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EMBLA CALENDAR

December 2nd - 7 pm - regular meeting of Embla. Election of Officers for year 2000. Singing around the tree and gift exchange. Program - Christmas in Norway by the Norwegian Ladies' Chorus of Seattle.

January 1-31 - Dues for year 2000 due. \$20 per member.

January 6th - Thursday - 7pm - regular meeting at Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

January 11th - Tuesday - 6pm - Rehearsal for Installation Officers.

January 20th - Thursday - 7:30 pm - Installation of Officers at Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

January 26th - 6:30 pm - Executive Board Meeting at Wheelock Library.

EMBLA SISTER NEWS

Our condolences to the family of Bella DeRosa on the recent death of Bella.

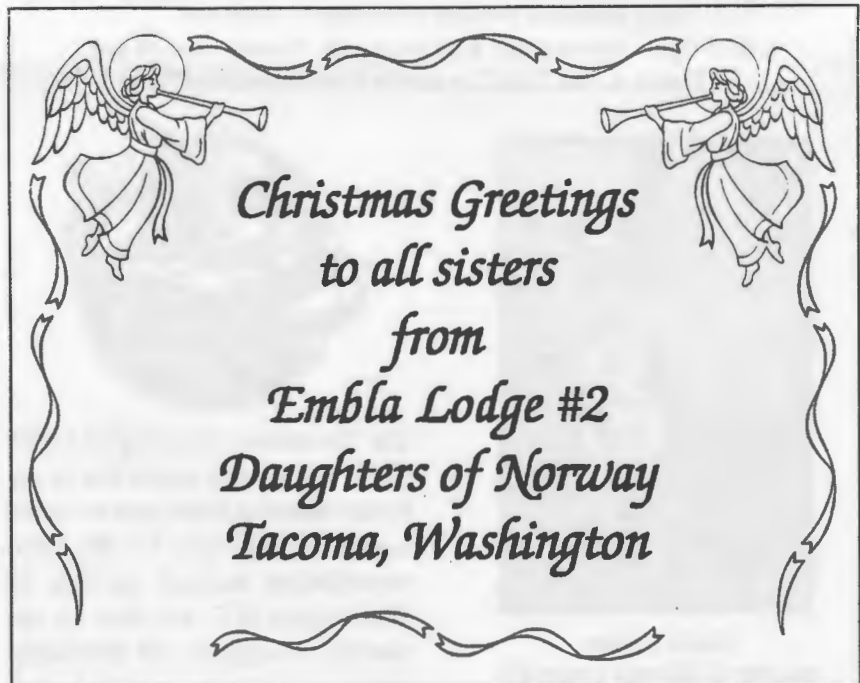
Our condolences to the family of Jeannette Madsen on the recent death of Jeannette

Best wishes to Mardy Fairchild after her shoulder surgery.

To Odny Wise with her broken shoulder.

To Ruth Hazen, former member, with her breast cancer.

They will all appreciate cards!!!



Past Presidents receiving beautiful Christmas plants from President Dena Iverson at the November 4 meeting: Left to right: Esther Carlson, Olive Rudsdil, Florence Buck, Emilie Pedersen, Elsie Schwind, Dena, Janet Ruud, Bernice Rohrs, Esther Van Noy and Mardy Fairchild.





New Members initiated November 4, 1999 are:
 Left to right: Teresa Bjerk, Kari Stackpole, Dorothy Hinson and Louise Keehn-Bruell. A hearty Embla Welcome!!!



Embla Lodge #2
 Daughters of Norway
 Tacoma Washington



Sheila Norton
 member of Solveig Lodge #31
 winner of Embla's drawing for the
 Rosemaled Quilt Rack



The "Barnekor" (Norwegian Youth Choir of Tacoma) would like to say a most heartfelt thank you to Embla Lodge #2, not only for the latest contribution toward our trip to Washington D.C. but also for the continued support and friendship you have shown us over the years. You are much appreciated. **MANGE TAKK!**

IT'S HERE!!!

**The new Embla cookbook
 Takk For Maten III**

with over 950 tried and true recipes, and for sale by mail, at our meetings and at Scandinavian Days. The response has been great - people from California, Texas, New York and all over Washington are buying these great cookbooks.

Cost for the new cookbook with tax is \$16.50 (postage and handling \$3.50). For mail orders:

Marie Hayden
 4010 North 36th St
 Tacoma WA 98407-5601

Buy yours now in time for Christmas giving.

WHEAT WEAVING

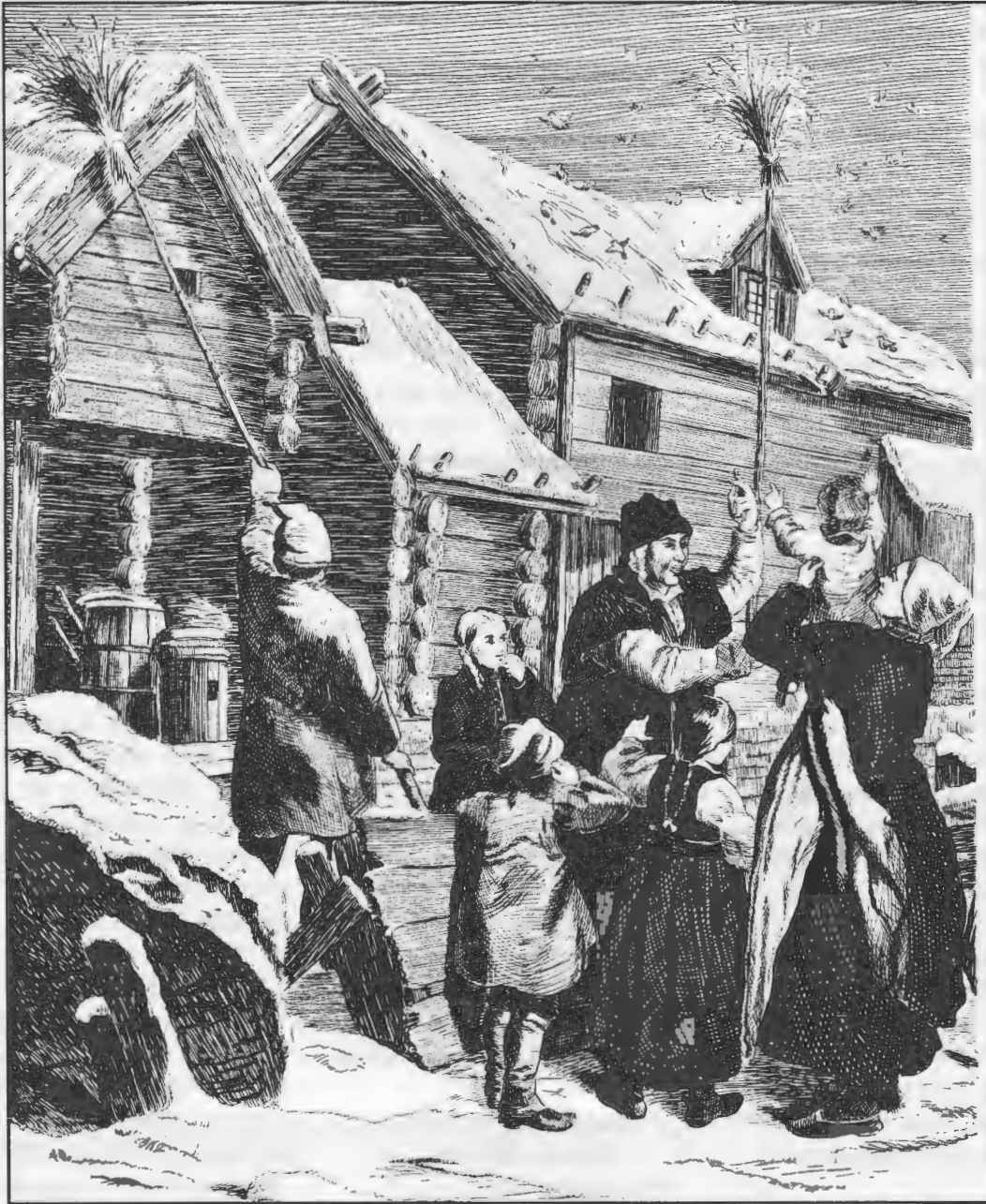
The Scandinavian Cultural Center, at Pacific Lutheran University, is sponsoring a Wheat Weaving Class, taught by Karen Rahl. Karen taught a class for D/N at the 1996 Grand Lodge Convention. The class will be held **Tuesday, December 7th, 9:30am - 2:30pm. The fee is \$15, includes materials.** You will learn to weave three or more different ornaments to hang on the Christmas tree, and at least two different package toppers. (These can also be hung on the wall as decorations). This is a traditional Scandinavian Craft, which can be used many different ways. Easy and fun!!! **For information and registration call Dena Iverson 1-253-839-7712, or Karen at 253-857-5318.**

Canadian Orders:

Because of the value of our currency and Canadian currency the cost to purchase and ship each book is \$31.00 as of Nov. 1999.

We are having good response on the ad placed in the Peninsula Gateway newspaper - already orders are coming in. How can we help but get orders in - the books are beautiful and are a great gift!

Christmas Preparations in Norway



According to tradition, church bells are heard chiming in all the cities of Norway, calling the people to five o'clock church on Christmas Eve – December 24th – when the Christmas celebrations begin.

Many weeks before, the families are busy making gifts for Christmas and preparing food to be stored against the long winter. Cheese and sausages are made; breads and animal-shaped cookies are baked; little colored candles for the tree are finished; and the "lutefisk" is ready.

One of the most charming customs of Norway is the remembrance of the animals and birds, since they were the only ones present at the birth of the Holy Babe. The farm beasts are carefully tended, and the cattle are given extra fodder. But the most beautiful of all the customs is saved for the birds. The especially gleaned sheaf, saved from the fall harvest, is placed on top of a tall pole in the yard - and on Christmas morning, every gable, gate-way and barn door is decorated with a bundle of grain – the birds' Christmas dinner.

**REMEMBERING
ANNE STROM
1897-1999**

Thank you, Anne Strom! Your spirit lives on in the Daughters of Norway.

We are on the count down to the year 2000, and as the Daughters take their heritage seriously, we cannot allow this year, 1999, to end without a remembrance to you, Anne Strom.

Sixty seven years ago you were escorted around the Normanna Hall auditorium, by Embla #2 Drill Team, wearing white dresses and proudly carrying the Norwegian and American flags. You became a stalwart member of Embla #2!

Today we are conscious of how much support, time, energy and love you gave to the Daughters of Embla#2.

There are cherished memories of you, attending the Circle #2 summer meetings at Point Defiance Park, walking across the wooden bridge from the bus pavilion to the picnic area. You were the smallest in stature but always carrying a large basket. However, before each picnic, there were frantic telephone calls "Who has the coffee pot?" The answer, "call Strom!" During the winter months before Christmas, Alfred was asked to start a fire in Strom's basement wood stove. The Daughters are coming to make lefse!

Why do we know, Anne, that your spirit lives on? All we have to do is look around at all the members who have been the keepers of your spirit - Olive, Emilie, Florence, Esther, Mildred, Marie, Elsie, Janet, Dena, Signe, Elene, Harriet, Phyllis and many others. However, how nice to see the many newer members who have captured "the spirit" within the lodge - Carol, Gro, Pat, Vonnie, Karen, Julie Ann, all so bright and willing.



There are only a few days left of this millennium. In years to come the Daughters of Norway will continue on with new members as well as those who are the "keepers" of your spirit.

We pledge to cherish our "chain" of friendships as well as supporting the Daughters of Norway.

* Circle #2, up to thirty years ago the lodge had monthly circle meetings besides the regular meeting. The area of Tacoma was divided geographically into four circles. Many quilts were made by these social groups, all enjoying one another's company.

by Charleen Barnes

**Installation of 1968
Embla Officers**

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Back row left to right: Florence Thompson, Magdalina Krokenes, Genevieve Fjellstad, Georgina Brewington, Wanda Jones, Olive Rudsdil, Ebba Gustafson, Martha Martinsen and Cora Anderson.

Front row: Anne Christiansen, Nora Anderson, Esther Carlson, Pauline Kentfield, President; Clara Anderson, and Pearl Christofferson. Thank you to all who called!!!

COOKING CLASSES

..have been a long tradition with Embla Lodge, and has been one of the ways in which we strive to preserve our heritage. After a couple of years without classes, it was really nice to have them going again. The three fall classes that were held in the kitchen at the Scandinavian Cultural Center at PLU were enjoyed by all, especially when it came time to sample some of the delicious food which had been prepared.

Our cooks were: Florence Buck, Julie Ann Hebert, Dena Iverson, Patricia King, Thelma Lund, Phyllis Melton, Elsie Schwind, and Esther Van Noy, and Charleen Barnes who helped with the sign-in table. "Thank you one and all!"

Our classes are informal and informative. It is a very relaxed atmosphere with sharing of ideas and helpful hints from all that are present. From those who haven't been to a cooking class, you are truly missing an enjoyable experience. Cooking classes will be on the calendar in the spring.

NO GIFT EXCHANGE

Christmas is the season to do for others! So, in place of having a gift exchange amongst our members, the lodge voted at the November meeting to bring a "NEW" toy, unwrapped, to the December meeting. These toys will be donated to the Women's Shelter in Tacoma.

RECITAL

Vicki Lynn Melton, has invited her sisters of Embla to a recital she will be giving on Friday evening, December 10th at 8pm at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Fircrest (Princeton and Alameda St.). Those who can attend will have an enjoyable evening listening to the beautiful voice of Vicki Lynn.

SCANDINAVIAN DAYS

A special "thank you" to Gro Kleitsch and Pat Shaker who were our chairpersons for Scandinavian Days. They did a wonderful job of planning and putting it all together. And to those who came to the work parties, throughout the year, and helped with the various projects, and also, to everyone to who worked at our sales booth during the three-day event, "Thank You, everyone, for a job well done." You will notice by the treasurer's report all our hard work paid off.

Set-up: Dena Iverson, Pat King, Gro Kleitsch and Pat Shaker

Table Sales: Elaine Anderson, Charleen Barnes, Karen Bell, Grace Bredeson, Marian Eberle, Chris Engstrom, Edna Gruver, Margaret Gullstad, Marie Hayden, Miriam Holcomb, Elaine Hudak, Carol Kemp, Karen Kunkle, Marguerite Nickless, Emilie Pedersen, Doris Polkey, Margaret Richards, Tina Riffle, Ivern Rubida, Mary Lou Stonecypher, Harriet Swieso, Amy Vogel and Marge Watson

Cashiers: Marie Hayden and Margaret Richards (Margaret - all three days)

Take Down and Clean-Up: Marie Hayden, Gro Kleitsch, Doris Polkey and Pat Shaker

Receipts:

Cookbooks III	\$ 958.95
Cookbooks II	90.41
Tables Sales	<u>810.43</u>
Total Sales	\$1859.79

15% to Leif \$ 278.97

Erickson Committee
for Scholarship

WA State Sales Tax \$ 158.31



The Leikarring performing for Scandinavian Days



Cashier Phyllis Melton and granddaughters, Bonney and Anna Melton



President, Dena Iverson, teaching about Norwegian Rosemaling at our October meeting.

Esther Van Noy and Marian Eberle at Scandinavian Days



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**EMBLA Hat Party in the 1950s
from collection of Ida Apalseth and Olive Rudsil**

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3 _____ 4 _____
Middle row: 1 _____ 2 _____
3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____
6 _____ 7 _____
Front row: 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____
4 _____ 5 _____ 6 _____

Please call Marie Hayden – 759-4451, or see her at our meeting with names