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THANK YOU and *MANGE TAKK!*

A BIG!!! Thank you to Mardy Fairchild, our Nordic Festival Chair, for a job well done!

AND – thank you to the committee members,

AND – thanks to all those who were NOT part of the committee (which includes the Embla *Håndverkerer* and all our lefse/cookie makers), but whose help was so important to the success of the festival!

We NEED to continue this tradition! It is an important event not only for the community, but for all the vendors who have a place to sell the wonderful traditional items!



Karen Kunkle selling tickets to eager Nordic Festival attendees

President's Message

Hello Sisters,

Happy Fall! Summer was busy for us with convention, and Embla's delegation made you proud.

Next was our Summer Luncheon, and I want to thank Lisa Ottoson, Janet Ruud, Marilyn Mahnke, and Esther Van Noy. PLU served a lovely luncheon in our own Scandinavian Cultural Center. As I looked around the room I commented that I think of the Scandinavian Center as a "Norwegian center." The Viking ship prow was made possible by our own and dearly missed sister Emilie Pedersen, and for the lovely woodcarvings depicting the history of immigrants we thank Florence Buck, another sister dearly missed by Embla.

Darci Harris came to the Luncheon wearing her 'new' Hardanger bunad, which originally belonged to Dagny Vasvig, whom we lost last year. The bunad was donated by her sisters and ours', Florence and Vangie. Darci looked beautiful, and her son Tor thought so as well! Rachel Nesvig, a talented Hardanger fiddle player entertained us superbly!

Come to the Embla's November 1 meeting:
6:00 Dinner
7:00 Scandinavian Items For Sale
8:00 Business Meeting
Bring your Scandinavian items to sell!
Bring money to buy more!

Come to the December 6 Embla meeting
6:00 Potluck Dinner
7:00 Christmas Party and possible appearance from Julenissen!

Next was our BIG EVENT event - the Nordic Festival, October 13, at Edgemont JHS in Edgewood. I want to thank Mardy Fairchild for chairing the event! We sold out of lefse in an hour, and the cookies and most of the food by the end of the festival. *Tusen takk* and *takk* and *takk* for all who helped plan and serve! We made \$\$\$\$ and will have a report at our November meeting. November 1 will be our last business meeting for 2012. Next is our **Christmas party on December 6** at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Guests and children are welcome, and we are having a potluck dinner with singing around the Christmas tree!

Please let me know if you are bringing children (253-302-5110 or kbellsteilacoom@yahoo.com), because Julenissen might make an appearance!

By Karen Bell

ANOTHER NORWEGIAN-AMERICAN WOMAN OF DISTINCTION



Born:
October 1, 1953

Died:
April 19, 2011



Grete Andersen Waitz

On Sunday October 14 (just a couple of weeks ago!) almost 6,000 runners galloped around Central Park in memory of one of the New York Marathon's greatest champions, the late Grete Waitz. The event is held every year in her memory. Grete Waitz was a marathon runner who won nine New York City Marathons, more than any other runner in history. A modest champion and trailblazer, Waitz is widely acknowledged as helping to promote marathon and long-distance running for women.

Born in Oslo, Norway, Grete began running in her teen years, and was a talented young runner, but her family wasn't very supportive of her. This was a time when female athletes were not given the necessary support and funding needed to compete at the top level.

However, she kept on training hard and competing in races all over the world and ran the 1500 meters in the 1972 Olympics in Munich (at that time there was no marathon race for women in the Olympics). She won a gold medal in the marathon at the 1983 World Championships in Athletics in Helsinki, and a silver medal in the 1984 Olympics. (In the 1988 Olympics in Seoul, Korea, she had to drop out of the women's marathon because of a bad knee.)

In 1978, Grete was invited to run in the New York City Marathon by race co-founder Fred Lebow, and in her first appearance she not only won but took a full two minutes off the women's world record. She won the race nine times between 1978 and 1988, and she broke the world record three years in a row.

After retirement, Grete still ran in and organized races, giving advice and information on distance running and health. She also did charity work, particularly for CARE International and the International Special Olympics.

In June, 2005, it was publicly known that she was undergoing treatment for cancer. She initiated co-operation between her old sponsor, Adidas, and the foundation she started in 2007, "*Aktiv mot kreft*" (Active against cancer). Five percent of the proceeds from Adidas' sale of their Grete Waitz and Modern Classics collections went to the cancer care foundation.

On November 23, 2008, Grete Waitz was appointed a Knight 1st Class of the Royal Norwegian Order of St. Olav, bestowed by King Harald V in recognition of her being an important role model.

In Norway she is a sporting legend. There is a statue of her outside the Bislett Stadium in Oslo, and another one in the Norway Pavilion at EPCOT Center in Florida.

Grete and her husband Jack lived in Norway, but also maintained a home in Gainesville, Florida. She is survived by Jack, and her brothers Jan and Arild. She was buried with honors, the sixth woman in Norwegian history to be given this honor.



Winning gold in 1983, in Helsinki, at the World Championship Marathon

COOKING CLASSES



Sharon Groeneveld, Judith Willison and Ellen Campbell



Janet Ruud, Janice Kelly and Judie Miller with sous chef Kaylee Hurlbut

Our last class for this year was held on Saturday, October 27th. Janice Kelly demonstrated Chicken Meatballs (Norwegian style) and Noodles; Janet Ruud made her mom's *Flatbrød*, assisted by her granddaughter, Kaylee, who was a big help! And Judie Miller baked *Bordstabelbakkels*. Yummmm! (If you don't know what some of these Norwegian items are – you should have come to the classes to find out!)

We three cooking class coordinators (Ellen Campbell, Sharon Groeneveld, and I) have a good time coming up with authentic Norwegian recipes! Then we ask for our wonderful volunteers to demonstrate at our three cooking classes in the fall, as well as the three we hold in the spring.

On October 9th, Ellen Campbell demonstrated *Fru Hagtvedt's erte-og byggrynssuppe*; Sharon Groeneveld demonstrated Jarlsberg and Thyme Onion Torte; and Gail Sawyer made Inger Saltonstall's *Mormor Chocolate Slices*. We all enjoyed a delicious lunch with lots of coffee too, of course!

On Thursday, October 18th, Marilyn Mahnke demonstrated Healthy Poached Salmon with dill sauce and red potatoes; Esther Van Noy made a *Salat* (Norwegian style), and Sarah Callow made *Gammeldags fruktkake*.



Marilyn shows off the beautiful Poached Salmon with Dill Sauce and Red Potatoes!



Esther Van Noy, Sarah Callow and Marilyn Mahnke

Tusen takk to all the Embla members who demonstrate each year and to all the people who attend the classes! As you know, we continue these to promote our heritage and also to remember the one who gave so much to these classes, Florence Buck!

By Judith Willison

CALENDARS - 2013 Norwegian and Swedish Collector Calendars

Hi Sisters!

We are again ordering calendars (Norwegian and Swedish) for a fund raiser for Embla for 2013. Can we count on you to buy one or two this year?

Everybody has calendars, but these are special and have beautiful pictures. The Norwegian one has Rosemaling by Karen Jenson. She has been painting since 1972, specializing in the transparent Telemark rosemaling style. The Swedish Calendar is done in Dala painting. Barbara Peterson was the artist for more than 20 years for the Paulstad Swedish calendar. Unfortunately she passed away last year in May, so Pieper Fleck Blomquist is the new artist and has been painting since 1993.



Please let me know if you wish to order either of these calendars (price \$11.00 ea.), so I can save them for you... (253-853-1568 or mjmahnke@centurytel.net.)

They make great Christmas presents, and you don't have to pay until delivery at the December meeting!!!

Tusen Takk!!!

By Marilyn Mahnke

2012 NORDIC FESTIVAL WRAPUP

WOW! What a day! If you didn't attend, you missed a great festival!

Tusen takk to all of the Embla volunteers, their family members, and friends who helped!

The planning committee all worked very hard to make this year's festival terrific! Please let them know how much you appreciate all of their efforts. The planning committee members were: Joan Anderson, Karen Bell, Kirsten Bell, Ellen Campbell, Chris Engstrom, Sharon Groeneveld, Delphine Johnson, Karen Kunkle, Marilyn Mahnke, Judie Miller, Diane Nelson, Janet Ruud, Melissa Severson-Hampton, Melody Stepp, Esther Van Noy, Julie Touchette, and Mardy Fairchild.

First question I've been asked is "How many attended?" We had almost 1,000 people come through the doors, plus vendors and workers.

Second question I get asked is "How much did we make?" That question is harder to answer since we still have outstanding bills that haven't been paid yet. However, since we counted money at the food, raffle, and admission tables every hour during the event, we should definitely be able to provide at least a preliminary revenue report by our November lodge meeting.



Advance preparations
Ellen Campbell making
Sandbakkelse



Chris Engstrom and Kirsten
Bell at the Embla craft table



Kaylee Hurlbut and
Toni Simpson at the
Greater Tacoma
Peace Prize table
(note busy vendors
in the background)



Sue Bentz,
Karen Lynn, and
Sharon
Groeneveld in
the kitchen



Candy Johnson and Annette Falk at
the food cashiers' table



Marilyn Carlson and Carol
Spencer selling tickets at
the entrance

HÅNDVERKERER

The Nordic Festival is now over and lots of crafts were sold! We are now looking forward to selling at other festivals. Some new items included the *Vimpeler* (flags/pennants) and *Nisser* (little

people), made by Mardy Fairchild; each one included a little book about *Nisser*. Marilyn Mahnke made **Bunad Doll Ornaments**, and we have ordered more **Norwegian Flag Shirts** - in case you need one. And **Dish Towels** are flying off the table faster than the ladies can embroider them!!! We have 100 new **Greeting Cards**, which depict Norwegian bunads and also Norwegian Fjord Horses - paintings by Sharon Aamodt of Nordic Folklore.



Our next meeting will be held at Chris Engstrom's home on November 15th. Stop by for the potluck lunch and bring your ideas for next year!

By Marilyn Mahnke

2012 NORDIC FESTIVAL WRAPUP

We already know we made over \$2,000 on our table space rental. Since we didn't have to pay for the use of Edgemont Jr. High School (thanks to a few of us who went to the Puyallup School Board meeting to plead our case), all we had to pay for was janitorial and kitchen staff help, which will be paid for out of the table space revenue. Both Connie (janitor) and Cindy (kitchen assistant) were extremely helpful, so we certainly got our money's worth! Both said they hope we hold our festival at Edgemont again next year.

We sold ALL of our lefse by 11:00 a.m. (we definitely need to make more next year). By the end of the festival all of the cookies and meatballs were also all gone. We had some soup left over which was sold in 32 oz. containers for \$5, so all we had left was gravy (lots of gravy).

Chris said she was "totally surprised at how well the craft table did" and pointed out that it is income we would NOT have if we did not do the event.

Prize drawing sales were poor. We only sold a few tickets in addition to what was included as part of admission. We need to do a better job of promoting ticket sales, so if you have a suggestion please let us know. One thing we should consider is having admission sales separate from prize drawing ticket sales and having the prize drawing tables closer to the entrance.

From what I've heard, vendor sales were moderate, but they said they enjoyed the festival and would like to come back next year.

Overall the feedback has been very positive and everyone seemed to enjoy the day very much!

By Mardy Fairchild



Eleanor Baker and Judie Miller selling raffle tickets

Grace Bredeson selling tickets



Vonnie Stone and Christina Wilcoxson selling home made craft items



The Leikkaring Dancers: Janice Kelly, Melody Stepp, Judith Willison, Sarah Callow, Mardy Fairchild, Trudy Sorenson, Joan Anderson, Judie Miller, Mary McGoran, and Diane Nelson

PAST PRESIDENTS

Carol Kemp hosted our Past Presidents Luncheon in the lovely Heritage Restaurant located at the Inn at Gig Harbor on Monday, October 8th. Carol brought delightful Halloween decorations (that may be seen on the table and buffet in the photograph), and each Past President received a gift of a black cat with an orange candle. A lovely time was had by all and we thanked Carol for treating us to such a special day.

Our next event will be the Christmas Lunch at C.I. Shenanigans on December 3 at 11:30. We will again have a gift exchange and look forward to this special time together.

By Judith Willison



Back: Karen Bell, Judith Willison, Janet Ruud, Mardy Fairchild, Marilyn Mahnke, Delphine Johnson
Front: Carol Kemp, Harriet Swieso, Esther Van Noy



September Meeting Notes



Our September meeting began with a wonderful potluck provided by all the members – 50 were in attendance. While we were eating, members signed up for the various items on display for our silent auction. After dinner we had a live auction, and Lisa Ottoson did a wonderful job as auctioneer. Some great items, such as a doll, sweater, and rosemaling, were auctioned off.

Our guests for the meeting were Carolyn Benson, who is a friend of Sarah Callow, Dorothy Thompson, mother of Julie Touchette and Theresa Jackson, friend of Dorothy and Julie. Sharon read a thank you note from Ellen Hinds, past Grand Lodge President, thanking us for her gift from Embla. President Karen Bell gave Elene Emerson a gift from the Grand Lodge, thanking her for her many years as Tubfrim Chair.

Secretary Sharon Groeneveld read a “Resolution of Sympathy” for departed members Marie Schultz and Joanne McDonald.

The main topic of business was the Nordic Festival, which will be held at Edgemont Junior High School in Edgewood on October 13. All members were encouraged to take the flyers and posters to hand out to family, friends and the community at large. We have 22 vendors signed up, food, entertainment and a drawing for prizes. The entertainment will be: Leikarring, Nordic Spirit, Normanna Men’s Chorus, and Erik Synder.

Vice President Mardy Fairchild thanked the September hostesses, Gerda Hunter, Grace Bredeson, Norma Borgford and Esther Van Noy, who did a great job on decorating the tables and cleanup.

Sunshine Chair Marilyn Mahnke reported that Vonnie Stone had surgery but is now doing well. Financial Secretary Joan Anderson said that six members paid their 2013 dues tonight. Congratulations to them and let’s see the rest of the membership get their dues in as soon as possible!

Marilyn Mahnke is selling 2013 Norwegian and Swedish calendars for \$11. Lucky Delphine Johnson won the drawing for \$22. Way to go Delphine!

FAMILY RENEWAL SHELTER

The Family Renewal Shelter deeply appreciates the items that we provide for them each month. We hope to have someone from the shelter come and say a few words at our November meeting.

In November we will be collecting non-perishable food for the shelter in anticipation of Thanksgiving.

For December we will again be buying gifts for individuals served by the shelter. Melody Stepp will again be decorating a tree with names of items they can use. Thank you, Melody! We have requested a price limit of \$25 for each gift.

By Joan Anderson

LEIKARRING

Eleven members of the Leikarring performed at the Nordic Festival on Saturday, October 13th. Those dancing were: Joan Anderson, Diane Nelson, Judie Miller, Mary McGoran, Trudy Sorensen, Mardy Fairchild, Judith Willison, Sarah Callow, Janice Kelly, Melody Stepp and Eleanor Baker.

We entered with the Norwegian Mountain March – dancers holding red, white and blue scarves, performed eight additional dances and ended with the Daughters of Norway Sister Song. We welcomed Sarah Callow as our newest member and after this performance, Eleanor Baker, who has been a faithful Leikarring member for many years, announced her retirement. We were missing our leader, Carol Voigt, who was on vacation, but Joan Anderson did an excellent job of organizing our dances. Also absent was Judy Earle, who was on her way to Hawaii that day.

Our annual Christmas dinner will be held on Monday, December 10th at C.I. Shenanigan’s at 4:30 p.m., where we all exchange small gifts and have a delightful evening.

By Judith Willison



October Meeting Notes



Our speaker for our **October 4** meeting was Cliff Magnussen, a member of Sons of Norway, who spoke on genealogy. He explained the Norwegian naming system, which is often based on the family farm or the father's name. He also told us that there were a lot of out of wedlock children from 1850 and on. Sometimes a couple would try to have a child before marriage to see if they could have children together. (!) The kids were needed to help on the farm.

The big event of the meeting was that the roster is ready and here! Thank you so much Marilyn Mahnke and Chris Engstrom for all your hard work.

Once more, the main topic of the evening was progress on the Nordic Festival. Chair Mardy Fairchild told about the bill for \$892 that the Puyallup School District sent us for the rent of Edgemont Jr. High, after we signed a contract saying it was rent-free. Mardy, Melody Stepp, Julie Touchette and Sharon Groeneveld went to the Puyallup School Board meeting and pleaded our case. Much to our delight the school board later cancelled the fee! Yeah!!! We had a lefse baking day and made 300 pieces of lefse and Saturday, Oct 6th, was our cookie baking day.

Esther Van Noy, Judie Miller and Vonnie Stone are members of the nominating committee for the 2013 slate of officers. We will need 3 new trustees, as Ann Martin has resigned and Mellissa Severson-Hampton has moved.

We talked about our December meeting and everyone wants to have a party. We agreed on a \$10 gift exchange. There will be a Giving Tree with the suggested gifts going to those at the Family Shelter. The gifts should be no more than \$25.

The hostesses for tonight were: Vonnie Stone, Christina Wilcoxson, Shirley Peterson, Elda Sulerud, Judie Miller and Mardy Fairchild. Thanks so much for lovely decorations and great food. Treasurer Chris Engstrom reported that we made \$552 from the live auction last month and \$210.50 from the silent auction.

Norwegian Cooking Classes will be Oct 9, 18 and 27 at the SCC. Mary McGoran won the drawing, which was for \$13. Congratulations Mary! Our **November meeting** will feature the sale of Scandinavian items by the members.

Sunshine Report

Gratulerer! Congratulations!

Manoah and Jason Butterfield have another girl. Tabitha Grace was born on September 7th weighing in at 10 pounds, and she was 20 inches long. Proud grandmother Danna Pettersen and great grandma Sandra Grondahl are Embla members. (Tabitha's great-great grandmother, Sigrid Grondahl, joined Embla on May1, 1975, and passed away on April 25, 2005, at the age of 106.)

God bedring! (Get well!)

Wishing the following members a speedy recovery as they are recuperating from surgery: Vonnie Stone, Mardy Fairchild, and Maren Johnson.

Kondolanser (Condolences)

Our sympathy goes out to Embla member Karen Hebert (and her mother Kalma Christianson) on the death of father and husband, "Pop" Alwin Christianson. Services were held at Grace Lutheran Church in Des Moines on October 23rd.

We also mourn the loss of our dear sister Charleen Barnes, who was born on August 3, 1927, and passed away on October 4th. She graduated from Seattle University with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Charleen had been a member of Embla since 1975. Her mother Lillian became a member in 1933. They were able to travel to visit family in Norway in their earlier years. Charleen was on the board of Embla as Secretary to Dena Iverson in 1999-2000. She loved music and enjoyed playing her piano. She also enjoyed writing poems and stories and was Embla's scribe for the "Døtre av Norge." Charleen would assist daughter Karen Kunkle with the final touch when Karen was scribe. I am sure many of you have attended our St. Hans Fest dinners in June. The centerpieces, which we have used many times, were made by Charleen to remind us of being on a beach in Norway with sand, boats, etc.

Condolences to Karen Kunkle and her family and friends.



Charleen Barnes and her decorations for St. Hans Fest

By Marilyn Mahnke

DUES TIME AGAIN! PAY NOW AND GET YOUR NAME IN A RAFFLE!

Your dues for 2013 are due on December 31, 2012. We are putting together a lovely basket for a drawing, open only to those who have paid their dues by that time. Please help us out from the extra work of having to contact you by getting your dues in on time.

VOLUNTEER CRAFT SELLERS NEEDED

There are several upcoming bazaars where Embla will have a booth selling our hand-crafted items. If you are able to help out at one or more of these events, please contact Chris Engstrom. (253-752-5361 or swedechris@msn.com).

Bellingham/Swedish Club, Nov. 3 - 4 (overnight)
Tacoma Lutheran Home, Nov. 16 -17

Whidbey Island, Nov. 10
Danish Sisterhood, Dec. 1 at PLU

BIT OF NORWAY 2012

Solveig Lodge #31 is hosting their annual Bit of Norway event on Saturday, November 17, from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. It will be at the same location as their lodge meetings: Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, South 168th and Ambaum Blvd. South, in Burien. The church is one block east of First Ave. South, and the bazaar is downstairs. There is plenty of parking, which is right next to the door.

This is always a fun event with lots of neat things to see (and buy!) and delicious baked goods. In the past they have had antique Norwegian items on display to teach us about our heritage, and they have had raffle drawings. This year there will be cooking demonstrations in addition to the bazaar items, bakery, and *kaffestue* (coffee shop). For more information contact Eleanor Baker (206-243-8020). Some of our Embla sisters are also members of Solveig Lodge. Let's get started on our Christmas shopping and support our sister lodge at the same time!

By Julie Touchette

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