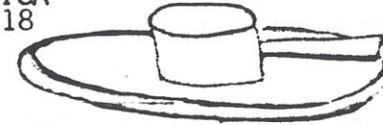


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# THE MONITOR

Honoring our men

with a SWEDISH

\*POTLUCK\*



Friday, June 5th 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.

Let's see if all you women can out do the men this time.

A special program is being planned by the women and the men always get some little thing from the ladies.

At 7:30 is our business meeting with special refreshment afterwards.

Remember you must be there to get in on the capsule drawing.

BRING A PROSPECTIVE MEMBER

SILL FRUKOST AND CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH



Saturday, May 30th at 11:00 AM in Ed and Lucy Dahlburg's garden. A beautiful setting for the "Breakfast of Vikings" and a little bit of Sweden. Every-thing is furnished, no need to bring tables or chairs, but do bring your swedish friends or prospective members.

Price is only \$5.00 which includes the champagne. Bar is open at 10:30. Ted Olson is chairman with the same hard working crew .

See you May 30th at 3310 Del Paso Blvd. Look for the Dalahast on the mailbox.

You can't afford to miss this truly Swedish affair.



## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE:

Flag Day in Sweden is an important celebration each year on June 6.

This year we Swedes in Northern California will be celebrating the occasion on the same day as our relatives and friends in Sweden. WE call it Sweden Day Picnic and it will be held in Micke Grove Park near Lodi.

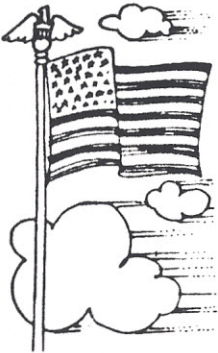
Monitor is especially honored this year in being the Lodge to name Svea (The spirit of Sweden) for the opening pageantry for the day's program.

Our Svea will be Kerstin Barney, grand-daughter of Lodge member Esther Biehler. Kerstin is active in Hiram Johnson High School. She plays violin in the school orchestra, is especially gifted in science and math, and was named outstanding student of the month in January of this year. She is very active in her church belonging to both Chi Rho and St. Johns Guild. In her spare time she models at Barbizon. You may have recently have seen her serving as Maid of Sweden at our Scandinavian Festival.

We are pleased to have such talented and lovely young woman representing Sweden and the Monitor Lodge at the 57th annual Sweden Day Picnic at Micke Grove Park.

Let's ALL be there! Share a picnic lunch or buy a hot dog! Saturday June 6.

In truth and unity,  
Muriel Hjersman, Chairman



Nord Lodge (Stockton) to entertain Monitor members Friday June 12 at an "All American Chicken Dinner" Help them celebrate our Flag Day with a special program and meeting. Let's double up in cars and any one wishing to go please contact Muriel Hjersman. We need to let them know how many of us are coming.

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## MORE OF GUSTAV IV

My last item described the sad end of the reign of Gustav IV. The Riksdag refused to name his son as future king and declared the end of the Vasa Dynasty. His uncle was named king as Karl XIII, admittedly as a caretaker, and search began for a future king of Sweden.

However, I find it hard to dismiss Gustav. While most Swedish historians are very critical and blame him for the loss of Finland and decline in Swedish prestige, his reign, for better or worse, had a tremendous effect on Swedish history.

Gustav was the last Swedish king with great royal power and, perhaps, his reign is the best example of why the power of monarchs should be limited. Because of his distrust and suspicion arising from the assassination of his father, he refused well meaning advice and alienated his supporters. As a result he took on himself all responsibility for the nation.

This might not have been significant at some other period of history. However, Sweden became involved with the Napoleonic wars and caught in the shifting alliances of France and Russia. In this impossible situation the responsibilities would have been too much for the most able monarch and Gustav had his limitations. He identified Napoleon as the Beast described in the Book of Revelation and that dictated Sweden's foreign policy.

After this experience with absolute power the next king accepted a constitution of limited power and Sweden's government has conformed to this policy to this day.

Ted Olson

## Scandinavian Festival Report:

A big thank you to all the members of Monitor Lodge who gave so generously of their time, talent, and donations to make the May 9th affair so successful. We had 35 members turn out to help and others who sent baked goods and crafts for the craft table. Overall attendance was just under 500 and our gross income was slightly over \$1700. After a rough draft of our expenses the net will be approximately \$1500. A final meeting will be held to determine the exact figures.

I would like to give special thanks to these Monitor members that chaired a committee. To Ivy Bland who was in charge of the sandwich committee. To Ruth and Bernie (with help from Helen and Richard Forsty) in the Coffee/Punch area. To Ruth Veis for securing the entertainers and for presenting such a nice program. We had many nice comments. To Alice and Ted Olson who took on the Ham sandwich making. To Ellen Harrod for the Aebleskiver division....almost 700 were made and sold as fast as they came out of the kitchen. To Muriel and Henry Hjermsman for heading up the craft table. Monitor had the most crafts (and sales) A special thanks to our ladies in the sewing group that worked so hard to make this possible. To Thelma Badgley and her committee for the entrance count and Raffle Ticket Sales. To Leo Kfastins, George Uffens, Ernie Skorheim and Roland Erickson for the cleanup committee. And to all others that worked so hard out there. Monitor should be proud of all these people.

For all the members that did not come out to this SCANDINAVIAN event we think you missed something special and hope you will put it on your calendar for next year so that we can have an even bigger and better Festival.

Tack till alla,  
Arlie Veis,  
Scandinavian Festival Association Chairman

Would you believe this?? The diamonds we raffled off at our 75th Anniversary Dinner was won by both Lillain and Donn Stafford.

Reminder, get your Genealogy form ready for Wendy. If you didn't get one and didn't want to tear the one out of the Vasa Star, get a copy from Wendy.



## Birthdays

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!! Iris Ostlund, Ingrid Smith, Ruth Uffens, Margaret Linn, Frank J. Stangl, Sandy Taylor, Gilbert Holm, Elizabeth Johnson, Ed Nelson, Eleanor Johnson, Audrey Ohlson-Smith. May you have many more joyous birthday celebrations!



Elena Trnka upon the Honor Award in Spanish and membership in the Hispanic Honor Society, Sigma Delta Pi.

Member Anniversaries Some dues are due and some "duesn't". Anderson, Didrik and Kerstin; Carlson, Don and Joy; Engberg, Maude; Krastins, Liesma; Lindahl, Frank; Lundberg, Bernie and Ruth; Misenti, Frances and Nancy; Nelson, Ed and Billye; Osborn, Royal; Palmer, Darlene; Ryan, Regina; Skorheim, Ernest and Juanita. This month is the anniversary of your membership in Monitor. If you have paid your dues, you won't have to pay the Financial Secretary June 5th. If not, then payment of dues will be gladly accepted. Anyway we are glad you are members of Monitor, and, no doubt, you are too! Annual dues are \$14.00 and checks could be made out to Monitor Lodge No. 218, and if mailed, sent to Harry C. Johnson, 4332 T St., Sacramento, CA 95819.

Program Books. If you haven't gotten yours, shame on you! Pick it up at the June meeting, at the Secretary's Desk, or send \$1.00 and she will mail it to you. New Program Books will not be available to us for 1988 until about February. True 4 months of 1987 have gone by, but there's lots doing yet and addresses and names you will need. PLEASE GET YOUR PROGRAM BOOK!

Congratulations to the SCANDINAVIAN FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION OF SACRAMENTO for its first festival under this title. Monitor Lodge should be especially proud of the part Arlie Veis has played in establishing this on-going Scandinavian organization in the Sacramento area. It was at his suggestion, as chairman of the Camellia Festival International Friendship Luncheon in 1985 that the event was initiated. The various Scandinavian Lodges of Sacramento were concerned with meeting their obligations as the honored nations of the Camellia Festival that year, and the affair was a profitable answer.

Arlie has served as general chairman of the event since its founding, and has developed it from a strictly money making event depending on Commercial displays for its capital to a greater and greater emphasis on a display of folk culture in foods, crafts and entertainment from the Scandinavian people themselves.

A GOOD public relations move! Congratulations to Arlie and the hard workers of all the lodges in this venture. Submitted by Muriel Hjersman

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**WELCOME**

Doze, Gary and Kay, 2107 Oxford, Sacramento, CA 95815, Ph. 929-7685. (Welcome Dozes).

Change of address for.....

Camilla Caldwell - P.O. Box 235 Dutch Flat, CA. 95719  
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Thank  You

Margaret Carlson wishes to THANK all the men who made her QUEEN and gave her those beautiful red roses.....it was a pleasant surprise!! It's nice gestures like that...that makes it all worth while working hard for "Monitor".

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Don't forget another family affair.....THE MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL This year was moved to Micke Grove Park because we could not get Elk

Grove park the date we wanted. It is Saturday June 20th. Bring your own picnic lunch, special program put on by the children, dancing around the maypole etc;

See you there!

## LADIES' NIGHT

Our Ladies' night dinner was well received, especially by the ladies who received free dinners. We estimate we served about 90. By careful shopping we kept food expense to \$125.71 without sacrifice of quality since we love the ladies.

My thanks to all the members of the committee who helped prepare the dinner and all the men we drafted as waiters to serve the ladies.

We had a number of requests for the pot roast recipe and promised to publish it in the Monitor. The recipe is simple enough so even men can prepare it. It is readily expanded from family size to larger groups and the gravy is made as the roast cooks.

## LILLIAN HELLMAN'S POT ROAST

- 1 4-pound beef roast, well trimmed and the more expensive the better
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1/2 envelope dried onion soup mix
- 1 large onion chopped
- 3 cloves garlic chopped
- 2 cups red wine
- 2 cups water
- 1 bay leaf, crushed
- 1 teaspoon thyme
- 1 teaspoon basil

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Place the beef in a dutch oven with the rest of the ingredients. Cover and bake 3 1/2 hours or so. Check hourly, more liquid may be needed. For large groups cook the day before, slice while cold and reheat.

Ted Olson

Our sympathy goes to Ivar and Alice Axberg in the loss of Ivar's sister.