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**NORDISKA FOLKDANCERS**  
of Seattle, Washington

**Embla Meeting - May 6th**  
**Emmanuel Lutheran Church**

NORDISKA FOLKDANCERS of Seattle is a performance ensemble presenting traditional dances and music of Scandinavia - Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland and Iceland. Performances include *gammaldans* (dances common to many regions, such as waltz, polka, etc.) and *bygdedans* (regional dances, specific to an area or even a single community) -- expressions of living traditions which have been evolving for centuries. Nordiska also performs many of the complex big-group dances composed in the folk dance movements of Scandinavia in

the early 1900's, including the all-time audience favorite, Väva Vadmal, the Swedish weaving dance. Nordiska can focus performances around a specific area or idiom, or present a sampling from many countries, a smörgåsbord of Scandinavian music and dance.

Music at Nordiska's performances is presented by top-notch local Scandinavian musicians, a four-to-ten person ensemble, aged 17 to 82! Recently the ensemble has also added vocal music to Nordiska's performances. For rare non-live music performances, recordings are used from the best folk musicians in Scandinavia. Nordiska performances included informative narration and many also included a presentation of the beautiful traditional costumes worn by dances and musicians.

The dance ensemble began when the late Gordon Ekvall Tracie founded Scandia Folkdancers in 1949, a performance and participation club later renamed Skandia Folkdance Society. In 1952, the performance wing of Skandia was officially named the "Nordiska Folkdancers" and designated as a separate sister organization to Scandia.

Over the years, Nordiska has performed for visiting Swedish, Norwegian and Danish royalty, in concert with illustrious musicians from Scandinavia, and as part of local orchestra and folk music programs; in community outreach performances at churches, retirement homes, parades and in impromptu performance just for fun! We are so fortunate to have them perform for us.



## EMBLA CALENDAR

May 6th - 7 p.m. at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. *Nordiska Folkdancers*, director Jan Carlsson. Bring your friends to this great program.

May 7th - Friday 1:30 p.m. Social afternoon with the residents of Tacoma Lutheran home.

June 3rd - 7 p.m. at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Initiation of new members. Program: *Scandinavian Table Settings* by Pat Shaker.

June 17th - 7 p.m. Emmanuel Lutheran Church. *St. Hans Fest* with Audun Toven speaking. Enjoy Sandwiches and Rømmegrøt or Sandwiches and Strawberry Shortcake, or both. All the coffee you can drink.

September 2nd - 6 p.m. *Welcome Back Potluck* at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Program: *Auction and White Elephant Sale*. Proceeds benefit our Embla Scholarship Fund.



Embla Bus trip to Bellingham for Nellie Gerdrum Lodge Institution

### NELLIE GERDRUM LODGE #41

Institution of new lodge in Bellingham, Washington, on April 10th, 1999

Embla so enjoyed the bus trip to Bellingham to help this new lodge get its start. Over 90 charter members were installed as well as their new officers on April 10th.

Several of our members - Janet Ruud, Grand Lodge Installing Marshall; Carol Voigt and Eleanor Baker and Evelyn Lundstrom-Weiss, were part of the Escort Team

and our Iona Dhaese was the pianist.

We enjoyed the Young Skandia Dancers of the Ester Moe Lodge from Whidbey Island.

We had 28 members on the bus with many more that made their own way to Bellingham. The setting in the Birchwood Presbyterian Church could not have been more beautiful with the mountains all around.

Congratulations to Nellie Gerdrum Lodge and their officers. What a great start!



April 10th trip to Bellingham Under the western red cedar in Marysville rest stop

Left to right: Prillar Guri member Tove Vander Maas, Embla members: Iona Dhaese, Harriet Swieso, Carol Voigt and Myrtle Drahos.





Anne Strom, February 10, 1999  
on her 102nd Birthday.

Anne and Dagny Ordahl Vaswig sang together *Den Store Hvite Flokk* (Behold The Host) and *Ja Vi Elsker Det er Landet*

### TO WET YOUR APPETITE

Karen Kunkle's

#### Broccoli-Chicken Salad

Combine:

- 4 c. chopped raw broccoli
- 2 c. cooked and chopped chicken breasts
- 8 slices of cooked crisp bacon - crumbled
- 1 c. Golden raisins
- 1 chopped red pepper
- 1/4 c. chopped green onion
- 1 c. Sunflower seeds (unshelled)
- 2 c. grated cheddar cheese (medium)

Dressing:

Prepare at least 2 hours before serving time. Needs to blend.

- 1 c. Mayonnaise
  - 1/4 c. granulated sugar
  - 2 Tbls. vinegar
  - 1 Tbls. Japanese Rice Vinegar
- Whisk well and let set.

Toss dressing with salad ingredients immediately before serving. Enjoy!

Can easily be doubled for a big crowd!

Embla thanks Karen for this delicious salad. We have enjoyed it immensely every time she has brought it!!!

### WANTED:

#### IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS

for items to make, then sell at our booth during Scandinavian Days Festival in October. Bring and share your ideas to the next project meeting, which is scheduled for Wednesday, May 13th at 6:30-9:00 p.m. at the Wheelock Library, 3722 No. 26th (one block east of Proctor). Co-chairs for this event are Pat Shaker, Gro Kleitsch and Bernice Rohrs.

### DON'T FORGET YOUR SECRET PAL!!!



TAKK FOR MATEN III

Embla Lodge #2  
Daughters of Norway  
Tacoma Washington

### COMING SOON

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

with over 950 tried and true recipes, will be coming soon. Chairman Mildred Baker, Elene Emerson, Marie Hayden, Phyllis Melton, and Bernice Rohrs have finished the collecting and proofing for the new cookbook. Cost for the new cookbook with tax is \$16.50 (postage and handling \$3.00). We hope to have it here by the first of June.

### ROSEMALED QUILT RACK

Raffle tickets for a Rosemaled Quilt Rack are on sale for \$1 each and may be purchased at any of our meetings or contact Embla's Scholarship Chairman, Karen Kunkle at (253)759-4783. Proceeds of the ticket sales will support our Scholarship Fund. The Quilt rack was made and donated to Embla by Stanley Moye (Junette's husband) and has been rosemaled by Dena Iverson in the Telemark design. Date for a ticket drawing is at our September meeting.

### EMBLA SISTER NEWS

Our condolences to Esther Van Noy in the recent death of her mother in Montana.

Greetings and best wishes to Jeannette Madsen who was recently seen out after her surgery. She was her usual sunny self even though in a wheel chair.

Our get well wishes go to Stella Anderson who is undergoing chemotherapy at this time.

Our get well wishes to Hazel Starkey, our Sunshine Lady, who needed sunshine herself trying to recover from the flu. She always takes such good care with flowers for everyone else.

Our get well wishes go to Mildred Baker who is home and hopes to be with us at the May meeting.

Congratulations to Anne Elgood on her marriage to Isaac Jackson on March 13th.

Our get well wishes to Hildur Christiansen who is recovering at Park Rose Care Center from a slight stroke and infection.

Our get well wishes to Maxine Gonce who is recovering after surgery.

They will all appreciate cards!!!

## NORWEGIAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Saturday, April 17th  
Scandinavian Cultural Center  
Pacific Lutheran University

This year it was Embla's turn to chair this event. Thanks to all the Embla Sisters who helped in so many ways. There is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes which help to make this special day a success.

There were those who made rømmegrøt, did the stirring, made sandwiches, served the food, cashiered, baked items to sell at the bake sale table, worked the bake sale, sold tickets for the door prizes, cleaned up, and those who were there to give a helping hand wherever needed.

**Festival Committee:** Dena Iverson, Clarice Zornes, Ellen Campbell

**Embla's Co-chairman:** Esther Van Noy and Julie Ann Hebert

**Rømmegrøt:** Mary Ann Baker, Dorothy Burnson, Myrtle Drahoš, Elene Emerson, Chris Engstrom, Delphine Johnson, Karen Kunkle, Harriet Swieso and Clarice Zornes

**Sandwiches:** Verle Congdon, Elaine Hudak, Gro Kleitsch, Wilma Olson and Arleigh Virgil

**Cashiers:** Chris Engstrom, Shirley Foreman and Kim Schenk

**Clean-up:** Chris Engstrom

**Bake Sale co-chairman:** Emilie Pedersen and Olive Rudsdil

**Bake Sale Table:** Florence Buck, Dena Iverson, Karen Kunkle, Margaret Richards, Elsie Schwind, Cheryl Spidahl and Lois Tucker.

**Door Prize Ticket Sales:** Janet Ruud, Odny Wise and Clarice Zornes.

### *Mange Tusen Takk*

We couldn't have done it without you!



Embla member, Junette Moye  
Festival price winner

### HELP WANTED

For a number of years Mary Ann Aker has been Historian for Embla Lodge and has been keeper of our scrapbooks. She has retired from that job, and a replacement for Historian is now needed. This is a fun job, takes a little time, and can be worked on in your leisure.

If you would like to work on this project let President Dena Iverson know - 1-253-839-7712.

Thank you, Mary Ann!



Embla Bake Sale  
Emilie Pedersen and Florence Buck



## GRAND LODGE BOARD MEETING

April 23-24th

The Grand Lodge board meeting was hosted by Embla. They met Friday evening at Janet Ruud's home and on Saturday at the home of Esther Van Noy. A luncheon was provided by ladies of Embla - Esther Van Noy, Charlene Barnes, Karen Kunkle, Delphine Johnson, Elsie Schwind and Dena Iverson. It was delicious! "Thank you."

Following the meeting on Saturday evening, the Grand Lodge Board along with some of Embla's members went to dinner at Luciano's Restaurant on Tacoma's waterfront. The weather was perfect which made for a very enjoyable evening.

"Mange Takk" to Julie Ann Hebert, Ivern Rubida and Esther Van Noy who hosted GL Board members in your homes and provided transportation.

### NEXT INITIATION DATE FOR NEW MEMBERS JUNE 3, 1999

Invite your friends to become a part of Embla by informing Esther Van Noy who will send out new member materials.

### WELCOME to Embla's New Members - March 4, 1999

Left to right: Tina Riffle, Marilyn Carlson, Grace Bredeson, Kim Schenk and Diane Ferluga

## Syttende Mai 17th of May

The 17th of May, Norway's Constitution Day, is the country's most significant holiday. From the remote parts of the land, to the busy cities, snow, sleet or rain does not interfere with the celebration of this day. Every community throughout Norway has parades where all school children have the opportunity to participate and sing. Children carry flags while they march to patriotic music supplied by the school bands.

When one understands the turmoil Norwegians have suffered, one gains a greater appreciation of why they celebrate their freedom in such a big way.

In the middle of the 14th century, following a splendid Viking age, Norway became part of a political union with Denmark, lasting 434 years, during which period she lost much of her national independence. During the Napoleonic wars Denmark-Norway was allied with Napoleon. In the coalition against Napoleon, Sweden sided with Russia and Great Britain.

In 1810 Sweden adopted cable Jean Baptiste Bernadotte and renamed him Karl Johan. He was intelligent, but not of noble birth. His birthplace was Pau, France. He rose to the rank of general by the time he was 31, and was promoted to Marshall in 1804, 10 years later.

Bernadotte commanded Nordhæren when Napoleon was defeated at Leipzig, in January of 1814. Following the battle he rushed to Holstein and Slesvig and threatened to take Jylland. Denmark was no match, and in their loss they ceded Norway to Sweden without the consent of the Norwegian people and the Danish governor-general of Norway, Prince Kristian Frederic. Both reacted with disdain. The Norwegian people de-

cidated to hold a Riksforsamling, an assembly of vassals and the King's advisers, at Eidsvoll verk April 10, 1814. There were 112 delegates present, 59 ombudsmen, 37 farmers and 16 businessmen, who drafted the Norwegian constitution.

The constitution was written in six weeks, and was signed by the delegates, May 17, 1814. The delegates unanimously elected Prince Kristian Frederick King of Norway. After the election president Georg Serdrup said, "Risen once more within Norway's domain is Norway's ancient Kongestol, crown, which Adelstener and Sverrer filled, and governed with wisdom and strength. God preserve ancient Norway."

The election of Christian Frederik as King of Norway meant war with Sweden. After negotiations a peace treaty was signed November 4, 1814. Norway and Sweden became united as separate kingdoms under a common monarch, King Charles XIII. He consented to recognize the Constitution of May seventeenth.

Norwegians were much unhappy with this union, but reason prevailed and in 1905 the union between Norway and Sweden was peacefully dissolved. They chose prince Carl of Denmark to be their king who became Haakon VII. His little son Alexander, was given the name Olav V.

When World War II broke out in September 1939, Norway claimed neutrality and managed to keep herself out of the war until April 9, 1940. Then, without warning Germany violated her neutrality and without a declaration of war attacked and invaded Norway. For 125 years Norway had enjoyed peace uninvolved in international conflicts, now she experienced the iron rule of the invaders. The Ger-

mans occupied the important seaports from Oslo north to Narvik and pressed inland. In Northern Norway, the Norwegians were able to organize a better defense and continued the fighting into June. When the Allied troops which were in Northern Norway were called home because of the world situation, Norway had no choice but to surrender.

It was a frightening, confusing period for the Norwegians. In accordance with an act of parliament taken on April 9th at Elverum, the king and the government were empowered to continue the fight to free Norway from Germany, if necessary, outside of Norway's borders. By the middle of June they fled to England to continue to fight to free Norway.

Underground forces in Norway continued the fight. Many underground newspapers kept the Norwegians informed of the war. Though many were sent to concentration camps, and were tortured or starved to death, the Norwegians fought on. Suffering, treason, war and occupation were the lot of the Norwegians until May 8, 1945, that glorious day, when Germany surrendered and peace settled over the land once more.

When the news was broadcast that Norway was free, a tidal wave of joy swept across Norway. The celebration lasted the whole month of May. For weeks the people were overwhelmed with joy, the 17th of May, 1945 was celebrated with a glow that dimmed the midnight sun.

thanks to Astrid Karlsen Scott  
from *Norway's Fest Days*

*The SyenttdeMai festivities in Ballard is on Monday, the 17th of May. The Leikarring will be dancing at 3:30 at Bergen Place and the parade is at 6 p.m.*

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**Thomas Strom's Grocery in the Normanna Hall building, corner of South 15th & K streets  
Do any of you remember shopping at their store?**

Thomas P. and Anna Strom came from Norway, he in 1901 as a 16 year old and she as a 16 year old in 1906. They met here in Tacoma. He lived in Alaska for two years before settling in Tacoma. They were married ca 1911. He worked at St. Paul and Tacoma Lumber Company and then as a shipwright at Todd Shipyards. They had a daughter, Prudence, and a son, Thomas Clifford Strom, and lived at 1933 So Cushman in 1920.

In 1923 the new Normanna Hall was dedicated with room for 3 businesses on the K Street side. Thomas and Anna operated Strom's Grocery until 1946 when he retired. He was active in Sons of Norway, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Scandinavian Fraternity and the Ancient Order of Vikings. He died in 1950 and was the President of the Norden Lodge, Sons of Norway at the time.

[the editor does not think they are related to our Embla Anna and Alfred Strom]