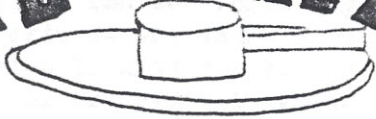


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# THE MONITOR



## LADIES TO BE ENTERTAINED

Friday night, May 10 at  
6:30 PM. Bar open at 6:00

Dinner \$4.00 drinks \$1.00

The men always serve a delicious HAM dinner. On the main dinner committee is Roland Carlson, Ed Dahlberg, Ernie Skorheim, Gil Holm, Leo Krastins, Ivar Axberg and a lot of others helping to serve etc;

Arlie Veis is in charge of the program. There will be some nice surprises. So besure and come out for this meeting.

Regular business meeting at 7:30 - Scandia Lodge is our honored guests. On the refreshment committee after the meeting is Barbara Lutz, Jean Anderson and Wendy Strand.



## BREAKFAST OF VIKINGS

Sill Frukost - Champagne brunch

May 18 - 11:00 AM in Ed and Lucy Dahlberg's garden at 3310 Del Paso Blvd. (Look for the Dalahast on the mailbox) Price is \$5.00 includes your champagne. Full bar open at 10:30.

Where else can you get fried herring, pickled herring, ham, an egg dish, new potatoes with cream sauce, sauteed onions in butter, pickled beets, limpa, hardtack and champagne for only \$5.00. Bring your own plates and silver if you don't like to eat from plastic.

On the committee is Ed and Lucy Dahlberg, Ted and Alice Olson, Don Gustafson, Richard Westrup, DeDe Dahlberg Gil Holm and Roland and Margaret Carlson.

Don't miss this one.....

Margaret Carlson, News Editor  
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## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Alice and I are following Saint Birgitta on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. We had to arrange this a long time ago. As it works out we miss both the April and May meetings by a margin of a few hours at each end of our trip. I leave you in the capable hands of Muriel Hjersman.

If you read your Vasa Star you know there is increased emphasis on our Swedish heritage. We are fortunate that both our cultural leaders were born in Sweden and know the Swedish traditions. They will bring these to us following the seasons in Sweden.

We never say thank you enough. There are some loyal members who always fill in whenever there is work to be done. We tend to take them for granted when recognition is given. We can't name them. To attempt to do so would slight someone. We want them to know they are appreciated. They are the people who make the world go around for everyone. Tusen tack.

*Ted Olson*

## MIDSUMMER

It is not too early to think of Midsummer. Nord, Jenny Lind and Viking lodges will join us for this festive occasion on June 23 at Elk Grove Park.

We have reserved Area 7 which is large enough to accommodate visitors. We are inviting sister lodges of Dania, Finlandia and Sons of Norway. Midsummer is our common heritage.

This is a family style picnic. Bring your own food and beverage. Bring the children and grandchildren to learn their heritage.

## BIRGITTA - Sweden's own Saint (1303-1373)

She is better known by the name of Bridget so many are not aware of her Swedish origin and her effect upon the history of Sweden.

Birgitta Birgersdotter was born in Finstra in Uppland in the year 1303. She was the daughter of a wealthy man, the governor of Uppland, and her third of his estate made her one of the wealthiest women in Sweden. She received the best education of the time for a young noblewoman. She was married at age thirteen to Ulv Gudmarsson of Ulvåsa. She bore her first of eight children at age sixteen.

As a distant relative of King Magnus Eriksson she was appointed mistress of his household at one time. She therefore felt entitled to criticize his conduct. Upon her husband's death in 1344 she retired to a life of penance and prayer. She had always been intensely religious. Now she claimed revelations which she dictated to the prior, Peter Olafsson. These have been preserved to this day. The revelations cover every subject from the battle plan for a crusade in Finland to the plans for the Vadstena monastery and the Brigattine order which she founded.

The revelations contain much criticism of King Magnus. When Magnus and his queen decided to live separate lives she accused him of unnatural vices. His reputation has suffered ever since. The Black Death plague came to Sweden during his reign and Birgitta laid the blame on King Magnus.

Birgitta journeyed to Rome in 1350. She remained there for the rest of her life except for pilgrimages including to Jerusalem in 1372.

Birgitta devoted her life in Rome to good works and advice to the Pope. She died on July 23, 1373. She was canonized as Saint Birgitta on October 7, 1391.

Ted Olson.

# BIRTHDAYS



May 3	Deidre Dahlberg	18	Charles Nelson
5	Don Johnson	24	Leif Andersson
9	Lonnie Robbins	25	George Uffens
12	Charles Linn	25	Frances Misenti
15	Nancy Klasinski	27	Gordon Olesen

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A BIG THANK YOU TO Russell Ellis for doing our Address Labels. And Hank Hjersman for taking care of that job.

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Haven't had any reports on people being sick etc; Gerda Anderson is doing great after all she has gone through the last few months.

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When you do your spring cleaning.....keep in mind our huge yard sale coming up in September at Charlie and Margaret Linn's. We want all kinds of "goodies" big or little. Remember one mans junk could be some one else's treasure.

## WALLENBERG - A HERO'S STORY

Everyone of Swedish blood or affiliation will stand a little taller and the pulse will beat a little faster when they see the Swedish flag after seeing the TV mini series of Wallenberg, a hero's story.

The story of Raoul Wallenberg has been told before in books and magazines including the Readers Digest. However, the visual impact on television of seeing the Swedish flag as a symbol of sanctuary now has a special significance.

The fate of Raoul Wallenberg is unknown. The Russians report him as dead. The memory of his deeds and courage will live on.

Vasa Recreation Club, No. 1 is offering 2 Campership Awards of \$75.00 each to give assistance to a youth who will attend a camp. Ages and requirements are: 10 to 16 years, a Vasa Member, child or grandchild of Vasa Member. These Campership Awards are made in memory of John E. Peterson and Ragnar Berg. Deadline for applications May 30, 1985. Send for applications to Mrs. Marlene Swaffar, 26 Widmar Court, Clayton, CA 94517.

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So many of our members are traveling this year. We should have some good programs coming up

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Our Cultural Leaders have some thing special planned for May.

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A lot of our members are traveling to Eureka for the convention this week-end.