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EMBLA SCHOLARSHIP FUND DRAWING

Cultural Director, Esther Van Noy, has done it again! She has graciously donated another of her special dolls, dressed by her in a Hardanger bunad - complete with a stand, for an Embla Scholarship fund drawing. Our thanks again to Esther for being so generous with her time, talents and dolls.

This Hardanger doll will go to a new home with a lucky someone after the drawing on July 17th at Embla's Summer Luncheon.

One dollar for two opportunities to have her for your very own. All proceeds go into the Embla Scholarship Fund.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Embla Sisters,

This is my first opportunity to thank all of you for your confidence in electing me as your President. As I reflect on our past presidents and the history of Embla, I realize what a responsibility and honor it is to serve our lodge. Your new board is looking forward to a good year, but, we can make it a great year with the support of all of you.

In order to grow and preserve our heritage we need your attendance and your participation in our activities. We have already had some excellent programs this year - I'm sorry if you missed them. Please clip our calendar of future events found elsewhere in this letter. Paste it on your desk, refrigerator or bulletin board so you won't miss a meeting. Mildred Baker

PROFILE OF YOUR PRESIDENT

Mildred Baker was born in Tacoma and grew up in Roy, moving back to Tacoma in 1945. She began working for Washington Natural Gas (then Washington Gas & Electric) that same year and will celebrate 48 years of service this July.

1945 was an eventful year for her - she was also married that year to Vincent Baker. They were happily married for 39 years until his death in 1984. Mildred has one stepson, Dwight, who lives in Puyallup, and three grandchildren.

She is very active in our community, having served as Chairman of the Board for United Way; been a part of the business partnership program with Tacoma Public Schools; currently president elect of The Humane Society; serves on the board of the Tacoma Symphony; and an active member and current elder of the First Christian Church. She loves flowers, reading, traveling and needlework - not necessarily in that order.

Her Norwegian ancestry is through her father, John Myhre. Her grandfather, Asbjorn Myhre was born in Ranland, Telemark, Norway, coming to South Dakota at

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NORWEGIAN HERITAGE DAY

April 24, 1993

Scandinavian Cultural Center

Embla sincerely thanks chairman, Noreen Moll, for all her time, energy, and good planning that went into the festivities on this special day. Many thanks to the following people:

Bake Sale - Elsie Schwind, Julie Ausness, Thelma Lund, Amy Vogel, and Irene Alskog.

Table Sales - Kelly Leegard, Florence Swanson, Margaret Richards, Mardi Fairchild and Clarann Wilkins.

Pickled Herring - Preparation - Noreen Moll and Anne Elgood. Sales - Phyllis Melton and Shirley Foreman.

Coffee & Punch - Evelyn Walker, Diane Thompson, Junette Moye, Laurianne Adams, Myrtle Drahos and Jeannette Madsen.

Romme-grot - Cooks: Noreen Moll, Dorothy Burnson, Freda and Bill Hauge and Marian Hall. Sales - Corinne and Richard Olsen and Maxine Goncse.

Norwegian Heritage Day Raffle - Edna Senter, Janet Hurlbut, Millie Bond, and Thelma Lund.

Display Table - June Radich, Anna Christensen, Bernice Rohrs and Marie Hayden.

Decorations, Set up and Clean up - Noreen Moll, Florence Buck, Bernice Rohrs, Odny Wise, and Diane Thompson.

Norwegian Heritage day continued:

Again Special Thanks from Embla to Chairman, **Noreen Moll**, for all her hard work. As of this date sales total \$1126.55 with expenses of \$255.25 (for food items and decorations). Additional money is still coming in for the Pickled Herring which Noreen and her mother, Anne Elgood, prepared. Thanks for such a great idea, Noreen, for something new for sales.

NEW MEMBERS

Membership in Embla Lodge #2, Daughters of Norway - "is open to any female over 13 years of age who is of Scandinavian descent - or is married to a man of Norwegian descent."

Embla Lodge is always eager to welcome new members into the sisterhood. When you know of an interested and qualified candidate, please inform:

President Mildred Baker -
752-4486 or

Membership Chairman -
Bernice Rohrs - 574-4407

The next Embla initiation ceremony is scheduled for June 3, 1993, 7:30 p.m. at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church.

PROFILE OF YOUR PRESIDENT continued:

the time of the Civil War, later moving to Hawaii where other relatives settled. Her father was born in Hawaii, moving to Tacoma when he was four years old. He would be proud to know that his daughter was trying to preserve her heritage through the Daughters of Norway and serving as Embla's President.

1993 ROSTER

The Embla 1993 Membership Roster will soon go to press. Included in it will be information notices from other Scandinavian groups, advertisements informing you what some of our very talented sisters have to offer and advertisements from reliable local businesses. Non-member commercial businesses have been recommended by individual Embla members. Do support these groups and advertisers - they have given their friendly support to Embla. Let them know you read about them in the 1993 Embla Roster.

CURRENT MEMBERS addresses, phone numbers, initiation dates, and birthdate (not year) are included. Inactive members will be included in back of book. **Members - you have until May 15th to get your membership in to be included in the Active Member section of the book.**

SUNSHINE

When you know of a member who is ill or grieving - please inform Sunshine Chairman - Hazel Starkey - 752-2103. Embla also thanks Hazel for her continued concern for others and for always carrying through on her responsibility. Let's all help her help others.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

SUMMER LUNCHEON

July 17th at Normanna Hall
11:30 Luncheon served by Sons of Norway with entertainment by Victor Elfordson Trio.

The Honorees this year will be the 25-60 year Embla Members. See the mailing label on this newsletter to see if you have been a member of Embla for 25-60 years.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

1992 MEMORIALS

At our February 4th meeting, Cultural Director, Esther Van Noy, conducted a lovely, meaningful memorial service for all sisters who left us in 1992.

Pauline Kentfield
Olga Bringolf
Nora Gerritzen
Astrid Kennedy
Olga Peterson
Leah Sather
Kristine Sanden

EMBLA REMEMBERS!

Sister Marie Hundven died January 11, 1993. She was initiated into Embla on September 6, 1984.

Sister Telle Lindhe died March 21, 1993. She was initiated into Embla on October 4, 1993. Telle was a 50-year member.

COOKING CLASSES

Thanks to Janet Hurlbut for another successful cooking class. Our next session is already scheduled for the fall with Petter Petterson as our instructor. Mark your calendar: October 13-20-27 from 10 a.m.-12 noon. and Saturday, October 30, 10 a.m. - 12 noon.

FAMILY TREE

Do you want to start a family history and don't know how to go about it? Our very own Marie Hayden will be glad to get you started - call her at 759-4451.

EMBLA'S 86th BIRTHDAY

was observed at our meeting on April 15th. We received several greetings from our sister lodges, our

EMBLA'S 86TH BIRTHDAY

continued:

own Past Presidents, and Dagny Vaswig. We thank the Past Presidents for the floral arrangement.

Congratulations to 50-year member Olive Rudsil, Past President and Past Grand Lodge President

60-year Member - Lily Finson and June Radich.

SPRING CALENDAR

May 6th - Business Meeting at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church with a special *Syttende Mai* presentation by Millie Bond.

May 15th - Cottesmore Norwegian Festival. Embla will have a sales table. All Embla members asked to wear bunads if you have one.

May 16th - Celebrate *Syttende Mai* at Normanna Hall from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Guttorm Gregerson - speaker. Barnetog and Normanna Chorus performing.

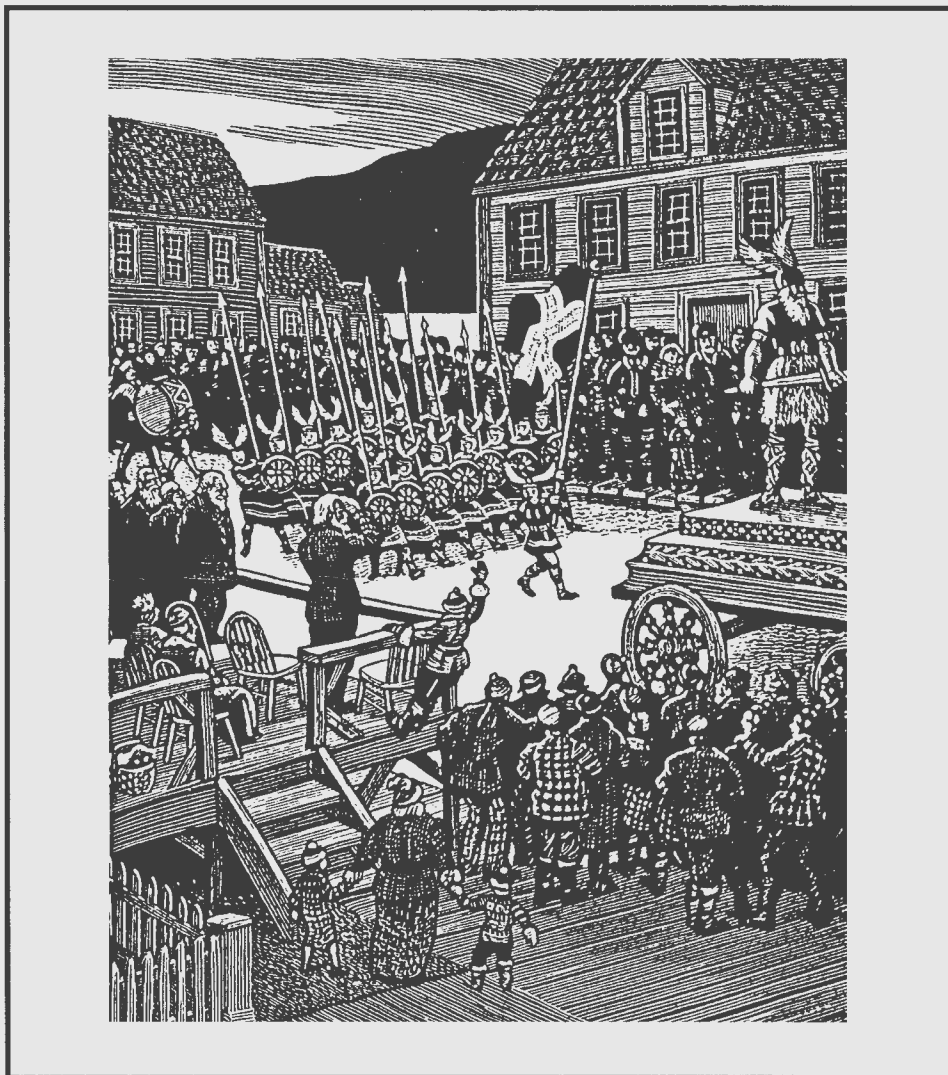
This is Embla's year to chair so we will need all of your support. This will also be our chance to hear and enjoy the full Normanna Chorus. Please say "yes" to bringing cookies!

May 20th - Bake Walk!! and the calories! *Citizens Against Crime*, a timely and very worthwhile program. Bring your daughters, granddaughters, spouses, friends - it's a subject for everyone.

June 3rd - Business Meeting at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

June 17th - *St. Hans Fest* (our Rommegrot and Strawberry Social) at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. A tribute to Edvard Grieg by Vicki Lynn Day and guests. Treat your husband, friends and neighbors - bring them with you.

July 17th - Summer Luncheon - Embla 25-60 year Members will be honorees this year.



SYTTENDE MAI 17th of May Norwegian Constitution Day

May is the month of holidays for Norwegians. The 1st of May is a public holiday just as in many European countries. The 8th of May is Flag Day which celebrates the surrender of the German occupying forces and hence the end of World War II for Norwegians. May is also the end of exams for students, and thus a month for parades and relaxing.

The high point of the month is the 17th of May which is Norway's National Day commemorating the signing of the country's constitution. During the Napoleonic wars, Scandinavia was politically divided by a French connection. In 1810 a French military man, Jean-Baptiste Bernadotte became Crown Prince Karl Johan of Sweden. In 1814 Norway did not want to exchange 434 years of

Danish rule for Swedish rule. Church congregations throughout the land formed and elected a constitutional assembly who in six weeks hammered out a complete constitution at Eidsvoll, Norway. On 17th of May they finished their task and elected as king their former regent, Prince Christian Frederik of Denmark.

A short war ensued between Sweden and Norway, but even though Sweden continued to rule, the 17th of May became a day of celebration for Norwegians. The national anthem *Ja Vi Elsker* (Yes, We Love) was first sung in public on 17 May 1864. On 27 November 1905 Prince Carl, second son of King Christian IX of Denmark, became King Haakon VII of Norway.

Norwegians show their patriotism throughout the world in consulates, embassies, seamen's churches, families, and students abroad and nowhere are the celebrations as magnificent as those in the cities of Norway.

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DRILL TEAM, EMBLA LODGE #2, DAUGHTERS OF NORWAY
Olympic Hotel, Seattle, Washington - July 1-2, 1932

Front row left to right:

1. Inga Anderson
2. _____
3. _____
4. Hannah Heglund
5. _____

Middle row left to right:

1. Hannah Benson
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. Marie Berglund
6. _____
7. _____

Back row left to right:

1. Jenny Wog ?
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

If you know who these ladies are please call Marie Hayden, Emla Treasurer at 206-759-4451 write to me at 4010 North 36th, Tacoma WA 98407, giving name of picture (Drill Team), (front #5) with name(s) etc.