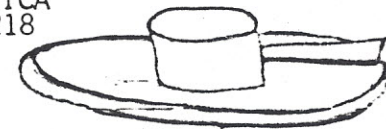


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THE MONITOR



Corned Beef and rotmös is our dinner for March with all the trimmings including wine.....all this for only \$4.50.

Our March dinner and meeting will be Friday March 4th.....bar opens 6:00 and dinner will be served at 6:30.

On the dinner committee is Ed and Lucy Dahlberg, Dede Dahlberg, Dick Westrup, Ernie Skorheim, Don Gustafson, Herb Johnson. And there is a special dessert committee for after the meeting.

Since our April meeting will be after Easter our March meeting will be a combination of St. Patricks and Easter with a lot of neat things going on. The scholarship committee will have several raffles, the children's club will have some Easter things.

WELCOME to Norde Lodge of Stockton who will be our special guests this time. Don't miss this meeting. GOOD COCKS.....GOOD FOOD.....GOOD FELLOWSHIP..... See you all there!!!



THINK CAMELLIAS!! THINK CAMELLIAS!! and boy, do we need camellias.....ask your friends, neighbors and relatives. Bring them to the meeting Friday night as we will be decorating our float after the dinner. We need your help too, as we hope to have a prize winning float you know.



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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Hej san! Things are popping around Monitor Lodge, right? I know you'll all enjoy the Swedish Folk Concert on Monday night, Feb. 22; many of you are busy locating thousands of carellias for Kurt Pfannkuch and helping him to build the parade float; calling Deidre to offer help at the Swedish booth Mar. 5 & 6; or digging into the corned beef and rotmos preparation with Ed Dahlberg for Mar. 4. If you aren't involved in at least a couple of these, you are missing a lot of fun! That's where the action is at Monitor Lodge.

But whoa! Remember the annual Carellia Friendship Luncheon. It's always a gala affair, the weekend after the parade. Tickets are \$12.50, and a few remain available. Call me at once at 451-6940 to reserve your place. The luncheon this year will be at the Red Lion Inn, and each country will have separate tables. I need to know before Feb. 23 how many Swedes to prepare for.

In Truth and Unity

Muriel Gusman



SWEDEN AT PEACE

Much of Sweden's history is the history of Sweden's kings and Sweden's wars. But with the accession of the Bernadotte dynasty with King Charles XIV John in 1818, Sweden never fought another war. Sweden's neutrality, especially during World War II, gave Sweden an opportunity to serve in humanitarian efforts beyond its borders.

Count Folke Bernadotte was a nephew of King Gustaf V. Much of his life was devoted to work with the Swedish Boy Scout organization and with the Swedish Red Cross. Through the Swedish Red Cross and his personal position as nephew of the king, Folke Bernadotte was able to persuade Heinrich Himmler of the German SS to permit repatriation of Danish and Norwegian prisoners of war. He organized a fleet of buses marked with the Swedish colors. These transported 19,000 prisoners to temporary refuge in Sweden. After the end of fighting these buses were used to rescue the Jewish survivors of the concentration camps. Later, in 1948, Bernadotte was sent to Israel by the United Nations to attempt to mediate between the Israelis and Arab elements in Jerusalem. Here he was shot and killed by an extremist.

The story of Raoul Wallenberg was written up in the Reader's Digest and shown as a miniseries on TV. He was a member of a prominent Swedish banking family with many international contacts. Through these contacts he was asked to assist the Jews of Hungary whose turn had come to be deported to concentration camps. It is reported that President Roosevelt joined in this appeal. He went to Hungary with diplomatic status and was able to rescue hundreds of Jews by issuing Swedish passports and giving sanctuary in the Swedish embassy. As the Russians entered Hungary he was invited to a conference with their leaders. He vanished behind the Iron Curtain when he went to that meeting. His eventual fate is unknown.

To be continued.

Ted Olson

Swedes, Finns, Danes and Norwegians will be having their fifth annual Scandinavian Festival on Saturday, April 16th from 10:30 to 2:30 at the Board of Realtors Bldg. 2003 Howe Avenue Sacramento. The Festival will include music and entertainment, crafts and baked goods, in addition to a typical Scandinavian menu which will feature Danish sausage and red cabbage; aebleskiver, Norwegian lefse and meatballs; open-face sandwiches; Swedish pancakes; Scandinavian cookies and breads. Entertainment will include Norwegian folk dancers, and Scandinavian dancers from the Bay Area. There will be childrens song groups, accordianists, Lapland dancers, Scandinavian Folk singing and violinists.

HELP is needed for the Festival, both in preparation of items plus working in the booths. Needed are crafts, Swedish baked goods of all sorts, and of course a BIG turn out from all Lodge members and their friends. 80% of the money taken in from our crafts comes back to our lodge. The overall profit is split between the lodges. Best of all the admission is free. Mark this special day on your calendar as a must do.....

Tusen Tusen Tack!! to Gustav Mattson for restoring our secretary's chest and for Peggy Beckwith who tole painted it in a swedish design and colors.....it's beautiful Did you know Peggy has written her own book on Tole Painting and it has her own designs etc; in it. CONGRAGULATIONS!!!



Thank You!

There will be a Torsk and Lutefisk dinner with Lefse and Meatballs at the Sons of Norway Hall March 19 5:00 - 7:30 \$10.00 For reservations phone 381-8934.

A Swede was building a fence and working with great speed. When asked why he was in such a hurry, he said, "I'm trying ta get done before I run outta nails."



THE FOUR LIGHTS from Sweden!

They are Swedish Folk and Gospel Singers and will be at the First Covenant Church, 9000 LaRiviera Dr. this Monday February 22 at 7:30 PM.

Admission FREE - Free will offering will be taken and a reception follows.

Hope to see all of you there!



3/1 Astrid Horyza
 3/1 Thor Barrows
 3/2 Eleanore Wessman
 3/2 Harriett Yager
 3/4 Karin Dorey
 3/5 Ellen Herting
 3/6 Berthell Nelson
 3/7 Olga Jenson
 3/8 Jack Doscher
 3/8 Eugene Sholl
 3/13 Hank Hjersman
 3/15 Linda Johnson

3/15 Ruth Lundberg
 3/15 Johan Sandstrom
 3/17 Donn Stafford
 3/17 Kenneth Carlson
 3/20 Helen Jenson
 3/23 Harry Taylor
 3/24 Faye Powell
 3/25 Katherine Brucker
 3/24 Gerda Anderson
 3/29 Kjell Hakanson
 3/29 Joyce Burns
 3/30 Frank Lindahl

Må de har många mera!

Special Birthday greetings to Gerda Anderson who will be 76; Olga Jensen will be 92; Faye Powell 82; Ellen Herting will be 80; Astrid Horyza 79; and Katherine Brucker 88, and they all have birthdays this month, imagine!!!

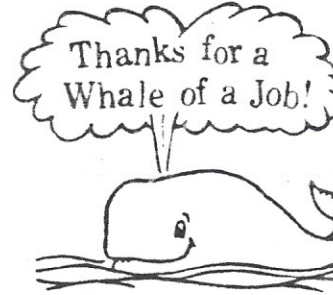
Dues Anniversaries for the month of March.....if you can't be at the meeting please mail your dues to our new Financial Secretary Lisa Krastins at 5550 - 78th St., Sacramento, CA. 95820. Checks should be made out to "Monitor Lodge No. 218" and the dues amount is \$14.00 per year.

Lowell Carlson
 Roland Carlson
 Margaret Carlson
 Dede Dahlberg
 Ethel Hubbell
 Eleanor Johnson
 Elizabeth Johnson
 Harry Johnson
 Joyce Sue Kelley
 Dorothy Kingren

Gibson Kingren
 Carl A. Larson
 Alice Olson
 Ted Olson
 Birgitta Persson
 Wendy Strand
 Alice Swanfeldt
 Kurt Swanfeldt
 Maud Udvardy
 Dick Westrup



PROGRAM BOOKS: Yes, they're here!! come and get them or send \$1.00 to our secretary Jean Anderson at 126 Hibiscus Avenue, Sacramento, CA. 95828 and she'll mail you one.



If you missed our "Peasoup and Pancake Supper" last month, you really missed out, it sure was nice to see such a good turn out. THANKS to Peggy Carlson and her committee it was fantastic!!!

Elena Trnka wants you to know she is now going to school in Austria, is doing great....living with a host family and "LOVES IT".

Thanks

Dede Dahlberg, our new Cultural Leader had a most interesting program in February, and it was a lot of fun.

Tusen, Tusen Tack! and your decorations were great too.



Ruth Volkoff is doing great after her operation.

Joyce Trnka is using crutches and a wheel chair after twisting her leg...getting out of a car. She is able to work.

Ruth Whisman had her 4th operation on her ear.

Helen Leroy has really had her share of problems this past year. First with a heart attack, then with a light stroke, and then kidney failure and now on dialysis.

Iris Ostlund is needing chemotherapy again.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

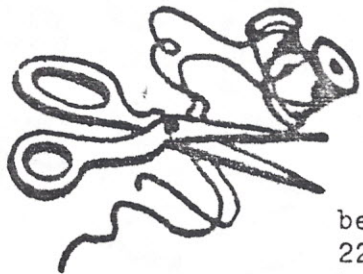
For your information:

United States, Sweden and Finland issue joint commemorative stamps. New Sweden stamp to be issued March 29 in Wilmington.

The Kalmar Nyckel Commemorative Committee and the Delaware Heritage Commission will sponsor the New Sweden Stamp First-Day-of Issue ceremony on March 29.

Two official first day covers (cashets) can be ordered now from the sponsoring organizations. One will be the Kalmar Nyckel Commemorative Committee logo. The round design in blue and yellow. The other cover, in sepia tone, will depict Queen Christina during whose reign New Sweden was founded. The covers will have one U. S. New Sweden airmail stamp affixed to each and will be cancelled in Wilmington on March 29th.

To order, send a check made out to KNCC, Inc. for \$2.50 for one cachet or \$4.50 for a set of two, with a #10 self-addressed stamped envelope to KNCC-Stamp (C) Radisson Hotel, Wilmington, DE 19801.



NAL O TRÅD (sewing group) now meets Tuesday nights - 2nd and 4th Tuesday. Next meeting will be March 8th at Ethel Johnson's. March 22nd place to be announced. They are busy making things for the Scandinavian Festival. Please join them.



The Alfred Nobel exhibit will be in the Library at Cal State University of Sacramento, for the whole month of March. Do go and see it.....

Sierra Camera Club will be meeting March 7th at the Sheppard Art and Garden Center in McKinley Park and they will be showing slides on Sweden.

Seven Steps to Stagnation

1. We've never done it that way before.
2. We're not ready for that yet.
3. We're doing alright without it.
4. We tried it once and it didn't work.
5. It costs too much.
6. That's not our responsibility.
7. It won't work.

(courtesy of Norwegian Navigator)

HELP! HELP!! We need people to help set up a real Log Cabin as our booth at the Camellia Festival. And we need all kinds of OLD things to put in it too. PLEASE contact Dede Dahlberg at 966-4631. She also needs people to sit in the booth for two hours at a time.

The District Scandinavian Festival will be Sat. March 26, 1988 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM at the Community Activities Bldg 1400 Roosevelt Ave. Redwood City. Scandinavian crafts and baked goods, Scandinavian music and entertainment, Coffee and Coffee Bread served all day, Open face sandwiches and swedish hot dogs. Sounds like fun!!

Scholarship applications are due to our Secretary by March 15.



SCANDINAVIAN FESTIVAL

Denmark · Finland · Norway · Sweden

Saturday - APRIL 16, 1988

10:30am - 2:30pm

Board of Realtors Auditorium
2003 Howe Ave. (across from K-Mart)

☆☆☆ FREE ADMISSION!! ☆☆☆

☆ Scandinavian Food

- open-faced sandwiches
- danish sausages & red cabbage
- lefse & meatballs
- aebleskiver
- swedish pancakes

☆ Baked Goods Sale

☆ Scandinavian Crafts

☆ Music & Entertainment

☆ Raffle for Scandinavian Gifts

For Information Call: 421-8886 489-5729 483-4496 or 783-4401

