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EMBLA CALENDAR

March 6th Thursday, 2008

6 pm – Open-faced sandwiches, salads, desserts and coffee. Initiation of new members.

March 18th Tuesday – Norwegian Cookings Class at SCC at PLU, 10am–12 noon.

March 20th, Thursday, 11 am Craft Committee at Chris Engstrom's home.

March 26th and 29th – 10 am to 12 noon, Norwegian Cooking Classes at SCC at PLU.

Norwegian Clothing and Norwegian Jewelry

Embla has a policy that members may not sell any items of their own at the meetings unless they are doing a program. The Board of Directors discussed this and agreed that everyone would be able to do this on a one time basis. At our March meeting 3/6 during our social hour any member who wishes to sell Norwegian clothing or Norwegian jewelry will be able to do so.



*Marilyn Mahnke, Embla President
and Harriet Swieso, Installing
Marshal*

Greetings to all my sisters...

First of all, I would like to thank all of you for electing me as your President for a second term.

Thanks for Carol Kemp for being the Installing Officer, Harriet Swieso, the Installing Marshal, Janet Ruud – Team Escort Captain with Karen Kunkle, Eleanor Baker and Evelyn Lundstrom Weiss as Escorts.

We've had a very fulfilling year with many activities and I wish to thank one and all for all your time and effort to make each activity successful.

It is hard to believe that Embla #2 Lodge is 100 years old – that means if each President served for two years we have had 50 Presidents. I have had the pleasure of meeting and/or knowing 15 of them. It is always a pleasure to call upon them to find out information regarding Embla. And as President, they include the me in their meetings.

I was fortunate to meet one of our members in San Rafael, California. I mentioned this last year in my speech, unfortunately, Carol Kemp was not able to attend that meeting. Carol and I were members of Marin County Genealogy Society. She left the area and ended up in Gig Harbor with an unlisted phone number. My husband and I moved to Gig Harbor in December of 1999. I saw there was a Scandinavian Festival in Gig Harbor in Oct of 2001 This is where we met and she invited me to go to the next meeting with her and of course I joined that evening. At that time Carol was Vice President. She went on to be President and now is The Grand Lodge President. I thank her again for being the Installing Officer for this installation.

So, why did I join Embla? First of all I am half Norwegian. My Grand Mother came from Drammen and my Great Grand Parents came from Trondheim. I felt very welcome the first time and found out they served Norwegian food during their social hour. It looked like a lot of friendships were formed thru the organization. I saw there were a lot of programs being discussed in which I thought I sure would learn more about my heritage – and I have. Some of the cultural programs included Crafts, Cooking, Genealogy and Language classes, etc.

I would like to see some Field Trips organized. It is always interesting to attend other Lodge meetings and meet more Norwegians.

We will have a full year ahead of us again. We will have our usual functions. The Grand Lodge will be 100 years old in February so there is much to celebrate. Convention for Grand Lodge will be held in Tacoma this year in July with Embla being the Host Lodge. I hope you all enjoy your Heritage as well as I do.

Marilyn Mahnke

Embla Field Trip

Tacoma International Food

& Film Festival

Aalesund, Norway became Tacoma's Sister City in 1986

Award winning film – BUDDY
A Romantic-Comedy in Norwegian
with English Subtitles

Blue Mouse Theatre
N 26th and N Proctor
Tacoma

Tel: 253-752-9500

April 10th (Thursday)

Doors open at 5:45 for authentic Norwegian food followed by cultural entertainment and the showing of BUDDY. Movie Synopsis: Kristoffer's love life is on the rocks. But what can you expect from a guy who likes to videotape himself and his friends pulling outrageous stunts? So when Kristoffer's video diary winds up at a popular TV show, it's not just his love life that turns upside down. A vibrant young cast explores the true meaning of friendship and love in a heart-warming story about hi jinks, crazy roommates and reality television.

All this for \$18.00.

You can purchase your tickets in advance at the theater. The Norwegian films always sell out early.

Carpooling can be arranged



Embla Officers for 2008

Left to r: Grace Bredeson, Head Trustee; Sonja Nyhuis, Trustee 2 yr; Delphine Johnson, Judge; President Marilyn Mahnke; Judith Willison, Vice President; Elda Sulerud, Musician; back row: Diane Nelson, Marshal; Julie Touchette, Asst. Marshal; Karen Lease-Smith, Outer Guard; Maren Johnson, Inner Guard; Tonia Simpson, Secretary; Carol Spencer, Trustee 3 yr; Candace Brown, Cultural Director; Chris Engstrom, Treasurer; and Tanya Fowlkes, Financial Secretary.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS 2008

As we headed into Embla's 101st year on the evening of Jan 3rd, the parking lot was full, the chairs were filled and the buffet table was abundant with a variety of open faced sandwiches, salads and wonderful desserts. This was our first event that Embla's new hours went into effect. At 6:00 p.m. our guests and members were ready to eat the food prepared by our hostesses of the evening. They included Esther Van Noy, Sarah Callow, Julie Jones, Maren Johnson and Norma Borgford. Marilyn Mahnke, Karen Kunkle and Shirley Peterson also provided food. There were approximately 100 people attending. The Normanna Male Chorus under the direction of John Malmin was the entertainment for the evening. Many beautiful Norwegian songs were sung. John's wife, Jean accompanied them on the piano.

A short business meeting was held and then the Installation began. Carol Kemp, Grand Lodge President and Embla Past President was the Installing Officer with Harriet Swieso, Embla Past President as the Installing Marshal. Janet Ruud, Embla Past President and Past Grand Lodge President was the Escort Team Captain with Karen Kunkle, Eleanor Baker and Evelyn Lundstrom-Weiss as escorts. Our thanks for their great work in all their assistance to making this installation another memorable one. Our thanks also to Barbara Leary for the assisting our musician Elda and to Lisa Ottoson who prepared and printed the program as well as taking pictures during the evening.

President Marilyn Mahnke gave her acceptance speech which was followed by her receiving flowers from her husband Martin Romero and guest Tom Harris, representing Sons of Norway. Other guests attending were Don and Sissel Barrett from Nordlandslaget, Ron and Diane Corbett, Don Anderson, Larry Johnson and Marvin Peterson. Rae Anne Catron was also introduced as a new member of Embla.



*Normanna Male Chorus
at the Installation Service, directed by Jon Malmin*

COOKING CLASSES

The Daughters of Norway Embla Chapter will again hold three Norwegian Cooking Classes this spring at the Scandinavian Center at PLU. Following are the dates and the recipes they will be demonstrating:

March 18 – Kavli Osterbrod, Sildesalat, and Almond Crescents

March 26 – Skinkesalat, Lenton Rolls and Eplekake

March 29 – Lakesemorbrod, Cabbage Salad and Skorpor

All classes start promptly at 10 a.m. and are over around noon. Each recipe is demonstrated before the class and then all students receive a sample of the food prepared. All this and the recipes too for only \$5. No reservations are required, but come early to get parking. Parking passes are available at the registration desk in the kitchen. Questions? Contact Judith Willison at jwillison@comcast.net or 253/838-4232. We're looking forward to fun classes, so be sure to join us!



Carol Spencer, Sonja Nyhuis, Grace Bredeson, 2008 Embla Trustees



Birthday Celebration

**Emilie Pedersen
turned 90 on January
19th**

**You are invited to
celebrate her birthday
for lunch and fellowship
in the church social hall
on**

**Sunday, February 17, 2008
at Gloria Dei Lutheran
Church
3315 South 19th
Tacoma, Washington
around 12:15 p.m.**

**We welcome you to join us
for 10:45 worship service**

FEBRUARY MEETING

The first Thursday of February brought another miserable rainy evening, the kind that could make you want to stay at home. But members of Embla Lodge #2 turned out in large numbers to give a warm welcome to guest speaker Carol Pease, of Valkyrien Lodge #1, who had braved the wet roads at rush hour to bring us a delightful program.

A woman with amazing credentials and many passions, Carol shares her expertise on topics ranging from the history of religion in Norway, to global warming. On February 7th she fascinated us with a Powerpoint presentation on the life and music of Norway's great composer, Edvard Grieg.

Carol's educational lecture featured a slide show and beautiful music from Grieg's famous opera, Peer Gynt. She opened our eyes, ears, hearts and minds to the legacy of Norway's most renowned musical genius. Embla Lodge #2 is grateful to our D.O.N. Sister, Carol Pease for entertaining and enlightening us.

Candace Brown
Cultural Director

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

This year Janice Kelly and Gail Harris have volunteered to be the Sunshine Committee. So what does this committee do:

Send get well cards to members who are ill at home or in the hospital.

Bring flowers to those in the hospital – if not in intensive care – or if they are they will bring them to their home at a later date.

Send sympathy cards to members if there is a death of an immediate family member.

Upon the death of a member, a card is sent to the family advising them our charter will be draped in the memory of the member and a memorial will be sent to the Grand Lodge Scholarship Fund in the member's name.

Please call Janice or Gail if you know of anyone at anytime that should be receiving cards or plants.

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The Scandinavian Cultural
Center Council presents

Dr. Charles H. Russell,
author of the award-winning
book, *Undaunted:*
A Norwegian Woman in
Frontier Texas

Wednesday, March 19, 2008
7:00 p.m.

Scandinavian Cultural Center
Pacific Lutheran University

Refreshments following the
program – meet the author!

Admission – \$5
Students – no charge

Dr. Russell will share the fascinating story of Norwegian immigrant Elise Wærenskjold, who came to be known in Texas as the “Lady with the Pen.”

Undaunted, the first full biography of Wærenskjold, and winner of the 2006 Ottis Lock Award for the Best Book on East Texas History, is a vivid account of this amazing woman, describing not only her influence among her countrymen but also her own life, which was a saga of considerable drama itself. Russell offers a clear and entertaining window onto immigrant life in frontier Texas and the issues that shaped women’s lives.

A forward-looking journalist, Elise sent letters and articles back to Norway, encouraging others to follow her footsteps to Texas, where a small colony of Norwegian settlers was making a new life in the mid 1800s. She was a strong and independent thinker who championed women’s rights, who was pro-Union and against slavery, and who left an intriguing body of writing about life on the edges of Texas settlement.

On July 7, 2007, at the Western Norway Emigration Center (Sletta, Norway), a monument honoring Wærenskjold (and Agnes Wergeland) was dedicated. The Daughters of Norway, USA, was honored to fund the inscription of the monument.

CHARLES H. RUSSELL, a retired college dean and professor of history, holds a Ph.D. from Columbia University. His interest in Wærenskjold is shared with his Norwegian wife, Inger, who helped him translate Wærenskjold’s writing as he did the research for his book.