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# THE MONITOR

## FEBRUARY

## PEASOUP

At our next meeting,  
Friday February 6  
(mark it on your calendar)  
Supper is served at  
6:30 PM - bar opens at  
6:00. Price is \$3.50 - drinks \$1.00



## Pancake Supper

On the committee this time is Peggy Carlson, chairman  
Ed and Lucy Dahlberg,  
Wendy Strand, Dede Dahlberg, Dick Westrup and  
Don Gustafson.

For all you new members traditionally in Sweden this  
is your Thursday night supper. Peasoup was your main  
course with pork (ham) on the side. Your thin small  
swedish pancakes with sugar or jam was your dessert. Come  
and enjoy this real Swedish Supper.

The business meeting starts at 7:30, this time with  
our new slate of officers.

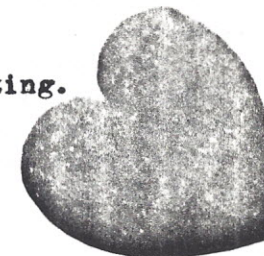


Sierra Kronan Lodge will be our  
guests that evening.

Come and see what Wendy Strand has  
in store for us. She is our new  
Cultural Leader.

Thelma Badgley says "Get your sweets  
for your sweetie, at our Valentines  
meeting".

Extra "special" refreshments after our meeting.





## Chairman's Message

A SPECIAL thank you to Peggy Carlson, Marge Skicklig and Elizabeth Johnson for the lovely background they created for the 1987 Officers Installation of Monitor, Skogan, Sierra Kronan and Reno on January 17. The food was delicious, the room looked lovely, and the program was just right for our joint installation.

As we look ahead at the 1987 calendar of events we seem to be headed into a very active year.....after all! It is our 75th!! This meeting - Pea Soup and Pancakes whow!!

The Diamond Jubilee Committee, made up of past chairmen of Monitor Lodge, have plans pretty complete for a very special party on April 11 at Sierra Inn. They are hoping for 100% of Monitor members attending and sharing in this very special landmark anniversary of our lodge. Do help them realize this dream by setting aside this date right now! The committee is working very hard to fund this event so that every member CAN attend. And be sure to buy your tickets for the raffle of the two real diamond prizes to be given away the evening of the dinner. Tickets are available from any past chairman....and all your friends I'm sure would like a chance at a lovely stick pin or diamond pendant. Yes?

Then as of January 20 the Scandinavian Festival plans are underway for Danes, Finns, Norwegians and Swedes, to put on the best yet 3rd annual Festival, with Folk costume review, lots of good Scandinavian Food, Entertainment and Sales. We need our woodworking, cooks, needlewomen and painters to fire up the creative urge and put us "over the top" (Arlie Veis, Chairman)

The Membership Committee have great plans for launching not only a membership drive, but also get-acquainted affairs to better know our new members and a system for keeping in touch with all absent ones...how about that! (Don Gustafson, Chairman)

The Board of Trustees is all set to assist at each meeting by screening all bills before they are presented to the secretary. So be sure your bills are presented before meeting is called to order. Late presentations will be acted upon the following meeting (Larry Skicklig Chairman)

Our needlewomen are all set to create a special Monitor Lodge block for the Friendship quilt being made by Scandia Lodge, which we hope will make much money for the 1990 Grand Lodge Convention to be held in our own Dist. 12 (Wendy Strand, Chairman)

## GUSTAV IV

Note-I began these items on Swedish history and culture a short time after I became a member of Monitor Lodge and found that some of our members did not know the significance of the name of our order and lodge. I began with some items on Gustav Vasa. I have continued writing these because history is one of my interests and Swedish history is fascinating.

Many of our members tell me they enjoy these items and I plan to continue preparing them. The principal difficulty is condensing complex history into a short article. It has been my hope that these items will lead our members into some research of their own. There are some books on Swedish history available through the public libraries and there are excellent summaries in the Encyclopedia Britannica.

The dramatic assassination of Gustav III was the subject of a number of books. Verdi planned to use one of these for the text of his opera "A Masked Ball". He was warned that the subject was dangerous and might lead to censorship since there had been an attempted royal assassination a short time earlier. He shifted the locale and characters so the opera story makes little sense.

When I began these articles I wrote that the history of Sweden is not only long but complex and involves many other countries and events beyond Sweden's borders. The Reformation, the quarrels between German principalities, the politics of Poland, the growing power of Russia under Peter the Great, the disputes between Russia and Turkey, all played a part. The French Revolution and Napoleonic Wars affected the reign of Gustav IV who succeeded to the throne in 1792 at the age of 13.

To be continued.

Ted Olson



ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO 1987 PROGRAM BOOK.

Add to Officers: Asst. Sec. Mrs. Vicki Lydecker  
Ph. 454-2932

- New Members: Bodelson, Karin H., 2529 Eastern Ave., #26, Sacramento, CA 95821, Ph. 485-0815
- Bodelson, Viola D. (Same as sister-in-law's above.)
- Burns, E. Joyce, 4616 Santa Monica Ave., Sacramento, CA 95824 Ph. 428-2730
- Caldwell, Camilla Anna, 1302 - 36th #B, Sacramento, CA 95816 Ph. 452-2928
- Kagstrom, Christi, 954 Howe Ave. #121, Sacramento, CA 95825, Ph. 922-0562
- Kagstrom, Ronny A., 954 Howe Ave. #121, etc.
- Link, Daniel Peter, 2638 Kadema Dr., Sacramento, CA 95864 Ph. 971-0525
- Dhlonson-Smith, Audrey June, 101 Canyon Rim Dr., Folsom, CA 95630 Ph. 989-3245
- Smith, Jack Wallace, Same as above.

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1987 Camellia Festival is soon here.....  
Congratulations to Wendy Strand who will be our Camellia Maid this year. This takes place in March

(more on that later). She will represent our lodge at all the Camellia festivities.

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Anyone interested in learning all kinds of fun dances.....may go to the Norway Hall at 776 Darina Ave. The 2nd and 4th Sunday from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. The cost is only \$10

for 10 weeks. If you need more information please call Carol Lee or Oystein Solheim at 1-677-2006. You do not need a partner to go. It's good exercise and the fellowship is great!!!!



Sweden Day plans with the entire District are being launched first week end in February....get involved. (Audry Fales and Britt-Marie Andersson Co-chairman for Mont.)

And don't forget the Special bus trip to Kingsburg in May for the big Valley Scandinavian Festival with breakfast in the park, parade, booths, smorgasbord, program in the evening (Margaret Carlson, Chairman)

Or how about a Caravan to Junction City, Oregon the first week-end in August for a Festival that turns the whole town into a bit of the "old country".....17 people from Monitor went up last year and had a ball! Let's go!! (ask Helen Forsty or Ethel Johnson about this one)

Our newest members have already been serving on refreshment committees and showing up at our needle work meetings....let's keep it up.

MONITOR LODGE IS ON THE MOVE!!!

If you haven't gotten involved in any of this yet, you're missing a good time....contact any of the chairmen mentioned or call Wendy Strand, our Cultural Leader, or Thelma Badgely our activities leader and they will be glad to help you get started. Don't get left in the dust!!

Muriel Hjersman, Chairman



- Richard Forsty, Vera Anderson, Kurt Pfannkuch, Ruth Volkoff, Bee Dillard, Gus (Larry) Skicklig, Audrey Fales, Cecile L. Spencer, Ethel Johnson, Helen LeRoy, Ester Biehler, Herb Johnson, Gus. Mattson, Stan Hagstrom, Richard D. Westrup, Royal Osborn, Don Gustafson, Maud Udvardy, Lucy Dahlberg, and Mary Ingvarsen.

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Past District Masters for installing our new officers, it's always so impressive with your tuxedo's and long dresses. Skogan, Reno and Sierra Kronan Lodges also joined us. A nice luncheon was served by Peggy Carlson and her committee. Dale Ingvarsen gave us special music....a real nice day to remember!!







Your Lodge dues are due for 1987

and they are \$14.00.

Mail them to Harry Johnson  
4332 T Street, Sacramento, 95819  
if you can't make it to a meeting

Dues Anniversaries! Evelyn Anderson, Betty Bergman,  
Henry Bergman, Sue Bergman, John Forsberg, Helen  
Jensen, Don Johnson, Linda Johnson, Lynn Lundberg,  
Iris Ostlund, Holger Nordquist, Lars Ostlund,  
Cecile Spencer, Harry Taylor, Sandy Taylor, Ruth  
Volkoff,

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Please volunteer and take your turn  
in helping with some of our many dinners  
and activities this year, or serve on the  
refreshment committee after our meetings.  
Let's make this a "banner" year where we  
can say we've had the most fun and the  
best year ever. When the sign up sheet  
comes around, please do your part THANKS!!

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Our "special" thanks to Russell Ellis for furnishing  
us with our address labels. Tusen Tack!!!

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We hope to have our PROGRAM BOOKS by our February  
meeting if you can't be there and would like one  
send \$1.00 to Elizabeth Johnson 4332 T Street  
Sacramento 95819 and she will mail you one.

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Are you interested in making  
your very own national costume?  
Talk to Wendy Strand....she will  
give you the details. We want you  
to all wear a costume for our  
Anniversary Dinner.



## Coming Events:

Our District Scandinavian Festival will be coming up  
April 4th.....this year it will be in Redwood City.  
There will be booths of all kinds, lunch, program, and  
much more. Each Lodge is requested to have a booth (table)  
of some kind. If you have some ideas let Wendy Strand  
988-2297 know....and volunteer to help.

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Monitor Lodge will be celebrating their 75th Anniversary  
April 11. It will be a dinner and dance with cocktails  
at 6:00 and dinner 7:00. Frank and Delores will be playing  
for the dance. A nice program is planned and there will  
be special guests also. Monitor members will get a special  
price on the dinner, so please mark it down on your  
calendar and make this a must attend. More on this in  
our next newsletter.

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Monday night January 26, 7:00 PM at Elizabeth  
Johnson 4332 T Street, the women interested in doing  
needle work will be meeting. If you can't find time to  
sew at home come and join us.

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Charles Badgley has been sick at  
home

Ruth Uffens has been moved to a  
Rest Home.

A lot of people sick with the flu  
and colds.

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Pedar was rather shy, and after Greta had thrown  
her arms around him and kissed him for bringing her  
flowers, he got up and started to leave.

"I hope dat I didn't offend you," she said.

"Oh, no," he replied, "I'm going for more  
flowers."

