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EMBLA LODGE NO. 2 DAUGHTERS OF NORWAY

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EMBLA CALENDAR

Saturday, November 22, 9 am
Yule Boutique at PLU Olson Audi-
torium.

Thursday, December 4th, 6:15
pm Mini-Norsk Class, 7 pm Regu-
lar Embla Meeting – Christmas
Party (Gift exchange if you bring
gift) also bring news gifts for
Women's Shelter. Enjoy a festive
time with Embla Sisters. Wear your
Bunad.

NO Lodge Meeting January 1st.

Thursday, January 15th, 2004
7 pm Installation of new Embla
Officers.

Thursday, February 5th, 6:15
pm Mini-Norsk Class. 7 pm Regu-
lar Meeting.

•••••Future Planning•••••

April 4th, 7 pm at PLU Lagerquist
Hall. The Youth Symphony of
Bergen, Norway will be touring
Western Washington. For ticket
info call Joanne Donnellan at 360-
384-1394.



Professor Audun Toven in September
speaking about Norwegian languages.

President's Message

Thanksgiving Thoughts

We are fortunate to be reminded by the Thanksgiving Holiday to count our blessings. What are we thankful for? So many thoughts come to mind. We thank God for our beloved ones, family and friends, for our health and for our very lives. Most of us can say that we have lived long and fruitful lives of some sorrows, but of many joys and blessings.

When I think of the lives our ancestors lived, we have it good, indeed. I think of those strong, brave souls and my heart is filled with love, respect and appreciation for the rich heritage that I am privileged to inherit. This is what Daughters of Norway means to me—a gathering and sharing with other women in closeness the special traditions that are our own. I give sincere thanks for that opportunity. It warms my heart to be with my sisters whether we are working or playing—being together is what counts.

I am especially thankful for the outstanding Board of Embla. Having served on many boards during the course of my years, I have never been so impressed. This board is capable, creative, responsible, enthusiastic, cooperative and has a genuine love of heritage, Embla sisters and each other.

Let us remember to be thankful and to show our gratitude not only in November, but each and every day.

Have a blessed Holiday Season!

Carol Kemp, President
Embla Lodge #2, Døtre av Norge

EMBLA MEMORIALS

We express our sympathy to the families of:

Virginia Zink Olsen who died in Norway, September 1, 2003

Myrtle Drahos, who died September 28, 2003

Margaret Richards, who died October 6, 2003.

All were long-time active members of Embla. Memorials may be made to the Embla Scholarship Fund in their honor.

Embla Honors Our Past Presidents

Embla was pleased to honor our Past Presidents at the November 6th meeting at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Each past president in attendance was called forward and presented with a special note pad with her name and picture of a scene of Norway, a *Døtre av Norge* pen and a rose.

Those of our Past Presidents still living are:

Nora Anderson	1951-2 & 1960
Olive Rudsil	1964-1965
Esther Carlson	1966-1967
Georgina Brewington	1972-1973
Iona Dhaese	1978-1979
Florence Buck	1980-1981
Emilie Pedersen	1982-1983
Mary Nero	1986-1987
Janet Ruud	1989-1990
Bernice Rohrs	1991-1992
Mildred Baker	1993-1994
Esther Van Noy	1995-1996
Mardy Fairchild	1997-1998
Dena Iverson	1999-2000
Harriet Swieso	2001-2002

We are grateful to these sisters who gave of their time, talent and leadership for EMBLA and the Daughters of Norway and continue to share and inspire all of us. Bless you, dear ones.

Carol Kemp, President



Past Presidents at November 6 meeting honored by Carol Kemp. Back left to right: Florence Buck, Olive Rudsil, Emilie Pedersen, Janet Ruud, and Esther Van Noy. Front: Mardy Fairchild and Harriet Swieso.

SCANDINAVIAN DAYS BAKING

Embla held two cookie baking sessions at PLU's Scandinavian Cultural Center in September. Mountains of cookies were baked for the Scandinavian Heritage Festival at the Puyallup fairgrounds October 4th- 5th. Embla's cookie booth was set up Friday afternoon and cookies were divided into plastic containers for sale for Saturday and Sunday. Lots of helpful hands were provided by Embla members who also baked cookies at home. A big thanks to all who helped and added to our success. All cookies were sold by the end of the Festival. We also sold Embla cookbooks and bean soup. Thanks again to all who worked so hard and added to the fun and fellowship with our Embla sisters.

Esther Van Noy



Harriet Swieso rolling out fattigman

New Members initiated November 6, 2003



Add to your Roster. Left to right:

Karen Wasley 253-864-6528
13523 105th Avenue Ct E, Puyallup WA 98374

Linda Sue Blair 253- 265-8908
PO Box 81, Gig Harbor, WA 98335

Debbie Franklin 253- 761-9490
4001 N 13th St, Tacoma WA 98406

**SCANDINAVIAN
HERITAGE DAYS
Puyallup Fairgrounds
Oct. 4-5**

On October 4th and 5th at the Puyallup Fairgrounds our Embla #2 sisters sold craft items they made throughout the year. Carol Spencer coordinated the craft making and held workshops at her home from May through September. We had several faithful crafters working either at Carol's or at their own homes. Those Embla members who made crafts were: Chris Engstrom, Carol Spencer, Marilyn Mahnke, Harriet Swieso, Janice Kelly, Gail Harris, Ellen Campbell, Darcie Johnson, Elene Emerson, Lisa Ottoson, Lisa Campbell, Marilyn Carlson, Grace Bredeson and Florence Buck.



mailbox and flag decorations for Christmas trees, heart wall hangings and decorated wood plant boxes.

Carol Spencer's husband, Gene, stabilized the lattice display pieces and put hinges between them so they would stand upright. This provided a wonderful way to

display our crafts. Left to right: Marilyn Mahnke, Ellen Campbell (co-chair), Phyllis Melton, Carol Spencer (co-chair) and Chris Engstrom.



Embla's Bake Sale Booth - Left to right: Annette DePuydt, Carol Voigt, Manoah Butterfield and Delphine Johnson

Customers were able to purchase a variety of items, some of which included cookbooks, totebags, Norwegian flag aprons, immigrant dolls, small decorated Christmas trees, cone Santas, standing wood "nisser," Christmas tree decoration, red heart door knockers, candles, bead pins and bracelets, Santa pins, wind chimes, gift bags, Scandinavian stocking wall hangings, hand painted "nisse" pictures, foot warmers, painted plant pots, needlepoint

Delphine Johnson's husband, Larry, made us two wooden reader boards, where we displayed pictures of our Sankt Hans Cruise to entice new members to sign up. We had good interest and should see some new faces at our next initiation.



Delphine Johnson and Carol Kemp at the Bake Sale Table



Cashiers at the Craft Booth
Darcie Johnson and Phyllis Melton

We thank the following Embla members who volunteered to cashier or sell in the craft booth during the festival: Carol Spencer, Marilyn Mahnke, Chris Engstrom, Phyllis Melton, Janet Ruud, Sonja Nyhuis, Grace Bredeson, Glenda Sharples, Darcie Johnson, Flora Peterson, Kari Stackpole and Ellen Campbell. In addition we thank those members who came the day before to set up and stayed late to tear down: Carol Spencer, Marilyn Mahnke, Lisa Ottoson, Ellen Campbell, Lisa Campbell, Chris Engstrom and Chris' grandson, Ryan. Putting this booth together, indeed, takes a lot of work. Through many people's efforts we made \$1002, plus \$157 from the sale of cookbooks.



Embla Craft Table
 Scandinavian Heritage Days
 l to r: Janet Ruud, Glenda Sharples
 and Sonja Nyhuis

COOKING CLASSES

Scandinavian Cultural Center
 October 15, 21 and 29th

A very successful and fun set of cooking classes was held at PLU.



Judith Willison, coordinator, Harriet Swieso and Marilyn Mahnke, demonstrators. Embla made \$184 after costs



Everyone grouped around the counter watching how fattigman is cooked. (also eating all the results)

Put the next series of Embla cooking classes on your schedule: March 23, 27 and April 1, 10-12 am. Cost is only \$5.

BELLINGHAM SCANDINAVIAN FEST

On October 11th, Embla #2 sold cookbooks and totebags at the Bellingham Scandinavian Fest sponsored by the Nellie Gerdrum Daughters of Norway lodge. It was a well attended festival with lots of food to eat; baked goods, food and crafts to buy. Embla made \$700 on our sales. It was a good day and fun!

GIG HARBOR SCANDINAVIAN FESTIVAL

October 25-26, 2003
 Best Western Inn

Thanks to the members who manned our Embla information table at the Gig Harbor Scandinavian festival - Marilyn Mahnke, Janet Ruud, Elaine Lewis, Marguerite Nickless, Elaine Anderson and Amy Vogel.

To our delight it was located right at the entrance way of the Inn and all walked by so we handed out many packets of information. A couple of craft items and the cookbooks were also available for sale.

We find that this is a very worthwhile event to hand out information, talk with friends, meet new ones and get out information on our Embla Lodge, Daughters of Norway.

Membership Co-chairpersons
 Grace Bredeson
 Marilyn Carlson



Janice Kelly, the Lefse Queen

THE LEFSE QUEEN

Janice Kelly
 demonstrating at Embla's
 November 6th meeting

I will share a few things I've learned about making lefse. Start with cooked rice or mashed potatoes. Put butter, cream, half and half, salt, and a little more sugar than salt in the potatoes. Make them a little bit creamier than mashed potatoes. Chill this and after it is chilled, add the flour; about two parts potatoes to a scant one part flour. Cut this in with a pastry cutter, then mix it with your hands until it is about the texture of "Play-Doh."

You will need a heavy rolling pin covered with a cotton rolling pin cover and a cotton cloth that has a circle drawn on with a permanent marker. Put the circle on after you have pre-shrunk the cloth using a bowl for a pattern. Wash the cloth again before you use it. Fold the cloth over a board. Flour the cloth covered board and rolling pin as needed.

Take about a one-third cup piece of dough and round and flatten it a bit with our hands. Place on the floured board and roll quickly. Turn the dough often added flour as needed. Roll very thin.

Use a very hot griddle. Place the thin dough on the griddle with a lefse stick. Watch for bubbles to form, peek and when they are golden brown, turn with your stick. Watch for bubbles again.

Remove and cool on an opened brown paper sack. As they cool, stack them and cover with plastic wrap.

When burnt flour gets on your griddle, use a dry cloth to whisk it off. HAVE FUN!!!

Janice Kelly
 [We certainly enjoyed eating the results of her demonstration]

Grand Lodge Board Meeting

Daughters of Norway
Oct. 31 & Nov. 1, 2003

Officers of the Daughters of Norway Grand Lodge met for their annual fall meeting at the home of EMBLA member Florence Buck. The Audit Committee gathered at 2:00 pm on Halloween afternoon for "Velkommen Kaffe" and a tour of Florence's home. Florence has been an avid collector of Norwegian Rosemaling with examples from some of Norway's most fa-



mous painters and has the largest collection of rosemaling on the west coast. She, herself, is a renowned painter and teacher of the art of Rosemaling. For the Welcome Coffee, Harriet Swieso served her famous rømmegrøt and Delphine Johnson served her famous Krumkakke.



Later, after the audit was completed, EMBLA hosted the officers for dinner at Shenanigan's. The table was decorated with fall flow-

ers, a glittery purple witch, ceramic pumpkins filled with spooky and traditional Halloween candy. Our server was in costume, full-faced mask and all. The eight EMBLA members attending the dinner were: Carol Kemp, Delphine Johnson, Harriet Swieso, Janet Ruud, Esther Van Noy, Elda Sulerud, Olive Rudsdil and Ellen Campbell.

The next morning, the remainder of the Grand Lodge Officers gathered at 9:00 am for an all-day meeting. EMBLA's president, Carol Kemp, welcomed them to Tacoma, introduced the hostess Florence Buck and presented each of the officers with *Døtre av Norge* notepads, pens and one of EMBLA's red tote bags with rosemaled design by Florence Buck. A basket of Tacoma tourist information collected by Chris Engstrom was on hand.

The committee for this event (Florence Buck, Carol Kemp, Delphine Johnson, Harriet Swieso, Ellen Campbell & Kari Stackpole) wore EMBLA red aprons and served morning coffee, lunch, afternoon coffee and dinner.

Other EMBLA members who

contributed were: Olive Rudsdil, Manoah Butterfield, Charlene Barnes, Mardy Fairchild & Emilie Pedersen. Although Lisa Ottoson (committee member) was not able to attend, her work in organizing housing, decorations, programs, nametags, making the note pads, ordering pens, etc. was invaluable!



Ellen Campbell, Harriet Swieso, Delphine Johnson, and president Carol Kemp.



Delegates hard at work!

EMBLA members Housing Hosts were: Esther Van Noy, Delphine Johnson, Florence Buck, Janet Ruud and Manoah Butterfield.

Thanks to all who worked together to make this a gracious EMBLA hosting of the Grand Lodge Board.

Carol Kemp

INSTITUTION of
Ingeborg Lodge #43

Daughters of Norway
October 18, 2003
Stanwood, Washington

Nine Embla Lodge #2 members attended the Institution of our new sister lodge, Ingeborg Lodge # 43 in Stanwood, Washington on Saturday October 18. There were 34 Charter Members of Ingeborg # 43 as of that date. The final number of charter members will not be known until the charter closes on November 18.

Joanne Mansfield, Grand Lodge President, officiated the ceremonies—Institution of Ingeborg Lodge # 43, Initiation of Charter Members and Installation of Officers.

Grand Lodge Organizational Chair, Janet Ruud, was the Mistress of Ceremonies. Janet is a past president of the Grand Lodge and also of Embla Lodge #2.

Other Grand Lodge members attending were Judge Karin Scovill, Trustee LåVerne Tiedeman, and Døtre av Norge editor, Kathy Nesseth.

There were close to 150 in attendance for the ceremonies and celebration. Many of our sister lodges were present to show support of the new lodge.

Entertainment was provided by pianist Marissa Nashimoto and the *Young Skandia Dansers* of Ester Moe Lodge #39, directed by Linda Spencer.



Greetings and gifts from other Daughters of Norway lodges followed. Ray Skrinde of the local sons of Norway Lodge (Fritjov #17) brought special greetings and history of his lodge and the earlier Daughters of Norway Ingeborg #24, which organized in 1914, but had disbanded after just a few years



There were special comments by the new president of Ingeborg #43, Nina Kurrle, as she shows the antique regalia from the first Ingeborg Lodge from 1914.

in 1919. Interesting to note that this Sons of Norway lodge had carefully preserved the antique regalia of the early Ingeborg Lodge #24 and presented it to the current Ingeborg Lodge #43. A frame with the antique regalia was on display as well as other Norwegian heritage items belonging to members of the new lodge.

A vast array of Norwegian goodies baked by the ladies of the new lodge was offered the guests together with coffee and punch.

In the words of Janet Ruud, "If we want our organization to remain healthy and vibrant, individual lodges should always be looking for new members and the Grand Lodge should always be looking for new lodges."



Embla members attending: Janet Ruud, Grand Lodge Organizational Chair; Carol Kemp, Embla president and musician for the institution; Delphine Johnson, Embla Vice President; Harriet Swieso, Embla Judge; Esther Van Noy; Eleanor Baker; Evelyn Lundstrom-Weiss; Marilyn Mahnke and Manoah Butterfield.



Embla President, Carol Kemp, congratulating new Ingeborg President, Nina Kurrle, and presenting Embla's gift of \$100 to start the new lodge



Institution of Ingeborg #43, Daughters of Norway
Norwegian heritage items belonging to members of the new lodge
displayed at the institution

We are so delighted to welcome the new Ingeborg Lodge # 43 into the sisterhood of the Daughters of Norway!

Carol Kemp



Mary Nero, former Embla president, back for a visit. Welcomed by Embla sisters, Harriet Swieso, Florence Buck, Olive Rudsdil, Emilie Pedersen and Dagny Vaswig.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL
Embla memberships are now due - \$20 - per year. Please mail to Kari Stackpole
607 North G St
Tacoma WA 98403

Kari will be glad to answer any questions you have on membership- 627-7806.



**THE SHIP BELL TOLLS THREE
ALL IS WELL**

As the children ran out the door the Ruston School bell was ringing joyously, a sound the teachers anticipated as much as the students. The Tacoma Smelter whistle was blowing loudly as if in competition. It was the end of the day shift, and hundreds of men, lunchbox in hand marched up the hill to the trolley line, one-half mile away. In contrast to the light hearted shrills of the children, the workers walked single file, quietly, as if marching to the sound of a drum.

Karen Louisa ran from the school yard, braids twirling about her head as if lifting her into flight. The brisk wind off Puget Sound propelled her onward and upward. The family home was a row house perched on a hill overlooking the smelter and the beautiful bay where ships from all ports of the world were anchored, waiting to be loaded with the lumber harvest of the northwest and wheat shipped by rail to Tacoma from eastern Washington and the mid-west. It did not take long before Karen Louisa was

home and comfortably perched in the window seat. Long black stockings were in mode for school girls. They were warm and discretely covered the long legs already finding a shape of their own. After adjusting her dress she slouched down and was ready to be entertained. There were no stacks of books to be read, but rather Victrola records of Hawaiian music to be played on the old wind up Victrola player. With the strumming of the ukulele, Karen Louisa imagined herself on the beach of Waikiki. How she enjoyed the music! She often forgot there were chores for her to complete; this evening there were clothes to be sprinkled and prepared for ironing.

Olaf, the Norwegian seaman that rented a room from Anna, Karen Louisa's kind and gentle mother, when his ship was tied up to the dock, left the records for the family to enjoy, Anna and Hans Owra and daughter, Karen Louisa.

On entering the cozy kitchen and hearing the music from a faraway land, Anna would sit down at the table in the corner next to the window to enjoy a cup of coffee and the last rays of sunshine, and, to calm the anxieties of the day. The serving and cooking dinner for the "bosses" at the smelter dining room was out of mind until morning. She thought about Olaf whose only home was the Norwegian freighter that often moored at the smelter docks, loading the precious copper ore that had been refined at the smelter. On return to the Puget Sound from faraway places including the South Seas and China, one can only imagine the treasures that were aboard. Anna wished she had more rooms to rent. Coming from Norway she and Hans enjoyed the company of the seamen that had many stories to tell. The last time

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they saw Olaf he had left his little dog with the family to be cared for until he returned. "Pika," meaning little girl in Norwegian, became a family pet. Perhaps Olaf had made his final journey back to Norway. A few of the seamen had talked about jumping ship but joked that all they had to offer the immigration officer was codfish.

Karen Louisa was quickly brought back to her hometown when she heard the voice of her mother. "Karen Louisa, I would like you to go to the butcher shop and ask your Dad to give you a pound of sausage meat." On hearing these words the daughter was delighted. Certainly Dad would give her five cents for a bottle of pop. Anderson's Grocery Store and Dad's butcher shop occupied the corner of Pearl Street at North 51st Street.

After dinner Karen Louisa announced that she was told by her teacher that she should have an



Three Norwegian brothers, Jon, Carl and Hans Owra. Anna, wife of Hans and daughter, Lilly, (Karen Louisa).

American name. "Lilly," she said was the name she should like to be known as. Anna and Hans looked at each other and knew they had something serious to discuss.

Anna continued to rent to Norwegian seamen, providing a home away from home and a Victrola to enjoy American and Hawaiian music. She saved enough money to move into her own home with a place for her few valued pieces of silver and dishes she brought from Norway. Hans lost the butcher shop on "Black Monday", September 1929, the beginning of the Great Depression. He found a job at Sperry Flour Mill for which he was grateful.

Karen Louisa had been known as "Lilly" for many, many years. Her love of Hawaii and the music of the Islands never left her. "Aloha Oie," Lilly, Anna and Hans.

Charleen Barnes

• Anna is great grandmother of Karen Kunkle and Charleen Barnes' grandmother. Lilly is Karen's grandmother and mother to Charleen, members of Embla #2, Daughters of Norway, since 1920.