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DAUGHTERS OF NORWAY

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## EMBLA CALENDAR

March 1st - 7 pm Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Initiation of New Members. Past President's Bake Sale. Program - *Vi's Doll Factory* - Violet Ishmael will demonstrate the making of porcelain dolls. She just finished a 5-foot doll which you will see among other examples. Also Vi will speak on the *History of Doll Making*.

April 5th - 7 pm Bethlehem Lutheran Church. *Beautiful Bunader* by Florence Buck.

April 28th - Norwegian Heritage Festival at Knutson Hall and Scandinavian Cultural Center at Pacific Lutheran University.

May 3rd - 7 pm Bethlehem Lutheran Church. *The First Norwegian to the State of Washington* by Christine Anderson.

June 7th - 7 pm Bethlehem Lutheran Church. *Songs by Annette* - a musical program by our member, Annette Dennis, soprano. Initiation of new members.

June 21st - St. Hans Fest at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. All friends and members are invited for Sandwiches and Rømmegrøt or Sandwiches and Strawberry shortcake. Our own Iona Dhaese and members will entertain us with a skit.



Harriet Swieso  
Embla 2001-2 President

## Velkommen!

Happy New Year! We are in a new century and a new millennium. And our new home for our meetings is Bethlehem. It was first named "The Norwegian Bethlehem Lutheran Church."

The object of this order is: to unite women who wish to preserve Norwegian heritage; to maintain among members a knowledge of the history, culture and language of Norway; and to build a strong support and bond of friendship within the sisterhood.

In April, Embla will celebrate its 94th birthday. We have come a long way! I have been a member for almost 30 years, along with my daughter, Karen Bell. My other daughter, Janine, also joined them, but gave up her membership after getting married and moving to

Olympia. My mother, Mary Rice, was a long time member.

Both my parents grew up in Norway. Mom was from Boda and Dad from Biri. Dad immigrated to America in 1902 and Mom in 1920. My three brothers and I were born and raised in Tacoma. We lived on McKinley Hill in the house my Dad built. There were a lot of get-togethers, picnics and parties with friends and relatives. I thank my parents for my heritage.

I have 5 children: three boys - John, Mark and Arne; and 2 girls - Karen and Janine. My first husband, John Sand, who was of Norwegian descent, passed away after we were married just over ten years. Later, I married Blaine Swieso, who is a duke's mixture or Heinz 57 variety! He has come to enjoy the Norwegian cookies, Rømmegrøt. The big challenge was lutefisk. He has been known to say, "If it's Norwegian, it must be good." We have been married 43 and a half years.

Renew your heritage. I have taken two trips to Norway. In 1984 my children gave me money for Christmas for a trip to Norway. I went in 1985 on Florence Buck's tour. I think she knows more about Norway than most Norwegians. Last year I went to Norway to meet relatives on my Dad's side. My two

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daughters, two of my grandchildren and my brother Frank were able to go.

Thirty-four relatives from America met in Lillehammer. We walked around the house my Dad grew up in Biri and visited the church where he was baptized. It was very heartwarming! We met over 100 more relatives and they put on a feast for us at the Honne Konferansesenter. My second cousin, Svein Ruse, was our tour bus drive and his wife, Tordis, our tour guide. Tordis spoke English. What a wonderful two week experience!

I want to keep our heritage strong. We can do this by working, volunteering and helping each other. Embla puts on cooking classes, and we have our own Janet Ruud giving us mini Norwegians lessons. We have members who do Rosemaling and Hardanger embroidery. We participate at Norwegian Heritage Days, the Scandinavians Day and have a St. Hans Fest.

With our and your help, we should have a wonderful 2001!

Thank you. Manga Takk, and God Bless.

Harriet Swieso



*Edna Higgins  
100 years old  
Happy Birthday, Edna!  
Edna joined Embla  
December 13, 1970.*

**CORRECTIONS TO  
COOKBOOK  
TAKK FOR MATEN III**  
page 8 – Rosy Punch should be  
3 tsp honey and  
3 tsp lemon juice  
page 13 – Chihuahua Cheese Dip  
add 8 oz (1 cup) shredded  
Velveeta Cheese  
page 325 Orange Cookie Batons  
should be – beat together  
butter, sugar and egg yolk until  
smooth. At low speed, beat in the  
flour.

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*Our new meeting area at Bethlehem Lutheran.*

**Did You Remember to  
Pay Your Dues for This Year  
Check the Label!!!**



**Embla Officers for 2001**

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*August 1976*  
*Sigurda Aamot and \_\_\_\_\_*



**Embla Officers for 1976**

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**PLAYING HOUSE**

A boy of three  
and a girl of four  
were playing house one day.  
They played they were  
man and wife - and they  
were going away.

They knocked upon a neighbor's  
door -  
the little girl bowed low.

"This is my husband,  
I am his wife  
we're visiting you know."

"Come in, come in,"  
the lady said,  
"take yourself a seat.

I will bring you both some  
lemonade and something  
good to eat."

She gave them each a big  
tall glass and cookies on a plate.

Then "would you like a  
little more before it gets  
too late?"

"Oh no thank you"  
the wee-lass said as she  
took the small boy's hand.

"We really have to go -  
you see -  
my husband wet his  
pants."



*One of Iona Dhaese's very enjoyable skirts for the Centennial. Seated \_\_\_\_\_, Iona baking with Florence Buck in background.*

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**AS WE GROW OLDER WE BECOME MORE AND MORE  
LIKE POTATOES. Who are you?**

- Some seniors are very bossy and like to tell others what to do.  
They are called Dick Taters.
- Some seniors never seem motivated to participate, but are just content to watch what others do.  
They are called Speck Taters.
- Some seniors never do anything to help, but are gifted at finding fault with the way others do things.  
They are called Comment Taters.
- Some seniors are always looking to cause problems by asking others to agree with them. It is too hot, or too cold, or too sour or too sweet.  
They are called Aggie Taters.
- Some seniors say they will help, but somehow just never get around to actually doing the promised help.  
They are called Hezzie Taters.
- Some seniors can put up a good front and pretend to be someone they are not.  
They are called Emma Taters.
- Most seniors are lovers and caregivers and share who they are and what they have and know. They are always prepared to stop whatever they are doing and lend a helping hand. They bring real sunshine into others' lives.  
They are called Sweet Taters.



*Embla cooks up a traditional dinner  
November 1964. Left to right: Laura  
Andahl, Jennie Jangberg, Anna  
Danielsen, Henny Storwick, Mary Rice  
and Sigurda Aamot.*