



COMING EVENTS

December 3rd, 8:00 P.M. regular business meeting - Initiation of new members. Glogg Party and exchange of gifts. Everyone who wishes to have Santa bring them a gift will bring a \$3.00 gift marked for Lady or Man and put their name on it.

Refreshment committee is: Herb & Millie Johnson, Erika Lewis, Bertil & Eleanor Wessman, Eleanor Vine and Ed & Thelma Range.

December 12th, 2 to 4 P.M. is our Lucia Fest. This will be held at the 24th Street Theater. The address is 2791 24th Street. (Sierra School) Get off the freeway at the Broadway offramp. The program will be presented by the Children's Club. Bea Dillard and Linda Johnson are in charge of refreshments. Ladies please bring your Christmas cookies for the refreshment table.

Margaret Carlson and committee did an outstanding job with the Smorgasbord and they deserve our thanks!

Margaret wants to thank all those who worked on the Smorgasbord and to all those who brought the good food.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

By Don Johnson

If you can imagine it we are now beginning the holiday Christmas season. You are invited to start this festive time at our annual Christmas party on December 3rd. Bring a gift and join us at this special time.

How the year has swiftly gone. We have had many opportunities of sharing in activities, events and meetings. And now this month we can celebrate Advent, Santa Lucia, Christmas Eve and Juldagen. You will also probably see Jultomten.

Christmas time is a wonderful time for sharing with family and friends and celebrating the true reason of Christmas Day. Glad Christmas tidings to each of you and may you have comfort and joy.

Reminder when cleaning out your closets to keep our annual rummage sale in mind. It will be held on March 7th and 8th.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

SWEDISH HISTORY, TRADITIONS AND CULTURE

By Ted Olson

The recorded history of Sweden goes back more than 1000 years. It is a complex history intertwined with those of many other countries. There are traditions and elements of culture that go back even further into Norse mythology and the early days of Christianity.

We hope to bring more information about our Swedish heritage to our members during the next several months. We will print items in the Monitor and bring them to your attention during our meetings. There are not many references on Swedish history in the public libraries but there are fairly complete articles in the Encyclopedia Britannica. This is readily available.

I have a lot of items in the mill. For January I will do an item on Gustaf Vasa. For February I already have one on Axel von Fersen and George Washington.

Other subjects I have in mind:

The Viking Age, The Runes of Sweden, The Three Crowns, The Masked Ball, Gustaf II Adolf, Karl XII, Sweden and Denmark, Sweden and Germany, Sweden and Finland.

I also will work with Linda Johnson on cultural items that she wants to introduce.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 3-Marge Skicklig | 24-Evelyn Anderson |
| 4-Kerstin Hokansson | 24-Sophia Swanson |
| 12-Margaret Carlson | 26-Dorothy Erickson |
| 15-Jean Barney | 30-Kathleen Andersson |
| 15-Lynn Lundberg | 30-Betty Bergman |
| 15-Sharon Peterson | 31-Linell Engberg |
| 18-David Swanson | |

Happy Birthday!

We were sorry to hear that Ed Range was ill at the time of our last meeting. Hope that he is doing fine by now.

It was good to see Al Bergman looking so well at our last meeting. We are happy that you are feeling better.

Our thanks to brother Russell Ellis for furnishing us with our address labels for our Monitor mailing list. We are so grateful.

