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EMBLA CALENDAR NO JANUARY BUSINESS AND SOCIAL MEETING

January 16th at 7:30 pm at Bethlehem Lutheran Church
INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS. Other lodges will be visiting. Come help support your new officers.

OUTGOING PRESIDENT

God Jul!

I want to take this time to thank all of my officers and appointees for helping me through my two year reign as president of Embla #2.

A new slate of officers will be installed January 16th at 7:30 PM. May they be guided by your support to continue our heritage. We should all learn to increase our knowledge of the history, culture and language of Norway.

We have new members joining throughout the year which is wonderful. We will miss our sisters who have passed on, but will not forget them.

This coming year Embla #2 will be 96 years young.

Renewing your heritage, that's what it's all about.

Mange Tusen Takk
Harriet Swieso

EMBLA'S NEW PRESIDENT

Carol Maxson Kemp

• **Background** – I was born in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; early childhood in Spokane, WA; later in southern CA; BA in music from University of Redlands, CA; MA in music from CA State University; taught choral music in public and private high schools for 20 years, during which time I also had my own performing company (Kemp Co. Performers) of professional adults who presented mini musicals as benefit fund raisers for charities; then owner and jewelry designer of The Alchemist Jewelry Design Studio in San Anselmo, CA for 15 years; now retired. I live in Gig Harbor WA with my husband, Richard Kemp; we have one child, a married son, Marc, who teaches English at Fullerton College in CA. Hobbies: Composing, writing, Rosemaling, making costumes, and gardening.

• **Heritage** – My Scandinavian ancestors all immigrated in the mid 1800s. I am the third generation born in America. I am 1/4 Norwegian, 1/4 Danish on my mother's side and a tiny bit of Swedish on

my father's side that is primarily German and British Isles. My mother's mother, Marie Sjursdatter Fretheim, was Norwegian/American born in Minnesota. Her mother, my great grandmother, Anne Ericsdatter Kjørli, was born on the

Jordet Farm in Gol, (Hallingdal) Buskerud, Norway. Anna's husband Sjur Alfson Fretheim, was born on the Fretheim Farm in Flåm, which is at the end of the Aurland finger of the Sognefjord. Mother's father, Alfred Peterson, was Danish/American, born in Wisconsin. His mother,



my Danish great grandmother, Caroline Andersdatter Pederson, was born on "Dryerbakken," Langtved, in København Amt on the island of Sjælland. Caroline's husband, Anders Hanson Pederson, was born in Maglebrande on the island of Falster. I was named "Carol Ann" after my Scandinavian great grandmothers, Caroline and Anna. As a genealogist, I have made numerous research trips to ancestral homelands; seven trips to Norway, three to Denmark and one to Sweden. In addition, I hope to

Carol Maxson Kemp continued - visit Finland and Iceland next summer. Currently I am near publishing a book on my father's patriarchal family history. The colonist Richard Maxson arrived in Boston in 1634. One of the wives in this line had ancestors on the *Mayflower*. Upon completion of this book, I am ready to begin organizing my research and publishing the family history of my Norwegian/Danish heritage.

• **Sons of Norway** - Olav #82 in San Rafael CA is my home lodge. I have served that lodge as president and delegate to several District #6 Conventions. During my terms as Youth Director on the District #6 Board, I was a delegate to the International convention in Minneapolis, MN and to honor my maternal Norwegian line, a Hesla cousin in Gol has a Hallingfest Bunad made for me to wear when I was a delegate to the International Convention in Trondheim, Norway in 1992. My aunt bought the jewelry and shoes for me that year for my birthday and I recently purchased the "finish touch" sølje from our own Florence Buck. "Queen Christine and Her Troll" is the name of the children's play I wrote and directed for S/N District #6 Kretstevne at Alta. It has been performed since at several S/N lodges.

• **Norway Day** - When Norway Day in San Francisco was first organized, I served on the founding committee.

• **Daughters of Norway** - Have served as Cultural Director and Vice President of Embla #2 in Tacoma.

• **Danish Sisterhood** - Member of the Olympia/Tacoma lodge.

• **PLU Scandinavian Cultural Center** - Currently, I am President and Program Chair.

• **Cultural Arts Commission of Gig Harbor and the Key Peninsula** - currently President.

I treasure my heritage and am pleased to serve and help preserve the culture and traditions through my involvement with ethnic organizations such as Daughters of Norway. Thank you for the opportunity.



Janice Ward, Marshall, bought this exotic thing at the Silent Auction at the September meeting.



Dagny Vaswig presented an interesting Norway slide & song program for the October meeting.

Norway has banned cigarette smoking in all public places (which includes parks, streets, etc). The only place you can smoke is in your own home or on your own property. This is a government ruling to take place in the near future. Once again Norway is taking leadership in setting standards.

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Grace Bredeson and Dianna Nelson, who brought decorations for the November meeting.

**EMBLA'S PAST
PRESIDENTS' CLUB**

Embla's Past Presidents' Club met at IHOP'S Restaurant for the annual Christmas luncheon and meeting. A festive atmosphere prevailed as the members exchanged greetings and gifts. OOHs and AAHs were heard as the brightly wrapped packages were unwrapped.

Dena Iverson, president, turned over the gavel to Emilie Pedersen who will serve during 2003. Secretary Florence Buck passed her books on the Harriet Swieso. Esther Van Noy remains treasurer.

The members voted to hold a Norwegian Bake Sale at Embla's regular March meeting. The proceeds will go to a worthwhile cause yet to be determined.

Our spirit of giving was made apparent by cash donations to the Women's Shelter and the Tacoma Rescue Mission for the holidays.

We welcomed Embla's President-Elect, Carol Kemp in our club. Other members attending were Olive Rudsdil, Emilie Pedersen, Dena Iverson, Florence Buck, Harriet Swieso, Ione Dhaese, Bernice Rohrs, Mardy Fairchild and Esther Van Noy.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year!!!

Florence Buck



Ellen Campbell
Embla's arts and craft expert.
November 7, 2002



November 7, 2002 – Past Presidents honored
Left to right: Olive Rudsdil, Florence Buck, Emilie Pedersen, Janet Ruud, Esther Van Noy, Mardy Fairchild and Dena Iverson.
Harriet Swieso in background as outgoing Embla President.

**SUNSHINE CARDS
TO THE FOLLOWING
EMBLA MEMBERS:**

- Arleigh Virgil who continues to improve after a stroke
- Doris Polkey who continues to fight cancer and chemo.
- Tina Berg who broke her hip
- Katie Anderson's daughter, Melissa, had surgery.

NEW OFFICERS

**Embla Lodge #2
2003-2004**

**President - Carol Kemp
Vice President - Delphine Johnson**

**Judge - Harriet Swieso
Secretary - Lisa Ottoson
Financial Secretary - Kari Stackpole**

**Treasurer - Chris Engstrom
Cultural Director - Janice Kelly Marshall - Katie Anderson
Inner Guard - Marilyn Carlson
Outer Guard - Grace Bredeson
3rd Yr Trustee - Marie Ward**



New members initiated November 7, 2002. Shirley Winsley, Katie Peterson and Anastasia Patterson

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and a
Happy New Year*

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Bring your money to the January 16th meeting - Installation of Officers
or mail to
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