



JUNE

KING GUSTAV I VASA (1523-1560)

The continued story by Ted Olson

3- 6:30 P.M. Swedish Potluck Dinner honoring the men of Monitor. Program. 8:00 Regular Business meeting - Initiation of new members. Bingo following the meeting.

4- Sweden Day at Micke Grove in Lodi.

26- Annual Valley Vasa Midsommardagsfest and picnic at Elk Grove Park. The park opens at 9:00 A.M. The picnic will start at 10:00 A.M. with games starting at 10:30. The parade and program will start at 1:30 P.M. This year there will be games for everyone and prizes. Raffle tickets are 50 cents or 3 for \$1.00. There is a contest for the best poster advertising the day. Make posters for the Valley Vasa Festival and a prize will be awarded for the best poster following the program on the 26th. Monitor Lodge is in charge of adult games and Skandia Lodge is in charge of children's games. Park Entrance fee is \$2.00. Our maid will be Elena Trnka.

JULY NO MEETING - VACATION

Ruth Veis requests that all Sweden Day tickets be turned in to her at our June 3rd meeting.

We extend our sympathy to Ericka Lewis and family upon the death of her mother Anna Lewis.

It was announced at our last meeting that Tony Thorsen made an emergency visit to the hospital. We are happy to report that he is fine at this time.

Congratulations are in order for Darlene Palmer upon the birth of a granddaughter.

Ruth Volkoff announces our 1983 Scholarship Award. The recipient will be Christina Cahill, granddaughter of Larry & Marge Skicklig. She will be graduating from River City Senior High School and plans to study dramatic art. She has received several awards during her high school years. Three past scholarship recipients have also been invited to attend our June meeting. Congratulations to Christina.

Thanks to Britt Andersson and her committee for another wonderful herring breakfast. We came too late for fellowship, but we certainly enjoyed the delicious food. Thanks to the Linn's for opening their home to us again.

When Gustav was elected King in 1523 he inherited a disorganized country and had great difficulties in establishing a united country. The peasants who had objected Danish taxes also disliked Swedish taxes necessary to pay foreign obligations. There was even armed revolt which was repressed harshly. (There were some occurrences of the same type in the history of the newly independent United States.)

It was in large part the need for money that led to the Reformation in Sweden in which the properties of the Church became properties of the crown. Affairs in Sweden had been ignored by the Papacy even though the Church owned one fifth of all property in Sweden. This property now supported the government.

Gustav's measures have been criticized but they were in keeping with the times. Even the severest critics acknowledge he was a great and wise ruler, tireless in his care for his country. He made Sweden an independent state, gave it nearly 40 years of stable government and left it a strong country.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 2-Ruth Uffens
- 4-Sven Nylander
- 6-Iris Ostlund
- 8-Gilbert Holm
- 8-Mike Linn
- 10-Ingrid Smith
- 15-Elizabeth Johnson
- 15-Sandy Taylor
- 17-Edmund Nelson
- 20-Paul Carlson
- 20-Frank Stangl
- 20-Edward Range
- 22-Margaret Linn
- 23-Kathryn Cederquist
- 27-Jon Veis

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

We were just informed that Astrid Horyza was in a serious car accident and had surgery at Roseville hospital.

