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EMBLA CALENDAR

October 9, 20 and 25th Cooking classes at Scandinavian Cultural Center at PLU.

Thursday, November 1st, 7pm at Bethlehem Lutheran Church – regular meeting with Kerstin Ringdahl on the PLU Archives.

December 6th – Christmas Party 7 pm at SCC PLU with traditional singing and dancing around the tree.

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March 18, 22 and 29th – Spring Cooking Classes and

October 7, 18 and 23rd – Fall Cooking Classes.

Embla Sunshine

You might want to send cards to our Embla Sisters who have been ill or have a bereavement.

Maxine Gonce is in a nursing home - address coming.

Hazel Harstad Starkey's husband, Dean, died on September 17th.

Junette Christine Moye, died on October 19th. Her daughter's, **Karin Kelley and Tina Wolfe** are Embla members.

These members had surgery but are home now:

Anne Whitley, Phyllis Melton, and Diana Nelson.

Iona Dhaese had a stroke and is awaiting heart surgery. **Grace Bredeson** scheduled for surgery.

Elene Emerson

was selected for the Scandinavian Cultural Center's 2007 Outstanding Service Award! The award was presented at the annual banquet on Saturday, Sep. 29.



Elene has been a member of the SCC since before it was built. Esther Hinchberger said of Elene, "Elene's accomplishments go way back. She was part of the original Troll Club that worked to fulfill our dream of a Scandinavian Cultural Center. Of the five years the Thrift Shop was operating on Garfield Street and raising money for the SCC, Elene probably spent more hours there than anyone. She's been an SCC member for all these years, served on the Council, [and] was the first Volunteer Coordinator. She still serves as a volunteer (every 2nd Sunday of the month



*September Hostesses
Torun Parker, Susan Nelson, Judy Willison and Kim Schenk*

– plus the 5th Sunday) and is always so very dependable. She is involved in every Norwegian activity, including the Norwegian Heritage Day at PLU, and the Hardanger [embroidery] group where she is both leader and teacher."



Carol Spencer and Carmen Knudtson at the Auction at September's meeting



Past President's Lunch in October
hosted by Carol Kemp at the Harbor Monsoon
Marilyn Mahnke, Esther Van Noy, Harriet Swieso,
Olive Rudsdil, Carol Kemp, Emilie Pedersen and
Delphine Johnson



Embla members making greeting cards for our troops.
Mardy Fairchild, Carol Kemp and
Karen Lease-Smith

What do these 7 people have in common?
They just finished eating Lutefisk and Swedish meatballs at Peninsula Lutheran Church in Gig Harbor



Marilyn Mahnke and husband
Martin



Ralph and Elene Emerson



Esther Van Noy and Marian Eberle



Glenda Su-Ming Larsen

Cards For Troops

A few members have been working on a special service project – Homemade Greeting Cards for Troops. Mardy Fairchild has donated over 200 miscellaneous cards. These cards have beautiful designs on the front. The inside is left blank so that the service men and women can write on them and send these cards to their loved ones back home. One box of 204 cards has already been sent to Iraq. This included seasonal ones of Fall, Halloween Thanksgiving and Thinking of You. Some of Mardy's donated cards were also included.

The Christmas Holiday cards have already begun to be made.

We will be meeting at Mardy Fairchild's home on October 30th at 5:00 p.m. (Brown Bag dinner), if you are interested in making cards.

Mardy Fairchild, Karen Kunkle, Maren Johnson, Chris Engstrom, Carol Spencer, Karen Lease-Smith, Carol Kemp, Carol's daughter-in-law Patti Kemp. Ellen Campbell and Marilyn Mahnke have donated materials and time towards this project.

Embla Sisters!!!
 Did you remember to send in your vote for our meetings for the future. Please sign your ballot and get it in the mail so your vote will count.

Rebecca and Jacob

Jacob, age 92, and Rebecca, age 89, living in Florida, are all excited about their decision to get married. They go for a stroll to discuss the wedding, and on the way they pass a drugstore. Jacob suggests they go in. Jacob addresses the man behind the counter: "Are you the owner?"

The pharmacist answers, "Yes"

Jacob: "We're about to get married. Do you sell heart medication?"

The pharmacist answers, "Of course we do."

Jacob: "How about medicine for circulation?"

Pharmacist: "All kinds"

Jacob: Medicine for rheumatism and scoliosis?"

Pharmacist: "Definitely."

Jacob: Medicine for memory problems, arthritis, jaundice?"

Pharmacist: "Yes, a large variety. The Works."

Jacob: "What about vitamins, sleeping pills, Geritol, antidotes for Parkinson's disease?"

Pharmacist: "Absolutely."

Jacob: "You sell wheelchairs and walkers?"

Pharmacist: "All speeds and sizes."

Jacob: "We'd like to use this store as our Bridal registry."



Julie Touchette at Fall Cooking classes at PLU demonstrating Beste Hakke (best ground beef)



Harriet Swieso and Janet Ruud Cooking Classes in October demonstrating Ginger Spritz and Riskrem med rodsaus (rice cream with red sauce)



Scandinavian Heritage Festival at Puyallup Fairgrounds

Left photo: Donah Greiner and Gail Harris

Right photo: Maren Johnson, Chris Engstrom and Elaine Anderson



Diane Nelson, Carmen Knudtson and Betty Willard



Four Generations of Harriet Swieso's Family at the Scandinavian Heritage Festival

New Credit Card Scam

.. Snopes.com says this is true.
! See this site - \o "<http://www.snopes.com/crime/warnings/creditcard.asp>" <http://www.snopes.com/crime/warnings/creditcard.asp>

This one is pretty slic since they provide YOU with all the information, except the one piece they want. Note, the callers do not ask for your card number; they already have it. This information is worth reading. By understanding how the VISA & MasterCard Telephone Credit Card Scam works, you'll be better prepared to protect yourself.

One of our employees was called on Wednesday from "VISA," and I was called on Thursday from "Master Card." The scam works like this: Person calling says, "This is (name), and I'm calling from the Security and Fraud Department at VISA. My Badge number is 12460. Your card has been flagged for an unusual purchase pattern, and I'm calling to verify. This would be on your VISA card which was issued by (name of bank). Did you purchase an Anti-Telemarketing Device for \$497.99 from a Marketing company based in Arizona?"

When you say "No," the caller continues with, "Then we will be issuing a credit to your account. This is a company we have been watching and the charges range from \$297 to \$497, just under the \$500 purchase pattern that flags most cards. Before your next statement, the credit will be sent to (gives you your address), is that correct?"

You say "yes." The caller continues - "I will be starting a **fraud** investigation. If you have any questions, you should call the 1- 800 number listed on the back of your card (1-800-VISA) and ask for Security.

You will need to refer to this Control Number. The caller then gives you a 6 digit number. "Do you need me to read it again?"

Here's the IMPORTANT part on how the scam works. The caller then says, "I need to verify you are in possession of your card." He'll ask you to "turn your card over and look for some numbers." There are 7 numbers; the first 4 are part of your card number, the next 3 are the security numbers that verify you are the possessor of the card. These are the numbers you sometimes use to make Internet purchases to prove you have the card. The caller will ask you to read the 3 numbers to him. After you tell the caller the 3 numbers, he'll say, "That is correct, I just needed to verify that the card has not been lost or stolen, and that you still have your card. Do you have any other questions?" After you say "No," the caller then thanks you and states, "Don't hesitate to call back if you do," and hangs up.

You actually say very little, and they never ask for or tell you the Card number. But after we were called on Wednesday, we called back within 20 minutes to ask a question. Are we glad we did! The **REAL** VISA Security Department told us it was a scam and in the last 15 minutes a new purchase of \$497.99 was charged to our card.

Long story - short - we made a real fraud report and closed the VISA account. VISA is reissuing us a new number. What the scammers want is the 3-digit PIN number on the back of the card. Don't give it to them. Instead, tell them you'll call VISA or Master card directly for verification of their conversation.

The real VISA told us that they will never ask for anything on the card as they already know the information since they issued the card! If you give the scammers your 3 Digit PIN Number, you think you're receiving a credit. However, by the time you get your statement you'll see charges for purchases you didn't make, and by then it's almost too late and/or more difficult to actually file a fraud report.

What makes this more remarkable is that on Thursday, I got a call from a "Jason Richardson of Master Card" with a word-for-word repeat of the VISA scam. This time I didn't let him finish. I hung up! We filed a police report, as instructed by VISA. The police said they are taking several of these reports daily! They also urged us to tell everybody we know that this scam is happening.

Please pass this on to all your family and friends. By informing each other, we protect each other.



**Scandinavian Heritage Festival
Set Up Committee**

Julie Touchette, Marilyn Mahnke and Judith Willison



Embla #2 at Scandinavian Heritage Festival
*Janice Kelly, Judith Willison, Verle Congdon, Ellen
Campbell and Harriet Swieso (seated)*



*Judith Willison, Gail Sawyer, Ellen Campbell and Jan-
ice Kelly at Cooking Classes*
Scandinavian Cultural Center, PLU

*Demonstrating a delicious marinated King Salmon, Dil-
letter (dilled green peas) and Rosettes.*

Judith Willison is our Cooking Class Coordinator

Who's Your Daddy?

A seminary professor was vacationing with his wife in Gatlinburg, TN. One morning, they were eating breakfast at a little restaurant, hoping to enjoy a quiet, family meal. While they were waiting for their food, they noticed a distinguished looking, white-haired man moving from table to table, visiting with the guests. The professor leaned over and whispered to his wife, "I hope he doesn't come over here." But sure enough, the man did come over to their table.

"Where are you folks from?" he asked in a friendly voice.

"Oklahoma," they answered.

"Great to have you here in Tennessee," the stranger said. "What do you do for a living?"

"I teach at a seminary," he replied.

"Oh, so you teach preachers how to preach, do you? Well, I've got a really great story for you." And with that, the gentleman pulled up a chair and sat down at the table with the couple.

The professor groaned and thought to himself, "Great ... Just what I need ...another preacher story!"

The man started, "See that mountain over there? (pointing out the restaurant window). Not far from the base of that mountain, there was a boy born to an unwed mother. He had a hard time growing up, because every place he went, he was always asked the same question, 'Hey boy, Who's your daddy?' Whether he was at school, in the grocery store or drug store, people would ask the same question, 'Who's your daddy?'

He would hide at recess and lunchtime from other students. He would avoid going into stores because that question hurt him so bad. "When he was about 12 years old, a new preacher came to his church. He would always go in late and slip out early to avoid hearing the question, 'Who's your daddy?'

But one day, the new preacher said the benediction so fast he got caught and had to walk out with the crowd.

Just about the time he got to the back door, the new preacher, not knowing anything about him, put his hand on his shoulder and asked him, Son, who's your daddy?

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The whole church got deathly quiet. He could feel every eye in the church looking at him. Now everyone would finally know the answer to the question, 'Who's your daddy?'

"This new preacher, though, sensed the situation around him and using discernment that only the Holy Spirit could give, said the following to that scared little boy, "Wait a minute! I know who you are! I see the family resemblance now. You are a child of God."

With that he patted the boy on his shoulder and said, "Boy, you've got a great inheritance. Go and claim it."

"With that, the boy smiled for the first time in a long time and walked out the door a changed person. He was never the same again. Whenever anybody asked him, 'Who's your Daddy?' he'd just tell them, 'I'm a Child of God.'"

The distinguished gentleman got up from the table and said, "Isn't that a great story?"

The professor responded that it really was a great story!

As the man turned to leave, he said, "You know, if that new preacher hadn't told me that I was one of God's children, I probably never would have amounted to anything!" And he walked away.

The seminary professor and his wife were stunned. He called the waitress over & asked her, "Do you know who that man was – the one who just left that was sitting at our table?"

The waitress grinned and said, "Of course. Everybody here knows him. That's Ben Hooper. He's the former governor of Tennessee!"

YOU'RE ONE OF GOD'S CHILDREN! HAVE A GREAT DAY!

Someone in your life today needs a reminder that they're one of God's children!

Keep this going. You have no idea which one of your e-mail buddies could use a little hope today.

Dear Lord,
Help me to be half the person my dog thinks I am. Amen