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Newly Installed Embla Officers for 2015



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Seated: Chris Engstrom -Treasurer; Lisa Ottoson -Vice president; Diane Nelson - President; Mardy Fairchild - Judge; and Elda Sulerud - Musician

Standing: Julie Touchette - Marshal; Sarah Callow - Head Trustee; Suzy Johnston - Inner Greeter; Karen Bell - Cultural Director; Sharon Groeneveld - Three-Year Trustee; Carolyn Benson - Two-Year Trustee; Kari Stackpole - Financial Secretary; Nadine Lewtas - Outer Greeter; Kirsten Bell - Assistant Marshal; and Carlene Garner - Secretary

UPCOMING PROGRAMS! Don't miss!

March 5

Cindy Bentson, a new Embla member who is also a cook, will give an interactive and humorous presentation about Norwegian and Scandinavian cooking.

April 9

Don't miss the "krumkake bakeoff"! There will be several entries, which we will get to taste. After the tasting will come the voting (silent), and the winner will be announced at the end of the evening. Simultaneously, Julie Hebert will have some beautiful rosemaling for us to see, Sharon Groeneveld will bring a couple of her exquisite quilts, and Joan Anderson will show a couple of her amazing petit point pieces. We will also get a look at the Embla scrapbooks, wondrously crafted by Sue Bentz, and Esther Van Noy's wonderful slide show of antique Norwegian postcards will be running in the background.

NOTICE:

Please make a note in your calendar!

Embla's April meeting will be held on the second Thursday, April 9, instead of April 2.

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President's Message

[Following is the speech given by new President Diane Nelson at the Installation of Officers on January 8.]

I am honored to be standing here this evening as the newly elected President of Daughters of Norway, Embla #2. In the last few weeks I have pondered how this came to be. I had heard about Embla through conversations with relatives but really never thought about becoming a member. Embla member Delphine Johnson was very persistent in encouraging me to join, so I did join in 2006, and I still remember the first meeting I attended at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. I did not know anyone besides Delphine who was President at the time. I was very warmly greeted and it was the beginning of a chapter in my life that would bring wonderful rewards. I jumped right in and attended a cookie baking day for the Norwegian Heritage Festival that was the last Saturday of April 2006. That day I learned how to make *krumkake* and other Norwegian cookies, and that day was the beginning of many wonderful friendships. I was elected to serve as Marshal of Embla in 2007. I served as Marshal for 6 years until I was elected Vice President in 2013. I really believe the reason I am here today is because I did get involved and as a result built very strong friendships. Now I continue to be a very active member of Embla #2 because of the wonderful women in this great organization that are such a big part of my life. I really encourage everyone to be as involved as you can be.



Diane Nelson
President of Embla #2 for 2015-2016



**Diane and Installing Marshal
Judy Willison**

Now a little bit about my Norwegian and Swedish heritage that is very important to me. My father, Arthur Indrebo, was from Førde, a small town north of Bergen in Sunnfjord. There were 12 siblings in his family and the four oldest brothers ventured to America. My paternal grandmother, Oleana Ness, was from Naustdal. My father came to America in 1926 at the age of 16. As a child I spent a lot of time with my father's brothers, cousins, aunts and uncles who also had emigrated from Norway. I currently have one living uncle and over 30 first cousins in Norway. My mother, Ingrid Johansson (Johnson) Indrebo, was a Swedish-Finn born in Töjby, Finland, which is a Swedish community near Korsnäs. Her father, Herman, had purchased land in Edgewood

WA in 1918 and was joined by his wife, Maria, my mother, Ingrid, and my uncle, Alvar in 1922.

I look forward to serving in 2015 as your president and working with all of you as valued members of Embla #2. We have much to accomplish to preserve and promote our heritage. There is a lot of work to be done but at the same time I sincerely want us to build strong friendships as "Sisters" and have much fun with lots of laughter. I will do my best to fulfill the duties of the office of President. Thank you so much for this opportunity.



**The escort team:
Janet Ruud and Trudy Sorenson**

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A SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM DIANE NELSON

I want to thank everyone who helped make the Installation of Officers special!

Installing Officer: Mardy Fairchild

Installing Marshal: Judith Willison

Escort Team: Janet Ruud and Trudy Sorenson

Piano Accompanists: Maren Johnson and Elda Sulerud

Photographer: Marilyn Mahnke

Potluck food: Esther Van Noy, Judith Willison, Janet Ruud, Karen Bell, Marilyn Mahnke, Harriet Swieso, Christine Anderson (who provided the cake for Elaine Anderson's 90th Birthday), my cousins Ken and Terry Johnson (who helped with the pork and potatoes).

Set-up/clean up/Decorations: Gerda Hunter, Mary McGoran, Candace Brown, Barbara Erickson, Joan Anderson, Lisa Ottoson.



Judy Willison, Diane Nelson and Esther Van Noy



Rachel Nesvig playing the Hardanger fiddle



The Hardanger fiddle

The wonderful entertainment on Hardanger Fiddles provided by: My cousin Roger Indrebo, and fiddle player Rachel Nesvig

Visitors and guests
My family: Lindy Nelson, Stan Sulkosky, Nick

Sulkosky, Ken and Terry Johnson, Roger and Rita Indrebo, Marian Athow, Katie Athow, Greg Brown, and Judy Nelson.

Other Guests: Dave Lamberson, Joann Thomas, Lisa Stensgard, Penny Howard, Barbara Williams.

Grand Lodge Officers in attendance: Donita Zblewski and Chris Engstrom.



Elaine Anderson celebrated her 90th birthday at the January meeting

DON'T FORGET!

- 1 - Save your used stamps for TUBFRIM and give to Grace Bredeson.
- 2 - If you are working with *rømmegrøt* or *smørbrød* (open-faced sandwiches) at the upcoming Norwegian Heritage Festival on April 27, you must have a food handler's card. There are three ways to complete the training and test: Online at www.foodworkercard.wa.gov, at a health department computer kiosk, or at a health department in-person class and test. Cost is \$10.
- 3 - Change your clocks the evening of March 7th - Spring ahead!!!

By Marilyn Mahnke



Norwegian Heritage Festival Kick-Off Meeting



Diane Nelson, Marilyn Mahnke, Christine Beasley, and Julie Touchette attended the 2015 Norwegian Heritage Festival kick-off meeting on Thursday, February 19, at Pacific Lutheran University. This is the 39th year of the festival, which is a joint effort by the Daughters of Norway (Embla Lodge #2), Sons of Norway (Norden Lodge #2), and Nordlandslaget (Nordlyset Lodge).

Elisabeth Ward, director of PLU's Scandinavian Cultural Center, joined us. She accepted the offer for the SCC to become one of the partners in planning and putting on this yearly festival, and the SCC may lead the planning of next year's festival.

Thursday night's meeting attendees divided up the tasks for planning and carrying out the festival. Embla will need members to volunteer at this fun event, so please sign up to help out on a committee. We will need cookie bakers and sellers, sandwich and *rømmegrøt* makers and sellers, helpers at Embla's craft table, raffle ticket sellers, table bussers, floaters to sit in vendors' booths when they need a break, set up and tear down, etc. There will be sign-up sheets at our March lodge meeting. The community enjoys this event, and we hope that each of you will donate an hour or more of your time to help out with this year's Norwegian Heritage Festival.

By Julie Touchette

2016 Convention Info!

The following was just received from your 2016 Convention Hosts, Sigrid Undset Lodge #32, Palo Alto, California, and Anne Grimdalen #34, Cupertino, California!

Please note the DATES!

Convention Theme: Golden Gateway to Our Heritage

Location: Marriott San Francisco Airport Waterfront Hotel, Burlingame, CA

Key Dates and Schedule:

Thursday July 21 - Grand Lodge Board Meeting/Delegate Arrivals

Friday July 22 - Cultural Day/Boutique/Reception

Saturday July 23 - Day 1 Grand Lodge Business Meeting

Sunday July 24 - Day 2 Grand Lodge Business Meeting and Banquet

Monday July 25 - Departure

Plenty of time available before or after the convention for wonderful California adventures: Golden Gate Park; Chocolate Tours; Fisherman's Wharf; Wine Tasting; Museums; Historical Sites; Monterey Bay Aquarium; Coastal Sightseeing; Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk; Upscale/Outlet Shopping; Sporting/Outdoor Activities

Registration Begins January 2016 or earlier. Instructions will be provided in advance.

Questions via email:

dofnconv16@gmail.com

Begin to inform your Lodge Sisters about the San Francisco 2016 Convention plans!

2016 Convention Committee



Mystery Solved

In the last issue of the Nyheter, we published a photo of the adorable children who attended our Embla *Juletrefest* (Christmas party), but one name was missing! She has been identified. The darling child with no name is **Elisabeth Sargin**, the daughter of member Karen Sargin, who emailed us immediately to let us know. She said, "We had a great time at the Julefest!" *Tusen takk*, Karen! We hope we get to see you and Elisabeth at more Embla meetings and events. ...Ed.



Sunshine Report

Caring thoughts go to the following people:

- Janice Kelly** has broken a bone in her foot and is in a "boot". She misses going out to work in her garden!
- Judith Earle** has leukemia and is in remission and is feeling much better while continuing her therapy. She sends thanks to everyone for their support.
- Marta Berg** is now living at Laurel House at Narrows Glen.
- Joanne Mansfield** and her husband, C.G. Gales, as he has been diagnosed with cancer.

Sincere Sympathy to the families of the following Embla sisters:

June Radich passed away on December 27, 2014. She was born in Tacoma on July 13, 1917. Both of her parents were from Norway. She graduated from Lincoln High School and worked at the State Capitol, a doctor's office and Tacoma Housing Authority. June was initiated into Embla on 11/2/1933 at the age of 16. She was a Trustee in 1989-1990. She enjoyed coming to the meetings with her cousin Angie Sievertson. Many times she was awarded the "Longest Years of Membership" at the Summer Luncheon, and last year at convention she was recognized as "The longest living DON member"- she had been a member for 81 years.



June Radich was one of five members honored in February at the Memorial Service for those who passed in 2014.



Bernice Rohrs passed away in Tacoma on February 17, 2015. She was born in Los Angeles on August 10, 1923. She graduated from Lincoln High and Pacific Lutheran College. She was an elementary school teacher for Tacoma Public Schools for many years. Bernice was initiated into Embla on March 6, 1980, and she served as President of Embla for the years 1991-92. Bernice's family dropped her membership in Embla when she was moved to Franke Tobey Jones a few years ago.

Our thoughts and prayers to all of our sisters.

By Marilyn Mahnke

Recap of January and February Business Meetings

Embla's January meeting featured the installation of the 2015 Officers. During her installation address, Diane Nelson, newly installed President, expressed her gratitude to members and her eagerness to work towards a successful administration.

The February meeting featured a wonderful travelogue from Embla Sister Erika Michal who presented the after dinner program on her trip to Norway and visiting the Vesterheim Museum. Erika showed photos of the many highlights of her trip.

During the business meeting, President Nelson assisted by Cultural Director Karen Bell, conducted a memorial service for those members who died during the 2014 Lodge year. Remembered were: June Radich, Esther Carlson, Sigrid Sowell, Helen Garner and Pat Koessler.

By Carlene Garner, Secretary

February Hostesses

A beautiful spread of sandwiches, salads, and desserts and lovely table decorations were provided at the February meeting. February hostesses (pictures right) were: Rae Ann Catron,, Jeanne Medley, Judie Miller, Mardy Fairchild and Gail Harris.



January hostesses were: Gerda Hunter, Mary McGoran, Candace Brown, Barbara Erickson, Joan Anderson, and Lisa Ottoson. [no photo available]

The Priceless Chair

Gail Harris bought a wooden chair at a garage sale for 50 cents. She found printing on it that said "Made in Poland" and "Patented Sept 22 - 14". She brought it to rosemaling class where she and Julie Ann Hebert looked it over carefully and found it to be in very good condition.

Then Gail looked through patterns and found one in the Telemark style that could be altered to fit both the back and the seat of the chair. She used warm colors: yellow, green, red, orange and brown to paint the design. The finished chair looks beautiful! Gail is not going to use the chair as just a decorative item. She is going to let people sit on it!

After spending 50 cents on a wooden chair, Gail now has a chair that's probably worth about a million bucks!

By Sarah Callow

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Add the following names to your Embla directory, and be sure to greet them at our meetings!

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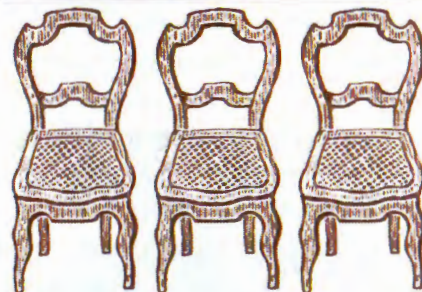
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PAST PRESIDENTS CLUB

We always have a lovely time at our meetings. Judy Willison gave each past president one of these cute acorn Nisse figurines at our February get-together.

Tusen takk, Judy! By Janet Ruud



Håndverkerer (Craft Group)

Cindy Bentson, one of our newest members has been coming to the *Håndverkerer* meeting. One of her talents is knitting, and now we have some doggie sweaters. Janice Kelly will be putting the final finishes on them.

Check out the craft table in March. All of our crafters are working on items for the Norwegian Heritage Festival (NHF) to held April 27. If you have any Norwegian crafts that you would like to donate, please check with Chris Engstrom. The Rosemalers will also have some new items.

Thank you Chris for hosting the January/February get-together. Sharon Groeneveld will be the host in March. *Tusen takk* to all the crafters for their contributions to *Håndverkerer*.

By Marilyn Mahnke

Help Wanted! Norwegian Heritage Festival

Volunteer Opportunities are abundant for the Norwegian Heritage Festival to be held on Saturday, April 25, 2015 from 11am to 3pm at Pacific Lutheran University Scandinavian Cultural Center. We cannot put this event on without all of you. The following volunteers are needed:

Bake cookies on Cookie Baking Day from 9 am to 4 pm on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at the PLU Scandinavian Cultural Center **and/or bake Scandinavian cookies at home** to be sold at the festival. Bring them to PLU Scandinavian Center on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 from 9am to noon. Contact Sharon Groeneveld at 253-864-3041 or sharongroe@msn.com to sign up or for more information.

Make sandwiches at PLU at 8:30 am on Saturday, April 25, 2015. Contact Esther Van Noy at 253-537-2938 or eovannoy@juno.com to sign up or for more information.

Sell cookies, sandwiches or rømmegrøt on the day of the festival, April 25, 2015. Contact Diane Nelson at 253-891-7147 or dlnelson25@comcast.net for more information and to sign up.

Work at Embla's craft table on the day of the festival.

Contact Chris Engstrom 253-752-5361 or swedechris@msn.com to sign up.

Sell raffle tickets on the day of the festival. Contact Diane Nelson at 253-891- 7147 or dlnelson25@comcast.net.

Set up crew on Saturday, April 25, 2015 from 9 am – 11 am at PLU. Contact Diane Nelson at 253-891- 7147 or dlnelson25@comcast.net.

Take down crew on Saturday, April 25, 2015 from 3pm – 5 pm at PLU. Contact Diane Nelson at 253-891- 7147 or dlnelson25@comcast.net. By Diane Nelson

A Question...

... from the 2016 D of N (San Francisco) Convention Committee

Convention planners want to know: **What kind of excursion or field trip** would you be interested in, or what would you like to recommend, for San Francisco 2016? The usual San Francisco doings? Fisherman's Wharf? Sausalito? Or would you just like to be bused to the city center and have time on your own?

You can send your recommendation to us, your *Nyheter* editors, by email (ruudi1norw@aol.com and secallow@comcast.net) or snail mail (534 Forrest Park Dr., Fircrest WA 98466), and we will forward your answers to San Francisco.

So put on your thinking caps and send us some ideas!
Sarah and Janet

GREATER TACOMA PEACE PRIZE

Did you know that anyone can make a nomination for the Greater Tacoma Peace Prize?

GTPP LAUREATES 2014

Ms. Dawn Lucien
and
Adm. Eric Olson

2013

Ms. Sallie Shawl

2012

Fr. Bill Bichsel, S.J.

2011

Dr. Donald Mott

2010

Ms. Kim Ebert-
Colella

2009

Rev. David Alger

2008

Mr. David Corner

2007

Rev. Ron Vignec

2006

CRI - Conflict
Resolution,
Research and
Resource Institute

2005

Mr. George F.
Russell, Jr.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

FOR THE 11TH ANNUAL
GREATER TACOMA PEACE PRIZE



Any person or organization may nominate.

The nominee must have an affiliation with the Greater Tacoma area and must have contributed to local, national, or world peace efforts. The recipient will be announced in April.

Deadline for Nominations:

March 31, 2015

Further information and a nomination form can be found at the GTPP website.

www.tacomapeaceprize.org

Phone: 253-752-8450

E-mail: info@tacomapeaceprize.org

Endorsed by the Pierce County Council and
Tacoma City Council

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Twelve members of our dance group attended our dinner and gift exchange held last year on December 8. A fun time was had by all as we exchanged gifts and enjoyed our time together.

We have been asked to dance at Norway Day in Lacey on April 18 and Norwegian Heritage Festival at PLU on April 25. We all enjoy performing our Norwegian dances!

By Judith Willison



Spring Cooking Classes Coming Soon

Committee members Ellen Campbell and Sharon Groeneveld came to Judy Willison's house for lunch and a cooking class meeting February 9. We tried out new recipes – Lemon baked Cod, Mashed Potatoes with Jarlsberg Cheese, and a chocolate cake recipe taken from our new member Cindy Benson's cookbook, "Smörgåsbord". (Co-authors are Nancy Wrutz and Joyce Ringeisen.) Cindy has also agreed to demonstrate her Norwegian recipe at our March 10 class. Soozie Palmer also helped us sample and select our recipes.

The cooking classes are held at the Scandinavian Center at PLU and the upcoming Spring 2015 dates are: Tuesday, March 10; Monday, March 16; and Saturday, March 28. Parking passes are available at our Embla meetings and by emailing Judy at jwillison@comcast.net.

If you are interested in demonstrating one of the recipes we have chosen, or you have a Norwegian recipe you would like to demonstrate, please contact Judy.
By Judith Willison



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