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UPCOMING MEETINGS

LEIKARRING DANCERS TO PERFORM FOR INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS JANUARY 7, 2016

The January meeting will begin with a meal of Swedish meatballs, potatoes, salads, and dessert at 6pm.

Embla's own Leikarring dancers will be our entertainment, performing at 7pm, and we will begin our business meeting and installation of the 2016 officers at 7:45pm. This is a great time to wear your bunad or Norwegian sweater, and remember that guests are always welcome!

The service project items to bring in January, items we donate to the Family Renewal Shelter, are personal care products. Monetary donations are also always appreciated.

DOCUMENTARY FILM PRODUCER NANCY HALEY WILL BE OUR SPEAKER FEBRUARY 4, 2016

We are pleased to have Nancy Haley with us for our February program! Nancy will tell us the story of her "journey" with Thea Foss, Embla Lodge's first secretary and entrepreneur businesswoman who started the world-renowned company now known as Foss Maritime. Nancy co-produced (with Lucy Ostrander) an insightful and intriguing documentary about Thea in 2006 ("Finding Thea"), and in August of 2015, she attended the premiere of a Norwegian play about Thea ("Det andre landet" - "The Other Country") written by Kristin Lyhmann, which was presented in Skiptvet, Norway, Thea's birthplace.

Embla Lodge and Thea Foss Lodge #45 (Port Townsend) supported the production of the play by purchasing an advertisement in the play program. Nancy will "show and tell" us all about it, and will give us an update on the possible production of the play here in Tacoma!



Photo (l. to r.): Leslie Foss (descendent of Thea Foss), Nancy Haley, Kristin Lyhmann (playwright), and Ella Gyri Groven (Kristin's daughter) at the outdoor theater in Skiptvet, Norway.

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President's Message

I hope all of you had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We need to be thankful for all the blessings of the past year and not forget those that suffered tragedy, illness, or a loss of a loved one.

I had a wonderful relaxing time during my annual 3-week vacation on the big island of Hawaii. Unfortunately I did miss the November meeting and the election of the officers for 2016. I am very much looking forward to working with the newly-elected officers and to another great year with my Embla sisters.

Our annual Christmas party held on December 3rd was a huge success with record attendance of over 100 members, family, and friends. Again Embla members contributed a delicious array of food for our potluck. What a proud grandma I am to have my granddaughter, Brianna, from Billings, Montana, attend the party for a second year. Brianna calls it a "bunad" party. I am hoping we can make it a tradition as it is very special for her to be able to be part of the fun of our Norwegian heritage. Brianna's aunt made her bunad that matches my Sunnfjordsbunad. There were fun crafts for the children with the help of Suzy Johnston and her grandchildren, Blake and Morgan. We joined in singing around the Christmas tree and of course there was a visit from the Julenissen (thank you Mark and Lisa Ottoson) with each child receiving a gift.

Look for the pictures from the Christmas party featured in this issue of the Nyheter. MANGE TAKK to everyone who contributed to making this year's party a huge success. Keith from the Family Renewal Shelter spoke to us about the shelter and how much it means to have our support. Embla members were again very generous this Christmas by providing many gifts which hopefully gave a little Christmas cheer to those needing to seek protection at the shelter.

Our January 7 meeting is the installation of 2016 officers. We will have a meal at 6 pm, with our own Leikarring dancers performing at 7 pm, followed by a business meeting and installation. I hope to see you all there. This is a great opportunity for you to wear your bunad or Norwegian sweater.

Godt Nyttår og takk for det gamle. (Happy New Year and thanks for the old one.)

Sisterly, Diane



Diane and Brianna

Saami Event at PLU

If your Norwegian heritage includes being of Saami descent, you may want to join us out at the SCC on **February 6th** for the National Saami Day events. More information will be available at the January and February Embla meetings, or contact Lisa Ottoson or Janet Ruud.

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS!

The **Scandinavian Cultural Center** at Pacific Lutheran University is looking for docents. There are a couple of open spots for the SCC open hours (**September to May** only).

Are you a member of the SCC? Are you available to help out for one of the following shifts?

- 1st Tuesday of the month, 11am to 3pm
- 3rd Tuesday of the month, 11am to 3pm

Be the first to learn about exhibits and upcoming events at PLU. Meet with students and other visitors who share a love of Scandinavia.

By Lisa Ottoson

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Fun at the Christmas Party!



The Christmas tree



Nisse helper with Nissen, Manoah Butterfield holding Isabel Eloise, Brianna Nelson, Tabitha and Abigail Butterfield



Inquisitive...



The food table



Kids at the craft table



Dancing around the tree



Brianna and Emery Caroling?



A gift from Julenissen



Marilyn Mahnke with great granddaughters Mazie Isabel and Clara Minnie

Recap of the November Meeting

Mardy Fairchild, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the following state of candidates for office for the 2016 year: President - Diane Nelson, Vice President - Lisa Ottoson, Secretary - Carlene Garner, Treasurer - Chris Engstrom, Financial Secretary - Kari Stackpole, Cultural Director - Karen Bell, Marshal - Kirsten Bell, Inner Greeter - Suzy Johnston, Outer Greeter - Carol Else, and Three-Year Trustee - Joyce Taute. Janet Ruud moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for those candidates nominated for office. The motion was seconded and carried.

Janet Ruud reported that the play, "*Det Andre Landet*," about immigrant Thea Foss (first secretary of Embla Lodge) premiered in Norway in August and was taped. Janet was privileged to see the video as well as translate the play into English. Some local producers are interested in producing an English version in this area. Janet will keep Embla's members updated on this project.



Hostess for December: Lisa Ottoson, Julie Ann Hebert, Elene Emerson, Norma Borgford and Mardy Fairchild. Please note the beautiful rosemaled sleigh for the food centerpiece. Rosemaled by Julie Ann Hebert. This sleigh was donated to Bethlehem Lutheran Church for their Christmas raffle.



Julie Touchette (Marshal), Karen Bell, Judith Willison, Marilyn Mahnke, [Lisa Ottoson, Vice Pres., in the background], Esther Van Noy, Mardy Fairchild, Janet Ruud, and Kirsten Bell (Assistant Marshal)

During the meeting Vice President Ottoson recognized Embla's Past Presidents: Those present were: Janet Ruud, 1989 – 90; Esther Van Noy, 1995-96; Marilyn Mahnke, 2007–08; Judith Willison, 2009–10; Karen Bell, 2011–12; and Mardy Fairchild, 1997-98 and 2013–14. Each was presented with a red rose. Not present but acknowledged were: Dena Iverson, 1999–2000; Harriet Swieso, 2001-02; Carol Kemp, 2003–04; and Delphine Johnson, 2005–06. Vice President Ottoson thanked each of the Past Presidents for their service to Embla and to the Daughters of Norway.

Carlene Garner, Secretary

NORWEGIAN FILM: "HEADHUNTERS"

The Tacoma-Aalesund (Norway) Sister City Program will present the film "Headhunters" on Monday, February 8th, 2016, at 6:00 PM. There will be a Cultural Program at 6 PM, including a Silent Auction and Norwegian Singer Tora Hedges. The film "Headhunters" (2012, Action/Thriller, R) is the highest-grossing Norwegian film of all time and will begin at 7 PM. Aksel Hennie portrays the successful but insecure corporate recruiter Roger Brown, who lives a double life as an art thief to fund his lavish lifestyle. He finds out that one of his job prospects is in possession of a valuable painting and sets out to steal it.

Location: Wheelock Student Center - Rasmussen Rotunda, at the University of Puget Sound

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By Lisa Ottoson

HJERTELIG VELKOMMEN!

Please welcome the following new members to our lodge and add them to your membership directory!

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Kudos to Embla Member Sara Jean Swett - Gratulerer!

At the Mid-Year Commencement Exercise, University of Hawaii at Manoa, on Saturday, December 19, 2015, at 9:00 a.m., Sara Jean Swett, of University Place, Washington, received her Ph.D. in Nursing. Her dissertation was entitled "An Ethnographic Exploration of the Influences of Infant Feeding Decisions among First and Second Generation Mexican-American Mothers." Sara had earned her BSN in 1998, and her MSN 2003, at Pacific Lutheran University.

We congratulate Sara on this stellar achievement! Hipp hipp hurra!!



GRAND LODGE CONVENTION 2016!

There will be information forthcoming about the convention in San Francisco from July 22 – 24, 2016, including classes that will be offered and other planned activities in San Francisco. I want to remind you that is not too early to start planning and make airline and hotel reservations if you plan on attending. Friday, July 22, is cultural day with an evening welcome reception and a silent auction. Saturday, July 23, is business meetings, a luncheon, and optional outings to San Francisco. Sunday, July 24, will include more business meetings, luncheon, election of Grand Lodge Officers, and the evening banquet. Delegates are required to attend the business meetings, but are optional for others.

This is a great opportunity to take part in a wonderful convention and meet members from other Daughters of Norway lodges.

By Diane Nelson

SUNSHINE REPORT

Please keep the following people with health problems in your thoughts and prayers. We wish them all speedy recoveries.

Eleanor Baker had surgery in November to remove a kidney, due to severe problems she's had for several years. She wishes she had that done years ago... She is now recovering at Burien Rehab Center, 1021 SW 130th in Burien WA 98146-3132. Phone 206-242-3213 Room 3.

Karen Lynn was hospitalized in November for breathing problems. She is now home, but needs to get well enough to have hip surgery this spring.

Ines Ottoson had a severe ankle sprain in November and is now clomping around in a boot.

Norma Borgford was recently hospitalized for pneumonia and is recovering at the Tacoma Lutheran Retirement Home, 1301 N Highlands Pkwy, Tacoma WA 98406 Phone 253-752-7112 Room 702.

Elene Emerson was recently hospitalized for her heart, but is now back at home.

Gail Harris's husband Tom was recently hospitalized for pneumonia, and he has been diagnosed with lung cancer. He is now at home.

Diana Nelson continues to have various health problems.

Marilyn Mahnke was recently diagnosed with shingles.

Condolences:

Dorae Wilson, born in Tacoma on June 26, 1919, and Embla member from 1979 to 2008, passed away on November 23, 2015. Services were held at New Tacoma Cemetery. Dorae was the grandmother of Donita Zblewski and great-grandmother of Megan Jensen, both Embla members. A picture of Dorae and Donita at the Summer Luncheon was in the Sep./Oct. issue of the *Nyheter*.

Bergliot Hammerstrom was born in Tacoma on January 19, 1909, and passed away on November 25, 2015. She and her sister Frida Gerla became members of Embla on Oct. 7, 1976. Bergliot graduated from Lincoln High School in 1927 and went on into the nursing field.

John Sand, the son of Harriet Swieso and brother of Karen Bell, passed away on Dec. 7, 2015, at the age of 68 after a recurring illness from several years ago. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, January 9, 2016, at Resurrection Lutheran Church, 4301 Browns Point Blvd., Tacoma.

Grace Bredeson was born in Tacoma on August 19, 1927, and passed away on Dec. 10, 2015. She attended Lincoln High School, got married, and became a mother to six sons, which was a full time job. She joined Embla on March 4, 1999, and she was a Greeter from 2005 - 2008 and also worked on some craft projects. Her recent position was collecting and cutting the stamps that Embla gathers for the TUBFRIM organization. Services were held on Dec. 22, 2015, at Redeemer Lutheran Church.

Don Anderson, husband of Elaine Anderson and father of Christine Anderson, passed away on December 24, 2015, due to a short illness. Don and Elaine celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary this past year. Don was an active member of Sons of Norway for many years. He loved licorice, which he purchased from our Embla craft table when he brought Elaine to the meetings. Services were held at Emmanuel Lutheran Church on Jan. 2, 2016.

Marilyn Carlson's brother Woody (Elwood) Gulsvig passed on November 19, 2015, in Oaks, N.D.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to our members and their families for their loss.

By Marilyn Mahnke



BIRTHDAYS AND A SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY

We wish the following members *GRATULERER MED DAGEN!*

January

- 1 - Elaine Anderson
- 3 - Esther Oliver
- 10 - Kirsten Roberts and Donita Zblewski
- 12 - Lynn Stallcup
- 19 - Christine Beasley
- 20 - Dena Iverson
- 27 - Lynn Coleman and Barbara Kirkwood

February

- 4 - Gerda Hunter
- 7 - Chris Engstrom
- 8 - Verle Congdon
- 14 - Lorraine Brese
- 23 - Marylu Wallerich
- 25 - Nancy Lopez
- 26 - Mariann Ward-Miller
- 28 - Melissa Rude
- 29 - Sarah Callow

MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARY

We also wish member **Delphine Johnson** "Happy 20th Anniversary of Membership!"
Delphine joined Embla on Feb. 8, 1996.

By Marilyn Mahnke

Håndverkerer (Craft Group)

Håndverkerer Group will meet at Chris Engstrom's home on January 21 and February 18 for a potluck at noon. If you have a new idea for a craft, please come and show and tell...

Thank you all for making crafts to sell at our meetings and all the festivals that Chris and her assistants especially attended in November and December! We now look forward to the Norwegian Heritage Festival, which will be held on April 30th at PLU...

Tusen takk to Chris Engstrom and Sharon Groeneveld for hosting the monthly meetings in 2015!!!

By Marilyn Mahnke

Embla Rosemaling Christmas Luncheon at Watson's Nursery



Front: Marilyn Mahnke, Sarah Callow, Pat Bergford, Mary Findlay and Julie Ann Hebert Back: Judie Miller, Gail Harris, Carol Voigt and Mardy Fairchild



Sarah and Julie Ann

Marilyn and Judie

Looking for Rudolph....does that one have a red nose?
These reindeer are on display at Watson's Nursery.

Table decorations at the Christmas Party!



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