



# EMBLA NYHETER

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### EMBLA CALENDAR

**February 6th** - Embla meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Secret Pal Exchange. Memorials with solo by Dagny Vaswig. Prog.-*Norwegian Jewelry* by Florence Buck.

**February 10th** - 100th Birthday of Embla Sister Anne Strom - at the Tacoma Lutheran Home. Past Presidents will be presenting gift and the Leikarring will be dancing. Begins at 2 p.m.

**March 6th** - Embla meeting at 7 p.m. at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Slideshow by Dena Iversen - *Stav Churches in Norway. The Legend of St. Sunniva* by Bodil Lovoll. Initiation of new members.

**April 3rd** - Embla meeting 7 p.m. Emmanuel Lutheran Church.. Embla's 90th Birthday Party. Award 25-50-60 yr pins. Award Embla's Scholarship. *The History of Embla Lodge* by Emilie Pedersen.

**May 1st** - *The Norwegian Political Parties* by Audun Toven.



Great program in December by Astrid Scott - *Christmas in Norway*

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

First of all, I'd like to thank you for your faith and trust in me, by electing me as your President for 1997. It is a responsibility I do not take lightly. In the short time I have been a member of the Daughters of Norway, I have learned a lot about Norway and what it means to be of Norwegian descent.

I came from a large, close-knit family of six girls and no boys, except for my dad, of course. Seven women, including my mom and only one bathroom; I don't know how my dad did it!

I have a son, Brian, and a daughter, Vonnie Stone, who many of you know because she is a member of Embla Lodge and is our Outer Guard. My children have blessed me with two wonderful grandchildren, my granddaughter, Rylie, who is three, and my grandson, Jacob, who is two.

Each of my sisters have at least two children, their children have now

had children, and in the case of my oldest sister, who is twenty-three years older than I am, her children's children have had children so an intimate family gathering now includes 57 people with two more on the way.

I was born and raised in Tacoma's south end, not far from Pacific Lutheran University. I work full time for the Pierce County Council and have for twelve years.

Throughout my childhood, I was unaware of

my Norwegian ancestry. My mother was a quiet woman, a remarkable seamstress, a fantastic cook, and most important to her, a full-time wife and mother. Nothing was more important to my mom than her family. She shared her heritage in subtle ways. Only after my oldest sister, Loretta, and I took a trip to Norway did I realize just how



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much of her Norwegian heritage my mother passed on to me.

One of the first things I did, after returning from my visit to Norway, was to join the Daughters of Norway, Embla Lodge. I wanted to learn more about my Norwegian heritage and knew the best place to do that, short of moving to Norway, was to join an organization whose aim was to maintain a knowledge of the history, culture, language, and memories of Norway. As a member of Embla Lodge, I have continued to discover more about what it means to be of Norwegian descent. I have met many wonderful people and enjoy the bond that unites us.

It is my hope to continue to see our lodge grow. I encourage more participation by our members, both new and old, in supporting what we all are trying to achieve in our lodge - unity in our heritage, sharing of the Norwegian customs, and friendship among our members. Those are my priorities as your President of Embla Lodge #2, Daughters of Norway. Thank you,

Mardy Fairchild

### EMBLA SCHOLARSHIP

In Memory of Audrey Loomis  
by Janet Ruud

In Memory of Anna Christensen  
by Janet Ruud

In Memory of Orvid Bergum  
by Mildred Baker

### 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). Now is your time to look through your recipes as you are getting into the new year. Copy yours and mail them to:

Mildred Baker - 752-4486  
3911 No. 25th St  
Tacoma WA 98406



### 1997 Embla Lodge #2 Officers

Back row: Pam Gonce, Bodil Lovoll, Michelle Hess, Patricia King. Middle row: Carol Voigt, Vonnie Stone, Maxine Gonce, Annie Hurlbut, Elda Sulerud. Front row: Marie Hayden, Esther Van Noy, President Mardy Fairchild, Dena Iverson and Karen Harkness.

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- Musician - Elda Sulerud
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### AUDREY'S EXAMPLE

We encourage all Daughters of Norway to consider donating your bunads, artifacts, etc. to EMBLA when you have family members who may not be interested in Norwegian things. It is great to pass them down to others who will really value them.

Thanks, Audrey!!!



### Audrey Loomis Scholarship

Embla wishes to thank Audrey Loomis' family for remembering her wishes in donating her Norwegian artifacts and bunads to Embla for a scholarship. Embla raised \$517 for a scholarship which we hope will be open to all young people in college. The Scholarship Application will be available in the near future as soon as it has been approved by the Board. It will be awarded at the Summer Luncheon.

Pictured above is Marie Hayden, the recipient of Audrey's Hardanger Bunad. Marie spent much time with Audrey working on her family history and is very thankful to be wearing her bunad for posterity.

## EMBLA SCHOLARSHIP

Embla Lodge #2 will award a \$500 Scholarship at the April 1997 meeting. Scholarship forms will be available at the December thru March meetings. To see if you or a relative qualify - please read "Embla Scholarship Eligibility". Call Bernice Rohrs at 564-4407 for applications.

### EMBLA SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility requirements and guides for the Embla Scholarship are as follows:

1. Embla Lodge #2 has established an ongoing scholarship.
2. A \$500 scholarship will be awarded in any year when that amount has been accumulated.
3. An Embla member or a direct descendant of an Embla member will be eligible to receive this award.
4. The recipient must be entering college, vocational school or community college for the first time.
5. The applicant must supply transcripts from grades 9-12 or to-date of applications.
6. If the \$500 amount in the Embla Scholarship Fund is not available in any given year, the applications of that year will be valid until the next awarding of the scholarship.
7. The Embla Scholarship will be awarded when possible in April
8. Embla Scholarship application forms will be available and so announced at every meeting. Scholarship information will be included in each Embla Nyheter.
9. The President shall appoint a committee of three members, that are unrelated to the applicants, to select the Scholarship recipient. Applicants and relatives names will be eliminated from the applications during this committee's deliberations.
10. Names of persons and events honored by memorial gifts to the Embla Scholarship Fund shall be published in the Embla Nyheter. Donors names given, but not the amount donated.

## FROM OLD FRIENDS

[Letter to Elaine Hudak from Virginia (Zink) Olsen which Elaine is sharing with Embla. Virginia's address will be at the end in case you want to correspond]

My Dear Elaine & Bill,

At the moment, Ragnvald and I are staying in a nice cabin on a big island called Hitra. The owners of this resort is a friend of Ragnvald. We come here often. To get here, we drive through the deepest tunnel in the world that goes under the sea. It opened two years ago.

We brought Renee and Ko Ko here and they loved it. The weekend we were here with the girls, they had a Midsummer Fest. Lots of people from Germany and Sweden came here to fish. They had bonfires up and down the beaches and there were five of us playing our accordions and a German had a concertina. The owners had fixed up the fishing shed for a party and dancing on the dock. There was much singing. Germans, Swedes and Norwegians & Ko Ko sang a beautiful Indian song. The people loved it. Before the evening was over we could all understand each other. The girls had a ball.

It was so wonderful to have my girls with me again and they said they love their new papa Ragnvald and he loves them. We all had much fun and laughter. Renee was trying to talk Norsk. Ko Ko did great with her Norsk. She surprised everyone. She brought Indian jewelry for everyone in the family. She also brought Ragnvald an Indian drum and four grape plants. Ragnvald built a green house and so far, they are doing good.

She also brought my big accordion and a beautiful bowl that has rice in the design. It is very thin. She carried it on her lap from China, then to Norway. They had to take five planes both ways. I'm sure you will hear more about their trip from one of them. The neighbors all hung out their flags the day the girls arrived.

We had all the family over that night

and they came with gifts and flowers for them. The night before they left we had another party for them.

Røros is one of the oldest towns in Norway. It is about 40 miles from the Swedish border. The church there was built about 1780. It is beautiful. It was a copper mining town years ago. They have restored much of the town to the original designs - log buildings with grass roofs. We took the girls for the weekend and stayed in an old but very nice hotel. Saturday morning we heard band music. All day there were bands from all over marching through the streets - also jazz bands. Ko Ko bought a beautiful reindeer fur in Røros. They are cheaper than in Trondheim - It's a big one. We bought one there last year.

We took them to dinner and dancing that night. On our way home, we ran across a herd of reindeer - the girls got many pictures. They also saw a moose.

The weather was not that great, but that didn't stop us from having much fun together. It was hard to see them leave for both of us. They said that now they realize that I belong here. I was so proud of them. All the family took them into their hearts.

The winter games will be here in Trondheim in 1997. We have already bought tickets for the ski jumping and cross country, down hill competitions, etc. I don't remember if I told you that in 1997 Trondheim is 1000 year old. They have been working on the celebration for two years.

I hope you will hear more about the girls trip. They took many pictures. I hope this letter finds you much better, Elaine. I think of both of you all the time. I miss you.

I have never written to the Daughters of Norway so you can read this letter to them. God bless you.

Love to you both  
Virginia and Ragnvald

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**EMBLA LODGE #2 DRILL TEAM - ? (Date)**

Back row left to right: Florence Fairchild McKiddy, Olive Rudsdil, Margaret Leslie,  
Louise Johnson, Ebba Gustafson, Lilly Finson, Esther Carlson, Anna Danielson,  
Eleanor Starr, and Pearl Christofferson

Front row left to right: Marie Louise Hancock, Thea Ambok, Dagny Krag, Cora Anderson,  
Jennie Botten Dergan, Jenny Larson, Ida Apalseth, Nora Anderson, and Anna Christensen.

Photo courtesy of Olive Rudsdil

If you have any photos you would like to share for our newsletter, please call Marie Hayden at 759-4451.  
She will pick them up, copy them, and return them to you quickly. Please identify people if possible.