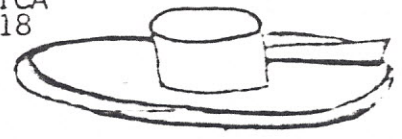


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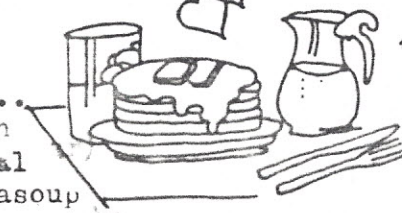
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THE MONITOR

FEBRUARY

PEASOUP



Pancake
Supper

Our next meeting....
Friday February 5th
we are having a real
Swedish Supper "Peasoup
and Pancakes". Supper to be
served at 6:30 PM. Bar opens 6:00...price is \$3.50
drinks \$1.00.

On the committee this time is Peggy Carlson as our chair-
man....Ed Dahlberg, Don Gustafson, Ted Olson, Ernie
Skorheim. On the refreshment committee afterwards is
Ethel Johnson, Jean Anderson, Joyce Burns and Gladys
Stangl.

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



WELCOME

Sierra Kronan Lodge....
they will be our guests
that evening.

Come and see what DeDe Dahlberg (our new
Cultural Leader) has in store for us.
"Pan Scandinavian" is our theme....please
wear your Scandinavian costume and our
refreshments will represent all of our Scandinavian
Countries.



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Dated Material

Chairmans Message

A special treat during the installation luncheon on January 16 was the music of Ed Nelson. He had both well loved old Swedish melodies and nostalgic American classics in his program. The beauty of the harmonica when played with love is amazing and delightful. Thank you, Ed for sharing your musical gift with us. We hope this is only the beginning of your concerts!

On behalf of the new officers team of Monitor Lodge I wish to thank Peggy Carlson and her workers for the luncheon, and the men who helped set up and take down, and Marge Shickligr for the touch of spring she brought to the lodge hall with the primroses. Eight Lodges were represented among our guests and the Installing Team made up of Past District Masters. The District Masters each were presented with Primroses as a token of our appreciation.

And a BIG THANK YOU to all the members of Monitor Lodge. May your spirit of brotherhood and cooperation continue strong in the coming year. We all look forward to an exciting and fun 1988.

In Truth and Unity,
Muriel

P.S. For those of you who took primroses home...please contact Marge for the price at our next meeting.

CHILDREN'S CLUB

The children will be receiving their 1st year and 5th year pins at our February meeting.

The Children's Club meets every Monday at the Coloma Community Center from 4:00 to 5:15....so if you have a child, grandchild or friend interested in belonging please contact Peggy Carlson or Camilla Caldwell. The children are learning swedish and are planning a program for Easter and plan on participating in Mid-Summer Festivals.



Peggy Carlson

CARL XIV JOHAN 1818-1844
(The French Prince is now the king)

Bernadotte became king of Sweden and Norway in 1818 upon the death of Charles XIII. After his colorful and adventurous career his reign as king was comparatively quiet. He maintained good foreign relations with Great Britain and Russia, promoted foreign trade both for Sweden and Norway, Swedish agriculture as improved and the Gota Canal was completed.

However, in spite of his revolutionary beginnings he was personally very autocratic and restricted liberal reforms and freedom of the press. During the 1830's there was organized opposition both in Sweden and Norway but he rode out these difficulties.

Carl Johan never became fluent in Swedish and French became a popular language in Sweden. Many French words came into the Swedish language and still survive.

In his later years Carl Johan often remarked "Has anyone ever had a life like mine?" He rose from petty status to Marshal of France and finally king of Sweden and Norway.

There was also a French queen. Bernadotte had married Desiree Clary in 1798. Desiree had once been engaged to Napoleon, she had also been courted by Joseph Bonaparte who married her sister Julie. Joseph was named King of Spain by Napoleon in 1808. She had been courted by three men who became rulers but married the only one where the rulership endured. Desiree never found herself at home in Sweden and Carl Johan was often alone. However, it is reported that there were noble young Swedish women who consoled him and warmed his bed. The results could be expected, there are Bernadottes who are not on the Royal register. You may know one.

Ted Olson



February Notes

For our ethnic booth at the Camellia Festival in March, we need your help and articles for our "log cabin". Please contact Dede Dahlberg and offer your help.

REMEMBER YOUR LODGE DUES FOR 1988.....THEY ARE \$14.00

We hope our program books will be here.....come to our February meeting to pick yours up.

We're having a float in the Camellia Parade this year. We need your help and your camellias.....come to our February meeting and find out more what our plans are. Kurt Pfannkuch is in charge.

Our "special" thanks to Russell Ellis for furnishing us with our address labels, and for Hank Hjersman in taking care of that. TusenTack!!!!

Scandinavian Festival coming up April 16th at the Board of Realtors Bldg. 2003 Howe Avenue. Start to plan now as to what you will bake, sew, knit, or carve.....it is going to be bigger and better this year. So we need every-ones co-operation. Mark this on your calendar. February 9th is another planning meeting at the Norway Hall.

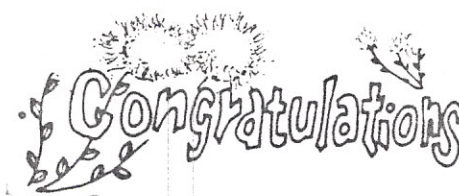
Some Good Things About Scandinavian/Americans.

We always mow our lawns.
We know instinctively how to clean fish.
Our businesses generally take checks.
We don't decorate our homes or restaurants with red flocked contact paper.
We seldom apply facial make-up thick enough to provide bullet-proofing.

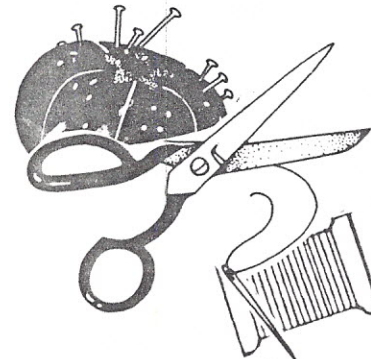


Richard Forsty, Vera Anderson, Kurt Pfannkuch, Ruth Volkoff, Birgit Dillard, Larry Skicklig, Audrey Fales, Cecile Spencer, Ethel Johnson, Helen Leroy, Ester Biehler, Gus Mattson, Stanley Hagstrom, Dick Westrup, Don Gustafson, Maude Udvardy, Lucy Dahlberg, Mary Ingvarlsen, Carol Baker. Må de har många mera!

DUES ANNIVERSARIES for February: Betty & Henry Bergman, Sue Bergman, John Forsberg, Helen Jenson, Donald Johnson, Linda Johnson, Lynn Lundberg, Holger, Nordquist, Lilmer Olson, Iris & Lars Ostlund, Cecile Spencer, Sandy & Harry Taylor. If you have already paid your dues, ignore this list. You, then, are congratulated on your early payment of dues! Dues should be paid to the Financial Secretary Liesma Krastins, 5550 - 78th St., Sacramento, CA 95820, or bring it with you to the Feb. 5th meeting. Checks should be made out "Monitor Lodge No. 218", and the dues amount is \$14.00 per year.



to Kersten Barney (Esther Biehler's grand-daughter) who is our Camellia Maid this year. She will represent our lodge at all the Camellia Festivities.



NÅL O TRÅD (sewing group) now meets Tuesday nights - next meeting will be February 2nd at Joyce Burns 7:00 and February 16th we go to the "Bodelson's". We're busy making things for our booth at the Scandinavian Festival. PLEASE join us!!

Scholarship Committee met recently and has a lot of neat things in store for you....come to our February meeting and find out. Keep the scholarship fund in mind when you would like to make a donation in memory of some one. Donations are always accepted and needed.

The same rules apply as in 1987.....The committee will be taking applications from High School Seniors (1988 graduates) 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. The forms should then be mailed to the lodge secretary, which will include:

1. The student's application
2. Three letters of recommendation
3. One written composition. The composition theme will deal with the applicant's goals for the future, and how the scholarship will assist him or her towards those goals.

Deadline: March 15, 1988

The winners will be notified before June.

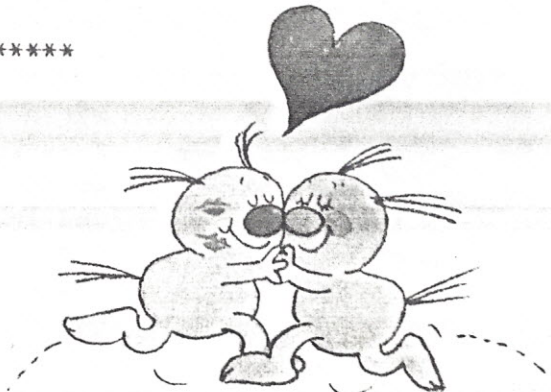
Please write to Kathi Goldsberry for forms:
9201 Opal Crest Court
Elk Grove, CA. 95624
phone - 685-4063

FOUND rose colored suede coat with hood left at Monitor Lodge installation ceremonies. If it is yours please contact Elizabeth Johnson.

also found one white (pearl) like ear-ring.

Change of Address

Elizabeth Coleman
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Sacramento, CA. 95864
same phone number

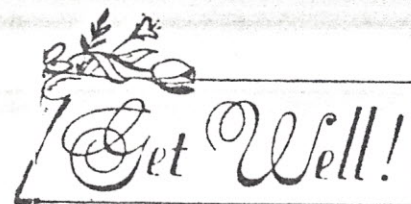


"SWEDEN '88" Sacramento "Jubilee City" Committee wants you to remember some imminent dates. Feb. 22 "Fyrljus" Folk/Gospel Singers from Halsingland, Sweden, will give a concert at the First Covenant Church, 9000 La Riviera Drive. Let's get out a good crowd. This group has given concerts in U.S. before. We are fortunate to get them, and appreciative of the First Covenant Church giving us a place to sponsor this concert.

"Sweden '88" will be quite evident at the Camellia Festival celebrations. March 5th, Camellia Parade watch for our Maid and our Float. March 5th, 6th visit the Convention Center and see our booth and hear our program. BETTER YET, GET IN AND HELP WITH IT ALL! IT'S LOTS OF FUN! Monitor Lodge is letting the world that comes to this area know that the Swedish community is very much alive and celebrating 350 Years of Swedish contributions to U.S.



PLEASE volunteer and take your turn helping with some of our many dinner and activities this year.....or serve on the refreshment committee after our meetings. In every organization we find three groups....those who make things happen, those who watch things happen, and those who wake up and wonder what happens we have a very full program planned for this year, so let's make this a "banner" year where we can say we've had the most fun and best year ever.



all you people sick with this crazy flu and colds that is going around.

Ruth Volkoff is recovering from major surgery. Hope you are feeling better.