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THE MONITOR

Honoring our men
with a Swedish
"POTLUCK"



Friday, June 6th at 6:30 PM.
Each lady is to bring a generous size dish (to serve
at least 10-12 people) of your favorite dish you like
to make.

The bar will be open at 6:00.

On the committee for this time is Alice Axberg,
Billie Nelson, Evelyn Anderson, Cecile Spencer,
Ethel Hubble.

A special program is planned for...while we eat.

At 7:30 is our business meeting and we will be
initiating new members and we hope to have a short
business meeting with some slides of Scandi-
navia and refreshments afterwards.

Don't miss this big evening of fun,
food and fellowship. Bring a friend.....

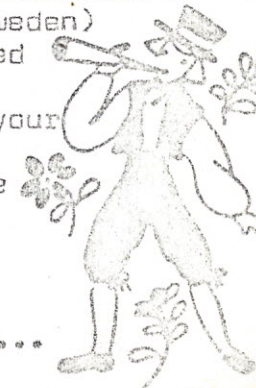
SILL FRUKOST AND CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH

This Saturday, May 30th at 11:00 AM.....
in Ed and Lucy's Dahlberg's garden. A
beautiful setting for the "Breakfast of
Vikings" (a little bit of Sweden)

Everything is furnished, no need
to bring tables or chairs or your table
service, but it is a good time to bring your
friends or prospective members.

Price is only \$5.00 which includes the
champagne. Bar open at 10:30. Ted Olson
is chairman with the same crew working.
See you Saturday at 3310 Del Paso Blvd.
Look for the Dalehast on the mailbox.

You can't afford to miss this.....



CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

The Swedish flag we display at Monitor Lodge has special significance. It was presented to members of our lodge by the King of Sweden. It has a silver plaque on the staff of the occasion. We have decided that we should take special care of this flag and, at our last meeting we voted to purchase a new Swedish flag to use at outdoor occasions and other events. We will ensure that we have an American flag of similar dimensions.

Our last meeting was ladies night in honor of Mother's day. Our men served an excellent roast beef dinner. However, behind every successful man there stands a supporting woman. Margaret Carlson did not trust Roland to get everything done at the right time and assumed some kitchen supervision. Also, we owe thanks to Marge Skicklig for the decorations. We men could not have done as well.

As the days grow longer spring comes quickly to Scandinavia. The temperatures now are in the 50s and 60s F. However, on May 6, when we had that cold storm passing through, all the highs and lows for Oslo, Copenhagen, Helsinki and Stockholm were higher than the Sacramento readings. The Scandinavians wait eagerly for spring for the outdoor activities. We have our first such activity with the sill frukost on May 31. This is followed by Sweden Day at Micke Grove on June 1. The highlight is Midsummer which we will celebrate on June 22 at Elk Grove Park. These are occasions to invite friends and prospective members.

Our next meeting will be preceded by a potluck. This is a change from the program book but a good occasion to make our last meeting before the summer recess more festive. We hope to make the business meeting short and show some slides of Scandinavia. We have some formal items and then will declare an open meeting. Again, invite prospective members.

Ted Olson

SCANDINAVIA'S GREATEST MONARCH

This monarch became ruler of Denmark by inheritance, of Norway by marriage, and of Sweden by election. The time was in the late 1300's and the monarch was a woman: Margaretha of Denmark.

Vilhelm Moberg, the Swedish author-historian, had little regard for monarchy and his histories are very critical of Swedish kings. But he had a special regard for Margaretha and it was he who described her as Scandinavia's greatest monarch. Moberg believed in closer union of the Scandinavian peoples and in peace. Margaretha's rule accomplished both of these. There was actual union and an end to the wars between these countries.

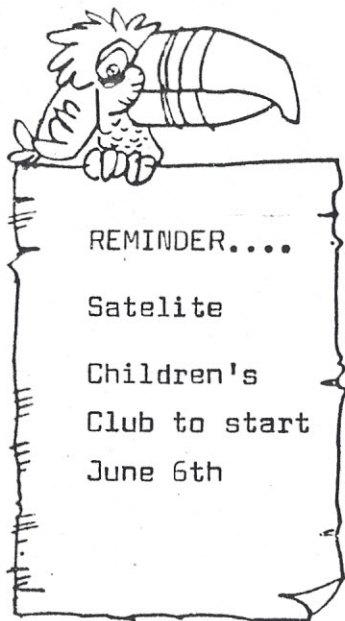
She was the daughter of Valdemar IV of Denmark. Born in 1353 she was given in marriage to Haakon IV of Norway at the age of ten. On her father's death in 1375 her infant son Olaf was elected King of Denmark. In 1380, on the death of Haakon he also succeeded as King of Norway. Olaf died in 1387. His mother had been regent for her son but then was declared "sovereign lady and ruler" of Denmark and Norway.

In 1388 the Swedish nobles who were in revolt against their foreign king, Albrecht of Mecklenburg, appealed to her for help and also declared her "sovereign lady and ruler" of Sweden. They agreed to accept any king she would appoint.

Since her only son was dead, she chose her young great nephew, Eric of Pomerania, (1381-1459). Margaretha remained as regent in all three countries.

In 1397 there was a treaty conference of the three nations at Kalmar in Sweden. A plan of unity was drafted. This was never formally ratified but Sweden remained more or less united to the other countries until 1448. The union of Norway and Denmark lasted until 1814.

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June 6th 4:30 to 6:15 there will be an organizational meeting for all our children, grandchildren, friends children, etc; interested in belonging to a "Swedish Children's Club". It will be held at Elizabeth and Harry Johnson's 4332 - T Street. And then you will all come to the pot luck at Wisteria Hall afterwards. Success of this Club depends on YOU. If you have any questions, please call Elizabeth or Muriel Hjersman.

Don't forget dear old dad on June 15th.....

Knute and Bjorn were out on a lake fishing, and they were having pretty good luck. Knute said to Bjorn, "Vy don't you mark de spot so ve can find it tomorrow."

Later, when they were tying the boat to the dock, Knute asked Bjorn, "Did you mark de spot like I told you?"

"Ya," said Bjorn, and he pointed to a small 'X' on the side of the boat.

"You dummy," said Knute. "Vat if ve don't get de same boat tomorrow?!"

FATHER'S DAY



SWEDEN DAY....THIS SUNDAY June 1st at Micke Grove Park, Lodi. It's a family all day outing with your own picnic, special program, games, music, eats, drinks, etc; people from all over Northern Calif. come there....lots of fun!!!!

Midsummer Festival June 22nd at Elk Grove Park. Another family affair with your own picnic lunch, special program, dancing around the "May Pole" etc; etc;

See you there....

A SPECIAL TREAT.....a few of us got down to the "Swedish Festival" in Kingsburg on May 17th. If you ever want to get a "little bit of sweden" all in one long day with out traveling so far, that is THE place to go. What an enjoyable day! I won't miss it next year, that's for sure.



Thanks to the many men who put on a fantastic dinner last month for the women. It was really good as usuall. Sorry if you missed it!!!

DUES. Yes, that's right. It's an anniversary for some in June. Make your check out to Monitor Lodge No. 218, in the amount of \$14.00 annual dues, and send it to Financial Secretary Harry C. Johnson, 4332 T Street, Sacramento, CA 95819, or bring it with you to the June meeting.

Anderson, Didrik	Misenti, Nancy
Anderson, Kerstin	Nelson, Billye
Aurelius, Robin	Nelson, Edmund
Carlson, Donald	Osborn, Royal
Carlson, Joy	Palmer, Darlene
Engberg, Linell	Ryan, Regina
Engberg, Maude	Skorheim, Ernest
Engberg, Peter	Skorheim, Juanita
Krastins, Liesma	
Lindahl, Frank	
Lundberg, Bernie	
Lundberg, Ruth	
Misenti, Frances	

See you in June!



Our deepest sympathy goes out to Sigrid Thorsen and Family in the loss of Anton on May 16th. He had been an active member since 1974.

Gordon Olesen had major surgery but is home now and doing well.



World Wide Travelers

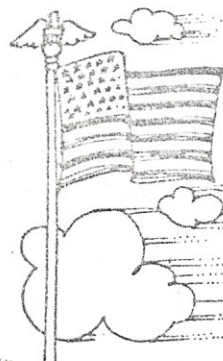
Harry and Elizabeth Johnson went to China and Korea.

Sue Bergman and Thelma Badgley went to Australia.



June 2 Ruth Uffens
6 Iris Ostlund
8 Gil Holm
15 Sandy Taylor
15 Elizabeth Johnson
17 Edmund Nelson
20 Frank Stengle
22 Margaret Linn

Did you remember to fill out our "Talent" questionair that was enclosed in your last newsletter? Please bring it to our June meeting or mail it to Elizabeth Johnson, 4332 T Street. It would be appreciated.



Nord Lodge (Stockton) to entertain Monitor members June 14 at an "All American Chicken Dinner" Help them celebrate Flag Day.... with a special program and meeting Let's double up in cars and any one wishing to go please contact Ted Olson at 967-5538. We need to let them know how many of us are coming.

Then there was the Swede who went out West to become a cowboy.

"You're putting the saddle on backwards," they told him.

"Don't be so sure," said the Swede. "How do you know vich vay I'm going?"