



EMBLA NYHETER

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EMBLA CALENDAR

June 19th - *St. Hans Fest*. 7 p.m. Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Tickets \$5.00 for Sandwiches & Rømmegrøt or Sandwiches & Strawberry Shortcake. Program - Linda Caspersen-Andreasen's Little Fiddling Group of Gig Harbor.

July 19th - *An all member Salad Potluck* 12 noon. Emmanuel Lutheran Church. If you can't make a salad come anyway with a friend. Program by Mildred Baker and Vicki Lynn Day Melton.

August 14th - Executive Board Meeting, 7 p.m. at Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

September 4th - 6 p.m. Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Potluck and White Elephant Auction. Share your summer with your friends around a delicious potluck.

September 14th - Sunday 2 p.m. Installation of new Daughters of Norway lodge - #40 Nina Greig Lodge - in Poulsbo, Washington. Embla will be arranging a bus to go to the activities. More information will be forthcoming. Our Drill Team will be helping with the installation as well as Janet Ruud, our Embla member and Grand Lodge President.

October 2nd - Regular Meeting

October 3-4-5 - Scandinavian Days at the Puyallup Fairgrounds.

PHONE NUMBER CHANGES -

Elene Emerson - 759-7292
Vonnie Stone - 474-1674



Lillespelmannslag of Gig Harbor - St. Hans Fest - June 19th



New Members initiated March 7, 1997: Sandra Jane Strother flanked by twins, Eleanor Baker and Evelyn Lundstrom-Weiss



They start them young!!!



New Members initiated June 5, 1997: Left to right: Gloria Hill, her daughter, Deborah McNamara, Margaret Heizenrader, and Kathy English



**LEIF ERIKSON STATUE
IN BALLARD**

Esther Van Noy, past president of Embla Lodge #2, and Este Graff, president of Solveig Lodge #31, attended the blessing of the Leif Erikson Statue in Ballard. The statue will be a gift later this summer to the city of Trondheim, Norway, from the emigrants to America and their families. The names of Esther and Este's fathers will be included on a bronze plaque at the base of the statue along with 500 other names of emigrants.

The blessing was performed by Pastor Maynard Atik of Our Redeemers Lutheran Church at 1:30 on Sunday, March 16th. Over 200 came to see Leif on his only official appearance in America and wished him *En god tur!* The Barnekor, our Norwegian Youth Choir from Tacoma; Leikarring, Seattle's Scandinavian Dance Group; and vocalist Sherry Bruce lent their talents to Leif's send-off. Tacoma's Barnekor, Seattle's Leikarring and Seattle's Norwegian Ladies Chorus will be performing in Trondheim in July. After the blessing the Norwegian Ladies Chorus of Seattle hosted a fund-raising lunch worthy of a Viking-Seafarer's Split Pea Soup.

**ANNIVERSARY, BIRTHDAY,
THINKING OF YOU DAY?
REMEMBERED YOUR
SECRET PAL LATELY?**

**SCANDINAVIAN DAYS
October 3,4,5, 1997
Puyallup Fairgrounds**

EMBLA SALES TABLE

Dear Sisters -

Are you willing and able to share your time and talent with your Lodge? If you are - you are especially needed to create sale items for Embla's Sale Table.

Your help is needed, prior to October, for doing:

- Embroidery
- Painting
- Sewing machine work
- Using a glue gun (do you own one also?)
- Wood craft work (do you have access to a jigsaw?)
- Flower pots - do you have clay or plastic flower pots you would donate?

And your special craft talent Fresh, new ideas for sales items are very welcome.

If you can and will help - please call and volunteer.

Sisterly,
Bernice Rohrs 564-4407



**CONGRATULATIONS TO
Cora Anderson**

our latest Embla member to receive her 50 year pin at the April meeting. Cora joined Embla on June 5, 1947 and has been very active over the years.

Kirsten Roberts and Judith Tollefson who received their 25 year pins.

**EMBLA SCHOLARSHIP
FUND DRAWINGS
Norwegian Sweaters**

At the May meeting our drawing for the four sweaters was held. Our winners were Maxine Gonce, Senga Barlow, Lillian Pappas and Edith Stageberg. Many thanks to those who donated the sweaters and for the money received for our Scholarship Fund.

Hardanger Embroidery

A special fund drawing will go to a fortunate person who will own a beautiful, blue Hardanger framed wall picture on November 6, 1997. Sister Elene Emerson has done the Hardanger embroidery, the framing is by Sister Gloria Pedersen. They have donated this treasure to benefit the Embla Scholarship Fund.

An opportunity to own this "one of a kind" picture is a \$1.00 donation per your choice of number. All proceeds go to Embla's 1998 Scholarship award.

Your lucky number is available at Embla meetings or call Bernice at 564-4407 for your special numbers. Drawing will be November 6, 1997 and you need not be present to win.

Remember - at any time, you may honor or remember a special person, event - anyone or anything, by a donation to Embla's Scholarship Fund. Nice way to show you remember or care.

Bernice Rohrs - 564-4407
Embla Scholarship Chairman



Embla's June meeting of PLU friends - Left to right: Kari Macauley, Erika Ruth Dahl and guest Jill.

THE LEGEND OF ST. SUNNIVA'S ESCAPE

by Bodil Lovoll

St. Sunniva, Norway's first declared saint, is a literal example of the saying: *Faith moves mountains.*

When Sunniva prayed to God that she would not fall to the pagans' sword, God sent a rock-slide that blocked her in a cave. Nobody knows when this happened, but it had to have happened before Norway was christened in 997.

According to the legend, Sunniva was a Christian, a holy and very beautiful Irish princess. When her father died, she inherited his kingdom, and became the ruler. She kept her people carefully away from evil, and by her holy life and example encouraged them to walk in a spirit of unity. She was generous to the church and full of thoughtful consideration for the poor. When she became a adult she kept the faith in God, learned from her father.

Being royal, she felt obliged to be an example for others in chastity and compassion. Rumors spread far afield about her holiness, royal descent and of her beauty and wealth. A pagan warrior (his name is never mentioned) was enamored by these and proposed to her. She declined. This warrior scared Sunniva with his forceful and violent behavior towards her, and she felt she had no other option but to escape the country.

Sunniva, together with many women, children and men, including her brother Albanus, went to sea in three boats that neither had sail, helm, nor oars. After three days of hard sailing, they drifted toward the coast of Norway where they were stranded on the most rugged and toughest coastline of the country, the island of Selje (Selja) right outside *Stadtlandet*. Here they settled in a cave (*Synnevahelleren, Donhelleren*) 70 meters up in the mountain. According to the people living here, Sunniva and her people lived on the catch from the sea.

Earl Haakon (he died year 995) who had seized power in Norway was informed that some illegal Irish people had settled down in the area. He was a cruel tyrant who mistreated his subordinates, and he immediately sent for some of his warriors to take care of the matter. The legend says when the defenseless Irish realized they were lost, Sunniva gathered all her people in the cave, and prayed to God that He would spare them from a destiny worse than death. God answered her prayers, and let a rock-slide hid the entry to the cave, preventing Earl Haakon and his men from finding them. Sunniva and her people all died in the cave, not from men's violence, but from the mercy of God.

A short time after this incident, some sailors sailing by the island of Selje, saw a shining pillar of light reaching up to the heavens. This sight made them both surprised and curious. The island was uninhabited at this time, but local people from the mainland kept animals there. A number of people also bore witness to seeing a shining light from the island. The rumors also reached the reigning King Olav Tryggvason in Trondheim.

Olav Tryggvason had become the reigning king in the Trondelag District in the year 995 when Earl Haakon died. He wanted to go to Selje and see for himself what was going on and brought the bishop with him. They found the cave, and were able to move some of the rocks covering the opening. When they walked inside, a very sweet smell of corpse reached them. They found the remains of the martyr's bones. In the bottom of the cave, Queen Sunniva was found lying as if she was asleep, with her rich red hair flowing down on a body that was complete and intact. There was no doubt in the king's nor the bishop's mind - Queen Sunniva was a saint. They gathered all the remains from the martyrs and Queen Sunniva's body was placed in a casket.

King Olav built and sanctified a church by the cave where the remains of

the martyrs were found. According to the legend, God showed signs and carried out miracles in the honor of the martyrs. This is still happening today it is said.

King Olav knew how to use this in his favor on his work to christen the country, especially in the coastal region. Besides threats toward people, he used this miracle with Queen Sunniva and her people to convince them to become Christians.

The church King Olav built here by the St. Sunniva cave could be Norway's first church. It was followed by many others in the area, and shortly after year 1100, the Benedictine Monks founded a monastery here in honor of holy Albanus, St. Sunniva's brother. While King Olav Kyree was reigning (1067-1093) he established a parish here in Selje, and only one in the country besides Oslo and Nidaros (Trondheim) at that time.

In most parts of the country, including Iceland, people celebrate *Seljemannameese* (a special church service) the 8th of July which is named after St. Sunniva. In the year 1170 the center of the parish was moved to Bergen, a larger coastal city south of Selje, and the Sunniva casket was therefore moved to the cathedral of Bergen.

Because of its central location, Selje became an important pilgrimage, especially for seamen. St. Sunniva became the patron saint for the whole west coast of the country. Up to as late as 1860 it was a custom for sailors who were saved at sea, to give lamps to the church of Selje.

Today only the ruins remain of these constructions. High up under the cliff you will find the St. Sunniva cave, called *Salen*, which is believed to have been a church sanctified to the holy Michael, and you will also find the church of Selje which was built on terraces. Down below on the flatland by the sea you can find the remains from the monastery, which is dominated by a massive Roman tower.



Aren't these cuties?

NORWAY'S CONSTITUTION DAY IN BALLARD

This year Norway's Constitution Day was a beautiful celebration in Ballard. The 17th of May was a beautiful day with shining sun, warm weather, and participation by many Norwegian-Americans.

Performances from different groups from the surrounding areas at the Bergen Place began in the morning and ends with the parade. The Leikarring (Embla Lodge) with Anitra (Solweig Lodge) performed the traditional Norwegian folk dances and singing Norwegian songs. "Norway in Red, White and Blue" is an essential song the Leikarring always performs.

Usually there is time before the parade to shop and eat - the Troll Cafe serves soup, breads and Rommegrøt. Several Scandinavian shops serve coffee and cookies or cake with marzipan. Of course, it is all delicious!

The parade starts at 3 o'clock with Embla Lodge participating by holding a banner and waving Norwegian flags.

We had fun celebrating this commemoration of independence and freedom for Norwegians. As Daughters of Norway we love our independence as well as our traditions.

Karen Harkness, Embla Secretary

Right: Olive Rudsdil at Embla's 90th Birthday standing next to mannequin with her own Drill Team Outfit of years past.



Embla Leikarring in 17th of May parade in Ballard

PAST PRESIDENT'S CLUB

Members of Embla's Past Presidents Club met June 9th at IKEA for a smørgasbord and short meeting. President Florence Buck hosted the luncheon and shopping trip.

The group meets bimonthly for lunch and a business meeting. Members take turns serving as hostess at either their home or a local restaurant. The Past Presidents have acted in an advisory capacity when needed. We continue to meet and for fellowship and to support our lodge.

Embla boasts 14 past presidents - Nora Anderson, Anne Strom, Eleanor Starr, Olive Rudsdil, Esther Carlson, Ione Dhaese, Florence Buck, Emilie Pedersen, Elsie Schwind, Mary Nero, Janet Ruud, Bernice Rohrs, Mildred Baker and Esther Van Noy.

Mildred Baker will host the next meeting on October 13th.



EMBLA NEWS NOTES

Our sympathy to the family of **Esther Olson**, an over 90 member of our lodge who lived in Maple Valley, and who passed away on Mar. 3, 1997.

Our sympathy to the family of **Marla Joy Dupuis Roberts** who passed away on April 5th.

Our sympathy to the family of **Lillian Wolford** who was very ill and then passed away on May 21st.

Our sympathy to **Julie Ausnes** and **Elsie Schwind** on the passing of their brother.

Verle Congdon is recovering from a case of the shingles. She wishes this on no one.

Congratulations to Embla member **Stella Anderson** and her husband, Laurence, who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on June 1st.

Hildur Christensen having back surgery June 16th for a very painful back.

Mary Nero recovering well but still can't drive for two more months.

Gloria Pederson broke her arm but cast is off now.

Marie Hayden is very pleased her son, Major Jim Hayden, wife Liz, and grandsons, Joshua (3) and Micah (1) will be stationed at Fort Lewis where son Jim will be a Air Force/Army Liaison Officer for the next two years. Great to have the family (and babies) close for the first time in 12 years.

**NORWEGIAN
HERITAGE FESTIVAL
Scandinavian Cultural Center**

Did everyone enjoy the day? On April 26th the Annual Norwegian Heritage Festival took place at Pacific Lutheran University in the Scandinavian Cultural Center. Food, entertainment, drawings for wonderful items (all donated), craft displays, and demonstrations took place. And did you take home some of the great baked items? So hard to choose, all were so good. Yummm!!

If you didn't venture out into the hallway you missed the colorful display of the Western Rosemalers. Their president, Howard Wick, chaired the Festival this year. His hardworking committee was drawn from all the Scandinavian groups in the area.

Our own Embla Lodge #2, Daughters of Norway, came thru again with their great sandwiches and Rømmegrøt. The hardworking ladies were there for long hours to bring these specialties to all the visitors of the Festival. The treasury of Embla expanded by \$652.08 thru their efforts.

Some problems encountered last year were solved (no food tickets) but next year the committee will work on other problems that still rear their head. If anyone has any suggestions for next year please let the Financial Secretary, Patricia King, know and the word will be passed on to next years committee.



Thanks to all the following people who worked for Embla:

Rømmegrøt - Dorothy Burnson, Myrtle Drahos, Pam Gonce, Esther Hirschberger, Thelma Moline, Lillian Pappas and Barbara Powers.

Open-faced Sandwiches - Milly Bond Anderson, Ida Hagen, Britt Kvamme, Bodil Lovoll, Olive Rudsdil and Carol Voigt.

Drawing Tickets - Mary Ann Aker and Florence Buck

Sales Table - Mildred Baker, Shirley Foreman, Michelle Hess and Bernice Rohrs.

Cashiers - Maxine Gonce, Marie Hayden, Phyllis Melton and Harriet Swieso.

Grocery Purchasing - Dena Iverson.



Bake Sale Table - Senga Barlow, Maxine Gonce, Freda Hauge, Emilie Pedersen, Elsie Schwind and Amy Vogel.

Donated Baked Goods - Laurianne Adam, Mildred Baker, Charleen Barnes, Florence Buck, Elene Emerson, Shirley Foreman, Karen Harkness, Freda Hauge, Dena Iverson, Thelma Moline, Emilie Pedersen, June Radich, Olive Rudsdil, Harriet Swieso, Aggie Thoreson, Esther Van Noy, and Amy Vogel.



COOKBOOK SUPPLEMENT

Since our cookbook came out in 1995 so many people have come up saying they wish such and such a recipe was in the book. This applies to all Scandinavian recipes (Swedish, Danish, Icelandic, Finnish as well as Norwegian).

Thanks to Phyllis Melton for all the new recipes.

Now is your time to look through your recipes as you are getting ready for all the holiday cooking. Copy yours and mail them to: **Mildred Baker**
3911 No. 25th St, Tacoma WA 98406



EMBLA LODGE #2 SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

At our April meeting, the Embla Scholarship of \$500 was awarded to Angela Vogel, daughter of David Vogel, granddaughter of Amy Vogel and great-granddaughter of Sophie Marvik. Amy and Sophie are members of Embla also.

Angela is graduating from Peninsula High School in Gig Harbor and Tacoma Community School and will transfer to a four year college as a junior to earn a B.A. in Early European History. She has been active on the Outlook newspaper staff, National Honor Society, Quill & Scroll Club, Hiking Club, Young Life, soccer and as a Natural Resources Youth camp counselor.

The Selection Committee: Mildred Baker, Chairman, Elaine Hudak and Elaine Anderson. Bernice Rohrs, Embla Scholarship Committee

TUBFRIM Gives Used Stamps a New Value

For 15 years Arvid Syvertsen has been running his used-stamp show in Nesbyen, Norway, a small town in Norway an hour's drive from Oslo. He is running the daily business for the organization named TUBFRIM. Together with one other person, Ms. Birgit Kastet, he receives the stamps in big plastic bags mainly from Norwegians and Americans.

TUBFRIM is a humanitarian organization owned by the Norwegian Health Service. Used postage stamps are collected, packaged and resold to wholesalers and philatelists world wide. The profits earned from these activities are used to provide care and aid to handicapped children in Norway.

The manager, Mr. Syvertsen, tells *News of Norway* how, for instance, Beitostoelen Health Center for the handicapped in Norway has been chosen many times to receive benefits from TUBFRIM. Beitostoelen Center is the leading organization in Norway arranging year-round activities for the handicapped and their families.

When TUBFRIM was founded in 1928, the objective was to help finance research on tuberculosis and to aid children afflicted by the disease. As this particular disease has almost been eradicated, the objective has been modified. Today funds provide financial aid for the Society for Health and Development of Retarded Children and Youth. The total amount TUBFRIM has raised since it was founded is 10 million kroner.

Every year TUBFRIM receives about 200 kilograms of stamps from the United States. The bags come via ships to Hærøya, a harbor where Mr. Syvertsen picks them up. San Francisco and San Pedro are used as ship-

ping ports for most of the stamps. Star Shipping, SAS (Scandinavian Airlines), and other shippers all carry the stamps for free.

Members of Sons of Norway are the most dedicated collectors, and the organization has formal cooperation with TUBFRIM. Local members collect the stamps in their lodges. [Embla Lodge #2 sends ours with Norden Lodge in Tacoma].

Mr. Syvertsen says that the stamps are very easily resold to philatelists. Most of the U.S. stamps are sold to collectors in Norway, Denmark, Germany and Holland.

Who are the best stamp-collectors in the United States? "It is very hard to say, but it seems that there are a lot with addresses in California, the state of Washington and New York," Mr. Syvertsen says. Never throw away canceled stamps. Just cut or tear the stamps off the envelope, leaving a slight margin to keep the perforation intact. Stamps from any country in the world can be used, but it would save TUBFRIM a lot of work if you could separate U.S. stamps from those of other countries.

The collector of stamps for our Embla Lodge is Elene Emerson. Just bag them up and bring them to her at any meeting.

News of Norway, April 1997





Maxine Gonce wearing a house dress with loafers (Wonder Bread)



June Embla Meeting with Ione Dhaese narrating one of her famous skits
The latest in clothing styles for women of today.



Pam Gonce in print dress with darts, Spring hat and red pumps



Annie Hurlbut in a sack dress with boat neck, straw hat and fish net hose.



Esther Van Noy with the ball gown with bear back and plunging neckline and a hand bag.



Carol Voigt in check dress with pill box hat, alligator belt and mushroom shoes.



Michelle Hess wearing the car coat with soft shoulder straps and seat belt, bell bottom pants, turtle neck sweater and genuine stocking cap.



Janet Ruud, the bride, featuring the A-line styling, three quarter sleeves, scoop neck, and sweeping train and finger tip veil and carried a bouquet of 4 o'clocks.

The June Hostess Committee: Marit Bakken, Freda Haugeand Mildred Baker in back with Lillian Pappas, Bernice Rohrs in front.



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Future Daughters of Norway to sing - a highlight of the 50th Birthday celebration of Embla Lodge, Daughters of Norway, will be the singing of this group of future Daughters of Norway members at the Winthrop Hotel, April 23, 1957.

Back row, left to right, Teri Radich (daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Radich), Patricia Knutson, Janice Watland, Lorraine Knutson, Sharon Watland, Ingrid Mobroten, Diane Hadland. daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Jack Hadland.

Front row, left to right, are: Iral Mobroten, Wendy Watland, and Carol Jean Anderson (daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Joe Anderson). Sharon, Janice and Wendy Watland are daughters of Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Watland, Iral and Ingrid are daughters of Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Mobroten, and Lorraine and Patricia are daughters of Mr. & Mrs. Howard Knutson. *Photo by Peterson Studio and in the Tacoma News Tribune paper April 23, 1957*

Whatever happened to these beautiful girls - married? children? current Embla members? Let me know - Marie Hayden, Editor - 759-4451