always Hallingdal, Norway where she and I were born and where we emigrated from in 1969. Mom was actively involved in SOFN in the 70's and 80's, serving in several capacities. She was a "caretaker" to many, including my stepfather.

While she dropped her lodge membership, she never forgot her friends and acquaintances at Trollheim. On Nov 23, 2024, she lost her battle with ovarian cancer. She was preceded in death by her younger son, my brother, Lars a U.S. Army Paratrooper & Infantryman, who was killed while serving in Iraq in 1991. Berit's celebration of life was held Dec 8 at Heather Gardens in Aurora." Our condolences Jon.

Syrena Plakke was in Kalispell MT providing final care to her father, **Robert Cole**, when he passed recently. Our deepest condolences. She plans a life celebration for both of her folks next summer when both of her adult kids and their families can travel to Montana. Then shifting to the younger generation, Syrena went to Chicago in December to have early Christmas with daughter Melissa's family and enjoy the two young grandsons. Whew Syrena--make time to catch your breath!

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Trollheim Lodge donates \$50 to the Scholarship fund in remembrance of each departed member.

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Mary Kilgannon

Sunshine continued....

Sid Haugom continues to keep up on lodge business and activities, even though he chooses not to attend anymore. With daughter Sharon's good eyes, she helps to read the Viking magazine and the lodge's monthly newsletters. Give Sid a call sometime, his hearing is perfect, and he'll enjoy visiting and reminiscing with you. (720) 760-0667

Tusen Takk to All of Trollheim's Volunteers!

With 2024 coming to a close, it's important for all members to thank the volunteers who keep the lodge and Joan's Norsk Butikken running and well maintained. We attempt to highlight the hours, tasks, and efforts of all, and special mention the following:

- The 50th anniversary team who pulled off an unforgettable and amazing and fun celebration! Don't you occasionally review the 50-yr year-book?
- Joan's Norske Butikk manager **Bruce** and all of the store volunteers who contributed in many ways during 2024! You know who you are! And to all of you who shop in the Butikk which supports our lodge too!
- To the major event leads including **Joan J, Michael H, Barb Hessel, Connie and Earl B, and Perry!**
- To repeat event volunteers; the list is long, and we thank each of you! Events won't happen without you pitching in too!
- To our lead communicators: **Dawn N, Connie, Karalou, Barb H and Elisha** in writing content, publishing, and distributing the monthly newsletters!
- To **Barb H** for continuing the reservation/ticketing system for events, creating the flyers, and as Perry requests, doing "blast" email reminders and news.
- To **Michael H** for managing rentals, now limited to High Country Chorus, rosemaking classes, genealogy sessions, and the annual Finn Christmas party.
- The Trollheim Lodge Board members for continuing to enjoy and attending the monthly board and general meetings!
- The Trollheim Building Corporation (TBC) board members and other volunteers performed facility and landscape maintenance and repairs!
- To **Barb Bessesen** for continuing to lead the dameklubb, providing much needed support in major events!
- To the Christmas decoration/cleanup/setup volunteers - **Perry** and daughter **Erin**; and **Earl** and **Connie Bartram** setting up the festive tables for the jul party.
- And again, to every one of you who supports our lodge and TBC we are sincerely grateful!

Author is Trollheim's Nisse

WANTED



KITCHEN GNOMES FOR THE LUTEFISK & MEATBALL DINNER

Saturday, February 1, 2025

Friday, January 31, 10 AM to finish: All cold preparation.
Saturday, February 1, TBD to finish: Set up, cook and serve,
Dinner 2:00, clean up.

To volunteer contact

Connie Bartram: 303.489.9713 or ceec4@msn.com
Joan Johnson: 720.326.6015 or jej.jay48@gmail.com
Juliamm Jensen: 202.494.3181 or jkjensen@comcast.net
Michael Homan: 303.888.2934 or homan.michael@gmail.com

Kitchen gnomes get a reduced priced meal.

Krumkake by Barb Hessel

Homemade lefse by Faith Anderson



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LUTEFISK AND MEATBALL DINNER

Saturday, February 1, 2025 2:00 pm
12 years and over: \$28 3 - 12: \$17

PLEASE RSVP EARLY!

Reservations must be in by **January 25, 2025**

RSVP by: Jan. 25, 2025. Make checks payable to: Sons Of Norway

Fill out this form and mail it, with your check, to Barb Hessel, 953 S. Holland St. Lakewood, CO 80226.

Phone: 303-989-4496

Make checks payable to Sons of Norway.



Name _____ #Adults(@\$28) _____

Email Address _____ #3 - 12 (@\$17) _____

Phone Number _____ Total Amount: \$ _____

SEATING REQUEST _____



Dameklubb Christmas Party hosted by Ruth! Thank you so much Ruth!!

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