



# EMBLA NYHETER

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## EMBLA CALENDAR

August 29th - 7 p.m. Board Meeting at Esther Van Noy's home.

September 5th - Embla Meeting at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. 6 p.m. Potluck - Silent Auction. Bring white elephant items to sell.

October 3rd - 7 p.m. Embla meeting Program - *Samer in Norway* by Mari Ann Jackson.

October 4-5-6 - Scandinavian Days Festival at Puyallup Fairgrounds.

October 16-23-30 - Norwegian Cooking Classes at Pacific Lutheran University Scandinavian Cultural Center. Please sign up to demonstrate your Norwegian recipes from Embla's Cookbook.

November 7th - Embla Meeting. Initiation of new members and Officer nominations for new year.

## RECIPE CORRECTION

### Takk For Maten II

### Embla #2 Cookbook

Page 204 - Ring-Around Cookies

Should be 3/4 cup shortening

NOT 1 3/4 cup.

Elene Emerson - 759-7292

Page 179 - Oatmeal Cake

Add 1 cup brown sugar

Ida Hagen - 759-0569

All the cookbooks left will be corrected before they are sold. Please make this correction to your books.

## GRATULERER MED DAGEN!!!

That's what members of Embla Lodge #2 are saying to our own Janet Ruud, newly elected President of the Grand Lodge, Daughters of Norway. Janet was elected to this important office at the recent Grand Lodge Convention at the Executive Inn at Fife on July 20, 1996.

Good luck, Janet!  
 by Florence Buck

## TUSEN TAKK

to all the members of Embla Lodge for a wonderful convention and for your support of me in my role as acting President! What a job! I especially want to thank Olive Rudsil, who received no help from me after I learned I was to take over the President's job, and who as co-chair of the Convention Planning Committee was the one who really made everything work! Thanks also to all the committee members and their helpers. You are all super! I have heard nothing but wonderful remarks about this convention! For example, "This was the best convention ever!"

I am looking forward to the next two year as a time when the Daughters of

Norway/Embla Lodge will thrive and grow! Let's all put our heads together and think of some new ways we can help our lodge "continue to progress", so that our heritage "may become enshrined in the hearts of our children." I believe that if we keep these key phrases in mind when planning our meetings and pro-

grams, Embla Lodge will continue to be successful. "We will, however, have to watch out for people like "Lars and Gyrid" and "Ingebjørg Torkelson." (You never know what they're up to !)

As your Grand Lodge President, I hope that you will be open and honest with me at all times with any concerns, ideas, and/or criticisms. I will take your com-

ments to the Grand Lodge Board, and after the next Board Meeting, which will be held in Seattle on October 26th, I will report back to you.

I ask for your continued prayers and positive thoughts for the healing of Past Grand Lodge President, Sylvia Rogenes, who will be undergoing a stronger course of chemotherapy in the next few months.

Ha det bra, og ta det med ro!  
 Sisterly, Janet Ruud



Janet Ruud, Grand Lodge President



Past Presidents of different lodges enjoying their breakfast



Bernice Rohrs and Phyllis Melton at Registration Table

**PAST PRESIDENT'S BREAKFAST**

About 60 presidents and past presidents enjoyed renewing friendships at the Past Presidents Breakfast hosted by Embla Past Presidents. Each one in attendance received a magnate rosemaled by Florence Buck. Gerd Michels, past Grand Lodge Editor, won the beautiful apron pictures below.

Mildred Baker



Gerd Michels & her apron

**VAR SÅ GOD**

There were so many goodies to choose from: delicious Norwegian cookies, breads, waffles, pastries, fresh fruit, cheese and plenty of coffee. Tusan takk to Elsie Schwind, Julie Ausnes, Thelma Lund, Florence Swanson and Amy Vogel. Also helping were ladies from Valkyrien #1 and Solveig #31 lodges.

Truly a place to talk, eat, drink coffee and enjoy.

Harriet Swieso

**MANGE TAKK**

Attendance: Registered - 115

Friday lunch - 127

Friday nite Event - 111

Saturday lunch - 126

Saturday banquet - 145

I am so grateful to the Convention Registration Committee - Verle Congdon, Pat King, Phyllis Melton, Margaret Richards and Evelyn Walker. These very able and dedicated Embla sisters all worked long and hard hours to gather items and then put together Embla's very successful tote bags. They also cheerfully spent many hours at the Registration table during the Convention. My sincere "Thank you" to each one.

More thanks to these Embla sisters that donated their own special crafts and items for our Convention tote bags - Gloria Pedersen, M a r d y Fairchild, Dena Iverson, Britt Kvamme, Lee Fleek and Vicki (and husband Steve) Melton. Another big "thank you" to our Treasurer, Marie Hayden, for her time and effort spent doing the Convention name tags

and tickets in addition to keeping the Convention accounts.

Again - my sincere thanks and appreciation to all these very special Embla sisters that contributed so much to make the Daughters of Norway 50th Biennial Convention a success.

Bernice Rohrs  
Registration Chairman

**CULTURDAY DAY**

Thursday, July 18th

Exhibits, sales and demonstrations were held in the Cove Room, the size of which gave plenty of room for guests to look, read, browse and buy!

The several lodges had beautiful



Enjoying the Hospitality Room

things for their sales and drawings including - Rosemaled Tine, Rosemaled



*Harriet Swieso and Hildur Christiansen  
at Embla Table for Cultural Day*

bird house, Pullover sweater, Teddy bears, Hardanger Embroidery, Two-day vacation, Dolls, Services of seamstress willing to sew a Bunad, and many other wonderful things.

Elene Emerson

### CULTURAL DAY HISTORY

Cultural Day became part of the Daughters of Norway conventions in 1984. The purpose was to have a sharing and learning experience of the culture, heritage, and traditions of Norway. The theme for the Convention this year was "Celebrating our Heritage." Embla had two cultural exhibits.

One was a partial exhibit that was in the Nordic Heritage Museum in Seattle last summer to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Liberation of Norway and a video "50 years Remembered: Norway to Puget Sound." which included personal experiences of Puget Sound Norwegians who had been in Norway during the occupation of Germany and then immigrated to the Puget Sound area. We used items that were obtained from members of the Daughters of Norway.

Ingeborg Herring, who is a member of Solveig Lodge, had a confirmation dress from 1945 made from parachute material found in the mountains of Oppedal and used by the Resistance

people flown over from Great Britain. Bergljot Roswick and Tordis Hovik of Valkyrien were interviewed. Tordis and her husband were both involved with an underground group. Her husband of eight months was arrested for spying and executed with ten other Norwegians. The exhibit included Tordis' pass from the Germans, but she was also arrested by the Germans six months before the end of the war. She also had many pictures and newspaper articles. Ruth Durham of Solveig Lodge talked about all of the ways they tried substitutes for coffee, including peas dried and roasted. Kirsten Wenstone of Valkyrien Lodge had a lamp made by her brother while he was in Ulven Concentration Camp, but he was later sent to Germany where he was executed, plus

with reproductions of Viking axes; and stone throwing and boulder tossing.

Six lodges participated with sales and cultural displays. There were demonstrations of Hardanger embroidery (Elene Emerson) and beadwork (Marian Eberle), Krumkake (Julie Ausnes) and six lodges had items for which they sold tickets, with the drawings after the Saturday luncheon.

Elaine Anderson

Cultural Day Chairman

### FRIDAY & SATURDAY CONVENTION LUNCHEONS

Our Convention luncheon started with the Norwegian Table Prayer (Bordbønn) that is familiar to most of us. We were served a delicious luncheon after which our President, Esther Van Noy, had the honor of giving out the door prizes. Our own Elda Sulerud won a big basket of all kinds of bread and our own, Karen Harkness, won a jar of chocolates. We each received a very nice Døtre



*Games from the collection of Don Anderson*

there were many pictures taken during the occupation.

The other exhibit was "Ancient Games and Pastimes," which included many board games (Hnefatafl, Merelles, Draughts, Fox and Geese, and Chess) from Viking times; runes with examples of the runic alphabet and writing; riddles and folk tales; plus the skill games of archery, which included examples of long bows and arrows; axe throwing

av Norge Songbook made and donated by Embla Lodge. The surplus songbooks were for sale for \$2.50 each.

Saturday's luncheon began with a Norwegian Table Prayer: O du som metter liten fugl velsign vår mat, O gud, Amen, which was sung in rounds of four. Table favors for each one of a red candle holder with a candle were compliments of our own Gloria Pederson. Esther Van Noy again was in charge of

the raffle draw. The Bell Pull that Elsie Schwind made and donated was won by sister, Lavonne Kraft. The doll that Esther dressed and donated was won by sister Sonya Stansbury. Our own Mardy Fairchild won a nice picture of Hardanger, Norway, which was donated by Dorothy Killoy. Our Dagny Vaswig won a beautiful hardanger and embroidery wall hanging made and donated by Este Graff of Solveig and Ester Moe Lodges.

Aggie Thoreson



*Thelma Lund, Elsie Schwind and Julie Ausnes, Embla sisters*

#### OPENING RECEPTION

July 18, 1996 at 8 p.m. our Grand Lodge 50th Convention was opened by Olive Rudsdil and Janet Ruud in the Jib Room at the Executive Inn at Fife. A special welcome was given by Esther Van Noy, President of Embla #2, the host lodge. A first time silent auction was a great success. A special thank you to all who donated items for the auction. We were entertained by the Norwegian Youth Choir of Tacoma/The Barnekor. The marsipan cake, punch and coffee were a delicious treat after the entertainment. We will always treasure the beautiful pins given to each of us as we left the opening reception.

Marian Eberle

#### CLASS DAY

was successful thanks to our excellent instructors and interesting classes. A special thank you to the following:

Folk Dancing - Christine Anderson  
Norwegian Jewelry - Florence Buck  
Tracing Your Family History - Marie Hayden

Conversational Norwegian - Linda Casperson-Andreasen

Norwegian Chorus - Vicki Melton  
Wheat Weaving - Karen Rahl

Christmas in Norway and Norwegian Fest Days - Astrid Scott

There were many positive comments and many happy students at the end of the day. A sincere thank you to instructors, students and my committee, Karen Harkness.

Mildred Baker  
Class Day Chairman



*Enjoying P.L.U.*

#### FANTASTIC FRIDAY FESTIVITY

The "Fantastic Friday Festivity" began with all of us boarding two buses for the ride to Pacific Lutheran University's Scandinavian Cultural Center. At the Center, we savored a Scandinavian style supper and heard Florence Buck and Elene Emerson give us background information on the carved wood panels and the current "Snorre Suite" art display. After our meal, we went to view the Russell Music Center on campus, and its' display of Chihuly glass roses. A wonderful mu-

sic program, performed by a group of talented young musicians called Northwest Band Camp, was enjoyed by all in the Lagerquist Concert Hall. All too soon, it was time to get back to the Executive Inn, with Emily and Olive doing a fine job keeping track of us.

Carol Voigt

#### BUSINESS MEETINGS

The general business meeting on Friday, July 19th began with a warm welcome by our own President Esther Van Noy. After the customary flag salute, anthems, roll call and introductions, the formal business meeting began. Due to surgery, GL President Sylvia Rogenes was unable to attend the Convention. Embla Lodge member and GL Vice-President Janet Ruud thus was given the awesome responsibility of running the business meetings.

Several proposed Constitution By-Law changes were submitted for consideration. These have all been reported, discussed and reports on in the Døtre av Norge paper so we will not repeat them here.

Esther Van Noy choreographed a spectacular Bunad Parade. As each lodge presented their banners, the members of each lodge showed off their Bunader. Esther provided a detailed description of each Bunad, noting which region the Bunad represented.



*"We are the Lutheran Vimen"*

A marvelous skit/song called "We are the Lutheran Vimen", given by Solveig Lodge delegation, was uproariously received by all in the Convention Hall.

On Saturday morning, after issues were discussed and resolved, our Embla Lodge went into "full Norwegian mode" with a skit about "Sailing to Tacoma on a Viking Ship." Thanks to the creativity of Iona Dhaese, we had quite a full ship of very attractive (?), bewigged Vikings plus one frisky, dancing cow and a bearded Norsk farmer! What a sight!!!

The delegates were lucky this day, for following the Embla Viking Ship, was a visit from Ingebjørg Torkelson (portrayed by Janet Ruud) and a very suspicious rum cake recipe. The hat was beautiful, but, oh, you should have seen the hair!!!

Before the noon break was the best entertainment of all, a young group of Leikarring dancers called Trollvenner. The troop consisted of children between the ages of about 4 to 12 years old all decked out in Bunad no less. With the help of a few adults, these children performed several dances and songs. Only one minor problem arose, when one of the dancers proclaimed loudly, during a lull in the performance, "I have to go to the bathroom!"

As the Convention started moving towards conclusion, newly elected officers were selected:

- Janet Ruud - President  
(Embla #2)
- Kay Aycock - Vice President  
(Solveig #31)
- Karin Scovill - Secretary  
(Valkyrien #1)
- Sylvia Ferchen - Treasurer  
(Braidablik #10)
- Jayme Graney - Chaplain  
(Sonja Henie #29)
- Toni Linne - Trustee  
(Frida Hansen #37)

After the election came the installation. It was very striking with everyone wearing white! The honor guards - Olive Rudsdil, Emilie Pedersen, Bernice



The Embla contingency with "Sailing to Tacoma on a Viking Ship"



Rohrs and Shirley Peterson - adding the only color, carried the Norwegian and American flags, as they escorted the incoming officers to their stations. As each officer took their stations, they passed under a bridge made of flags. It was quite a regal coronation. Congratulations to all of the new officers!

Mardy Fairchild



Embla Drill Team with Emilie Pedersen, Olive Rudsdil in front and Bernice Rohrs and Shirley Peterson in back

## SATURDAY BANQUET

Many ooh's and ah's were heard as members of Lodges entered the Jib Room for the closing Banquet. Our chairman, Mary Nero, had created a room with Norwegian flags, red carnations and baby's breath Tusan takk to Carol Voigt, Laurianne Adam, Verle Congdon, Elaine Hudak, and Doris Hill, sister of Mary Ann Aker, for their part in creating the visual delight.

Newly elected President, Janet Ruud, told of her plans to visit each lodge during the next two years. Also to have each Lodge provide child care so younger members can attend Lodge

The Caspersons "Little Spelmannslag" children's fiddling group from Gig Harbor completed the program. After many Norwegian selections, Esther Van Noy and Florence Buck were asked to perform with Maracas. Thus ending the evening with much laughter and fun.

Mary Ann Aker

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### WANTED/NEEDED

Cookies, fatigman, rosettes, Berlina Kranser, Kringler, etc. and any other Scandinavian cookies you would like to make. This is our opportunity to support our heritage.

For Scandinavian Days Festival  
October 4-5-6 - Friday-Sunday  
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

YES we will be in compliance with the Pierce County Health Department if we bake cookies, breads and fruit soups at home.

Please bring the cookies with you when you attend the festival. If you need someone to pick up your donation, please call me. Your name on the container will help us to return it to you. Also, the cookie name helps us to label the trays correctly for our patrons.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the festival.

Marge Kunschak  
Cookie Room - 537-3101

### TOTE BAGS

Limited number of Daughters of Norway Convention Registration Tote Bags remain. \$10 for the "Daughters of Norway" - "Celebrating our Heritage" canvas tote bag, pen and Lodge Names booklet. Many various items from individuals and local businesses are also included.

If you would like one of these please call Bernice Rohrs,  
(206)564-4407  
- to reserve your tote bag.

Bernice Rohrs

### BARNEKOR FAVORITES

Anyone interested in purchasing a cassette tape of the Norwegian Youth Choir of Tacoma, Barnekor Favorites, (\$10) - the supply is running out fast! You can further show your support for this great choir by buying a colorful T-shirt (also only \$10). The emblem on the front of the shirt says "Celebrating our Heritage", which was also coincidentally our Convention Theme, and on the back of the shirt is the Barnekor logo in red, white and blue (a Viking ship with the American and Norwegian flags in the background).

For a cassette tape, call Janet Ruud (564-2832) and for a T-shirt, call Barb Powers (851-3262). Christmas is really not that far away, and both items make great gifts!