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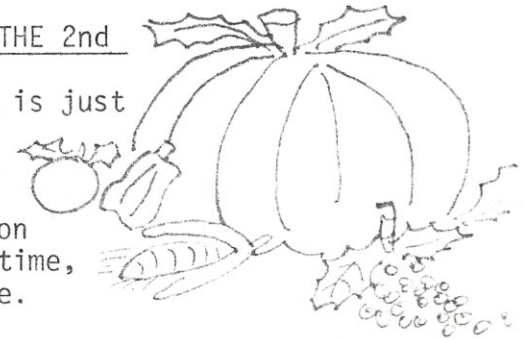
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NOVEMBER MEETING FRIDAY THE 2nd

The November meeting is just a regular business meeting starting at 7:30 PM Sharp, but it is a very IMPORTANT meeting. We have to vote on our new meeting place and time, and we need two-thirds vote.



On the committee for refreshments after the meeting is George and Ruth Uffens, Viola Hallen, Vera Anderson, Darlene Palmer and Margaret Linn.

If you wish bring your food you are making for the Smörgåsbord that night, if it isn't non-perishable. There won't be a meeting there Saturday morning, so it should be OK to leave.



Our Smörgåsbord, our one big event of the year November 3rd.....bar opens 5:30 (Ole and Sven, our famous bar tenders will be on hand) and we will start serving at 6:30.

There will be Swedish food galore at its be The tickets are going fast, because where else can you get a meal like that and a dance to live music for only \$7.50

Come out and have the time of your life.....
Bring a friend. BUT do call Ruth or Arlie
Veis TODAY 489-5729 for your tickets.



ALL MEMBERS TAKE NOTE

As indicated in the October Monitor newsletter, beginning January, 1985 Monitor Lodge will no longer have available Friday evenings at the Sons of Norway Lodge Hall. An alternative meeting place has been inspected which would be available Friday evenings, at a cost of only \$35 per evening.

Wisteria Hall, 3830 U Street, is owned by the California State Grange and was constructed in 1955 for the specific purpose of accomodating meetings similar to those of Monitor. It is readily accessible from highways US 50, Calif. 99 and Business 80.

Like the Sons of Norway Hall, Wisteria Hall has an accordion-type door main room which divides it into a meeting room of 1,248 sq. ft. and a dining area of 608 sq. ft. Based on the Sacramento Fire Prevention formula, the instantaneous capacity for table dining is 125 persons. For dancing, or just plain standing, the capacity is 265 persons. It has the following features:

1. It is situated on a quiet, residential street.
2. It has good paved and marked off-street parking with adequate lighting.
3. It has a roomy, well-equipped kitchen with a large range, two refrigerators, and ample food preparation countertop space.
4. The meeting room is equiped with a piano, central heating and cooling, well-placed electrical outlets, small tables which can be used by officers, and a minimal of 44 captains chairs in the room
5. The dining area has an additional 61 folding chairs that were out, seven 8-foot tables (each of which can accomodate ten persons comfortably) and 7 card tables that were in the room.
6. Serving alcoholic beverages is permissible

It does not have a storage cabinet for our use but we would be allowed to bring in and place our own cabinet, in a location designated by the Grange. Also we would have to use disposable plates, cups and tableware, at least initially until we demonstrate that we are good tenants.

CHRISTINA OF SWEDEN

When Gustav II Adolf died at the battle of Lützen his daughter Kristina (Christina) was his only heir and became queen-elect of Sweden. She was six years old.

Gustav had ordered that she be educated as a prince. She received a very thorough education. The country was governed by a council of regents headed by Axel Oxenstierna. Christina enjoyed knowledge and formed a habit of rising at five in the morning to study. Oxenstierna himself instructed her in politics and admitted her to council meetings when she was fourteen.

Christina became queen at the age of eighteen in 1644. Friction developed with Oxenstierna. Christina had grown up during the Thirty Years war and wished an end to the fighting. She was a prime mover in bringing the war to an end at the treaty of Westphalia. After peace Christina found conditions in Sweden very difficult and recalled Oxenstierna to deal with these problems.

Christina's interest in knowledge and learning continued. She continued to rise at five AM for study. She persuaded the french philosopher Descartes to come to Sweden to instruct her in philosophy and mathematics. Descartes had always been frail and spent most of his days in bed. Christina's five AM lessons led to his death within a few months.

The Swedish nobles wished Christina to marry to continue the Vasa dynasty. The most eligible candidate was her cousin Charles Gustav. At one time they were engaged but Christina rejected the idea of marriage. Instead she had Charles promoted to chief of the Swedish army and named him as next in the line of succession.

After ten years of rule in 1654 Christina suddenly announced she had converted to Roman Catholicism and abdicated as queen. Charles Gustav immediately succeeded as King Charles X and Christina journeyed to Rome.

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Ted Olson

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In accordance with Monitor By-laws, any change in meeting place, day or time requires a two-thirds vote at a regular meeting, after notification in writing to the total membership. At the October meeting the members present voted overwhelmingly to accept the report of the Trustees, who had investigated Wisteria Hall, to change the meeting time to 7:30 PM, and to place the change of meeting place on the agenda for a vote during the regular November meeting.

Chairman's message

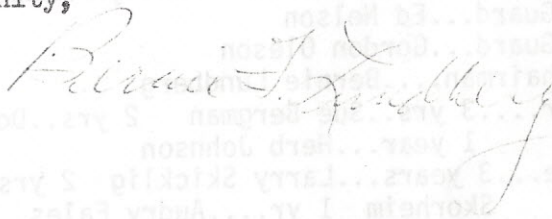
I would urge everyone, if possible to come to our Smorgasbord and to help on some committee. "Many hands make light work" so lets prove it!

I hope we can resolve our problem of moving to another meeting hall. From the report of the Trustees, it sounds like a great place, and the price is right. Come and vote this meeting. A 2/3 vote will decide if we accept this.

See you at the meeting on November 2nd and at the Smorgasbord the next night.

In Truth & Unity,

Bernie



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Nov. 4...Viola Hallen	19..Alice Axberg
10...Joyce Trnka	24..Lillian Stafford
10...Henry Bergman	23..Kathy Goldsberry
13...Joy Carlson	27..Barbra Olson
17...Olga Fredrickson	30..Thelma Range



A NOTE FROM OUR SMÖRGÅSBORD CHAIRMAN

Margaret Carlson wants you to know if she hasn't had time to phone you to ask you to bring some thing PLEASE phone her or just bring a salad, we can always use that.

And PLEASE, PLEASE volunteer to help some way....help set up and decorate during the day OR serve coffee, OR help in the kitchen OR help clean up, it would really be appreciated. And most of all let's have fun doing it.

Following is a list of our new officers for 1985

Chairman....Ted Olson
Vice Chairman....Muriel Hjersman
Secretary....Elizabeth Johnson
Ass't Secretary...Margaret Carlson
Financial Secretary....Alex Freeland
Ass't Financial Sec....Harry Johnson
Treasurer....Henry Hjersman
Cultural Leader....Birgitta Wright
Assisted by Margaretha Logus
Chaplain....Leo Krastins
Master of Ceremonies...Vivian Scott
Ass't Master of Ceremonies...Evelyn Anderson
Inner Guard...Ed Nelson
Outer Guard...Gordon Oleson
Past Chairman....Bernie Lundberg
Auditor....3 yrs..Sue Bergman 2 yrs..Don Johnson
1 year...Herb Johnson
Trustee...3 years...Larry Skicklig 2 yrs..Ernie
Skorheim 1 yr....Audry Fales
Membership 3 yrs...Don Gustafson 2 yrs..Lennart
Andersson 1 year Ivar Axberg
Scholarship Committee...Kathy Goldsberry

THANKSGIVING BLESSINGS
TO ALL!

