



# EMBLA NYHETER

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## FUN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

Volunteer Opportunities are abundant for the **Nordic Heritage Festival** to be held on Saturday, October 12, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Edgemont Junior High School in Edgewood, Washington. Volunteers can be family members and friends of Embla members. *We cannot put this event on without all of you.*

The following volunteers are needed:

### BAKING CREW

Bake lefse from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sat., Aug. 31, and Mon., Sep. 23, at the PLU Scandinavian Cultural Center.

Cookie baking day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, October 7, at the PLU Scandinavian Cultural Center.

*Bake Scandinavian cookies at home* to be sold at the Nordic Festival and bring them to the Embla October 3 meeting or to the PLU Scandinavian Center on Monday, October 7 at 9 a.m.

Sell cookies, lefse and bread. Shifts available are 10 a.m. to 12 noon, 12 noon to 2 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Contact Sharon Groeneveld at 253-864-3041 or [sharongroene@msn.com](mailto:sharongroene@msn.com) for more information and to sign up.



### SET UP / TAKE DOWN CREW

Set up crew on Friday, October 11 from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Take down crew on Saturday from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Parking lot attendants from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Elevator attendants (can be seated). Shifts available are 10 a.m. to 12 noon, 12 noon to 2 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Contact Diane Nelson at 253 891 7147 or [dlnelson25@comcast.net](mailto:dlnelson25@comcast.net) for more information and to sign up.

### SERVING CREW

Food servers. Shifts available are 10 a.m. to 12 noon, 12 noon to 2 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Contact Karen Bell at 253-302-5110 or [kbellsteilacoom@yahoo.com](mailto:kbellsteilacoom@yahoo.com) for more information and to sign up.



### CAFETERIA CREW

Clean-up and re-stock crew. Shifts available are 10 a.m. to 12 noon, 12 noon to 2 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Contact Laurie Rice at 253-514-0298 or [800lauriel@gmail.com](mailto:800lauriel@gmail.com) for more information or to sign up.



By Diane Nelson

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I can't believe this summer! Crazy weather all over the country, heat waves, dust storms, tornadoes, and wild fires! Are we really looking at the effects of "global warming"? It sure makes you wonder what is causing all of the extreme weather. And then there's us – here in the Pacific Northwest. We must be the envy of every other state in the Union! We have had warm days but certainly no heat wave; in fact we haven't even had that many days over 80°. We certainly haven't experienced violent storms, flooding, tornadoes, wildfires, or earthquakes (well maybe I shouldn't even mention that possibility). All-in-all, I think Western Washington has great summers!

Okay, enough about the weather – let's talk about fun stuff. Many of our Embla sisters have been traveling this summer; in fact, we had a few members who recently traveled to Norway, Sweden, Denmark, and Iceland, and still another flew to France. Other sisters spend endless days at the beach or camping in the mountains. Did you go anywhere special? About the farthest I went this summer was to Renton (a trip to IKEA). As hard as I tried, I just couldn't find a single person willing to squeeze me into their suitcase, so I spent my summer at home.

That's not to say I didn't enjoy my summer, because I did! I spent time with my teenage grandchildren (not easy at ages 15, 18, and 19), spent time with my sisters, and even spent time with my son and daughter (who are harder to pin down than the grandkids). I also spent lots of time with good friends!

Although we don't have lodge meetings in July and August there was still lots of Embla business to keep me busy this summer, not to mention our annual Summer Luncheon.

Speaking of the Summer Luncheon, it was fantastic! If you didn't get a chance to attend you missed a great afternoon. Many of you already knew our guest speaker, Linda Nyland, who manages the Scandinavian Shop at Garfield Book Company. Linda presented a very informative program on Felting. Using a variety of wool fabrics to get different effects, she demonstrated how to felt an eye glass/cell phone case and a tote bag. She also brought some adorable felted animals, other bags, and a very special Nisse to show us some of wonderful things you can create out of felted wool. I had purchased some wool sweaters from the Goodwill about two years ago with idea of doing some felting, but I had no idea how to make anything once the wool was prepared. After watching Linda's demonstration, I'm ready to get started!

We had a wonderful turnout on a lovely afternoon for the Luncheon. We reconnected with our lodge sisters, met friends and family, and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. No one could come close to beating Arleigh Virgil, who took home the prize for "oldest member." Grace Bredeson, even though she missed the luncheon due to the sudden death of her son, won top prize for "most family members present." Sue Bentz' sister came all the way from Virginia, so she won a gift for the "farthest traveled." We also had several members who had birthdays on or around July 27<sup>th</sup> so each of them received a little gift and then we all sang a round of Happy Birthday. Several women also won glass pedestal cake plate door prizes (made by me). Nobody went home empty-handed though, because everyone in attendance took home a painted picture frame, made by Marilyn Mahnke, which featured one of Esther Van Noy's old Norwegian postcards.

A special *TUSEN TAKK* to our members who helped me with this year's Summer Luncheon – Marilyn Mahnke, Diane Nelson, Janet Ruud, Lisa Ottoson, Maren Johnson, Elda Sulerud, Judie Miller, Karen Kunkle, and Esther Van Noy.

Before long it will be time for our September meeting. You won't want to miss out on the potluck and auctions we always have at our first meeting in the fall. So, look through all of those cookbooks for a yummy dish to share and don't forget to search those closets, nooks, and crannies for some treasures to bring for the auction!

Last, but not least – don't forget to mark your calendars for Saturday, October 12, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Nordic Festival held at Edgemont Junior High in Edgewood. The committee has been hard at work organizing food, vendors, entertainment, and prize drawings. This year's festival will be better than ever! You won't want to miss it! (See volunteer opportunities on page 1.)

See you all Thursday, September 5, at our Lodge meeting!

Sisterly, Mardy Fairchild

# Photo Gallery from the Summer Luncheon



Linda Nyland and a felt nisse



Karen Kunkle and her nieces



Delphine Johnson and family



Arleigh Virgil  
oldest Embla  
member at the  
luncheon  
being given a  
gift by Judie  
Miller



Grace Bredeson's family-most members  
present from one family



Harriet Swieso and family

# ***KAFFE OG SAMTALE GRUPPE***

ANNOUNCING a new Embla group, *Kaffe og Samtale Gruppe* (literally - Coffee and Conversation Sisters). Torun Parker and Kari Stackpole are the leaders of a new Embla group consisting of women who are interested in speaking / learning / listening to conversational Norwegian. The first get-together will take place on **Wednesday, October 16, at 2 p.m. at Kari's home** in North Tacoma (1807 N. Bennett). The time is set for 2:00 so that those of you who attend the Cooking Class that morning will also be able to come to the language group. At this first meeting the group will discuss a regular day/time for the meetings.

Members at all levels of Norwegian language skills are welcome to attend. All will learn and practice together! Several members have already indicated their interest in this group. If you would like to join them, please contact Kari (253-627-7806 or [Polstacker@aol.com](mailto:Polstacker@aol.com)) or Torun (253-759-7830 or [tsparke@aol.com](mailto:tsparke@aol.com)).

*Velkommen til kaffe!*

By Torun Parker

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## **EMBLA SOCIAL CLUB**

I actually started on this idea a while ago and just did not keep up on it. The idea would be to collect names of members – and their friends – who would like to go somewhere! It is more fun to go with a group. Once we get at least four members committed to doing a particular activity, we could actually do it. It would all be “dutch treat.”

**Out to lunch / day trips** – we would need suggestions of places for lunch or day trips. We could maybe plan on the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month OR we could just settle on mutually convenient dates.

**Every other month overnights** – we’d need suggestions for destinations. We could pick a certain weekend OR settle on mutually convenient dates.

Special Interests might include quilting, antiques, attractions (i.e. Pike Place Market, Aquarium, etc.), anything Nordic, ethnic dining, birding, gardening...

Let me know your ideas ([swedechris@msn.com](mailto:swedechris@msn.com) OR 253-752-5361).

By Chris Engstrom

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## **SLEKTSFORSKNING KLUBB (FAMILY RESEARCH GROUP)**

In April of this year, a group of women met for the first time to share information and stories about their Norwegian ancestry. Organized by Melody Stepp, this group has met monthly at the Garfield Book Store. An August meeting was suspended, but we will resume the second Thursday of September from 3 - 4:30 PM.

Members of the group are mainly Daughters of Norway, but there is representation from the Scandinavian Cultural Center and Sons of Norway as well. Ladies bring laptops (Melody has Ancestry.com on hers), iPads, books, maps, genealogy charts, pictures and lots of enthusiasm.

If the group grows, we might find a new location - perhaps the Scandinavian Cultural Center.

If you like to talk about your ancestry; if you're interested in learning more and how to go about it, please join us for a happy afternoon.

By Clarene Johnson

# RECREATING HISTORY

My grandmother immigrated to the US at the age of 30 with my grandfather and my dad, age 2, in 1914. She passed away at age 51 in 1935, and growing up I

knew only that she had died young. I did not want to make my grandpa, dad or aunt feel bad, so I never asked any questions about her – but deep inside I always wondered about her and what it looked like where she came from and what family she left behind.

I went with Well Traveled Tours (Mike and Sarah Callow) to Sweden this summer and besides all the sightseeing and wonderful time the 15 of us had on the tour, while THEY were all visiting Norway, my youngest son, Steven, joined me and we spent a week seeing more sights and relatives in Sweden.

I already knew my dad's dad's relatives, having visited them during my 1989 trip, but now they are older and there are more of them – we are on to 4<sup>th</sup> cousins now. Steven was able to meet and visit with four generations AND see the home that my dad, Steve's grandfather, was born in.



Chris and her "new" cousin Stina

Then we were on to Falun to meet my newly found second cousin, Stina, whom I just learned about this year through research on Ancestry.com. I just simply WROTE to the church in Transtrand, and the secretary there knew of two men - Soren, who knows about every piece of land and water around Transtrand and who ever owned it and who owns it now; and Tore, who knows everybody who is related to anybody.

Stina graciously invited Steven and me to a delicious dinner of white potatoes, pork tenderloin, salad and homemade cookies. I showed her pictures from my grandfather's album, to see if she knew who anyone in the pictures was, and she said "That's my mother and that's my grandfather!" and brought me the exact same two pictures that were hanging on her living room wall.

The next date was with Soren and Tore. They took me to the exact spot where my grandmother's house was and there is still a partial barn – BUT it IS a building that was standing when my grandmother was born. They also showed me a house she lived in when she was about ten. Tore gave me information about my grandmother's parents and siblings.



Remains of the family barn



I now know a "little" history about my grandmother and that when she immigrated, she left her mother, older brother and two half-brothers in Sweden whom she would have been "writing home to". I even found out that her mother, my great-grandmother, was still alive when I was born!!

You have no idea how much I appreciate even knowing these few things about my Swedish grandmother and hope to encourage you to pursue your Scandinavian/Nordic roots!!!

By Chris Engstrom



Chris relaxing in Tällberg during midsummer



Local citizens seen in national dress during Midsummer in Leksand, Sweden





# SUNSHINE REPORT



Some members went travelling this summer:

Three members had the opportunity to go to Denmark, Sweden, Norway, and Iceland together in search of their roots...Sarah Callow, Chris Engstrom and Marilyn Mahnke. Jeanette Wiggins was in Sweden and Norway, and Judy Earle was in Norway for May 17th as well as Gail Sawyer. Janet Ruud was in Cape Cod and surrounding area. Marilyn Carlson was in Minnesota for a family reunion. Julie Ann Hebert was in France and Wisconsin. Tina Riffle was in Texas and Ellen Campbell was over in Viet Nam. As you are reading your NYHETER, our editor Janet Ruud will be on the Daughters of Norway Cruise in Norway.

Congratulations!

Joan Anderson and her husband Doug celebrated their 50th anniversary in June.

Sickness, Surgeries and Memorials:

Elda Sulerud had open heart surgery and is doing well. She now lives at Kings Manor Senior Living Community.

Pat Koessler was at the Tacoma Lutheran Home.

Carol Voigt had some medical issues including a few days stay in the hospital because of electrolyte imbalance. She is now recovering at home, as she wants to get ready for a cruise.

Elene Emerson fractured her hip and had a short stay in the hospital and at the Lutheran Home. She was able to come to be with her husband Ralph in his last days. A memorial service for him was held on July 20th.

Grace Bredeson's son Tom passed away and a memorial service was held on August 10th.

Annette Falk's and Mardy Fairchild's brothers-in-law passed away this summer.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all our Embla Sisters and their families during their healing times.

By Marilyn Mahnke

## COOKING CLASSES

Here's a photo of your Embla cooking class team meeting for lunch and selecting recipes for our upcoming classes at the Scandinavian Cultural Center at PLU. The Fall 2013 classes and the recipes are listed below. We need volunteers, so please contact Judy Willison (253-838-4232 or [jcwillison@comcast.net](mailto:jcwillison@comcast.net)) if you are ready, willing and able to demonstrate any of these delicious items:



Sharon Groeneveld, Judith Willison, and Ellen Campbell finding recipes

### Thursday, October 3, 2013

Norvegia Filled Potatoes  
Creamed Green Peas  
Chocolate Cookies

### Wednesday, October 16, 2013

Ginger Snap Meatballs  
Pickled Beets - Mardy Fairchild  
Cinnamon Apple Bread Pudding

### Saturday, October 26, 2013 - Christmas Cookies

Julekakake- Sharon Groeneveld  
Sandbakkelse - Ellen Campbell  
Rosettes - Marilyn Mahnke

Note that the **Spring 2014** cooking classes are scheduled for:

Wednesday, March 12; Tuesday, March 18; and Saturday, March 29.

By Judith Willison

# ROSEMALING

We had an on-again-off-again summer of rosemaling. Our wonderful instructor and Embla sister, Julie Ann Hebert, thought she needed a break from us; so she, along with one of her daughters, flew off for a month in France early this summer. She hardly got over her jet lag before she was off again; this time to spend a couple of weeks at her family cabin in Wisconsin.

While Julie Ann was in France, Sarah Callow and Marilyn Mahnke were traveling to Sweden and Norway, leaving only a few of us left to do rosemaling. Those of us who weren't "seeing the world" took the opportunity to work on unfinished projects. We also spent countless hours preparing woodenware (sanding and background painting) getting items ready to be rosemaled. Our plan is to spend the cold, wet, fall and winter months rosemaling all of the pieces we prepared.

In September, several of us will once again demonstrate our craft in the hobby hall at the Washington State Fair (aka Puyallup Fair or Western Washington State Fair). The Fair officially changed its name to reflect a broader image – not just representing the western part of the state but the entire state. Anyway, come visit us at the Hobby Hall between noon and 2 p.m. on Monday, September 9, and Monday, September 16.

Last June Karin Kelley donated several *tine* boxes to our rosemaling group. Some of the pieces had already been painted, so we decided we'd bring these to the September auction. We will paint some of the unfinished pieces ourselves. When finished, these too will find their way back to Embla Lodge and will be sold on our sales table; so be watching for them if you are interested in a rosemaled *tine*.

Would you like to try rosemaling? Western Rosemalers Association (WRA) will be offering free one-day workshops. The first one is Saturday, October 26, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Tukwila Presbyterian Church. The project for this workshop is Christmas decorations. So, it will be a great workshop for a beginner as you can make as many or as few decorations as you'd like. Bring your own lunch. You may give a small tax-deductible donation (\$3.00-\$5.00) to the church's scholarship fund. The instructor is DeDe May (206-933-3003). You may call her or Julie Ann Hebert (253-841-3392) if you have any other questions about supplies or directions to the church. More workshops will be offered in 2014.

By Mardy Fairchild and Sarah Callow



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## SCHOLARSHIPS



Embla was very happy to be able to give out two \$500 scholarships this year. Both recipients had great grades and test scores. Kari Stackpole's granddaughter Daryl Phill was involved in varsity track and cross country at Bellarmine Preparatory. She's very interested in psychology and plans to study that at the University of San Francisco.

Our other recipient, Haley Rice (Janice Kelly's granddaughter), graduated from Stadium High School. She was involved in tennis, volleyball and volunteer work. She will be going to the University of Washington in the fall.

Congratulations girls and grandmas!!

A donation to the Scholarship Fund was made by Amy Vogel for a tablecloth made by Norma Borgford, and an anonymous donation was made in honor of "a friend" {Please continue to remember the Embla Scholarship Fund with your memorials.}

By Sharon Groeneveld and Chris Engstrom

# Who is Mary Nero?

Mary Nero, who lives in New Zealand with her daughter Karen Nero, has been a member of Embla since November 2, 1978. She was an active member for all the years she lived in Tacoma and served as president in 1986-87. Even though she is living in New Zealand now (she moved there several years ago), she has kept her membership in our lodge. She enjoys receiving our *Nyheter* and the *Døtre av Norge*.

Mary was a wonderful example of Norwegian hospitality (she entertained with style and elegance!), and she graciously shared her wisdom and expertise on Norwegian art, cooking, traditions, and lots more. She made the best *hjortebakkelse*! You will find several of her recipes in our Embla cookbooks.



Mary Nero



Mary and her daughter Karen

Her daughter Karen has kept us informed as to how Mary is doing, and in the past couple of months Karen has written to me and sent me a few photos of Mary that I'd like to share. She is pictured in one photo with her daughters in the yard at home in New Zealand – Karen tells me that her bedroom has a large window looking over the garden. Another photo is of Mary with a quilt she finished while in New Zealand. Mary made it from 19th century blocks she found years ago in Tacoma. She also used some of her mother's fine cloth, and in between those blocks, she put blocks of her own designs. She started the butterflies for Karen in the 1960's, but she added special embroidery and embellishments in New Zealand. I thought you all would like to see this gorgeous quilt!



Mary and her daughters

Mary and her beautiful quilt



Karen says to greet everyone from Mary. On November 9 of this year she will be 96 years old. She is still well, and she still goes for two walks a day – even on crisp, sunny, winter days at this time of year, and even rainy ones, too. She is looking forward to spring, when it is warmer, but both Mary and Karen love the cold, sunny, blue skies.

By Janet Ruud

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## EMBLA FUNDRAISER

2014 is just around the corner and so is Christmas. Now is the time to start your shopping. Scandinavian collectible calendars will be available beginning with the October 2013 meeting. We will have Norwegian and Swedish ones. \$11 each. Please let me know how many you wish. ([ctr53332@centurytel.net](mailto:ctr53332@centurytel.net) OR 253-853-1568) Thank you for your support.

By Marilyn Mahnke



## A NORWEGIAN-AMERICAN WOMAN OF DISTINCTION



Born: August 22, 1912

Died: October 10, 1996

Cornelia Gjesdal "Coya" Knutson was the first woman elected to Congress from Minnesota (1955—1959). While she is remembered today as a legislator who made her mark, her legislative achievements have been overshadowed by a notorious letter from her husband which made the headlines in 1958. It ruined her career and is cited as an example of sexism in American politics.

Coya was born in Edmore, North Dakota. She grew up on a farm, graduated from Concordia College (Moorhead MN), and attended Juilliard in New York City for a year, hoping for a career in opera. But when she realized that was not to be, she went back to North Dakota, married Andy Knutson, and moved over the border to Oklee, Minnesota. She and Andy ran a small hotel/café. They adopted an 8-year-old boy, Terry, in 1948.

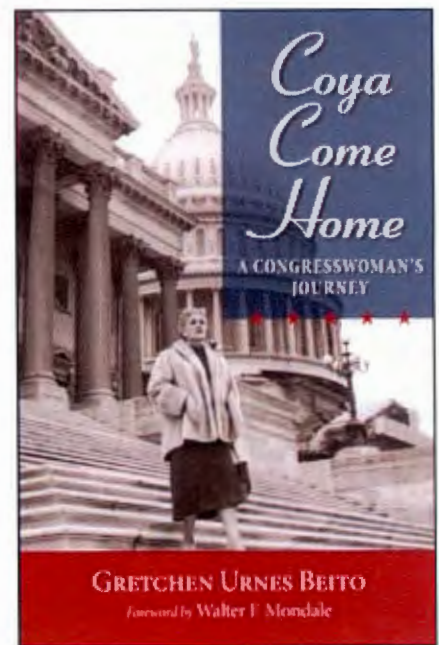
In 1950, inspired by Eleanor Roosevelt, Coya made a successful run for the Minnesota Legislature. She was a tireless campaigner who accompanied herself on the accordion while singing her own campaign song in a lilting soprano. When she won the 1954 Congressional election, the Minnesota political establishment was stunned, and when she got to Washington she stunned Congress even more.

Knutson was known as a fierce champion of family farms, medical research, and campaign finance reform. She was also the creator of Federal Student Loans. During her time in Congress, she moved to Washington, D.C., and brought Terry there as well, to get away from her husband, an alcoholic who beat her when he was drunk.

Knutson lost reelection in 1958, due to a notorious letter, which was supposedly written by her husband. A letter signed by Andy was circulated to reporters. It soon ran in newspapers across the country with the headline "Coya, Come Home." In the letter, Andy demanded that she abandon her political aspirations and return to their "happy home" to be a full-time housewife. It is widely believed that her political rivals put him up to it. (The Democratic Farmer Labor Party, who had originally supported Coya, had decided to support another candidate and wanted to discredit her.) Unfortunately, the public believed the letter, in which he accused her of having an affair with her assistant. For many readers it was just a tale of the hayseed farmer who wanted his pretty blonde wife back home in the kitchen rather than on Capitol Hill.

After her defeat in 1958, Coya divorced Andy, and although she ran for office in 1960 and 1977, she never won again. She took a job as liaison officer in the United States Department of Defense's Office of Civil Defense, where she stayed until 1970.

Coya died in Edina, MN, of kidney failure, at the age of 82. She was survived by her son and two sisters, two grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.



*This updated version of a 1990 biography was released last year.*

By Janet Ruud

# LUTEFISK REVIEW

*Man v. Food* is an American food reality television series on the Travel Channel. The program is hosted by actor and food enthusiast Adam Richman. *Bizarre Foods* is another reality series. It's hosted by Andrew Zimmern, who is on a quest to find America's most unique tastes. Recently a rerun of a visit to Minneapolis by both Adam and Andrew was on TV. The two men tried some lutefisk. This episode originally aired on 11/27/2010. Here's what they had to say about Norway's traditional food. It was pretty entertaining!

Andrew: This right here, my friend, is a little something called lutefisk, which is one of the world's, I'd say, top five most notorious foods.

Adam: What is -- is a type of fish lutefisk?

Andrew: I guess technically it still is.

Adam: Wait, what was it, and what has it become? Is it radioactive or something now?

Andrew: Do you not know anything about lutefisk?

Adam: Someone mentioned it at an IKEA once.

Andrew: I learned that lutefisk is a Scandinavian Christmas tradition made up of dry, salted cod soaked in water for days and then mixed with lye\*, a poisonous, corrosive alkaline. To make it safe to eat, the cod returns to water for nearly a week. I managed to make it 17 years living in Minnesota without anyone holding a gun to my head and making me eat this stuff, and finally I succumbed last year.

Adam: The guy ate flies out of the ground, and he is going, "I've only had this last year." Awesome.

Andrew: Cheers. I'm glad you came to Minnesota.

Adam: I'm glad I came to Minnesota too. And you know what --if I had to have lutefisk with lye and poison and whipped butter, I'm glad I'm having it with you, my man.

Andrew: Likewise. That is some nice lutefisk.

Adam: How do you tell?

Andrew: It's firm, yet melts in the mouth.

Adam: And it's got that good -- it has the consistency of, like, frozen vaseline, but it's warm. You bite in, and I'm like, and then it has, like, a gelatinous -- and it yields in a very odd way.

Andrew: And then all of a sudden, the fishiness that you think you've avoided comes at you exponentially.

Adam: I think that our government is going to replace water boarding with intentional lutefisk feeding.

Andrew: Are you looking forward to the meter-long bratwurst or one more bite of lutefisk?

Adam: I would rather have a 10-meter-long bratwurst shoved in my eye than eat another bite of lutefisk.

Andrew: I feel thee.



Lutefisk in a Norwegian market

<http://www.travelchannel.com/tv-shows/bizarre-foods>

<http://www.travelchannel.com/tv-shows/man-v-food>

Submitted for your reading enjoyment by Julie Touchette

*\*Ed. comment: It should be noted here that Mr. Zimmern's description of the process of reconstituting lutefisk is somewhat out of order. The dried cod is soaked in lye first, and THEN rinsed thoroughly with water. Not that that makes it any more palatable. Just sayin'...*



A plate of lutefisk



## SUMMARY of *Embla* Business Meeting June 6, 2013



Sir Kim Nesselquist, Norwegian Consul to Washington and Idaho, was the guest speaker for the evening, following the delicious supper, which featured *rømmegrøt* and strawberry shortcake in honor of the St. Hans celebration.

President Mardy Fairchild welcomed the guests for the evening: the *Embla* Scholarship winners, Haley Rice (and her grandmother Janice Kelly and mother Linea Rice) and Daryl Phill (grandmother Kari Stackpole), Norden #2 Sons of Norway Pres. Dave Lamberson, and *Embla* spouses Marv Peterson, Randy Kunkle and Tom Harris.

*“La oss leve for hverandre”* (“Let Us Live for One Another”) was our opening song. May Minutes were corrected and approved. It was noted that dues are due by May 31 each year, and Financial Secretary Vonnie Stone reported that only 16 members had not paid dues yet.

Treasurer Chris Engstrom reported \$600 from sales at Olympia’s Norway Day on April 20, and \$3,000 from sales at the Norwegian Heritage Festival at PLU on April 28. Both were great events.

*Embla* Scholarship Awards (\$500 each) were presented by Marilyn Mahnke on behalf of Scholarship Chair Sharon Groeneveld to Haley Rice (Janice Kelly’s granddaughter) and Daryl Phill (Kari Stackpole’s granddaughter). It was possible to award two scholarships this year due to generous memorial gifts and donations to this fund.

Our annual Nordic Festival will be held on October 12. Please see Diane Nelson’s article on page 1 for details.

Committees: Joan Anderson thanks you all for remembering to bring items for the women’s shelter. There are no specific items requested for September, so bring what you can. Other committee reports are covered elsewhere in this newsletter.

Announcements: *Slektsforskning Klubb* (Family Research Group) meets at the Garfield Book Store the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 3 p.m. *Håndverkerer* (Crafts Group) meets at Chris Engstrom’s home with potluck lunch on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. For those who may have known Ruth Emery, a former *Embla* Lodge member, note that she passed away on May 13.

Our September meeting with Potluck and Auction (Silent and Live) will be Thursday, September 5, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church – 6:00 p.m.

By Maren K Johnson, Secretary

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## LEIKARRING

All of our dancers are enjoying the summer months off from practice but will resume again on September 9. We now have 15 members, and 11 (plus two semi-retired members) gathered recently for lunch and lots of visiting. Attending were: Joan Anderson, Eleanor Baker, Daniele Brown, Sarah Callow, Judy Earle, Mardy Fairchild, Suzy Johnston, Janice Kelly, Nadine Lewtas, Judie Miller, and Judy Willison. We were missing Mary McGoran, Trudy Sorensen, Melody Stepp, and our leader Carol Voigt. We all are sending our love and best wishes to Carol for a speedy recovery since she has been ill this summer. (By the way, we were having so much fun together, we forgot to take a photo!)

By Judith Willison

# PAST PRESIDENTS

Past presidents had a super get-together of on June 3 at the Harstine Island vacation home of Karen Bell and Doug McLean. Marilyn Mahnke, Esther Van Noy, Carol Kemp, Harriet Swieso, Mardy Fairchild, Delphine Johnson, and Janet Ruud all enjoyed the beautiful setting and good company.

Karen and Harriet co-hosted the meeting, which included a delicious lunch of roast pork loin, pear salad, dinner rolls, and cream cheese dessert! Karen presented each of us with a delightful gift - a large glass half-filled with Harstine Island sand, topped with seashells of all varieties. Some shells were extra special because they had come from Olive Rudsil's shell collection!

The business meeting was short and sweet. Minutes were approved, treasurer's report was approved, and a thank you was received for our donation to the Crystal Judson Foundation.

For the good of the order, Esther shared an article from the *Norwegian American Weekly* about the potential new Daughters of Norway in Houston, Texas. We look forward to welcoming another lodge!

Our next meeting will be Monday, October 14, at the home of Judith Willison.

By Janet Ruud

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## September 5: Potluck and Auction (Silent and Live)

*Note: The September auction is not a rummage sale. Please bring only "nice" items. Anything Scandinavian is much appreciated.*

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