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DAUGHTERS OF NORWAY

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EMBLA CALENDAR

March 13, 17, and 22- Cooking classes at Scandinavian Cultural Center at PLU.

Thursday, April 12th at Bethlehem Lutheran Church - regular meeting with Nancy Swenson "How to Write Your Story"

April 22nd, Sunday, 2-5 pm
Birthday Celebration

EMBLA'S IMMIGRANT WOMEN

A CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

You are cordially invited to join the members of Embla Lodge No. 2, Daughters of Norway, for our 100th birthday celebration.

Sunday, April 22, 2007
2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Normanna Hall
1106 South 15th Street
Tacoma, Washington

\$20.00 per person

R.S.V.P. Chris Engstrom
2053 North Fremont Street
Tacoma, Washington 98406-1515

Payment must be received by
March 15, 2007

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Greetings to my Sisters,

I was born and raised in Minnesota as well as many of you, my sisters. I am the eldest of 4, two brothers who still live in my home town of Duluth and a sister who lives in Minot, N.D. And yes, she goes to the Hostfest every year. I would like to see a group of us go some year!

I worked for a tool company for 4 years as a billing clerk and then moved on to Minneapolis and worked for another tool company for 4 years. I had a short stay in Spokane and then on to San Francisco where I lived there and in Mill Valley for around 30 years. In Spokane, I worked for Addressograph-Multigraph and transferred to San Francisco. I then went to work for two steamship companies and a cruise line. At Grace Line, I was the Personnel Manager until the company went out of business. I was the assistant to the Controller at Pearl of Scandinavia until they moved their offices to Ft. Lauderdale. At Blue Star Line, I was in charge of the leased containers until the company was sold.



2007 Embla President
Marilyn Mahnke and husband, Martin Romero

My father's grandparents on his mother's side came from Trondheim, Grandma Anna Wanvick and Grandpa Alfred Wold. And on his father's side (the Mahnke family), I just received information this summer that his Grandfather came over from Berlin, Germany with a widowed mother and 2 brothers.

I have a list of the brothers' families, when they were born, who they married and when they died. Now I have to take the time to work on all of this for my Genealogy records. My father is the eldest of one brother and two sisters.

My mother's father, Andrew Gradberg, came from Koppersburg, Djura Sweden and went to South Dakota. That is where he met my grandmother, Hulda Roren,

who came from Drammen, Norway. They moved to Cromwell, MN where he became a farmer and then a bricklayer. They had one son and two daughters.

My Extra Circular activities include: Decorative Painting, Gardening, Genealogy, Golfing, Reading, Rosemaling, Sailing and Traveling.

My travels have been to: Rio de Janeiro for Carnival, Peru to see Cuzco and Macho Pecho; China – Great Wall, Beijing, Hong Kong; Sailing in Tahiti, Belize, and Greece, Via train to Italy, Austria, Switzerland, Germany, Spain and France, also various places in Mexico, several times to the Hawaiian Islands and many places in the United States. My goal is to go to Norway and Sweden...

While working in the shipping industry I joined Bons Vivants a travel organization. I became the Editor of the newsletter and eventually President.

In 1980 I joined the Sausalito Cruising Club. I was Secretary, Vice Commodore and Commodore and am now Past Commodore. This is where I met my husband, Martin Romero. We married in 1992 and moved to Gig Harbor in 1999 after he retired. We have a grandson, Anthony Reis, living in Gig Harbor, who just got married in September to Marisa Pritchard.

I'd like to give Special thanks to Carol Kemp. Carol Kemp and I were members of the Marin County Genealogy Society. She had moved to Gig Harbor and when I moved here I did not have her telephone number. In Oct. of 2001 I went to the Gig Harbor Norwegian Festival and, lo and behold, there was Carol and she invited me to the November meeting of Embla. I met

Florence Buck who was the Membership chair and was initiated that evening.

I have been Craft Chair, Marshall and Vice President and chair of many committees. The way to get to know something and anybody is to get involved. There is something to learn every day being it cooking, crafts, music, friendship, leadership, etc. Our heritage is very precious.

I look forward to being your President.

Marilyn Mahnke

PAST PRESIDENT'S CLUB

Mardy Fairchild, Janet Ruud, Delphine Johnson, Carol Kemp, Harriet Swieso, (new Embla president Marilyn Mahnke, Olive Rudsdil and Emilie Pedersen.

PAST PRESIDENT'S CLUB

celebrated Christmas with a luncheon at Shenigan's Restaurant on December 9th with eight members present. President Carol Kemp decorated the table with beautiful Christmas items. A short business meeting was held. New officers for 2007: Emilie Pedersen, president and Olive Rudsdil, secretary. Esther Van Noy will continue as treasurer. After lunch we had a gift exchange. We all went home with a bag of gifts.

On February 16th we met at the lovely home of Harriet Swieso with ten members present. Harriet served a delicious lunch, including Norwegian meatballs and a yummy chocolate pie. Our next meeting will be April 9th, Janet Ruud, hostess.



2007 Installation of Embla Officers



Front row l to r: Diana Nelson, Judith Willison, Marilyn Mahnke (Pres.) Delphine Johnson, Elda Sulerud, Grace Bredeson. Back row l to r: Toni Simpson, Julie Touchette, Sonja Nyhuis, Marilyn Carlson, Tanya Fowlkes, Chris Engstrom, Judy Gullander and Maren Johnson (missing Gail Harris)

CHRISTMAS PARTY

This year Embla Sisters arranged to hold Embla's annual Christmas Party meeting on December 7th, 2006 in the Scandinavian Cultural Center at Pacific Lutheran University. The room was resplendent with many small Christmas trees in traditional decorations representing Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, and Iceland. In the center of the room was a large Norwegian Christmas tree surrounded by several round tables each decorated with a lovely poinsettia plant on a mirror amid Christmas holly. The centerpieces had been made by Tanya Fowlkes and her daughter Amanda and were given as door prizes.

The serving table had a Kransekake centerpiece and the table was laden with good food



Kari Stackpole wears her new bunad given to her by cousin from Norway

prepared by Tanya Fowlkes, Amanda Fowlkes, Candace Brown, Judy Gullander, and Manoah Butterfield. Many thanks to the Serving Committee.

A Resolution of Sympathy was read for Lela Phillips. Christmas Greetings from Dena Iverson and Judy Willison were read. Our own Carol Kemp, Grand Lodge President, brought us greetings from the Grand Lodge. Maren Johnson was elected to serve as Inner Greeter for 2007 replacing Diana Nelson. Our special guests, two PLU students from Norway Kristian Juvik

and Anette Knudson, spoke about Christmas traditions in Norway and in their families.

Janet Ruud helped us sing some of our favorite Christmas songs in English and Norwegian as we all danced around the Christmas Tree. Kristian and Anette helped us with the motions to "O jul med din glede."



Some of our members participated in a small gift exchange. The donation tables were overflowing with all the gifts for the Family Renewal Center for women and children in Tacoma. Thank you for your generosity!

Delphine thanked the 2006 Board members and presented each with a Christmas thank you gift. Lisa Ottoson presented Delphine with a beautiful Christmas plate from Embla.

The evening closed with the drawing for the wonderful large Gift Basket from the Past Presidents. *Anne Whitley was the lucky Sister who won the Christmas Basket!*



Elene Emerson presents a gift to Norma Borgford. All members giving postage stamps for the Tubfrim project had their names presented for a drawing.



2006 Outgoing Embla Officers

Front row l to r: Marilyn Mahnke, Carol Kemp, Grace Bredeson, Delphine Johnson, Chris Engstrom, Gail Harris and Diana Nelson. Back row l to r: Elda Sulerud, Marilyn Carlson, Lisa Ottoson, Manoah Butterfield, Flora Peterson and Tanya Fowlkes.



Chris Engstrom selling our items at Wilson High School in December. Friend Jan Runbeck came along to help and became a new Embla member. Thanks, Jan!



**Escort Team for 2007
Installation of Officers.**

Left to right: Eleanor Baker, Janet Ruud, Evelyn Lundstrom-Weiss, and Karen Kunkle.



Installing Marshall Mardy Fairchild presents new president, Marilyn Mahnke - 2007



2007 Installation Officer
Esther Van Noy

**Embla Lodge No. 2
Daughter of Norway
2007 Spring Cooking
Classes
Scandinavian Cultural
Center at Pacific Lutheran
University
NORSKE OPPSKRIFTER
(Norwegian Recipes)**

Tuesday, March 13, 2007

Svinekjøtt med sur fløte –
Pork Loin Chop with Sour
Cream

Maisalat – Spring Salad

Sommerkrans – Coffee Ring

Saturday, March 17, 2007

Fiskekaker – Fish Balls

Spicy Sauerkraut

Gjetost Bread Pudding

Thursday, March 22, 2007

Karbonade kaker – Norwegian

Hamburger Patties

Potetboller – Potato Dumplings

Eplekake – Apple Cake

All recipes from *Takk for Maten II* except for Spicy Sauerkraut
Next classes: October 9, 20 and
25, 2007



Left: Toby Hansen,
accordionist for program



Past President Harriet Swieso (l)
thanks new Judge, Delphine Johnson
(r) for her service as immediate Past
President

Maisalat – Spring Salad

demonstrated by
Esther Van Noy

Ingredients:

- 1/4 lb bacon
- 3 carrots
- 1 pt. finely cut Chinese cabbage or lettuce
- 1 small can whole kernel corn (8–10 oz)
- 1 (15 oz) can pineapple pieces
- 1 red sweet pepper
- 1 yellow sweet pepper
- 1/2 English cucumber
- 1 can cod roe (optional)

Dressing:

- 1/2 cup light mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup light sour cream (Daisy)
- 1 to 2 tsp pickle juice
- 2 or 3 tsp ketchup
- 3 Tbsp. finely chopped sweet pickle

Directions for mixing salad:

Cut bacon into pieces and fry until crisp. Set aside to cool. Pour juice from corn and pineapple. Cut carrots into very thin slices. Cut peppers into small pieces. Divide roe into small bits, if used. Place all ingredients in salad bowl and toss lightly.

Blend the dressing ingredients and season to taste. Serve with the salad. Hard rolls or white bread will go well with the salad.

from *Takk for Maten II*

PERKS OF BEING OVER 50 OR 60

1. Kidnappers are not very interested in you.

2. In a hostage situation you are likely to be released first.

3. No one expects you to run—anywhere.

4. People call at 9 PM and ask, Did I wake you?

5. People no longer view you as a hypochondriac.

6. There is nothing left to learn the hard way.

7. Things you buy now won't wear out.

8. You can eat supper at 4 PM.

9. You can live without sex but not your glasses.

10. You get into heated arguments about pension plans.

11. You no longer think of speed limits as a challenge.

12. You quit trying to hold your stomach in no matter who walks into the room.

13. You sing along with elevator music.

14. Your eyes won't get much worse.

15. Your investment in health insurance is finally beginning to payoff.

16. Your joints are more accurate meteorologists than the national weather service.

17. Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them either.

18. Your supply of brain cells are finally down to manageable size.

19. You can't remember who sent you this list.

And you notice these are all in Big Print for your convenience.

Norwegian Folk Costume (bunad) stolen in Eugene, Oregon

Woman's summer costume from Trondheim, size 18. Red homespun vest; Red, blue, and black striped homespun skirt (with white accents);

White homespun shirt (recently worn); 2-1/2 inch antique sterling silver solje with gold colored spoons, 1-1/4 inch matching silver solje, 2 inch silver pin, pair of sterling silver earrings (circle pattern on screw-back findings).

Jewelry was in silk purses (pink and pale green) in corner pockets of a gray garment bag.

These (and much more) were stolen from the owner's car overnight Feb. 20-21 at Eugene, Oregon. I can provide a photo.

Dick Rawson

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*February program
Prof. Auden Toven
displaying map of Norway.
See page 7 for article on trip.*



February 2007 Hostesses

L to R: Anne Whitley, Janice Kelly, Sarah Callow, Norma Borgford and Trudy Sorenson



March 2007 Hostesses

L to R: Betty Willard, Carmen Knudtson, Ellen Campbell, Sonja Nyhuis, Ines Ottoson and Lisa Ottoson



Left: March speaker, Astrid Karlsen Scott

New Embla Members at March Meeting

L to R: Joanna Rasmussen, Marge Stormo, Joan Anderson, Donna Greiner, Sharon Groenveld & Jennifer Shook





Approaching the shore near Sundet. Family owning the house on this side of the water must row across and bring over any travelers.

On the Pilgrim Road to Nidaros

Arne Bakken, Pilgrim priest from Hamar, said "Something happens to the person who walks. A pilgrim road is a meeting place between history, culture, nature and you. A pilgrim road is a human road, connecting you and fellow human beings in the past, present and future – with spiritual inspiration reverberating through it all."

Imagine being able to walk the paths and roads, ford the streams, and cross the mountains and rivers in the footsteps of those who were there hundreds, even a thousand years ago. Imagine sleeping in the **same room** as some of those who were there those many years ago. Imagine leaving your burdens at the top of the mountain pass, closest to heaven. Imagine sitting on the **same benches** in the same churches as those long ago pilgrims. Imagine being where, in 1030, Olav Haraldsson fell at the battle of Stiklestad, in 1030.

In the summer of 2005, under the auspices of Nordmanns-Forbunet, with three friends, and Audun Toven and Kjetil Flatin as our

guides, I did just that. We experienced just what Arne Bakken said – a connection between us and fellow human beings in the past, present and future – with spiritual inspiration reverberating through it all.

And, it was **fun!** We started in Oslo, and then visited such places as the Hamar Cathedral, Dovre Church, and Saint Olav's Spring. We followed the old Kings' Road over the mountain, visited Eystein's Church, named after the Norwegian king who built the first church in the area around 1100. The day we arrived at the Gaula river, the farmer at Sundet Gård met us with his boat and rowed us over, three at a time. It has long been the medieval duty of the farmer at this place, and he has accepted the age-old obligation.



Closer to Kjerkinn.

This is one of the rivers we forded.

One day we walked to Sygard-Grytting, one of the oldest farms in Norway, still with buildings where the medieval pilgrims stayed. We visited Jørungard, the farm that was built for the filming of Sigrid Undset's *Kristin Lavransdaughter*.

During our walks, and every evening, Audun and Kjetil filled our minds and spirits with the history, culture, traditions and wonder of Norway. Then, on the



Sygard Grytting. This is one of the old inns at the end of our trip. We slept in the building center back in the picture, called the Pilgrims' Loft.

last day of the trip we walked into Trondheim to Nidaros Cathedral, where the Pilgrim minister met us. We were able to tour the cathedral and attend church services there.

I will never be able to fully describe what walking the Pilgrimsvegen til Nidaros meant to me. I can only recommend it to others, as a very real way to experience the meeting of medieval and modern Norway.

Gail Sawyer



At the Goal!!!

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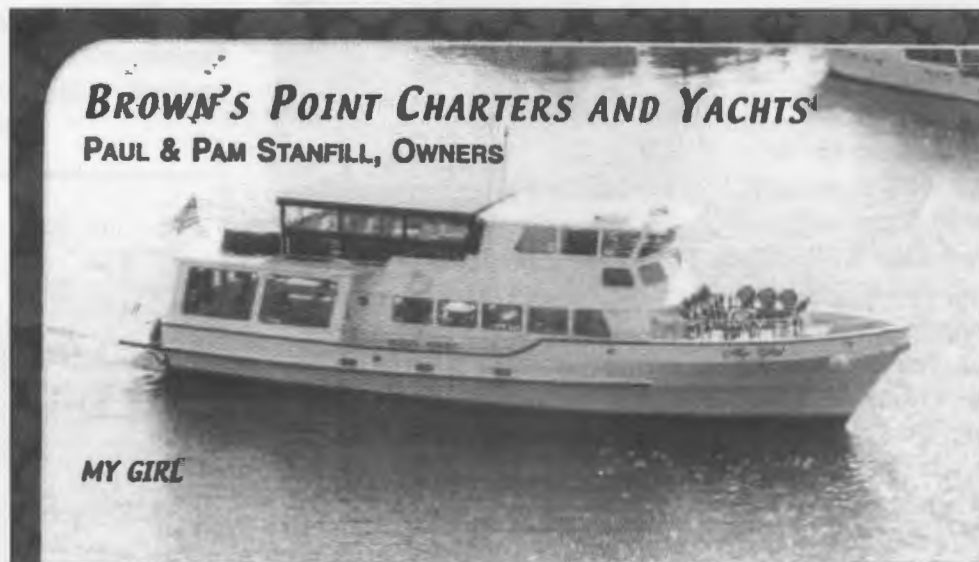
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SANKT HANS FEST Boat Trip
Friday, June 22, 2007

Boat loads under the 11th Street bridge. There is free back-in street parking and lot parking for \$2. You can unload closer – then park your car. Nobody under 13.

Boat leaves promptly at 6:30. Everyone must be on the boat at 6:00 or get left behind. Back at 9:30. It IS the longest day of the year so if the weather is great – and, of course, it will be – it will be light until nearly 10.

Easy loading from dock to transom. No stairs, if necessary, or there is a covered upstairs if you are able.
Cost: \$20 per person. Pay to Chris Engstrom, treasurer.