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## EMBLA CALENDAR

January 3rd Thursday, 2008  
6 PM Open-faced sandwiches,  
salads, desserts and coffee.  
Installation of new Officers  
for 2008.

## New Times for Embla Meetings

Earlier this year the Board of Directors discussed various changes that you as members wished to see regarding the time structure of our meeting nights. Suggestions were brought before the members and it was agreed that the Board sent out a ballot to members with their recommendations to vote on. Tusen Takk to all who returned their ballot in a timely manner. The tally was presented at the December meeting and will take place starting at our first meeting of the new year - January 3, 2008.

The change elected will be new starting time and change in the order of our meetings:

- 6:00 PM Refreshments,
- 7:00 PM Program,
- 8:00 PM Business meeting.

Please note that not all programs will last an hour, therefore, the business meeting will begin earlier in those instances.

## REFLECTING ON 2007

Looking back to all of 2007, Embla sisters were as busy as bees. A hearty thanks to Vice President, Judith Willison who took over for me while I was attending to my parents illnesses and deaths. Also, to everyone else who came forward to assist Judy.

Marilyn Carlson, our Cultural Director, worked very hard in having a variety of programs presented to our members this year. She even tried to get the Fjord Horses, but the animals had to get to bed early...maybe we can try again this coming year as we will be meeting earlier.

A couple of outstanding functions this year were our 100 Birthday Celebration and leading the May 17th Parade in Ballard - both were exciting functions. Many sisters are looking forward to marching again in 2008. Nancy Swenson talked on "How to Write Your Story" A small group has formed and meet once a month - maybe they will be able to present a program on their stories.

At our Christmas party the hostesses (chaired by Karen Kunkle) provided wonderful table decorations. All the tables had wreaths and poinsettias and many Christmas items. The food was most delicious. Many sisters gave a variety of items for the Women's Shelter. Thanks to Marilyn Carlson who has headed this up the last few years. Items were also donated for the troops in Iraq. Those who brought a \$5.00 Christmas Exchange gift, received one back. Although we didn't sing around the Christmas Tree (decorated by Ellen Campbell) we sang a few Christmas songs after our violin entertainment from Foss High School.

All members who save postage stamps and give them to Elene to send to Norway gets their name put in a book. Each December a drawing is done and this years winner was Barbara Leary. She received a lovely Hardanger Embroidered piece made by Elene.



**Embla's Past President, Harriet Swieso,**  
*"Pouring" at the Halloween Lunch  
 in Gig Harbor*



**October hostesses for Embla**  
*Marian Eberle, Patty Eberle, Julie Touchette, Elene Emerson,  
 Elaine Anderson, Melody Stepp and Sonja Yeager*

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Many members are already working on Convention 2008. If you haven't signed up yet, it is not too late - contact our co-chairs - Lisa Ottoson and Janet Ruud.

The holidays are all about families and that is what makes this time of the year so special.

**GOD YUL og**

**GODT NYTTAR!!!**

**President, Marilyn Mahnke**



**November Speaker, Kirsten Ringdahl,**  
*with Cultural Director, Marilyn  
 Carlson and President Marilyn  
 Mahnke. Kirsten spoke about the  
 historical items from the PLU Scan-  
 dinavian Archives.*



**November Hostesses**  
*Left to r: Jan Runbeck, Sharon Groeneveld, Katie Anderson, Janet Ruud,  
 Jennifer Shook, Delphine Johnson and Melissa Anderson*



**Past Presidents of Embla honored in November, 2007**  
*Left to r: Delphine Johnson, Dena Iverson, Olive Rudsdil,  
 Janet Ruud, Carol Kemp, Emilie Pedersen, Harriet Swieso,  
 Esther Van Noy and Mardy Fairchild.  
 Marilyn Mahnke, President, presented them all with roses.*



***New Member Initiated  
November 8, 2007.***

Judge Delphine Johnson, Janet Braman, and Marilyn Mahnke. Janet is the sister of Embla member, Jennifer Shook.

### **CRAFTS**

This year anyone interested in crafts met at Chris Engstrom's home on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 11-3. Lunch was provided by Judith Willison and others if they wished to bring something.

One of the main projects the group worked on was embroidering tea towels and pillow cases. A few also worked on cross stitching. Some ornaments were painted as well as a few wooden items.

The above items were sold at our meetings and also at various fairs that Embla participated in this past fall. Some included Scandinavian Festival at Puyallup Fairgrounds, Scandinavian Fair at Bellingham - hosted by Nellie Gerdrum Lodge #41, Whidbey Island's Nordic Fest - hosted by Ester Moe Lodge #39 and Nordic Heritage Museum.

Tusen takk to all members who were able to help in making crafts and to those who were able to assist Chris in selling these items at all of the above festivals this year.



***December Meeting entertainment.***

Chris Engstrom introduced her neighbor, Valerie Paynton Navarro, Ph D I.B. World Languages and Theatre Arts at Foss High School. Andrew Huo, one of her students, sang in Norwegian and played the violin for us.



***December Hostesses***

*Left to right: Diane Nelson (wearing her new Sunnfjord Bunad made by Esther Van Noy) Tanya Fowlkes, Karen Kunkle, Kim Schenk-Manuel and Sharon Groeneveld.*



***Past Presidents Christmas Luncheon***

*Left to r: Delphine Johnson, Carol Kemp, Esther Carlson, Marilyn Mahnke, Olive Rudsdil, Emilie Pedersen, Harriet Swieso, Mardy Fairchild and in front, Esther Van Noy*

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**2008 Embla Officers**

The Nominating committee: Karen Kunkle, Karen Lease-Smith and Manoah Butterfield presented to the members the slate of officers for 2008 at the meeting on December 6, 2007.

- President - Marilyn Mahnke
- Vice President - Judith Willison
- Judge - Delphine Johnson
- Secretary - Tonia Simpson
- Financial Secretary - Tanya Fowlkes
- Treasurer - Chris Engstrom
- Cultural Director - Candace Brown
- Marshal - Diane Nelson
- Assistant Marshal - Julie Touchette
- Inner Greeter - Maren Johnson
- Outer Greeter - Karen Lease-Smith
- Head Trustee - Grace Bredeson - Moved from 2 yr Trustee
- Trustee - 2 year - Sonja Nyhuis - Moved from 3 yr Trustee
- Trustee - 3 year - Carol Spencer
- Musician - Elda Sulerud

All were elected unanimously and will be installed at our meeting on January 3, 2008.

**2008 Embla  
Membership Dues  
are Due**

Please send in your dues of \$20 for the new year to Tanya Fowlkes, Financial Secretary, 9637 Maple Ave SW Lakewood WA 98499.

If you have any questions please call Tanya at 253-582-4732.

You may check to see if you are due by checking the label on your last newsletter.

Only if it says "Mem exp Dec 2007" with your name are you due.