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Godt nyttår, alle sammen!

Happy New Year, Everyone! From your *Nyheter* Publication Committee



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Kjære Søstre! (Dear Sisters!)

Embla Lodge # 2 had a wonderful *God Jul* party complete with a visit from *Julenissen*! First, I want to thank all the children who came to our party – the future of our great lodge! *Julenissen* and assistant arrived with *grøt* spoon in hand while we sang the traditional *På låven sitter nissen med sin julegrøt!* A big *tusen takk* to Mark (*Julenissen*) Ottoson and his sister Lisa (assistant) Ottoson! Here's a list of who brought whom! Kari Stackpole - granddaughters Daryl and Cameron; Heidi Neideigh - children Hanna and Aiden; Janet Ruud - granddaughter Kaylee; Sharon Groeneveld - one of her granddaughters, Emma, whose twin sister Ashlynn could not be there, but who was not forgotten by *Julenissen*; Barbara Pahre - daughter Megan; Marilyn Mahnke - two great-granddaughters Clara Minnie and Mazie Isabel; new member Daniele Brown - granddaughter Jordyn; Manoah Butterfield - children Abigail and Tabitha, and my mom Harriet Swieso - great-granddaughter Felicity! All the children received gifts (thanks to all the moms and grandmothers) as well as a bag of candies from Embla!



Karen and her mother, Harriet Swieso

INSTALLATION of our 2013 officers will take place at our January 3 meeting. Please attend and help us honor and thank the outgoing board for a job well-done, and welcome the new officers!

Melody brought and decorated a beautiful tree, and we sang and danced and sang some carols around the tree! Ellen Campbell decorated the tables, which included a handmade *God Jul* card with envelope at each place. The card was designed by Ellen, who also did the cutting prep work. Then the hostess committee got together and stamped, embossed, colored and glued the pieces to finish the card. Thanks to Ellen and the others on the hostess committee (photo - page 7): Judith Willison, Soozie Palmer, Marilyn Mahnke, Julie Hebert and Sharon Groeneveld. (Ellen's grandson Jonah may be old enough to join us next year!) Our great Embla members all contributed delicious food for our potluck! I made my first *risengrynsgrøt* and Karen Kunkle won the marzipan pig!

Another *tusen takk* to our lodge members who once again came through in a big way for the Family Renewal Shelter, insuring a happy *Jul* to many families who are not in their homes for the holiday. I delivered an SUV full of gifts and told Keith, the shelter's director, our lodge really came through and he agreed! As Tiny Tim said, "God bless us, Everyone!"

My presidency is coming to an end and I once again want to thank all my sisters for their support and encouragement! As you know I frequently shop second-hand. Most recently I purchased a sterling bracelet with the phrase "Sisters are different flowers from the same garden." It really spoke to me! Yes, we are all from the same garden i.e. Embla's garden, but we all have different gifts which make up our great Embla Lodge #2. I am grateful to you ALL! *God jul, godt nyttår, og takk for det gamle!* ("Happy New Year, and thanks for the old one!")

By Karen Bell

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2013 DUES

Did you see the wonderful basket that Ellen Campbell put together for our dues drawing? It was filled with wonderful items, and it could be yours if your name is drawn at our January meeting from those on our list of those who have paid their dues (\$30) by December 31. Until the end of the year, you can send your dues to Embla Lodge #2, 29614 11th Ave. SW., Federal Way, WA 98023. Vonnie Stone will be taking over the Financial Secretary position effective in January.



By Joan Anderson



Scholarship Fund



The following contributions have been made to the Embla Scholarship Fund:

- A donation from Agnes Mathilde Wergeland Lodge #52 for our help with their booth at Junction City with Grand Lodge in the summer of 2011.
- Donations in memory of Charleen Barnes from Janet Ruud, Carmen Knudtson, Harriet Swieso, and Antoinette Frank.
- A donation in memory of Phylaine Folson from Janet Ruud.
- Florence March donated shoe buckles that were then purchased by our new member Nadine Lewtas, and the proceeds went to the Scholarship Fund.

By Chris Engstrom



Family Renewal Shelter



Thank you everyone for your generous gifts to the Family Renewal Shelter. Not only were there wonderful specific gifts, but there were also many extras that they will be able to use.

The needs continue so we ask you to bring such things as toothpaste, toothbrushes, floss, hand soap, etc. for January.

By Joan Anderson

TUBFRIM Project

What is it? How does it work?

TUBFRIM is a humanitarian organization owned by the Norwegian Health Association. The name TUBFRIM is a composite word combining tuberculosis with the Norwegian word for stamps, *frimerker*. TUBFRIM was founded in 1928 by Ditlef Frantzen, a postmaster who collected and marketed canceled stamps as a way to raise funds for the Tuberculosis Association in Norway. TUBFRIM's objective was to finance tuberculosis research and to provide aid for children inflicted by the disease. In 1943 Frantzen donated his stamp collecting institution to the Norwegian Health service. Because tuberculosis was almost eradicated, TUBFRIM modified its aim to that of improving health care facilities for handicapped, mentally retarded and needy children and youth.



All types of stamps from any country in the world are gratefully received and given a "new" value. TUBFRIM is also happy to receive stamp collections, old envelopes and postcards, etc. If the envelopes or postcards are more than 40-50 years old, they request the whole envelope/postcard. Used telephone cards are also collected. Please save the stamps you receive over the holidays and in the future and bring/send them to Grace Bredeson (253-564-8960), as she is Embla's TUBFRIM representative.

It is not necessary to trim the stamps. However, here are a couple of "Clip Tips" for those of you who do trim the stamps before sending them... When cropping, please leave a 1/2" border (1/4" minimum). If no paper margin is left, or the perforations are damaged, the stamps are of no value. Opening incoming stamped mail at the bottom of the envelope saves the stamp.

We are asked daily to help others in need. Never throw away a used stamp. Rescuing it from the waste basket gives it a new 'value'. Such an EASY way to help someone in need!

Thanking you in advance!

By Elene Emerson and Grace Bredeson

Past Presidents

Our Embla Past Presidents Luncheon was held on Monday, December 3rd and we all exchanged gifts, laughed and talked, told a few jokes (don't ask Esther about hers...) and enjoyed a lovely lunch together at C.I. Shenanigans. We celebrated Marilyn's and Harriet's birthdays with complimentary ice cream cake that was shared by all. Our new officers for 2013 are Marilyn Mahnke, President, and Janet Ruud, Secretary.



By Judy Willison



THE TALE OF THE ROSEMALED TRUNK



Karen Kunkle thanking Julie Ann Hebert with a hug

A few years ago Karen Kunkle acquired several rosmaled pieces from her Aunt Lillian Spanich's family. One of these pieces was an unfinished blanket chest. She asked Julie Ann Hebert about it. Julie Ann and Lillian had done rosemaling together. At one time Lois Clausen had been their teacher. Julie Ann researched the chest as she recognized the style and pattern. She found a picture of a trunk from Lois and from her research information and pictures she learned it was a Barbara Wolter's design. Barbara had developed her own style for painting flowers. Karen gave the trunk to Julie Ann and told her to keep it. However, using Lillian's completed design from the top, Julie Ann continued the Hallingdal pattern on the front and inside the lid of the chest. Several months later, Julie Ann called Karen and told her to come and pick up the trunk. The entire rosemaling class saw the astonished look on Karen's face when she saw her newly restored blanket chest. She said she has a perfect place for it in her home.

By Julie Ann Hebert and Sarah Callow



ROSEMALING GROUP



Our latest project just might be the largest piece any of us have painted since starting our rosemaling group – it certainly was for me! We just completed an 11" lazy susan, painted in the Hallingdal style. Our instructor, Julie Ann Hebert, has been trying to get us to "think bigger" for some time now, but we've been holding back, afraid to venture out of our "small" world. We thought – if the piece is small it would take less time to paint it. Of course those of you who are familiar with rosemaling already know – it takes almost the same amount of time to paint a big flower or scroll as it does to paint a small one, but we just didn't believe Julie Ann when she tried to tell us that! Some of us might still be a little reluctant, feeling "safer" painting small pieces, but I doubt Julie will ever let us go back to our small way of thinking again (ha ha).

Since there were so many vendors selling rosemaling at this year's Nordic Festival, and we had painted everything we had in the Florence Buck box of wood pieces last year, we didn't submit anything for the festival sales table this year. However, we just received some beautiful wooden boxes, donated by Amy Vogel, so we'll soon get started working on them for the sales table. We also received a few donated pieces at the festival which will also end up on Embla's sales table in months to come. If anyone else has any wooden items you wish to donate to our Embla Rosemaling Group, we'd be happy to paint them and put them on our sales table.

By Mardy Fairchild



Mardy Fairchild, Gail Harris, Judie Miller, Julie Ann Hebert, Melody Stepp, and Sarah Callow

A(NOTHER) NORWEGIAN-AMERICAN WOMAN OF DISTINCTION

Sigrid Gurie Haukelid

Born: May 18, 1911

Died: August 14, 1969



Sigrid Gurie Haukelid was born in Brooklyn, New York. She is remembered as an American film star, but she was also a thoughtful and caring woman of fine artistic talent, who had many good friends in both the world of Hollywood and in the world of art in America.

Sigrid's parents were Bjørulf Knutson Haukelid (1878–1944) and Sigrid Johanne Christophersen (1877–1969). Her father was a civil engineer who worked for the New York City Subway from 1902 to 1912. Since Sigrid and her twin brother Knut Haukelid were born in America, the twins held dual Norwegian-American citizenship. In 1914, the family returned to Norway. Sigrid Gurie then grew up in Oslo and was educated in Norway, Sweden, and Belgium. Her brother became a noted member of the Norwegian resistance movement during World War II.



Sigrid Gurie Haukelid

In 1935, Gurie married Thomas Stewart of California; she filed for divorce in 1938. She would later marry Lawrence Spangard in 1939 (divorced 1948) and Lynn Abbott in 1958 (divorced 1961). She thought that the strain of living in Hollywood and her failed marriages contributed to her health problems.

Gurie arrived in Hollywood in 1936. Film magnate Sam Goldwyn reportedly took credit for discovering her. Goldwyn promoted her as his discovery - "the new Garbo"- and billed her as "the siren of the fjords." Later, When the press discovered (some-time in the 1940s) that Gurie was born in Brooklyn, it was quite a sensation. She starred as Kokashin, daughter of Kublai Khan, in the 1938 production of *The Adventures of Marco Polo*, and went on to give worthwhile performances in such films as *Algiers* (1938), *Three Faces West* (1940) and *Voice in the Wind* (1944). She had a minor role in the classic Norwegian film *Kampen om*

tungtvannet (1948). The movie was based principally on the book *Skis Against the Atom* which was written by her brother.

In the late 1940s she attended the Kann Art Institute, operated in West Hollywood by abstract artist Frederick I. Kann (1886–1965). She studied oils and portraiture. Among her works were landscapes, portraits and pen and ink sketches.

From 1961 to 1969, Sigrid Gurie lived in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, where she continued painting; she was also designing jewelry for Royal Copenhagen in Denmark. She was a very talented artist and devoted her time to painting and drawing and to her friends who adored her. She entered the hospital in Mexico City on an emergency basis for a recurring kidney problem, then developed a blood clot that passed through her lungs, which led to her death. She was a fine human being and well-loved and missed after her death.



Sigrid Gurie with John Wayne in
"Three Faces West"

Håndverkerer

November started all the Nordic Festivals. Chris Engstrom, our Crafts Chairperson, lined up several months ago for Embla to take part in the following festivals:

- Nellie Gerdrum #41 - Bellingham
- Swedish Cultural Center - Seattle
- Ester Moe #39 – Clinton (Whidbey Island)
- Nordic Sweaters and Treasures Exchange and Sale - PLU
- Danish Sisterhood Bazaar - PLU
- Ladies Workout Express - Tacoma Lutheran Retirement Center



Chris and Marilyn selling crafts at Nellie Gerdrum's Scandinavian Fair in Bellingham



The following members assisted Chris in selling the Embla craft items: Norma Borgford, Mardy Fairchild, Sarah Callow, Kirsten Bell, Judie Miller, Torun Parker, and Marilyn Mahnke. Don't forget to stop at the craft tables at our meetings.

Do you have any craft ideas? Come to our next meeting at Chris' house at 11:30 a.m. on January 17th – it's a Potluck!

By Marilyn Mahnke

Left: Sarah Callow, Mardy Fairchild, and Chris Engstrom at Esther Moe's Crafts Fair in Clinton

CONDOLENCES

Glenn Oliver passed away November 25. He is survived by his wife Esther and daughters Cynthia Wakatsuki and Elizabeth Cook. All have been members of Embla since 1981.

Elaine Hudak's husband Bill passed away November 14.

Dorothy Ann Burnson passed away on November 4th at the age of 84. Dorothy was a member of Embla from 1989 until 2005. Janet Ruud remembers her as a storyteller.



Phylaine Folson and her best friend Elda Sulerud at the Summer Luncheon in 2011

Phylaine Folson passed away on November 2nd at the age of 88. She was born in North Dakota and raised on the family farm. After arriving in Tacoma she worked for DSHS for 30 years.

Travelling and dancing were a couple of her favorite pastimes. Phylaine joined Embla on August 2, 1990, and was an active member until about a year ago. During her last couple of months she was at the Lutheran Home where some members of Embla were able to stop in to visit with her. Her memorial service was held on November 8th. Special Music "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" (arranged by Elda Sulerud) was sung by Mark Redal.

Angela Sievertson passed away celebrating her 99th birthday on December 24th. Please keep your thoughts and prayers with all their families during the holiday season.

It's not very often that two members are in the same hospital at the same time in November, but Delphine Johnson and Ines Ottoson were in Good Sam's in Puyallup, so I was able to visit both of them.

Elaine Anderson was at St. Joseph's Hospital for three days before Christmas and is home recuperating.

Wishing all sisters and their families a HAPPY HEALTHY NEW YEAR!!!

By Marilyn Mahnke

Sunshine



Dorothy Burnson



NOVEMBER MEETING



Our **November** meeting began with a wonderful meal provided by our November hostesses: Joan Anderson, Trudy Sorensen, Elaine Anderson, Sarah Callow, Gail Harris and Melody Stepp. Keith Galbraith was present and shared with us the mission and ministry of the Family Renewal Shelter. He brought his lively puppy with him who was a delight to all! Members also brought Scandinavian items that were in good condition to sell to fellow Embla members.

Our guests for the evening were Nadine Lewtas (a cousin of Janice Kelly), Suzy Johnston, Daniele Brown, and Daniele's sister Daphne Shoemaker.

Nordic Festival Chair Mardy Fairchild shared that we had a \$3,300 profit from the festival. We were all very happy to hear that! She thanked all the members who had helped and encouraged those who hadn't helped to participate next year.

Acting Judge Harriet Swieso initiated new members Suzy Johnston, Nadine Lewtas and Daniele Brown. President Karen Bell explained what membership in Daughters of Norway means. We all sang the "Sister Chain Song" and Cultural Director Melody Stepp read a passage on sisterhood.

Outgoing President Karen Bell thanked each of her officers in turn and gave them a gift. She then led the members in the nomination of the officers for 2013. The nominating committee of Esther Van Noy, Judie Miller and Vonnie Stone presented the list of nominations. Each nominee accepted her nomination. There were no

other nominations so Esther Van Noy moved that the nominations be closed. It was seconded and the secretary cast a unanimous ballot.

Congratulations to Our New Officers!

- President – Mardy Fairchild
- Vice President – Diane Nelson
- Judge – Karen Bell
(automatically assumes the office of Judge)
- Secretary – Maren Johnson
- Financial Secretary – Vonnie Stone
- Treasurer – Chris Engstrom
- Cultural Director – Melody Stepp
- Marshal – Julie Touchette
- Assistant Marshal – Kirsten Bell (appointed)
- Head Trustee – Kari Stackpole
- 2-Year Trustee – Torun Parker
- 3-Year Trustee – Sarah Callow
- Inner Greeter – Judie Miller
- Outer Greeter – Karen Kunkle
- Musician – Elda Sulerud (appointed)

This was also the time of year when Embla honors our Past Presidents. Karen called Carol Kemp, Mardy Fairchild, Marilyn Mahnke, Esther Van Noy, Janet Ruud, Harriet Swieso and Delphine Johnson to the front, thanked them for their service and gave each one a lovely flower arrangement. Those not present were Judy Willison, Dena Iverson, Mary Nero and Esther Carlson.

Sunshine Chair Marilyn Mahnke asked for a moment of silence for Charleen Barnes who passed away October 4, 2012. She is Karen Kunkle's mother. Marilyn also sent cards to Mardy Fairchild and Maren Johnson who both had surgery.

Financial Secretary Joan Anderson said that there will be a drawing for a beautiful Norwegian basket for those who have paid their dues by December 31.

There were 50 members present, and a very pleased Arlene McDonald won \$11.25 in the 50/50 drawing.

By Sharon Groeneveld

Velkommen to our new members who were initiated on November 1st.



Suzy Johnson, Daniele Brown and Nadine Lewtas

Think about this one

Ole, Sven, and Lars walked into a bar...

...You would think one of them would have seen it.





DECEMBER MEETING



We had a wonderful Christmas party for our December meeting! The room was beautiful, including a Norwegian Christmas tree donated and decorated by Melody Stepp and her husband, Bill. Many members and children wore bunads and others wore festive Christmas sweaters etc. The hostess team (see photo below) did an outstanding job, and members brought delicious dishes to share.

Janet Ruud read a very funny Norwegian version of the 12 Days of Christmas. She did a great job and everyone was laughing. She also led us in singing Norwegian and English carols and Christmas songs (with lots of help from our native Norwegian-speakers, Heidi Neideigh and Kari Stackpole!) while we walked around the Christmas tree. We sang a lot of songs and some of us may have gotten a bit dizzy!



Julenissen med sin hjelper

Gather round for gifts from *Julenissen!*



Quite a few children were with us, and they were delighted when *Julenissen* came and brought gifts. Don't tell the kids, but it was Lisa Ottoson and her brother Mark who were inside those costumes. President Karen Bell had also arranged a craft table for the children, which they loved, and it certainly kept them busy!



I wonder what this could be...



Kaylee showing off her loot



The blur of the excitement...
Too shy to sit on *Julenissen's* lap?



Marilyn Mahnke with great grand daughters Clara Minnie and Mazie Isabel



Front: Ellen Campbell and Marilyn Mahnke
Back: Julie Ann Hebert, Judith Willison, Sharon Groeneveld, and Soozie Palmer

The December hostesses made our beautiful table decorations!

We all had a wonderful time eating, singing, laughing and just enjoying one another. There were even gifts for those members who choose to participate in the gift exchange. Marty had the added joy of winning a *hardangarsøm* piece made by Elene Emerson.

By Sharon Groeneveld

ESTHER TAKES HER SHOW ON THE ROAD

I met Julie Watts, member of Hulda Garborg #49, and Kay Samuelson of Turid Jespersen #44, at our convention in Bellingham in July. They invited me to come to San Diego to show them my program, "The Story of Norway with Antique Postcards."

I had free flier miles so I accepted! I was there November 9-12. Julie met me at the airport and showed me around Old Town Temecula and the Little Viking Scandinavian Gift Shop in town. Janna Armbruster, Grand Lodge Financial Secretary, was my host, and I enjoyed three comfortable nights in her wonderful home. The program was Saturday morning, followed by lunch. Members of Hulda Garborg #49, Turid Jespersen #44, and several from Sons of Norway were there. The weather was sunny, saw lots of fruit trees and many beautiful palms.

That night Julie took me to a "NORWEGIAN FISH CLUB ODIN feast!" The theme was Viking: authentic garb, Viking food, and Viking entertainment. I met ODIN & THOR. It was loud, fun, and a highlight of my trip! I'm so grateful for the San Diego hospitality I found with my Daughters of Norway sisters.



Julie Watts, Odin, Esther, and Thor

By Esther Van Noy



COOKING CLASSES



Please join our Embla Cooking Classes in 2013. The Spring classes are on Tuesday, March 12; Saturday, March 23; and Wednesday, March 27. The Fall classes are on Thursday, October 3, Wednesday October 16 and Saturday, October 26. Mark your calendars now and come to see great new Norwegian recipes demonstrated, and then have a sample of the food prepared afterward. We always have coffee and lots of fun – all this for only \$5 and you get a copy of the recipes too! **If you have a fabulous Norwegian recipe you would like to share, or better yet, come and demonstrate, please contact Judith Willison (jcwillison@comcast.net 253-838-4232)**

By Judith Willison

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