

## October 17 Business Meeting

1. New members Clay Warren, Shirley Thrasher, Martha Parks, and Margarita Logus were voted on.
2. A Host Committees Schedule was distributed for year 2001 events.
3. The 2001 Schedule of Events and Business Meetings were discussed.
4. Discussion was held regarding an increase in the cost for the Christmas Glögg and Smörgasbord Dinner Party to \$12.50 for adults.
5. Anyone interested in or having suggestions regarding joining the Friendship Committee, please contact Dorothy Scherer.
6. The Cultural Committee was to come up with different themes each year for the events planned.
7. The Newsletter Editor was given a \$170.00 advance (for November) to cover newsletter printing, folding and postage (first class mail was necessitated by the enormous bulk mail generated by election ballot mail outs and delays).
8. A suggestion was made to resume *Member of the Month* in the Newsletter.
9. Total Funds available for the 2002 Convention are \$1,487.83. The tentative place for the event will be at the Holiday Inn - Sacramento. Other sites are also being considered. Lunch preparation and appetizer information should be faxed to Evy Mangeheim.
10. Total profit from the Kaldolmar and Rotmos Dinner on October 6<sup>th</sup> was \$211.85.
11. Lodge bills were read off and paid.



### News from Vestkusten:

- Arvid Carlsson is the first Swedish Nobel Prize winner in 18 years. Carlsson is best known for his discovery of the single substance dopamine's importance, which led to such modern medicine as Prozac.
- IKEA is planning on opening a furniture factory in Russia which they hope will be up and running by next summer. Expansion of future retail stores and a sawmill are also part of IKEA's goal.
- Sweden's Ambassador to the U.S., Jan Eliasson, spoke at the World Affairs Council during a visit to San Francisco on October 13<sup>th</sup>. He stressed the importance of issues such as education, environment and enlargement to serve as a guideline for the Swedish Presidency of the European Union on January 1, 2001. He also discussed the importance of mutual efforts among various countries in mobilizing resources for the resolution of the AIDS crisis; the Trans-Atlantic Agenda of partnership between Europe and the U.S. in the New Economy. He says we must strive to open our countries to the outside world to create an extensive understanding of domestic and foreign policies affecting all of us, each and every day, no matter what country you live in. There is a world outside of Europe!