

EMBLA NYHETER

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EMBLA CALENDAR

Thursday, September 2nd, 6 pm
Embla Auction and Potluck with Business Meeting. Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Bring auction items early for pricing (5:50 pm).

Saturday, September 25th, 10 am
Embla Executive Board Meeting and Potluck at Marilyn Mahnke's home in Gig Harbor.

Thursday, October 7th, 7 pm
Embla Regular meeting at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. *Holiday Heritage Sharing.*

Saturday—Sunday, October 9—10. Scandinavian Heritage Days at Puyallup Fairgrounds, 10am—5 pm. Bring friends to see all the displays and buy your Christmas items early.

Thursday, October 14th, 10am—12 noon at PLU Scandinavian Cultural Center. Embla Cooking classes \$5 per class.

Saturday, October 23rd, 10am—12 noon. Embla Cooking classes at PLU.

Tuesday, October 26th, 10 am—12 noon. Embla Cooking classes at PLU.

Thursday, November 4th, 7 pm. Embla Regular meeting at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. *The Old Ways-Scandinavian Traditions and Superstitions.* Guest speaker: Kari Boisvert.

Thursday, December 2nd, 7 pm
Embla's Christmas Party at Bethlehem Lutheran Church.



Carol Kemp elected Grand Lodge Vice President at Whidbey Island Convention, 2004

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Carol Kemp

I am greatly honored to have been elected Vice President of the Grand Lodge of *Døtre av Norge* at convention on Whidbey Island in July. It was heartwarming to receive such support from my sisters. Having served Embla Lodge as Cultural Director, Vice-President and President for the past six

years, I am ready for another possible six-year stint – this time on the Grand Lodge Board. As my term of office comes to a close as President of Embla, I look forward sitting as Embla Judge in support of the new slate of officers.

Daughters of Norway is an organization that I can give myself to as it has given so much to me. I treasure our Norwegian heritage and all that it encompasses. When I first visited Norway, I had the overwhelming feeling of having “come home.” Each time I come to an Embla meeting or activity or attend a convention, I experience a similar feeling of being with family – of being “at home.” I am blessed to have the opportunity to share coming together with all of you beautiful women. May I do all that I can to further the ways of our ancestors and the goals of *Døtre av Norge*.

We've had a great summer, haven't we? Enjoy the pictures and articles of *Embla* at work and play.



New Embla Members initiated June 3, 2004. Left to right: Claudia Berguson, Jeaneen Hamlett, Joanne Mansfield, Jeanette Wiggins and Jere Johnson



Embla members on My Girl in June for Sankt Hans Fest. Wonderful trip around the Sound. Thanks to Kari Stackpole for arranging this trip and Embla for sponsoring it.



*Above: Delphine Johnson, Thelma Lund and Florence Swanson.
Below: Marguerite Nickless, Rose Vandertromp and Clarice Zornes.*



SUNSHINE CARDS
to Embla Members:

- Maxine Gonce – fell and cracked her tailbone – walking with a cane.
- Marian Asmussen – knee replacement.
- Mildred Baker – recovering from the flu.
- Elaine Anderson – recovering from carpal tunnel surgery on her hand.
- Angela Sivertson – recovering from hip surgery but was at the Summer Luncheon

“SWEET MEMORIES”

by Sonja Nyhuis

Senior Summer Luncheon

Embla Lodge #2

Daughters of Norway

Saturday, July 31, 2004

Pacific Lutheran University,
Tacoma Washington

Embla #2 President Carol Kemp welcomed 58 Embla members, family, and friends to the annual Senior Summer Luncheon. Thirty nine senior members received special recognition as guests of the Embla Lodge. It was noted that these bright and sparkling ladies were all born before 1929.

Past Grand Lodge officers introduced were: Joanne Mansfield-past Grand Lodge President, Dena Iverson-past Secretary, Florence Buck-past President, Olive Rudsdil-past President, Emilie Pedersen-past Trustee, Florence McKiddy-past Treasurer, and Edna Gruver-past Chaplin. Current Grand Lodge officers attending the luncheon were Tove Van Der Maas-President and Carol Kemp-Vice President.

Tove Van Der Maas led the Salute to the American Flag and her daughter, Sonja Herold led the anthems. Tove led in the Bordbonn Table Prayer.

The menu included crisp green salad, Swedish meatballs, lingonber-

ries, boiled red potatoes, and for dessert, peach crisp with whipped cream. The luncheon color theme was red/white/blue, incorporating lovely red dahlias and with each place setting a miniature tine replica.

Tove Van Der Maas spoke of her childhood in Norway, immigration and life in America, and how pleased she is to serve as Grand President of the Daughters of Norway.



Entertainment was provided by the Harmony Shoppe, a spirited men's quartet from the Totemaires of Tacoma. The quartet's members are, Richard Simmons, Lead; Bob Tober, Tenor; Larry Ross, Baritone; and Hugh Merritt, Bass. The lively foursome sang many nostalgic melodies including Love Letters, Mary Lou, Sitting on Top of the World, Everyday of My Life, and Let a Smile Be Your Umbrella, interspersed with a few Ole and Lena jokes.

Elaine Anderson, representing the lodge scholarship committee, announced Maari Falk, granddaughter of Olive Rudsdil, as the latest recipient of the Embla Lodge scholarship for 2004. Maari shared that she plans to attend Seattle University this fall, majoring in nursing. (See page 8 for Embla Scholarship Award photos.)

Special recognition was bestowed on:

Dena Iverson, as the guest who traveled the greatest distance to attend the luncheon (all the way from Vancouver, Washington).

Harriet Swieso, Olive Rudsdil, and Anne Whitley, composed a three-way tie, for having the largest

number of family members present at the luncheon.

Anne Whitley was also recognized as the member present with the largest number of grandchildren, (14 grandchildren).

The youngest member attending was Maari Falk.

June Radich was honored by Embla #2 for having the longest membership, 73 years.

The eldest Senior member of Embla #2 present was Mary Hudina (94 years young), with Arleigh Virgil, Angela Sivertson, and Ruth Foster also being recognized as the other members over the age of 90.

Embla #2 would like to thank the members of the Luncheon Committee for their hard work in planning, and coordinating the



Angela Sivertson, Maryanne Radich Howell, and June Radich

lovely and enjoyable event. The committee members are: Delphine Johnson, Marilyn Mahnke, Lisa Ottoson, Carol Kemp, and Sonja Nyhuis. Special thanks also for the excellent service provided by the staff and student serving personnel of Pacific Lutheran University.

Delphine Johnson extended an invitation to all Embla #2 members and guests to attend the next special event – a potluck dinner and White Elephant Sale, including both a silent and live auction. The dinner is scheduled for September the 2nd at 6:00 pm at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Tacoma.



Senior Luncheon Organizers: Back row, Sonja Nyhuis, Marilyn Mahnke, Delphine Johnson, Carol Kemp and Lisa Ottoson at table



Below: Diana Nelson and her mother, Irene Nelson



Anne Whitley, largest number of grandchildren (14)



Janine Swieso Wright, Harriet Swieso, and Karen Swieso Bell



Emilie Pedersen and Olive Rudsdil in SCC at PLU



Sonja M. Herold, her mother, Tove Van Der Maas, new Grand Lodge President, and Delphine Johnson



Lisa Ottoson and her mother, Ines Marie Ottoson

DØTRE AV NORGE
GRAND LODGE CONVENTION

July 15-17, 2004
 Whidbey Island

Nordic Sails to Whidbey Shores

Hosted by ESTER MOE LODGE # 39

Overview by Carol Kemp

EMBLA'S delegates to Daughters of Norway Grand Lodge Convention on Whidbey Island, July 15-17, were Carol Kemp, Chris Engstrom, Judy Willison, Esther Van Noy, Harriet Swieso, Kari Stackpole, Delphine Johnson, Lisa Ottoson, Ellen Campbell and Karen Kunkle. Also attending were Joanne Mansfield (Grand Lodge President), Dena Iverson (Grand Lodge Secretary), Janet Ruud (Grand Lodge Organizational chair), Marilyn Mahnke (sales table) and Karen Bell.

The ladies of *Ester Moe Lodge* graciously and skillfully hosted **Nordic Sails to Whidbey Shores**. They were very organized and everything sailed smoothly right along from beginning to end! A hearty *Mange Tusen Takk* to the convention co-chairpersons, Jacque Hansen, Carol Olson, Linda Spencer and all the sisters of Ester Moe!! It was lovely to be on the island. The weather was perfect. The blue waters of the Sound sparkled in the sunlight. Chris Engstrom had arranged for us all to stay at the Saratoga Inn in Langley, a comfortable bed and breakfast with excellent food and service.

The first day, Thursday, was Cultural Day and Class Day (I took Saami band weaving). We met at Trinity Lutheran Church. The Grand Lodge Board met also that day and there was a reception in the evening. Friday was the first business day. Many women wore their bunadar or Viking dresses. Esther Van Noy narrated a fashion show of the bunadar. That evening there was an optional boat trip on *My Girl* (the same boat that Embla cruised on for St. Hans). In the morning of day 3, Saturday, all of the lodges' Past Presidents enjoyed breakfast at the Country Club, followed by a business meeting and memorial service (white dresses were worn by most). Embla sisters that were remembered at the memorial service were Esther J. LaCaille, Doris Polkey, Phyllis Leyes, Myrtle Drahos, Margaret Richards and Hildur Christiansen. The election and installation of new Grand Lodge officers was held in the afternoon. That evening we all enjoyed an outstanding banquet with lots of fun and entertainment by *The Shifty Sailors & The Pickled Herring Band*.

More than 170 delegates from 21 lodges of the Pacific Region of Nevada, California, Oregon, Montana and Washington attended the convention. Conventions are held every two years. The last one was held in Portland, Oregon and before that in Reno, Nevada. **The 2006 convention will be held in Seattle.**



Judith Willison, winner of silent auction items, at Useless Bay Country Club at the Welcome Reception



Chris Engstrom holding our raffle rosemaled mirror she won



Embla Craft Sales Table
 Karen Kunkle, Marilyn Mahnke,
 Ellen Campbell and Judith Willison



Convention Delegates and members back left to right: Chris Engstrom, Karen Kunkle, Harriet Swieso, Charleen Barnes, Florence Buck, Kari Stackpole, Carol Voigt. Middle: Judith Willison, Carol Kemp, Dena Iverson, Delphine Johnson, Lisa Ottoson, Marilyn Mahnke. Front: Ellen Campbell, Janet Ruud, Esther Van Noy and Eleanor Baker.

WHIDBEY ISLAND

Convention 2004

by Kari Stackpole

What a beautiful day it was when we arrived at Whidbey Island for our 2004 Daughters of Norway Convention. After checking in at the Saratoga Inn we drove to Trinity Lutheran Church to register. Hospitality was evident as we were welcomed and invited to visit their hospitality room for coffee and cold drinks. This room was open to everyone during the convention and was a comfortable place to relax and enjoy refreshments during breaks. Typical of Norwegian hospitality there were always cookies and other goodies available... and of course, coffee!

The Welcome Reception was held at the beautiful Useless Bay Golf and Country Club. The food was served buffet style and was delicious. The reception gave us a time to get acquainted, to greet friends and was a wonderful beginning to the upcoming days. The entertainment by the Children's Leikarring from Whidbey Island was delightful and we were all impressed by such a large group of children of all ages.

Lending an aura of excitement to the evening was the silent auction, which kept people busy as they competed to win the bid. The merchants of Whidbey Island donated the items. All of us, delegates, visitors and family members, left the reception that evening with high anticipation of the coming days.



CRAFTS

by Marilyn Mahnke

It was very exciting to see all the handmade Norwegian crafts made by all our sisters of the various lodges. This year we added a new item – a writing pen which has DØTRE AV NORGE on it which sells for \$6 and a notepad and pen for \$10. These will be for sale at our fall sales table. Our best sellers included our TAKK FOR MATEN III cookbook and our tote bags.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

by Esther Van Noy

The Memorial Service was held Sat. afternoon by Grand Lodge Chaplain, Dana Galvin. Background music was by harpist, Ann O'Farrell. A large Viking ship held a candle for each lodge & a candle was lit as the names of the departed sisters were read for each Lodge.

A flower was given to each Lodge President as the names were read. It was very moving as we remembered our departed sisters.



CONVENTION CRUISE

by Delphine Johnson

On Friday after a full day of business meetings concluding with a "Bunad Parade" narrated by Esther Van Noy, we adjourned for the evening festivities. Over 100 people proceeded by car or shuttle to the Langley Marina for the "Convention Cruise" on the "My Girl." The My Girl departed about 5:00 pm, and we cruised the shores of Whidbey Island, around Camano Island, and off the coast of Everett, Washington.

The evening was beautiful and many enjoyed the outside deck areas. Coffee, tea, and a bar were available for soft drinks and wine. A full buffet meal of delicious meat balls and gravy, boiled red potatoes and a wonderful assortment of fruit was enjoyed by everyone. Spice cake with cream cheese frosting was served for dessert. There was an abundance of food and many people left with packages of meat balls and gravy for their midnight snack!

The cruise lasted three hours and gave an opportunity to meet and visit with our sisters from our various lodges. We returned to Langley about 8:00 pm.

Embla President Carol Kemp presenting retiring Grand Lodge Secretary, Dena Iverson, with a gift from Embla.

HOSPITALITY

by Delphine Johnson

Ester Moe Daughters of Norway Sisters were outstanding hosts of our Grand Lodge Convention July 15-17 on Whidbey Island.

The beautiful large new Trinity Lutheran Church with a large parking lot in Freeland was an excellent site for the Convention. Our meetings were held in the Sanctuary. The large gymnasium was the location of our many craft booths and Scandinavian Heritage display booths on Cultural Day, as well as our luncheons and the beautiful Saturday Banquet and Dinner Dance.

At the end of the long hall of classrooms was a large delightful Hospitality Room with hot coffee, tea, cool drinks, and delicious cookies, breads, and Scandinavian pastries. On the wall was a huge map of Scandinavia. Each Sister could make a small paper flag with her name and family name and pinpoint the town or towns her relatives lived in or emigrated from in Norway or Sweden.

We all enjoyed the Whidbey Tote Bag with our Convention folders and the many gifts and souvenirs of the Island, as well as the beautiful rosemaled favors at each place on our meal tables!

Mange Tusan Takk Ester Moe Sisters for your outstanding HOSPITALITY!



Heritage Tables at reception center



PAST PRESIDENT'S BREAKFAST

Useless Bay Golf & Country Club
by Harriet Swieso

At 7:00 am, Saturday, we entered a beautifully decorated room to the strains of harp music played by Ann O'Farrell.

Each table setting had a corsage waiting for its guest. A little wooden "ferryboat" was our souvenir in remembrance of this special occasion.

Our wonderful meal consisted of orange juice, fresh crab or vegetable quiche, fruit and blueberry muffins – and of course, coffee and tea. We ate, drank and renewed old friendships and made new ones.

Embla #2 had six past presidents including two Grand Lodge presidents in attendance.

Group pictures were taken before we left for our 2nd day of meetings.

My heartfelt "thanks" to all of Ester Moe #39 for all the hard work in making this convention on the shores of Whidbey Island a beautiful memory.

BUSINESS MEETING

by Karen Kunkle

The highlight of the Saturday afternoon business meeting was the election of our own Embla Lodge President, Carol Kemp, to the office of Grand Lodge Vice President for the next two-year team.

FIRST BUSINESS DAY

by Ellen Campbell

Florence Buck presented a donation of \$500 to the Grand Lodge Scholarship Fund from Embla Lodge #2, in memory of our longtime sister, Margaret Richards. The money was raised from the sale of items donated to Embla from the Richards' family. We thank them for their generosity.

New business included proposed changes to the Grand Lodge Constitution. Sonja Henie Lodge #29 proposed a change to Article VI, paragraph 4 (page 1) that would remove the requirement that the Grand Lodge Vice President/President be of Norwegian Heritage. This amendment was NOT accepted.

Embla Lodge #2 proposed changes to Article IV, items 1-6 (page 32), which will allow new members the choice of being involved in an official initiation ceremony as part of the membership process. This amendment WAS accepted. The vote was 42 "yes" and 41 "no."

Nellie Gerdrum Lodge #41 proposed an amendment to Article I, Item 2(b), page 3, which would require all lodges "to give recognition to the Scandinavian heritage of all members." This amendment was NOT accepted. The vote was 30 "yes" and 53 "no." Although the delegates felt this was a good thing



Esther Van Noy demonstrating the detail on Delphine Johnson's bunad

to do, they did not feel they wanted this as a "requirement" written into the constitution.

The first day of business ended with a Bunad Parade. Our Embla sister, Esther Van Noy, described the various differences in the bunads from the many districts throughout Norway, as those delegates wearing bunads marched into the convention room.

SKITS

by Esther Van Noy

Friday, Sonja Henie Lodge #29 from Reno donned Barbershop-style straw hats and told Ole and Lena stories. They kept us in stitches while the stories got better. Great Skits!

CONVENTION 2006

by Esther Van Noy

Saturday, Valkyrien Lodge #1 sang their invitation to Convention 2006. Come to the Mix – 2006. Tune: *On the Sunny Side of the Street*. Words: Karin Scovill.

Grab your Bunad and white dress,
Leave your worries and your stresses,
Just decide your picks,
For Convention two thousand six.

We'll remember years gone by,
Things that made us laugh and cry,
Join us for the mix,
At Convention two thousand six.



Lenore Virgil serving her kransekake to Embla members at the April Birthday meeting.



Susan Young of the Pacific Lutheran Scandinavian Cultural Center displaying items in the collection at our May meeting.



Our own Elene Emerson showing her hardanger frame for her own wedding photo. Wonderful work!

ADDITIONS TO ROSTER

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Lakewood, WA 98498

in. Jun 3, 2004
bd Feb 14

Hamlett, Jeaneen

253-779-8958

220 Tacoma Ave S #907
Tacoma WA 98402

in. Jun 3, 2004
bd Apr 30

Johnson, Jere A.

253-858-5088

1923 38th St NW
Gig Harbor WA 98335

Mrs. Theodore
in. Jun 3, 2004
bd Sep 8

Mansfield, Joanne

253-770-4615

12718 13nd Avenue Ct E
Puyallup WA 98374

in. Jun 3, 2004
bd Aug 21

Wiggins, Jeanette

253-564-9734

5115 57th Avenue Ct W
University Place WA 98466

Mrs. Dan
in. Jun 3, 2004
bd Nov 23

Corrections to Roster

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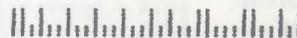
At the close of the Saturday meeting, Embla #2 had a skit with each of our 10 delegates telling what they brought from Embla to share with the Convention, and what they were taking back to Embla. We all have great memories of the 2004 Convention.

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Linda Andresen Caspersen and friend, Beverly Smeby, displaying Textile Trends in Norway at the June meeting. Very interesting!

SAVE THE DATES

Pathways to Peace Symposium
Pacific Lutheran University
Scandinavian Cultural Center
January 12-14, 2005

Embla Scholarship

We awarded two scholarships this year. Allison Ritchie was awarded a scholarship of \$500 at our June meeting and Maari Falk was awarded a \$500 scholarship at the July Summer Luncheon.

The Scholarship Committee was Elaine Anderson, Chairman, Emilie Pedersen and Shirley Peterson. They had a hard job to do choosing from all of those deserving young people.

Thank you, sisters, for a job well done!

Janice Kelly, Scholarship Chairman



Elaine Hudak, Allison Ritchie, and mother, Janet Christensen Ritchie

Dear Daughters of Norway,

Thank you so much for awarding me the Embla Lodge #2 Scholarship. I feel very honored that you chose me as the recipient of your award. I really enjoyed attending your meeting and participating in your celebration of Norwegian culture. Thank you for supporting me as I pursue my career goals and continue my academic education at the University of Portland.

Sincerely,
Allison Ritchie



Maari Falk, daughter of Annette Falk and grandmother, Olive Rudsdil, all Embla members.