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THE MONITOR



Corned Beef and Cabbage
dinner on Friday March 6th....bar opens at 6:00 PM
6:30 dinner will be served. Generous and "smaksam"
servings for only \$4.50.

On the dinner committee is Ed and Lucy Dahlberg as
chairmen, Dede Dahlberg, Dick Westrup, Herb Johnson,
Don Gustafson, Ernie Skorheim, Ivar and Alice Axberg.

On the dessert committee after the meeting is
Camilla Caldwell, Ellen Harrod and Bente Hall.

There will be a short slide presentation of "Sweden"
before our meeting.

Norde Lodge, Stockton, is our special guests this
time.

Don't miss this meeting.....good cooks, good food
and good fellowship. What more could you ask for!!!!

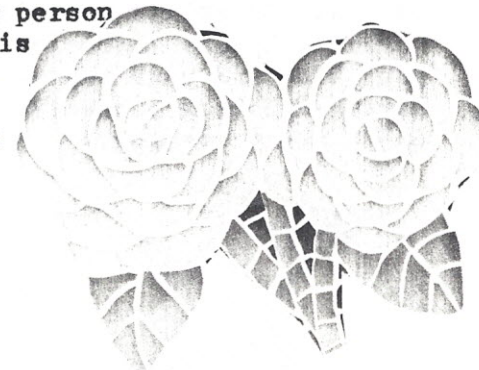
CAMELLIA FESTIVAL

Saturday, February 28th is the Camellia parade down
town at 10:00 AM. Wendy Strand is our Camellia Maid and
will represent us at all activities.

Sunday March 1st is the Friendship Luncheon at Wood-
lake Inn. Price is \$12.50 per person.
Tickets are available. Israel is
the honored country this year.

March 7-8 is the Camellia
Show and International Exhibit
(where we have our booth)

Theme this year is
L'Chaim to Life



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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

My thanks to all of you who were present at my first meeting as your chairman. You made the evening a real pleasure with your enthusiastic support and participation in the meeting and the good fellowship during and afterward. The team work in making the evening go smoothly belongs especially to Peggy Carlson and her hard working committee who prepared our Peasoup and Pan Cake Supper; Margaret Carlson and her clean-up committee who worked so quietly during the meeting that the transformation of the dining hall after the meeting was a dramatic surprise; Marge Skicklig who masterminded the lovely pink and gold party surrounds and the surprise serenade to our Financial Secretary and Recording Sec. Harry and Elizabeth for the occasion of their Golden Wedding Ann.; Wendy Strand and Eva Allred for an outstanding slide show and presentation on the "Vikings" in our heritage and the opportunities for Scandinavian travel this coming summer; Thelma Badgely for her colorful (and delicious) offering of "Sweets for our Sweeties"; Helen Forsty for her music as we paraded about on the new pass word. Tack så mycket!

Right now, behind the scenes, Deidre Dahlberg and her committee are swiftly organizing our Swedish display for the International Exhibit at the Camellia Festival March 7-8. The theme this year will be a SWEDISH FARM CARPENTER SHOP. All tools and equipment used on the farm was made and mended in such a shop in the late 1800's and early 1900's. SO she needs old wood working tools; planes, chisels, rasps, etc; old forge items; anvil, hinges, carving tools, iron candle holders etc; Wooden items (especially all things natural color) bowls, spoons ladles, cheese press, storage boxes, wooden paddles, etc; (Including wooden decorative items!) and wood curls, lots of them!!! She also needs people to man the shop and demonstrate skills / explain VASA, etc; Saturday 3:00 to 8:00, Sunday 10:00 to 6:00. Please call her and offer your time and your memorabilia! It's fun!!
Deidre Dahlberg phone #966-4631 (usually home 4:30 to 6:30) every evening.



Muriel Hjersman, Chairman

GUSTAV IV 1792-1809 (continued)

Gustav IV was certainly an unfortunate king. Because of the assassination of his father as a result of a conspiracy of nobles he could not be sure whom he could trust. His uncle, Duke Charles, as regent dominated him until he came of age in 1796. However, because of his distrust he postponed his coronation to avoid calling the riksdag into session. However, the financial situation forced him to call the riksdag in March 1800 and he was crowned on April 3, 1800.

While the financial measures were approved, the riksdag was unruly and Gustav resolved not to call the riksdag into session again. Because of his distrust he refused to allow his ministers any initiative and took upon himself all responsibility. He still possessed the great royal power that had been granted to his father.

The affairs of other countries now began to affect Sweden. Gustav had an almost morbid fear of Napoleon. In 1799 he made an alliance with Russia and in 1800 joined with Denmark and Russia in the League of Armed Neutrality. This was directed both at France and Britain and provoked British bombardment of Copenhagen. The League proved ineffective.

Gustav became even more obsessed with the threat of Napoleon. In 1804 Sweden concluded an agreement with Britain to allow the British to use Swedish Pomerania as a Baltic base. In 1805 an alliance was made with Russia and Sweden declared war on France. (to be continued)

(Note) During the 1600's Sweden had gained possessions all around the Baltic. Much of this had been lost with the exception of Swedish Pomerania which was a coastal strip from Peenemünde to Stralsund and the Island of Rügen.)

Ted Olson

DUES ANNIVERSARY. Lowell Carlson, Margaret Carlson, Roland Carlson, Martha Backstrom, Birgitta Ellis, Carl Johnson, Joyce Kelley, Leo Krastins, Carl A. Larson, Alice Olson, Ted Olson, Vivian Scott, Wendy Strand, Alice Swanfeldt, Kurt Swanfeldt, Maude Udvardy, Richard Westrup, Birgitta Persson, Dorothy Kingren, Gibson Kingren, Eleanor Johnson, and Annalena Bronson.

Attention: Graduating Seniors!!!

The Scholarship Committee is taking applications from high school seniors (1987 Grads) for the annual Monitor Lodge Scholarship. The applicants must be members, children of members, or grandchildren of lodge members.

Those interested should obtain the needed forms from
Kathi Goldsberry
9201 Opal Crest Ct.
Elk Grove, CA. 95624 phone: 685-4063

After completing the forms, they should be mailed to the lodge secretary. The forms include: The application three letters of recommendation, and one written composition. The composition theme will deal with the applicant's goals for the future, and how the scholarship will assist him/her towards those goals.

Deadline for entering: March 15, 1987
The winner will be notified before June.

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO: Gerda Anderson who will be 75; Olga Jensen will be 91; Faye Powell 81; Ellen Herting 79; Astrid Horyza 78 and Katherine Brucker 87. And they all have birthdays this month, imagine!!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!! Gerda Anderson, Jack Doscher, Berthell Nelson, Donn Stafford, Eugenie Sholl, Helen Jenson, Henry Hjersman, Harry Taylor, Astrid Horyza, Ellen Herting, Linda E. Johnson, Faye Powell, Ruth Lundberg, Kjell Hakansson, Kenneth Carlson, Harriett Yager, Frank Lindahl, Olga Jensen, Johan Sandstrom, Katherine Brucker, and Joyce Burns. MANY HAPPY RETURNS!

DID YOU KNOW? We are going to honor 8 members with special pins for longtime membership at our Anniversary, our 75th, "Jubilee" Dinner. These members are: Jennie Sea, 50-yr; Ellarie Campbell and Vera Anderson, 40-yr; Darlene Palmer, Arlie and Ruth Veis, and Helen and Richard Forsty, 25-yr.

PROGRAM BOOKS. YES, THEY'RE HERE! COME AND GET THEM, or send \$1.00 to the Financial Secretary, Harry C. Johnson, 4332 T Street, Sacto., CA 95819, and he will have the Secty. send you a Program Book.

Additions to Program Book. P.46 Asst. Secty. Vicki Lydecker. Olson, Lilmer, 1922 Morse Ave., Apt. 62, Sacto., CA 95825, Ph. 481-3067. Lilmer is a transfer member from Paradise's Gold Nugget Lodge.

Address Changes in Program Book: New members, Christi and Ronnie Kagstrom, 3124 Cottage Park, Sacramento, CA 95825, Ph. 487-1619. P. 56, Powell, Faye, Town Park Towers, Rm. 801, 60 No. Third St., San Jose, CA 95112, Ph. (408) 288-8750.

Other Changes: P. 3, Linne Lodge No. 437, has now joined and become a part of Lindbergh Lodge No. 494. P. 49, Midsummer Cele. at Micke Grove, P. 50, Lucia Fest, Dec. 6, at 2:00 P.M.

SPECIAL THANKS! From Elizabeth and Harry Johnson to all you dear people who participated in the very special celebration at the Feb. 6th Meeting. Thank you Marge and the others in the kitchen and THOSE MUSICIANS, too. Some 50th Anniversary!

"SCANDINAVIAN SOLO KLUBBEN", formerly k.a. "Singles Group", has applied for charter as Vasa Activities Club. You can be a member if you are 25 years or older and single. As an activities club, Vasa membership is not mandatory. Hope to be chartered at Dist. G. G. #12 Convention in April in Reno. We have been given the job of hosting in the dining-room at the Scandinavian Bazaar, Redwood City, April 4th. Even if you can't help, stop in and introduce yourself. Also, if you are interested in attending the G.G. Convention and would like to share a room to cut costs of attending the Convention, please contact Sonya Lantz, (209)294-8299 or Pam Palm (415)451-1474. It's possible to share up to 3-4 to a room and still make it to the meetings on time. Sweden Day in Lodi, BE THERE OR BE SQUARE! We had a great time last year. How about making it a Potluck? Aug. 6, Anniversary Weekend in Eureka. Had a good time last year. Would like to rent cabins at Bishop Pine Lodge again, great place. Proposing dues for S.S.K. of \$5.00/yr. to cover mailing costs, etc. Will get membership applications out within the month. Excerpts from letter and newsletter. Steering Committee: Sonya Lantz, 440 W. Gettysburg #205B, Clovis, CA 93612; Pam Lucido Palm, 1570 - 165th Ave., #205, San Leandro, CA 94578; and Susan Brown, P. O. Box 2187, Central Valley, CA 96019, Ph. (916)243-7040.

SCHOLARSHIP TO SWEDISH LANGUAGE VILLAGE, in Callaway, Minnesota, is offered by The Vasa Recreation Club No. 1. Requirements: Between 13-17 years of age. Applicant, or parent/guardian must have been member of V.O.A. for at least one year prior to April, 1987. Award is \$495.00 for basic tuition for 2-week Summer Program, June 29-July 11. Awards will be presented at Annual District Convention. Applicant must submit brief essay on "Why I Should Be Chosen to go to Sjolunden Swedish Camp" together with Name, Address, Phone, to Jessie Olsson, Secty. V.R.C. No. 1, 5523 Columbus Ave., Hilmar, CA 95324. Additional info. 'phone Elizabeth Johnson, Monitor Secty. 452-2470. HURRY!



Thelma Badgley would like to thank all you good candy makers for all the lovely and colorful "Sweets for your Sweetie" The scholarship fund made over \$70 Here is the receipt so many people asked about.

MASHED POTATOE CANDY

1 lb pwdrd sugar	1/3 cup mashed potatoes
1 cube butter	(unseasoned & drained)
1 tsp vanilla	1/4 tsp salt

Cream all ingredients in mixer, then add as desired:
 (nuts) 1 cup (chocolate (2 sq. bitter chocolate)
 (coconut) 1 cup (cherry) 4 oz. glazed cherries

Mix well. Chill before shaping, then shape into balls or eggs, and chill again.
 (makes about 40 balls or 10 eggs)

Chocolate coating: (this will coat two batches of candy)

1 - 12oz bag chocolate chips
 4 - tblp butter
 2 - inch sq. paraffin wax

Melt all ingredients over hot water (in double boiler)
 Remove from heat and dip candy.

Margaret Carlson

SWENSKA SKRÄDDARE KVINNOR:

They meet the first and third monday of every month in various homes starting at 7:00 to 9:00. March 2nd they will be meeting at Eva Allred's. For more information please ask Wendy Strand. We are busy making things for the Scandinavian Festival now. Please join us we have a lot of fun.....

Kurt Swanfeldt had a four bypass heart surgery, is now home and doing great. We wish you a speedy recovery.