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EMBLA CALENDAR

June 19th Thursday, 2008 Craft Committee meeting at Chris Engstrom's home. 11 am

June 25th Wednesday – Last day to make convention hotel reservations at the special Daughters of Norway rates!

July 17-19th, Thursday-Saturday Grand Lodge Convention at the beautiful Hotel Murano, Tacoma

August 16th, Saturday, Summer Luncheon at the Elks Lodge, Tacoma – 12 noon.

SPRING HAS SPRUNG AND SUMMER IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER [Oh really!!!]

We sure have had a great last few months. Something for everyone. Our members were cooking up many good items at our Cooking Classes in March under the direction of our Vice President, Judy Willison. We will continue with three more classes in the fall.

In April several members with spouses and friends attended the Norwegian movie BUDDY. We hope this will become a tradition in the years to come. There was also the Dala Horse function at PLU - Scandinavian Center attended by many. I hope you noticed in the window cases outside the Scandinavian Cultural Center that the horses were carved by our member Carol Erickson's husband. These are still on display so try and see them.

The Sons and Daughters in Olympia put on a "Norway Day" and even though it snowed many Embla members attended. The Norwegian Heritage Festival at PLU ended our April festivities. Thanks for everyone who helped in every way possible to make this event successful.

In May Thelma Lodge #26 celebrated their 100 years. Carol Kemp, Janet Ruud and I attended the very nice festivities and brought greetings from Embla. Syttende Mai was celebrated in Ballard with many festivities going on. Several members attended the Luncheon and then marched in the well known parade.

I am happy to see that most of our members are on the various committees for the Grand Lodge Convention to be held on July 17 - 19th at the Hotel Murano in Tacoma. There are still many functions that need members to help. Please contact the chairpersons Janet or Lisa. Remember that the Cultural Day is open to family and friends including the Auction function held in the evening. The meetings on Friday and Saturday night are open to members. We hope you registered for the lunches, Hot Night at the Glass Museum and the Banquet. See page 3 for more information on how you can help.

Marilyn Mahnke
Embla President



April program. L to r: David Brown; Embla Cultural Director, Candace Brown; and Chris Tyle.



Chris Tyle tells of his genealogical quest to find his family in Norway.



75 Year Member June Radich, receives a dozen white roses from Pres. Marilyn Mahnke, assisted by Marshal, Diane Nelson

75 Year Member of Embla
 June Radich joined Embla in 1933 and has been a faithful member ever since. At the May meeting she received her 75 year pin. She is the *2nd member to receive this special pin in all the lodges of Daughters of Norway. Greetings were sent from the Grand Lodge Secretary congratulating June for her wonderful milestone. June spent many years on the serving committee as well as other committees. Her daughter Terri and son-in-law Eddie, as well as her cousin Angela Sivertson (Embla member for 21 years) attended the ceremonies. June plans on attending the meetings at the Grand Lodge Convention in July.



*For your information Martha Handeland is the other Embla member of the 75-year member group. She received her recognition three years ago.



50 Year Member of Embla
Connie (Christensen) Schmidt became a member of Embla when she was only 13 years old. She remembers marching in the Syttende Mai parade in downtown Tacoma, now everyone goes to Ballard. Her mother, Anne Christensen, was a President of Embla. We presented Connie with a 50 year pin at our April meeting. She will be receiving a Certificate of Merit from Grand Lodge as well as a recognition of 50 years of membership from Embla. You might notice in your new roster we have 5 others who are now part of the 50 year group.



Kathleen Hogan speaking on families in the Keyport/Poulsbo area at May meeting



Marian Eberle receives roses from Pres. Marilyn Mahnke assisted by Assistant Marshal, Julie Touchette.

25 Year Member of Embla
 Marian Eberle became a 25 year member of Embla this year. She was presented her pin at the May meeting. She has been a member of the Leikarring for many years. For several years she has made the beaded breast plates which are part of several types of bunads. Marian's son, Dick, with his wife, Patti, attended this special occasion.



Marian Eberle was also winner of the Past President's Basket at the drawing in April.



Janet Ruud, Carol Kemp and Marilyn Mahnke attended Thelma Lodge #26 100 years celebration.

Convention Requests

Sisters! Convention is less than two months away, and we are so appreciative of the many members who are already working on the various convention committees! But there are a few areas where extra help is needed.

1 - Business Meeting Committee

We are looking for two or three women to help plan the seating arrangements and other details. It would really help if at least one committee member has attended convention(s) before. There is NO ONE on this committee yet! Contact Janet Ruud or Lisa Ottoson if you can be on this committee.

2 - Thursday Reception/Auction Committee

Running an auction will take many hands! In addition to procuring items for the auction, we need help in planning the auction, preparing items (displays/baskets) for the auction and working at the auction (registration table, table "guards / closers," spotters, etc.) Contact Marilyn Mahnke (253-853-1568) if you can help on this committee.

3 - Cultural Day Committee

This committee is looking for volunteers to help plan the set up for Cultural Day, as well as women to work as table "Nisser" on Cultural Day. The "Nisser" will baby-sit another lodge's sales table for an hour, so that the women from that lodge will be able to attend classes! (Some lodges can send only two or three people to convention. We want to help them out.) Contact Esther Van Noy (253-537-2938) or Karen Kunkle (253-759-4793) if you can help this committee.

4 - The Registration Committee and the PR-Publicity Committee will need help in assembling the printed material for the convention packets (Thursday June 26, 10 am., St. Mark's Lutheran Church)

and in putting everything IN the convention packets/bags (Saturday, June 28, 10 am., St. Mark's Lutheran Church). Please contact Chris Engstrom (253-752-5361) or Sarah Callow (253-566-9233) if you can help on the assembly line!

5 - The Classes Committee will need women to serve as hostesses for the classes/ lectures/ films on Class Day. If you have signed up for a particular class, and you would be willing to introduce the teacher/speaker for that class (and serve as 'assistant'), please contact Toni Simpson (253-858-7975).



Marilyn Mahnke
Lakeses Morbrod
(Salmon Sandwiches)



Carol Spencer and Judy Willison
with Kavli Ostebrod
(Norwegian Cheese Bake)

SPRING COOKING CLASSES AT PLU



Delphine Johnson
Rakostsalat
(Cabbage Salad)



Julie Touchette
Eplekake
(Norwegian Apple Cake)



Harriet Swieso
Sildesalat
(Herring Salad)



Elene Emerson, interviewed by Solveig M. Lee, Contributing Editor, "Norwegian American Weekly" May 16, 2008 issue



Julie Touchette, Harriet Swieso, and Elene Emerson at the Norwegian Heritage Festival table of Hardanger.



Anne Whitley family demonstrating Lefse



Betty Willard and Julie Touchette selling Sandwiches and Rømmegrøt



Bakery table Marilyn Mahnke



Carol Kemp, Grand Lodge President promoting Grand Lodge table.



Mardy Fairchild, Carol Erickson and Diane Nelson, selling Sandwiches and Rømmegrøt

Norwegian Heritage Festival April 2008



Carol Spencer and Chris Engstrom, Embla Sales Table

Elaine Anderson and Marie Hayden

Genealogy "Family History"



Norwegian Heritage Festival April 2008

This year our three booths, Bakery (Cookies), Rømmegrøt/Sandwiches, and Crafts netted approximately \$1,000. Many thanks to everyone who made cookies and brought them to the meeting or church – we had 230 dozen cookies and sold approximately 200 dozen of them. The leftovers were sold to a member who could not attend and the others were frozen for our next event. Tusen takk to those who made sandwiches and Rømmegrøt and to all who worked in the Bakery and Sandwich/Rømmegrøt booths, including set up and take down. The Craft Booth sold a lot of our home made items and special thanks to those who worked there!

Our total sales were down from our last NHF in 2006 so next year when Embla is in charge of the event, we will try to publicize it more and also locate the Craft booth in the hall, not in a separate room.



*Cashier for Goodies
Judith Willison*

EMBLA'S FIRST

FIELD TRIP OF 2008

by Julie Touchette

On the evening of April 10 several members of Embla lodge and their spouses met at the Blue Mouse Theater in Tacoma's Proctor District. The occasion was to attend the International Film & Food Festival, which was presented by the Tacoma Pierce County Sister Cities Committee. Each Thursday for 11 weeks, the committee celebrated a different sister city with food and a program from that country as well as showing a film.

Tacoma's sister city in Norway is Aalesund, which is midway between Bergen and Trondheim. The festivities for the April 10 Aalesund, Norway event included dinner catered by Gayle Orth Catering. The menu included lapskaus (Norwegian stew), marinated cucumbers, a roll with butter, and an almond cookie.

After eating we were welcomed by Iral Toven, who is the chair of the Aalesund Sister City Committee. We listened to wonderful Scandinavian music performed by the Caspersen music group followed by a Barnekor reunion. At 7:00 pm the movie "Buddy" started. It was an entertaining romantic comedy directed by Morten Tyldum.

It was about a young man named Kristoffer whose love life is on the rocks. He likes to videotape himself and his friends pulling outrageous stunts. Something happens, and Kristoffer's video diary winds up at a popular TV show. Everything starts turning

upside down. The vibrant young cast explores the true meaning of friendship and love in a heart-warming story about hijinks, crazy roommates, and reality television. It was very entertaining! We hope that even more Embla sisters will be able to attend this fun event next year.

If anyone is interested in joining the Tacoma-Aalesund Sister City Committee, contact Debra King at 253-591-5592 or via e-mail at dking@ci.tacoma.wa.us.

EMBLA MAY MEETING

The Hostesses for the May meeting are: Lisa Ottoson, chair; Katie Anderson, Ines Ottoson, Betty Willard, Carmen Knudtson and Karen Johnston.

EMBLA JUNE MEETING

The June Hostess committee is as follows: Mardy Fairchild, Chair; Esther Van Noy; Karen Kunkle, Tina Riffle, Judy Rogers and Glenda Su-Ming Larson.

SPRING BANQUET in May at the Scandinavian Cultural Center

You might not know that our Embla member, Lisa Ottoson, became the President of the SCC Executive Board.

CONGRATULATIONS LISA...

Hilsen

Marilyn, President

AWARENESS

People were in their pews talking at church. Suddenly, Satan appeared at the front of the church. Everyone started screaming and running for the entrance, trampling each other. In a frantic effort to get away from evil incarnate. Soon everyone had exited except for one elderly gentleman who sat calmly in his pew without moving, seeming oblivious to the fact that God's ultimate enemy was in his presence.

So Satan walked up to the old man and said, 'Don't you know who I am?'

The man replied, 'Yep, sure do.'

'Aren't you afraid of me?' Satan asked.

'Nope, sure ain't.' said the man...

'Don't you realize I can kill with a word?' asked Satan.

'Don't doubt it for a minute,' returned the old man, in an even tone.

'Did you know that I could cause you profound horrifying, AG-ONY for all eternity?' persisted Satan.

'Yep,' was the calm reply...

'And you're still not afraid?' asked Satan.

More than a little perturbed, Satan asked, 'Well, why aren't you afraid of me?'

The man calmly replied, 'Been married to your sister for 44 years..

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**SYTTENDE MAI
17TH OF MAY IN BALLARD**



*Carol Kemp (Embla member) Grand Lodge
President gets a special ride in the parade*



Embla sisters proudly carrying Embla's banner



*Jennifer Shook, Esther Van Noy, Delphine Johnson
and Karen Lynn*



*Greater Tacoma Peace Prize banner
with Lisa Ottoson on right*



*Julie Touchette, Esther Van Noy, Fjord Horse,
Karen Lynn and Marilyn Mahnke*



*There's always a way to enjoy the Parade.
Harriet Swieso with help from daughter, Karen Bell*

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**2008 recipient of Embla's
\$500 Scholarship Award.**

Audrey C Ragsac, granddaughter of Embla member, Verle Congdon, graduated from Andrew P Hill High School in San Jose, CA on June 7, 2008. Her 4-Year GPA is 3.96 and her class rank is 12 of 453.

She has been accepted at UC Berkeley with a 4 year scholarship. Her education goals are to earn a Bachelor's Degree in Molecular Biology or Microbiology and eventually like to have a Doctorate Degree in the biological sciences. The completion of the Human Genome Project in 2003 opened new doors for science. Audrey wants to be a part of this new frontier in biological science.

Audrey received an award for Athlete of the year and also an Outstanding Music award.

**CONGRATULATIONS, AUDREY
FOLLOW YOUR DREAMS!**