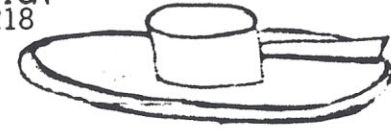


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MONITOR'S ANNUAL PICNIC

PICNIC

This Friday August 7, 6:00 PM
at the HOWE AVE. PARK..picnic
area north of the pool - enter the parking area on Bell
Street. Bring your own steaks, hamburgers or hot dogs.
Bar-B-Que fires will be ready for you. Bring a salad
and what ever else to share, and of course your own plates
and utensils, etc. Beer and soft drinks will be on ice
for a nominal fee.

After the picnic we will move across the street to the
Veis' back yard (2116 Bell St.) for an "arm chair trip"
to Sweden by Wendy. Bring your own folding chairs unless
you want to sit on the lawn. Coffee and ice cream from
Chuck and Berthel's Baskin Robbins. Don't miss it.....
bring a friend or prospective member. For information
call 489-5729.

"CRAYFISH PARTY"



This is one event you can't afford to
miss, keep this date open for good
food and a lot of fun and fellowship.
It will be Saturday, Aug. 22nd at Bea
and Tom Dillard's - 3940 Silver Spur
Way. Bar opens at 6:00 PM and eat at
6:30. Bring a large salad, OR sandwiches, vegetables or
fruit, dessert or what ever...some thing that will go
nice with crayfish. Come and learn the real swedish way
to eat crayfish, Akvavit and all. The crayfish are great
this year and our fishermen are working hard to supply
us with a lot of nice ones. This time bring a card
table and chairs, plates and utensils will be furnished.

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Dated Material

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Looking ahead to busy times.....

We are all thankful that Ruth Veis is doing so well after her surgery. She seems to be responding well to her treatment, and assures us that she is planning for and expecting all of us to come to our annual August picnic at Howe Ave Park at 6:00 and then over to "The Veis" home for ice cream and Scandinavian slides by Wendy.

Please note a change in our program for October. In addition to a Hobby Show, we will be moving our Country Store from the November meeting to October 2. This will keep the November meeting simple and clear the calendar for the Smörgåsbord on November 7. We are asking that we regard the October meeting as "Svenska Saluhall" with real Scandinavian design featured in hand crafted items, breads, baked goods, sausages, pickled sill, etc; and it would be great to get started in marketing these specialties without attaching a whole smörgåsbord to them. All you embroiderers who construct beautiful pictures, pillows, etc;, might want to sell, but would be willing to show as a hobby and take special orders, or just show. Everybody get busy and finish up that special project or dust off that lovely bit that you made, painted or carved, and show it off. The show and sale will be held at 6:30 to 7:30. Let us be a little bit of Sweden on Friday, October 2, when we will be initiating new members.

AT OUR REQUEST SACRAMENTO HAS BEEN DECLARED A "NEW SWEDEN 1988" jubilee city by the National Committee for the 350th Anniversary of the first Swedish settlers in the new World.

Muriel Hjersman



CHARLES XIII THE SEARCH FOR A NEW KING

When the Riksdag deposed Gustav IV as King of Sweden in 1809, it also declared an end to the Vasa succession even though Gustav had a son and had attempted to abdicate in his favor. There was some support for the young prince. Gustav, however, was not the last king of the Vasa line. That was his uncle Charles who was recognized as King Charles XIII upon his agreement to a constitution of very limited royal power. Charles was childless and he was regarded as only a caretaker pending the establishment of a new succession. Charles had no particular talents and was obsessed with the occult.

The Riksdag chose as successor to the throne Prince Christian Augustus of Augustenberg (Holstein-Schleswig) who was the Danish commander-in-chief in Norway. Napoleon was at the height of his power and his consent was sought and secured. The prince declared he would not accept the offer until peace was secured since Sweden was still at war with both Russia and Denmark. Peace was made. Sweden lost Finland to Russia but regained Swedish Pomerania.

Christian Augustus was then adopted as heir by Charles XIII and entered upon his duties as crown prince. He quickly became popular with the Swedish people. However, in May 1810, while on maneuvers with the Swedish army in Skåne, he suddenly collapsed and died. While the cause of death was undoubtedly a massive heart attack there were rumors of poison. The rumors were groundless but they led to the death of Count Axel von Fersen at the hands of a Stockholm mob. Fersen had been a supporter of the son of Gustav.

The search for a new king was resumed.

Ted Olson

In Memoriam

Royal Osborn passed away June 9, 1987. We shall miss him. He often came with Esther Biehler. Our sympathies are extended to his relatives.



MASTER 7-7-7 6 lbs 6 oz came to Christi and Ronny Kågström. His real name is Peter Alan, and he decided to arrive almost a month earlier than expected, on July 7, 1987; hence the above title. Congratulations Christi and Ronny and welcome Peter Alan

Dues July. Kerstin Hakansson, Kjell Hakansson, Jennie Sea, Donn and Lillian Stafford, Sigrid, Thorsen. These are annual dues. If you have already paid, please ignore your reminder in this list.

Dues August. Jean Anderson, Esther Biehler, Audrey Fales, Carl E. Larson. You may bring your dues to the September 4th Regular Meeting or send your check made out to Monitor Lodge No. 218 to Harry C. Johnson, Financial Secretary, 4332 T. Street, Sacramento, CA 95819. Of course, you can give it to Harry at any of the social functions in August, too. See you August 7th at Howe Ave. Park!

Change of Address. Mrs. Vera Anderson, c/o Mrs. Lorna Toivonen, 220 Carrwood Rd., Great Falls, VA 22066, Ph. (703) 759-0128. We shall miss Vera at our meetings and gatherings. Hopefully, she will return to visit us several times a year. It is our sincere wish that being with her daughter, Lorna, in Virginia will be good therapy and Vera will be feeling much better.



SPECIAL EVENTS TO NOTE

Balder Lodge No. 343, in Eureka, has extended an invitation to join them in celebrating their 71st Anniversary, Saturday, August 8th. Dinner at Volpi's Restaurant, nr. Eureka, King Salmon Exit. Sunday Aug. 9th is a B B Q at Williams Grove. If any of you are interested, telephone our secretary for particulars. 452-2470.

Swedish Language Classes will be starting again in September at the Winterstein School, Morse and Northrop. This is the San Juan Adult Educ. Center. The Swedish classes have been conducted by the Kågströms and Camilla Caldwell, members of Monitor. Many Monitor members attend these classes. Some of us date back to the classes Eva Allred taught. Watch the August Monitor Newsletter for dates, etc.

Our SMÖRGÅSBORD will be November 7th.....tickets will be on sale by our September meeting.

Lot of our members are traveling or have traveled many interesting places this summer.

Ask Audrey Fales about the Concert of Swedish young ladies given by Fylgia Lodge No. 119! Four young, talented ladies from Sweden.

Elin was complaining to her husband Max: "Look at de old clothes I got ta vare. If anyvun came over, day'd tink I vas de cook."

Replied Max, "Day'd change dare mind if day stayed for dinner."

Nord Lodge's All American Chicken Dinner and Meeting in Stockton was enjoyed by several Monitor members. The friendly and warm reception was enjoyed, and Craig Petersen and his committee prepared a lovely dinner. The Nord Lodge has agreed to join us and Sierra Kronan in "New Sweden '88" Celebration next year. (See Chairman Muriel Hjeraman's article.) The cooperation of the lodges in the Valley in endeavors is enjoyable and helps bind Vasa members together.

The train pulled into the Great Northern Depot in Minneapolis. Nils and Jorgen got off and started walking along the platform. Suddenly Nils let out a yell.

"I tink I lost my vallet," he said.

"Did you look in your pockets?" asked Jorgen.

"All but vun," said Nils, unhappily.

"Vell, for goodness sake, vy don't you look dare," said Jorgen.

"Because," Nils moaned, "If it's not dare, I'll just die!"

Election of new officers will be coming up in September. Planning the program for next year etc; If you have some ideas please let us know what you would like.

HOSPITALIZED

Ruth Veis had major surgery but is doing great now.

Esther Biehler will be having an operation on her eyes soon



Hildur Benson on her 90th Birthday had a nice party at the Elk Grove Rest Home where she now makes her home. There were several of our members who attended.

BIRTHDAYS

VI GRATULERA PÅ FÖDELSEDAGEN Hildur Benson, Herb Johnson, Ellen Johnson, Eivor Pfannkuch, Ernest Skorheim, Ivar Axberg, Joyce Johnson, John Forsberg, Don Gustafson, Camilla Holm, Leo Krastins, Martha Fredrickson, and Camilla Caldwell. (All in July.) Sigrid Thorsen, Lars Ostlund, Mary Anderson, Maude Engberg, Martha Olson, Jennie Sea, Alice Swanfeldt, Charles Badgley, Sue Bergman, Carl E. Larson, Harry G. Swanson, Birgitta Persson, Regina Ryan, Dorothy Kingren, Brian Buscher, Susan Buscher, Jack Smith, Steven Stromgren. (All in August.) MANY HAPPY RETURNS TO ALL OF YOU!

SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS

Hildur Benson was 90 July 8
 Ellen Johnson was 95 July 18
 Maude Engberg will be 86 on August 14
 Jennie Sea will be 83 on August 22
 Martha Olson will be 75 August 17
 Charles Badgley will be 80 on August 19



Let's remember these special friends with a card.



Nål o. Tråd, Monitor's Ladies' Craft and Sewing Group meets August 3, at 7:00 P.M. at the home of Elizabeth Johnson, 4332 T Street. If you are interested in this activity, please join us. Phone 452-2470. We meet twice a month in the home of members.