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THE MONITOR

SEPTEMBER

5th - 6:30 PM



For our first meeting in the fall we will have Swedish Sandwiches (Smörgåsar) and salad. Everyone is to bring a plate of your favorite sandwiches and the salads will be furnished by the committee.

Bar opens at 6:00and we will eat at 6:30 PM

On the Smörgåsar Committee is Martha Fredrickson, Frances Misenti, Ellen Harrod, Elizabeth Coleman. For refreshments afterwards we have Roland and Dorothy Erickson, Joyce Trnka, Vickie Lydecker, Kathy Goldsberry.

This is a very important meeting.....a lot of things are going on. Along with our regular business meeting, we have the report of our "Nominating Committee". On the program we will have Foreign students as our guests, and then this month we are having our annual "Country Store" and Handcrafts sale.....so plan now to attend. And this would be a good time to bring prospective members.



A reminder for all our new members..... our "Country Store" is a money making project. We sell anything you bring such as jams, jellies, home-made breads, cookies, nuts, vegetables from your garden, hand craft items. So bring your "pengar" (money) and buy something too. Please bring your items early so we can set them up, and please have them priced if possible.

The September meeting will be a busy but fun time. See you all there!



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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

As I grow older summer seems to become shorter each year. When we go out to set the crayfish traps we find the evenings are darker. When we retrieve them in the morning it is also darker. It is time for our fall return to regular meetings. We will resume on September 5. This will begin with smörgåsar och sallad. Do plan to attend since this is an important meeting. We also have our country store-make plans for that.

Our summer activities are always pleasant. Our August picnic in the park always moves so smoothly. We owe thanks to Ruth and Arlie Veis who manage this so well every year. We also owe thanks for the use of their home and yard for our dessert and program.

Again special thanks to Charles and Berthell Nelson. Besides furnishing the Baskin Robbins ice cream, Berthell showed her slides of the Caribbean.

Thanks also to Tom and Bea Dillard who host our annual kräft kalas. This is always a high point fun affair.

Fall again brings our Swedish language classes. There will be beginning, intermediate and advanced classes. All of these will be on Thursday at the Winterstein Adult Center, 900 Morse Avenue in the north area. Classes begin September 11. Ronnie and Christi Kågström will return as instructors and will have the assistance of Camilla Caldwell with the advanced class. Monitor lodge was the original sponsor of our Swedish classes. We should support these to promote our Swedish heritage.

Ted Olson

Do you have some good ideas for programs next year, or dinners you would like to have? Are you happy the way things were? Let Elizabeth Johnson know.....

THE SWEDISH EAGLE

(Note-before airplanes, rockets and space shuttles man's escape from earth was by balloon. Before we aimed for the moon and outer space, the ultimate conquest was to reach the North Pole. One man attempted this by balloon.)

Salomon August Andree (1854-97) was the Swedish engineer who conceived and attempted reaching the North Pole by free balloon. In 1897 he organized an operation for this purpose. The idea was to fly over the pole and continue on to a landing in Russia. A specially built balloon was equipped for this purpose. Andree believed that he could steer the balloon by drag ropes.

On July 11, 1897 conditions were right for departure from the base on Spitzbergen. Andree was accompanied by Knut Fraenkl and Nils Strindberg. The balloon was named "Örn" (Eagle). The point of departure was about 700 miles from the pole. That was the last that was heard of the party until 1930.

In 1930 a Norwegian surveying party on White Island found their remains. Their logbook and diaries were found with the bodies. These were well enough preserved to tell the story of the flight.

Ice had formed on the balloon and it became heavier and heavier. It was finally forced down after 300 miles of flight. The party was well equipped for survival and began to make their way over the ice. They had travelled about 200 miles when they came to White Island and established a camp.

When discovered the camp still contained food and fuel. The men had not starved or frozen to death. The diaries also reported that they had hunted polar bears for food. Vilhjalmur Stefansson speculated that carbon monoxide poisoning from use of a primus stove in a closed tent was the cause.

(The above article was supplied by Sister Faye Powell who was intrigued with the story. I have edited it slightly.)

Ted Olson

THROW YOUR HAT IN



The "Nominating Committee" is working hard to come up with a slate of officers. If you would like to hold an office or help out in any way on committees etc;

please contact our committee,

Bernie Lundberg, Audrey Fales, or Don Johnson as soon as possible. Please come to our September meeting for their report.

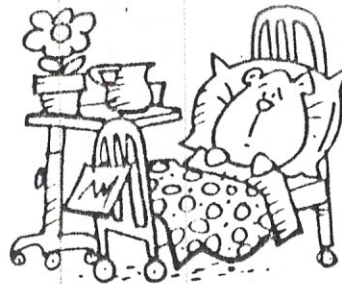
SCANDINAVIAN BAKING lessons at the Norway Hall on September 13th 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon. Learn how to make Rosettes, Krumkakes, Lefse etc: The Norweigen Lodge is having a huge "Rummage" sale that day too from 9:00 to 5:00. Please make a note of this and let's support them.

The horse trader said, "I've got a horse that would be perfect for you. It's five years old, fit as a fiddle, and goes ten miles without stopping."

"Vell, I can't yoose it den," said the Swede. "I only live eight miles from town, and vid dat horse I'd hafta valk back two miles."

Vasa Order of America, District Lodge Golden Gate #12 Golf Tournament, September 21, 1986 at 11:00 AM at Oak Ridge Golf Club, 225 Cottle Rd. San Jose, CA. phone (408) 727-6557. Greens \$15.00 per person. Power carts \$17.50 per two. Dinner \$12.00 per person. Send checks to Jim Yates, 356 Mathew St. Santa Clara, CA. 95050...phone (408) 727-9850 work or 768-7938 home Deadline for signups September 10.

Cultural Leader's Seminar September 28 at Ramada Inn, 111 E. March Lane, Stockton....cost \$10.50 per person suggest two representatives from our lodge. Reservations to Helen Mingram no later than Sept. 17th. Checks payable to Helen Mingram.



We've had several of our members who have been sick this summer. Charles and Thelma Badgley, Sue Bergman. Harry Swanson had a hernia operation. Eleanore Johnson (new member) had fallen, broke her glasses etc; Iris Ostlund especially needs our thoughts and prayers at this time. Please remember her with a card.....

As usual a lot of our members attended the Junction City Scandinavian Festival this year.

Several of our members spent time in Sweden this summer. A lot have traveled around this country and Canada up to the World's Fair. etc: Kenneth and Peggy Carlson cruised around Tahiti.

Sue Bergman is busy packing and moving to Minnesota. Don and Joyce Johnson just became grandparents again.

Hank and Muriel Hjersman have been on a Elderhostel trip.

Ask Audrey Fales about her trip to Sweden, she is beaming from ear to ear, so she must have had a good time.



For all you women who have been wishing for a "Svenska drakt" . Soon we can attempt to make our own. Come to our September meeting and learn what's possible.

Norden Lodge of Fresno will be celebrating their 18th Anniversary on September 13th at the Dalla Horse Restaurant in Kingsburg. Anyone interested in going can contact Elizabeth for more information.

Someone pointed out to Rasmussen that he had on mismatched socks....one red and one blue.

"Ya, and the funny ting is, "he said, "I gott a pair at home just like it!"



All you people who missed our "Crayfish Party" really missed a GOOD TIME and good food. The crayfish was especially good this year. Thanks to our fishermen Ted Olson, Don Gustafson and Kenneth Carlson, also Peggy Carlson who cooked them all. We always appreciate Tom and Bea Dillard sharing their beautiful back yard.

We had a lot of new members, young couples and several out of town guests attend. It was a real fun evening.

NOTE: Elizabeth Johnson, our secretary, wants every-one to check their name, address, zip code and phone number in the program book, and if there is an error, please let her know. All new members please check with her also. Plans for the 1987 program book must go in before October.

Anniversary dues dates! A reminder!!! If you haven't paid your dues, please pay them at the September meeting or mail your check to Monitor Lodge No. 218, Financial Secretary Harry Johnson, 4332 T Street, Sacramento 95819.

Hildur Benson, Eva Cleary, Robert Erickson, Gil and Camilla Holm, Erika Lewis, Vicki Lydecker.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND! Watch for items of Art and Crafts to be auctioned for benefit of our scholarship fund.

October and November are the months to be prepared for this. Also, don't forget memorials or other gifts can also add to the amounts we can give to recipients for further study beyond high school. Help our youth!!!

Belated "special" birthday greetings to Harry Swanson who was 88 years old on August 7th. He also had a hernia operation this summer. We wish you well.....



Happy Birthday

- Sept. 21 Ethel Hubbell
- 21 Eleanore Vine
- 22 Esther Maria Johnson
- 23 Britt Marie Anderson
- 24 Jean Hagstrom

- Sept. 4 Erika Lewis
- 8 Jean Anderson
- 10 Tom Dillard
- 12 Peggy Carlson
- 12 Muriel Hjersman
- 13 Kurt Swanfeldt
- 16 Arlie Veis
- 19 Carl Larson
- 20 Helen Forsty
- 25 Tom Johnson
- 26 Kenneth Andersson
- 27 Vera Anderson Weiss
- 29 Estrid Doscher



Our annual Smörgåsbord is November 1st (Saturday). This is one of our BIG public events of the year. Be sure and come to our September meeting and sign up to help in any way....this year I know it will be bigger and better than ever. I've already had a lot of inquiries to buy tickets etc; tickets will be on sale in September.

The price is only \$10.00 BUT if you are a Monitor member and sign up to bring food your price is only \$7.00. We have the same band as we had the last few years. We're having some nice door prizes, some are right from Sweden. And all of you who came last year know how much fun we had then. Be sure and mark Nov. 1st on your calendar. Disregard the date in your program book.

In Memoriam

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the families of our long time member Hilma Tvede who passed away August 19th and the funeral was August 23rd.

Several Monitor members attended Balder Lodge's 70th Anniversary this month. What a delightful weekend!! They really know how to put on a Barbeque.
