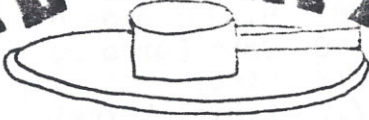


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THE MONITOR



MONITOR'S ANNUAL PICNIC

August

Friday August 2nd, 6:30 PM at the
Howe Avenue Park...we'll be at
the same place as last year -
the covered picnic area north
of the pool - enter the parking
area on Bell Street.

PICNIC

This is a Bar-B-Que, potluck, so bring your own
meat such as hamburger, steak or hot dogs (Archie will
have the fires hot) also bring a large salad or what
ever to share. Beer and soft drinks will be furnished
for a fee.

After the picnic we'll go across the street to
"The Veis'" back yard (2116 Bell St.) for an armchair
trip to Israel and Egypt and Baskin Robbins ice cream
(courtesy of Chuck and Berthell Nelson) Bring your
own folding chairs unless you want to sit on the lawn.
Bring a friend and we'll see you all there.....

"Crayfish Party"

This is one event you can't
afford to miss, keep this day open.

It will be Saturday August 17th
at Bea and Tom Dillard's, 3940
Silver Spur Way. Bar opens at
6:00 PM and we'll eat at 6:30.

Bring a large salad, OR sandwiches, vegetables or
fruit, dessert or what ever....some thing that will
go nice with crayfish. Come and learn the real swedish
way to eat crayfish, Akvavit and all. The crayfish
are bigger and better than ever and the fishermen,
(Don Gustafson, Ted Olson and Kenneth Carlson) have
really been busy. This time bring a card table &
chairs and your own table service (if possible)

We have a lot of fun

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7/1 Regina Hanson
 7/2 Patricia Nylander
 7/5 Martha Fredrickson
 7/7 Robin Aurelius
 7/7 Herb Johnson
 7/8 Hildur Benson
 7/10 John Forsburg
 7/10 Einar Pfannkuch
 7/11 Ernie Skorheim

7/16 Camilla Holm
 7/18 Ivar Axberg
 7/18 Ellen Johnson
 7/20 Lillie Blanchard
 7/24 Joyce Johnson
 7/29 Don Gustafson
 7/31 Leo Krastins

8/7 Bertil Wessman
 8/7 Harry Swanson
 8/10 Lars Oberg
 8/11 Sue Bergman
 8/13 Mary Anderson
 8/14 Maude Engberg
 8/15 Lars Ostlund

August

8/1 Carl Larson
 8/2 Alice Swanfelt
 8/5 Sigrid Thorsen
 8/5 Robert Erickson
 8/6 Peter Engberg
 8/16 Jon Peterson
 8/17 Martha Olson
 8/19 Charles Badgley
 8/22 Jennie Sea
 8/26 Birgitta Wright
 8/27 Regina Ryan
 8/31 Rita Owens

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

We are in our summer break. We have no meeting in July and an informal picnic in August on our regular meeting night. Since this not a formal meeting it is a good occasion to invite visitors who may be prospective members.

August is crayfish month in Sweden. In fact they are not in season until August. Unfortunately our Swedish cousins report that many Swedish waters no longer produce crayfish because of acid rain. Formerly crayfish were imported from California. Now, the exchange rate makes that expensive. Our Swedish cousins settle for crayfish imported from Turkey. They report these are not as good as those from California.

We are fortunate our crayfish traps have been producing. These have been cooked and frozen for our kräft kalas on August 17th. This will be in the garden of Bea and Tom Dillard. See you at our August affairs.

Ted Olson

CHARLES XII (continued)

Swenden's principal enemy was Russia. Peter the Great wanted to expand Russia to the Baltic which was blocked by the Swedish possession of Finland and Esthonia. While Charles was occupied in Poland, Peter invaded these provinces and secured the right to the Baltic where he founded St. Petersburg (now Leningrad) in 1703.

Charles finally concluded a favorable peace with Augustus of Saxony in 1706 and made preparations to invade Russia in 1707. In 1708 Charles advanced in the general direction of Moscow. The Russians adopted scorched earth tactics which made it difficult to support the operation. Charles then turned into the Ukraine to join forces with the Cossack chieftan Mazepa, who had rebelled against Peter's policies. Charles was forced into battle against superior Russian forces at Poltara in July 1709. The Swedes were defeated and the Cossack support melted away. The outcome might have been different but Charles had been wounded in the foot and could not take personal command. Charles and Mazepa with a small force made their way to Turkey which was a traditional enemy of Russia. Charles was to remain there until 1714.

Charles attempted to induce the Turks to fight Russia to relieve the situation in the Baltic provinces. He was partially successful. The Turks declared war on four different occasions but were content with small victories. Charles promised an army from Sweden but was unable to make good on his promise. His relations with the Turks became strained and on one occasion had to fight a regular battle since some Turkish officers wanted to surrender him to Augustus of Saxony who had restored his position in Poland.

In November 1714 Charles was able to return to Swedish territory in Pomerania. He rode from Turkey to Stralsund in 14 days and nights.

To be continued.....

Ted Olson

Keep in mind our Sorgasbord is November 2nd. We have the same band as last year and you know how good they are and what a fun time we had. It will be at the Wisteria Hall, there is good parking and lots of lights.

MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL

It was a very nice day...not as many from Monitor Lodge as we wanted to see, but there was an excellent representation from our children's clubs. It was so nice to see the children in their costumes dancing around the May Pole. We even had visitors from Sweden and Finland.

THIS.....AND.....THAT

Did you know Don and Joyce Johnson are enjoying their new home they just finished having built? Their new address is now 6338 Juneau Court, Magalia California, 95954 phone (916) 873-3467. It's close to Paradise. We'll miss you both, but I'm sure you are enjoying the peace and quiet there. Please come and visit some time.

Enclosed is a questionnaire Hank Hjersman would like you to fill out and mail to him. It is of utmost importance so the Golden Gate Recreation Committee can get your ideas as to what you would like.

Boy! have we been having the travelers this year.....this is just a partial list of those enjoying other parts of the world.

Hank and Muriel Hjersman are in New Zealand and Australia.

Ivar and Alice Axberg enjoyed Sweden

Ted and Alice Olson went to Israel and Egypt

Gil and Camilla Holm are touring Alaska in their new fifth wheeler.

Harry and Elizabeth Johnson toured Europe and the Scandinavian Countries for two months in their new Volvo.

Roland and Margaret Carlson leave August 19 for Sweden and Finland

Dede Dahlberg and Dick Westrup are traveling all over Europe with a group of High School kids. and Dede will be in Sweden too.

Audrey Fales' cars are giving up the ghost, but she is not ready yet.

Don't forget our yard sale at "The Linn's" in September.



We welcome our new member.....
Please add her to your directory.

Joyce Sue Kelley
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Roseville, California
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another directory change
Nancy Misenti
7619 Anne Marie Crt
Citrus Heights, Ca. 95610
phone 726-4891

ON OUR SICK LIST

Bernie Lundberg was in the intensive care unit for three days with chest pains.....he is now home waiting to have more tests as soon as he gets a little stronger. They think he had an Angina attach.

Royal Osborn had surgery, but is doing really well and is now home recuperating.

Harry Swanson is home and doing great, he has appreciated the calls and visits from members.

PLEASE NOTE: August 16th Sveaborg Lodge in Concord has invited us to their regular meeting at 8:00 at the Odd Fellows Hall. Their Province night is Helsingland and that is Monitor's sister province. There will be display tables and if you have a costume from that province please wear it.

MONITOR LODGE NO. 218

Resort Center Questionnaire

Please answer the questions and return to Hank Hjersman. Only one set of answers per family.

A. Do you feel that the Golden Gate District No. 12, V.O.A., should own a resort center for the use of District lodge members? YES ___ NO ___ (check one)

B. If the District were to acquire a resort center, which of the following recreation use facilities would you like to see developed? (check one or more uses)

- Picnicking ___
- Softball field ___
- Outdoor dance floor ___
- Roofed shelter (in case of rain) ___
- Kitchen for food preparation ___
- Tent Camping ___
- R.V. Camping ___
- Rental cabins ___
- None of the above ___
- Other uses, please write in below

C. If limited camping were available, would you favor some method of site reservation? YES ___ NO ___ (check one)

D. Do you own and use a recreational vehicle? Please check the appropriate type below:

- Motorhome ___ Length ___ ft.
- Minihome ___
- Pickup camper ___
- Vacation trailer ___ Length ___ ft.
- Tent trailer (or folding) ___

E. If you answered question D in the affirmative, is your rig completely self-contained, including "gray water" storage? YES ___ NO ___ (check one)

F. How many times have you used your R.V. during the last 12 month period? Please be as accurate as possible.
_____ number of times

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G. If you feel that the District should have a Resort Center, state your ownership preference. (Check one)

District-owned

Rented, permanent location

Rented, annually changed location

H. How much are you willing to invest annually in a Resort Center, whether owned or rented? \$ _____

I. In order to hold down costs, would you be willing to spend some time in light construction or area maintenance?

YES NO (check one)

It is realized that you may hesitate in answering this question because no time period is stated. What we are interested in learning is if you Monitor members want such an area seriously enough to work for it.

Thank you. It is not necessary to sign your name.

Henry A. Hjersman, Monitor representative
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