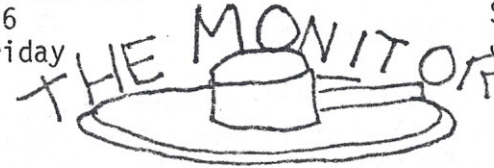


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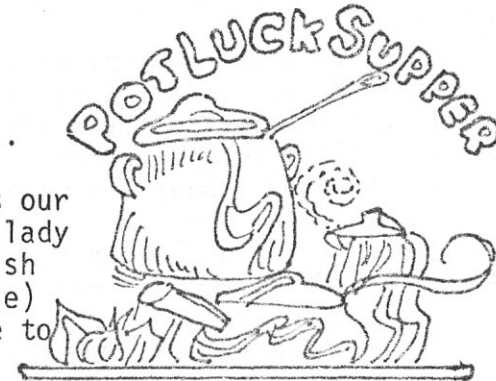


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JUNE IS A SWEDISH POTLUCK

honoring our men.....

Friday, June 1st at 6:30 PM is our annual Swedish potluck. Each lady is to bring a generous size dish (to serve at least 10-12 people) of your favorite food you like to make, or salad.



The bar will be open at 6:00. On the dinner committee for this time is Barbara Lutz, Cecile Spencer, Evelyn Anderson, Ethel Hoffman, Sophia Swanson, Elizabeth Johnson and Alex Freeland.

Our dessert Committee following the meeting is Joyce and Elena Trnka, Frank Lindahl, Ruth and Bernie Lundberg.

At 7:30 SHARP our regular business meeting will start with initiation of new members. Don't miss this meeting and dinner.....the women have a nice program planned to entertain the men. Come out and see if they can top the men as far as food and entertainment goes.

HOSPITALITY NOTES

Thanks to the many men who put on a fantastic Ham dinner last month. They out did themselves as usual. Also thanks to the dessert committee. It was all so good.

Don and Joyce



SILL FRUKOST

We advertised the Sill Frukost as a champagne fun brunch and that is what it was. There was plenty of sill fried in butter and the bubbly to make it a festive occasion.

A great many members helped make this event a success. Ed and Lucy Dahlberg provided the garden and Ed erected the scaffold and canopy and arranged for the tables and chairs. Deidre Dahlberg decorated the tables and made the flower arrangements. She also made the colorful Dala horses which made the garden a bit of Sweden. We also had help from Roland and Margaret Carlson, Gil Holm, Henry Hjersman, Herb Johnson, Don Gustafson, Dick Westrup, Harry and Elizabeth Johnson and others.

Besides the frukost everyone could admire Gil Holm's new pickup and Ed Dahlberg's garden. Even the flower arrangements did double duty at church on Sunday.

We were happy to welcome DM Margareta Sullivan as our guest accompanied by her husband PDM Walter.

We served fifty and made a tentative profit of \$160 to improve our finances.

Tusen Tack to all who helped me.

Ted Olson

editors note.....

Those of you who missed the Sill Frukost REALLY missed out this year. The weather was perfect....the Swedish decorations were outstanding....the food was tops..... and Ed and Lucy's back yard was *beautiful*. Ted and Alice Olson out did themselves as chairmen. It has got to be the best one yet. Tusen Tack Ted and Alice. Maybe every one is just getting better as they get older.

King Gustav II Adolf 1611-1632

by Ted Olson

The eldest son of Karl IX was sixteen years old upon his father's death in 1611. By the rules of succession he would not come of age until the age of 23. This proved to be negotiable. Gustav granted concessions to the council of nobles and became king.

He inherited ongoing wars with Denmark-Norway, Russia and with Poland, where his cousin Sigismund continued to maintain his claim to the Swedish throne. Peace was concluded with Denmark-Norway in 1612. Sweden ceded the Finmark region to Norway and the port of Alvsborg was held for ransom by Denmark. Russia was still weak and Sweden obtained Karelia and Ingria which provided a connection between Swedish possessions in Finland and Esthonia. (Peter the Great of Russia later seized this territory to build the city of Saint Petersburg).

The war with Poland continued until the temporary truce of Altmark in 1629. In the meantime the Bohemian War broke out in 1618. This eventually expanded throughout all of northern Europe as the Thirty Years' War between the Protestant and Catholic elements. Gustav regarded the Protestant cause and the interests of Sweden as identical and began intervention in Germany in 1628. Sweden was to be involved in this arena for the next twenty years.

In spite of his youth Gustav had military experience in the War against Denmark when he became king. He proved himself a very able general and took personal command in many of the battles during his reign.

--to be continued

Ruth and Bernie wish to thank the lodge for the card received from the lodge upon the loss of her brother, and for the other kind expressions of sympathy. We are gratefull.

SPECIAL DAY!



We are honored to have in our Lodge two members who will be carrying the Olympic torch.

Leonart Andersson carried it in Sweden in 1952 for one kilometer, and now this year he will carry it here in Sacramento for one kilometer, also his son Ken Andersson. They are both sponsored by

Del Taco. It cost \$3,000. apiece just to have the honor of carrying the torch. CONGRATULATIONS!!!

We lost a very dear and active member on May 14th. David Anderson was born October 14, 1899. He was a Vasa member for nearly 50 years. He was always so friendly and nice to every one who came. He was our chairman in 1948-49-50. Also a chairman of a District Convention. He was with the Monitor Singers. He will be sorely missed. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his wife, Vera and two lovely daughters Lorna Toibonen and Linda Sandoval.

SOME of the new District Officers this coming year is.....

District Master - Margareta Sullivan (Framåt)

Vice District Master - Mel Lundberg (Balder)

District Secretary - Joan Graham (Framåt)

District Cultural Leader - Audry Fales (Monitor)

June 3rd Bus trip to South Lake Tahoe

June 9th Sweden Day Picnic Miki Grove Park in Stockton. Our maid this year is Teresa Cahill, grand-daughter of Larry and Marge Skicklig.

June 24th Midsummer Festival at Elk Grove



HAPPY



June 2	Ruth Uffens	17	Edmund Nelson
4	Sven Nylander	20	Edward Range
6	Iris Ostlund	20	Frank Stanql
8	Gil Holm	22	Margaret Linn
10	Ingrid Smith	23	Kathryn Cederquist
15	Sandy Taylor	27	Jon Veis
15	Elizabeth Johnson		



Chairmans message.

Sorry we could not attend the Sillfrukost on Saturday. We had to take our Janice to Special Olympics to Woodland on Saturday and she won 2 bronze medals. I heard the food was good and I do thank all those who worked so hard and to those who attended.

Hope to see you all at the June meeting as this is the last one until September.

Don't forget the special activities all summer.

Bernie

MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL

We used to call it Valley Vasa, now it is the Midsummer Festival. Monitor and other Lodges will celebrate the traditional midsummer day on June 24th at the Elk Grove Park. This is a family picnic. We shall be at the area 3C with plenty of tables. This is the time to bring the children, grandchildren and friends. The time is 10:00 AM. Park admission is \$2.00 per car. See you all there!!!

CONGRATULATIONS!! to Ann Ostlund, daughter of Lars and Iris Ostlund. She was our Scholarship winner this year.

