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## EMBLA CALENDAR

**Thursday, March 5th**, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Candace Brown, our Cultural Director, presents Auden Toven, former PLU Professor, on *History of the Norwegian Language*.

Also passing around clipboards for Norwegian Heritage Festival for our delicious cookies.

Our annual dues are due to Financial Secretary, Joan Anderson (they are \$30) and Joan has asked us to bring band aids or other first aid items or a cash donation for the Family Renewal Shelter (this is our new Service Project for 2009).

**April 11th, 11 am to 3 pm**, Norwegian Heritage Festival at the Scandinavian Cultural Center at PLU. We need members to help at the Bake Sale Table and Craft Tables. Also members to sign up to serve/sell sandwiches and Rømmegrøt.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you for the beautiful installation ceremony. Janet, Installing Marshal, and Installing Officers, Harriet and Delphine. I so appreciate that you did such a great job. Also, a special thanks to my Leikarring group: Carol, Marta, Janice, Judy, Eleanor, Joan, Trudy, Mackenzie and Elda. Lisa Ottoson was in charge of the dinner tonight with her committee. I also want to mention that the beautiful Kransaake that we had tonight was made yesterday by Carol Kemp, Carol Spencer and me – thank you both so much for a wonderful day of baking and friendship!



*Judith Willison and her husband, Ross Willison*

At this time, I have the honor of presenting our new Past President, Marilyn Mahnke, with her Past President's pin.

I'd like to introduce my husband, Ross, and my daughter Tracey, (her husband Don and my grandsons Andrew and Joey couldn't be here). Also, my son Tom, my daughter-in-law Andrea, and grandchildren Jack and Sarah. My other son, Todd, lives in Cali-

fornia and could not attend tonight.

I have wonderful relatives in Nordfold, Norway, and Ross and I spent three weeks there several years ago. These Forsberg relatives are on my father's side and even though they have always lived in Norway, they are

not 100% Norwegian, as my great grandfather – Karl Forsberg, came from Sweden. My grandfather, Nilgard Forsberg came to the United States, married and had eight children, one of whom was my father.

My mother's father, Tormod Soderlund, came from Oslo where he was a baker and he made the most wonderful birthday cakes – all with blue birds on them! My grandpa Forsberg never learned to speak English, and my grandpa Soderlund spoke English with a great Norwegian accent and always called me "Yudy!"

I know you all want a little history of my life, and I'll make it short and sweet! I was born in Longview, Washington and lived there until I moved to Oregon to

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Julie Touchette wants to remind us that the Tupperware orders for our fundraiser are due at this meeting – remember we get 40% profit! Call Julie on 253/846-2034 if you have questions.



*President Judith Willison flanked by Installing Officers, Harriet Swieso and Delphine Johnson,*

attend Portland State and Oregon State University. I came back to Longview, was married and had three wonderful children. We moved to Federal Way 34 years ago and I remarried Ross 24 years ago. I worked at Boeing for 22 years and I liked to say that my job was “serving soup to nuts” – I was a manager of the food service program there. I took early retirement 9 years ago and one of the nicest, most rewarding things I’ve done since then was to join Daughters of Norway in March of 2001.

I love to tell the story of how that happened. I met Janet Ruud at another Norwegian meeting (Nordlyset) and she told me about the Daughters. So, I came by myself on a rainy evening and the first person

I saw when I walked in the church was Florence Buck, and it was love at first sight! Her Mother’s name was “Judith” and she immediately started using my given name. Of course, I was only there for a visit, and she talked me into joining that night. She also enlisted my aid in the Cooking Classes held at PLU, and I’ve been doing those ever since, and loving it too, by the way! I am becoming president of Embla tonight in honor of Florence who made me promise to do this one day!

When you belong to a group where you have the same heritage and love of your ancestor’s country, it is amazing how much everyone in the Daughters of Norway become like family and you really do feel like sisters. You have so many things in common, from values, to history, love of family and country and learning everything about your culture.

As you can tell, I’m proud to be your president and to count you all as friends and sisters. We will have an awesome time the next two years!!!! Tusen takk!

**Embla President  
Judith Willison**



*Kransekake for Installation Celebration, prepared by Carol Kemp, Carol Spencer and President Judith Willison.*



*February Hostesses: front l to r: Suzie Palmer, and Karen Bell. Back: Ellen Campbell, Darcie Harris, Sonya Nyhuis and Harriet Swieso.*



*The Leikarring – l to r: Carol Voigt, Joan Anderson, Trudy Sorenson, Mackenzie Gavery, Marta Berg, Eleanor Baker, Judy Earle, Judith Willison and Janice Kelly. Elda Sulerud sitting.*



*Harriet Swieso, past president, stands with her daughter, Karen Bell, as Karen is being installed as the new Embla Vice President for 2009. Karen is modeling her new bunad.*



*Thor Aanes and Norwegian Skiing,  
February program*

In a winter with plenty of snow our February program featured a most appropriate guest speaker: championship skier Thor Aanes of Port Orchard. Assisted by his lovely daughter, Elisa Jacoby, Thor gave an interesting presentation on the history of skiing in Norway, including a series of photos showing the progression of ski jumping from 1915 through the 1960s and the changes in technique as the sport evolved during those decades. He particularly highlighted the history of Holmenkollen.

Thor, who grew up in Norway, witnessed the ski jumping competition there shortly after the end of WWII (as did Embla sister Kari Stackpole), and expressed the depth of emotion, unity, and pride felt by the citizens of Norway as they came from far and wide to be part of this historic event. Over the years he has made many trips back to his homeland, the most recent in 2008. Thor Aanes is a member of the Sons of Norway in Tacoma.

Candace Brown

*On right middle column, l to r:  
January Hostesses: Lisa Ottoson,  
Betty Willard, Carmen Knudtson,  
Inez Ottoson, Julie Touchette and  
Karen Kunkle.*



## CRAFT SALES

addition to Dec 2008 article:

Mardy Fairchild's daughter, Vonnie Stone, is a member and her son, Jacob, is our door guard for our meetings. While Mardy was recuperating from knee surgery last fall, Vonnie and Mardy made over 160 necklaces out of Trellis yard which we sell for \$5 each – what a deal! Mardy has also made earrings (\$5 a set) to match some of the necklaces. Next meeting you can check out the craft table and find a nice necklace and earring set for \$10.00. Tusan Takk!,

Marilyn Mahnke



*Marilyn Mahnke, immediate Past  
President and new Embla Judge  
for 2009*

### Embla Travel Club?

Would anyone be interested in taking a little day trip once a month – Mt. St. Helens and lunch or other suggested places. I have a Ford Explorer and can comfortably take three people, four a little tighter. Just Embla friends having a "day out." If you would be interested please let me know.

### Embla Game Night?

One Friday or Saturday night a month to play Bunco, Mexican Train or any other games, If so please let me know.

Chris Engstrom  
752-5361

### PRICE REDUCTION

#### NEW LOWER CRUISE PRICES!

For our Sept. 2, 2009 departure of the Alaska Cruise on the Carnival Spirit, these new lower prices will save you hundreds of dollars.

Category 4B Inside \$886.39  
Category 4D Inside \$906.39  
Category 8B Balcony \$1256.39  
Category 8C Balcony \$1276.39

Prices are per person Double  
Occupancy.

Insurance for Inside categories:  
\$89 per person.

Insurance for Balcony categories:  
\$109 per person.

For those of you who have already booked this cruise, the new lower price will be applied when you pay your "balance due." For all of you who have been wondering if you might want to go on this cruise – these new prices make this a very affordable vacation.

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Front l to r: Joan Anderson, Karen Bell, President Judith Willison, Diane Nelson and Julie Touchette.  
Back: Elda Sulerud, Marilyn Mahnke, Tanya Fowlkes, Sharon Groeneveld, Carol Spencer, Judie Miller  
and Candace Brown. Not shown: Norma Borgford, Sonya Nyhuis, and Chris Engstrom.