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THE MONITOR

LADIES TO BE ENTERTAINED

Friday May 6 - 6:30 PM
Bar open at 6:00

Dinner - LADIES FREE

Men - \$5.00 drinks \$1.00



Ted Olson is chairman of this lovely affair and it will be Ted's famous pot roast.

On Ted's committee is Don Gustafson, Ed Dahlberg, Ernie Skorheim, Leo Krastins, Roland Carlson, and others helping to serve.

Gil Holm will be their bar tender.

It's May and Mother's Day week-end and all the ladies will be honored. The men even have a program planned and a hand made gift for all ladies.

Scandia Lodge is our honored guests that evening. We're going to try some thing different this time....the dessert committee will serve their dessert right after the dinner, birthdays honored then and raffles taken care of before our business, this way for those who have to leave early you would get in on most of the activities and you won't miss out on the attendance raffle (as you must be there to win that) and hopefully to cut out people having to work in the kitchen so late. Let us know how you like it. It would be a good time to bring prospective members. A busy, busy evening but fun for all. See you there!!!!



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Dated Material

Thanks to all you good people who are making 1988 an exciting year for Monitor Lodge. The Scandinavian Festival was a huge success. The Children's Club is meeting every week: learning Swedish songs, games, geography, and dances.

At least six people have reported planting special beds of summer flowers for our Mårstång in OLD SACRAMENTO.

Eva Allred (tel. 922-3303) is taking reservations for the Comstock Club luncheon on May 23. If you wish to hear Ambassador Per Anger speak on Raoul Wallenberg, please notify Eva.

The County of Sacramento has invited us to work with it in establishing a multi-cultural theme park in Sacramento area for the purpose of featuring special holidays and festivals of our forefathers. People from all over Northern California are surprised and excited to discover there is such a thing as a Swedish club in Sacramento.

CUR PROBLEM? - How to find time to fit everything in and still have time for plenty of fellowship and fun !!

At our May meeting I will be using a short form open meeting to follow Ladie's Night Dinner and Program put on by our Famous Chefs of Monitor. Our goal is to complete all business by 9:00 PM.

We expect short, succinct reports from Sick Committee, Scholarship, Sweden Day, Cultural, Scandinavian Festival, District Convention, Sweden '88. Any other reports I have overlooked please notify me before Thursday, May 5.

Time for future planning will be given to Sill Frukost, Sweden Day and Midsummer, if necessary.....Do you see our challenge?

After the meeting, be ready to let me know what was good about it, and what was bad. Cards will be provided for your suggestions. We really need your input. Please help! We do not want to lose any of the flavor of Monitor, nor do we want to drive friends away with unnecessary detail.

IN TRUTH AND UNITY

MURIEL HJERSMAN, Chairman



SWEDEN AT PEACE (Conclusion)

In previous items we have discussed Count Folke Bernadotte, Raoul Wallenberg, and Dag Hammarskjold, Swedes who made humanitarian contributions. Time passes and they are almost forgotten but not quite.

One of the buses used in the rescue operations organized by Folke Bernadotte is preserved. We saw it in Israel a few years ago. It tours Europe with one of the original operators. You may wonder why a nephew of King Gustaf V bore the title of count rather than Prince. His father gave up royal succession to marry a commoner. There was a time when these considerations of royalty were important.

Raoul Wallenberg's fate is unknown. At various times he was reported in Russian prison camps; but now more than 40 years have passed since his disappearance. His memory is very much alive in Israel. In that nation there is an annual remembrance week. If there could be saints in Israel, Raoul Wallenberg would be one.

The United Nations has degenerated into an ineffectual debating society since the vigorous leadership of Dag Hammarskjold. At that time there was hope that this would be a really active agency for peace in the world.

Dag Hammarskjold was personally very religious. His personal day book does not record his meetings with world leaders but his private thoughts of the relationship of man and God. One of these is a prayer that has meaning for all of us. Based on the Lord's prayer:

Hallowed be thy name - not mine,
Thy Kingdom come- not mine,
Thy will be done - not mine,
Give us peace with thee
Peace with men
Peace with ourselves
and free us from all fear.

Ted Olson

THE YEAR OF NEW SWEDEN - 1988

(Note-this is the proclaimed Year of New Sweden, the 350th anniversary of the founding of the Swedish colony in America. We are involved in this celebration so we should know some basic facts.)

In the early 1600's Sweden was the great power of Northern Europe. Sweden at that time included Finland, Esthonia, Latvia, and many areas of what is now Germany. As a great power there were individuals with influence who felt that Sweden should claim a part of the new world. Gustaf II Adolf granted a charter to a company to establish a colony in America.

In 1638 two ships sailed from Sweden with colonists. The ships were the Kalmar Nyckel and the Fogel Grip. The expedition was under the direction of Peter Minuit. This was the same Dutch leader who had purchased Manhattan from the indians and established the Dutch colony of New Amsterdam. He was at that time out of a position and out of favor in Holland and glad to have a position. The party of colonists was small, consisting of only a couple hundred Swedes and Finns. Remember Finland was a part of Sweden at that time.

The colonists made friends with the indians and traded with them for beaver pelts. They cleared land and grew tobacco for the home country as well as food for themselves. The colony lasted only 17 years as a Swedish colony when it was taken over by the Dutch. In 1655 Peter Stuyvesant, the crusty governor of New Amsterdam took advantage of a dispute over fishing rights in Delaware Bay and invaded the colony. This did not lead to international conflict because of political changes in Sweden.

New Sweden established few American traditions other than the log cabin. This was a very important factor in the spread of population in America and became an American symbol. The Swedes showed that it was possible to live at peace with the indians. When William Penn established Pennsylvania in 1682 he found the Swedes and Finns next door. They were able to furnish the new colony with food and supplies and promote its success.



BREAKFAST OF VIKINGS

Sill Frukost and Champagne brunch

This year it's earlier in the month.... be sure and mark May 14th on your calendar 11:00 AM in Ed and Lucy Dahlberg's garden at 3310 Del Paso Blvd. (Look for the dalahast on the mailbox) A beautiful setting for the "Breakfast of Vikings" and a little bit of sweden. The price is only \$5.00 and includes your champagne. Full bar open at 10:30. Fried herring in butter, pickled herring, ham, egg strata, new potatoes with dill sauce, sauted onions in butter, pickled beets, limpa, hardtack and champagne, all for only \$5.00. For all you new members you can't afford to miss this truly swedish affair. Do bring your swedish friends or prospective members. PLEASE this year we would like your reservations. Phone Ted Olson's 967-5538 or Dahlberg's at 922-2820. We want to be sure and be able to take care of every one who wants to come.





TILL MOR

Tack du kära lilla Mor
tack för all din möda stor
tack för gärning god
tack för allt ditt tålmod
tack för hoppet som du givit
tack för allt i hela livet
tack för allt som jag fått lära
tack för börd du fått bära
tack för allt ditt goda stöd
tack för hjälpen i min nöd
tack för många vackra stunder
tack för alla goda grunder
tack till sist för kärlek stor
tack, du rara lilla Mor.

Det är Birgitta Filling i Kolsva som skickat oss den här fina Mors dags-dikten. Birgitta berättar att hennes svärmor skrev dikten som elvaåring och gav den till sin mor på Mors dag den 29 maj 1932.

Pytt i panna (4 servings)
from Camilla Caldwell

8-10 potatoes
3/4 pound boiled or fried meat left overs
2 yellow onions (small)
1 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon pepper

For frying: butter or margarine

Rinse and peel uncooked potatoes or peel boiled potatoes.

Cut meat and potatoes in small equal pieces.

Peel and dice onion.

Fry potatoes in butter, set a side.

Fry onions and then the meat.

Mix all ingredients, add salt and pepper and warm.

Top with parsley

Serve with fried eggs and pickled beets

Lycka till!!!

DIRECTORY CHANGE

Please correct Ruth Volkoff's phone number in the new directory. It should be 682-6003



A big THANK YOU to any-one who had any thing to do with the Scandinavian Festival. It was a huge success, and there were thousands of people who must have enjoyed it as we sold out of most every thing, especially food. They were even fighting over the limpa and was willing to pay \$6.00 a loaf just to get some. Would you call that inflation or success!!! Come to our next meeting and get a report from Arlie.



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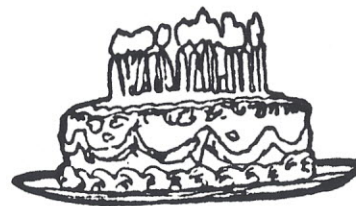
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BIRTHDAYS

May 3 - Dede Dahlberg
May 5 - Don Johnson
May 6 - Elizabeth Coleman

May 12 - Charles Linn
May 12 - Myrtle Widmark
May 15 - Nancy Misenti
May 18 - Charles Nelson
May 24 - Louise Lindquist
May 25 - Francis Misenti
May 27 - Gordon Oleson
May 31 - Dr. D. Link



We especially want to honor George Uffens who will be 79 on May 25th.

Dues Anniversary!! Dorothy and Roland Erickson, Astrid Horyza, Eivor Pfannkuch.

Roland Erickson had major surgery about a month ago, he's now home and doing great.

Carol Baker had major surgery about a week ago and is doing as well as can be expected.

