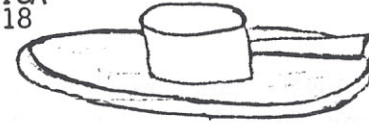


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MONITOR'S ANNUAL PICNIC

PICNIC

Friday August 5, 6:00 PM at the "Howe Ave. Park" in the covered picnic area north of the pool. Enter the parking lot on Bell Street.

Bring your own steak or hamburgers or hot dogs. The barbeque 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.) Dede Dahlberg will present a slide program. You all know how good her programs are. 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

For all you new members who haven't been to our "Kraft Kalas" before.... this is one event you can't afford to miss. Bring your swedish friends. Keep this date open for good food, a lot of fun and good fellowship. It

will be Saturday evening August 20th at Bea Dillard's 3940 Silver Spur Way (phone 482-7214) Bar opens 6:00 PM and eat at 6:30. Bring a large salad or sandwiches, vegetables or fruit, dessert or what ever. This time bring your own card table and chairs. Plates and utensils will be furnished. Come and learn the real swedish way to eat crayfish with akvavit and all!



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Hej san!

Hope you have had a good rest during July. My congratulations to all of our loyal members who have participated in our special projects this year for the Jubilee Celebration of 350 years of Swedish immigration to America.

Now it is time to look ahead to continued vitality and growth of our lodge. A nominating committee is in the process of lining up a strong officer team for 1989. They need your input and support so please call chairman Ted Olson (967-5538) with your suggestions for good people. Above all if you are asked to serve it means others have confidence and trust in you. Please think deeply of that trust and the welfare of our lodge, and response as loyally as you have in the past.

Also in September the program for Monitor Lodge for 1989 will be set up. Have you enjoyed the program for this year? Do you have ideas that you would like to see tried? Call Jean Anderson (682-7438) or Dede Dahlberg (966-4631) and talk it over. Everyones ideas are important for our lodges' future.

Your Chairman,
Muriel Hjersman



AUGUST 6TH BUS trip to see the Oakland A's game and watch 750 Swedish gymnasts perform is all filled up and they have a waiting list so if you can't go besure and let the Veis' know so some one else can take your place.

The bus will be leaving from Arden Faire Amadore Bus Depot at 9:15 AM. Do-nuts and coffee will be served on the bus, and you'll get back in town about 6:00.



THE MONITOR - ANOTHER VISIT

In this year of New Sweden there have been reminders of the USS Monitor; the warship designed by John Ericsson, the Swedish-American genius, which had a decisive influence in the naval aspect of the American Civil War. Monitor is also the name of our lodge and this newsletter.

The famous battle between the Monitor and the Merrimac took place on March 9, 1862. Both ships were ironclad. The Merrimac was reconstructed by the Confederates from a steamer which previously had been burned and sunk. It was rebuilt as a floating fortress covered with four inches of iron. The Monitor had been built in record time. When she put out for sea trial in February 1862 no one in the crew knew how to handle all the new devices. Nothing worked and Ericsson and his civilian mechanics had hurried work to do. The Merrimac (renamed the Virginia by the Confederates) was in operation and destroying the Federal warships attempting to blockade Norfolk.

The Monitor had a wild voyage to Norfolk. She ran into a storm, water washed into the engine room and hand pumps were needed to keep her afloat but she was ready for action on her arrival.

The Monitor had a low profile, almost at water level, and a revolving turret with two heavy guns. She was difficult to hit because of the low profile and exceptionally maneuverable. The Merrimac was much larger and more heavily armed but could not inflict serious damage. The heavy armor of the Merrimac survived most of the damage from the Monitor's guns. The engagement could be called a draw but the Merrimac never returned to action.

The Monitor doesn't look like a typical ship. It is difficult to picture. It is sometimes remarked that the picture on our newsletter looks like a Mexican hat. (to be continued)

Ted Olson

BITS AND PIECES.....

Ruth Lundberg found out two days before their long motor home trip to Florida that she has multiple myeloma, but that didn't stop her she managed to keep up with the rest of them and when they came back she started her chemotherapy. She says she is feeling fine.



Ethel Hoffman fell and broke her arm.

Sue Bergman has been hospitalized with leg problems

Iris Ostlund will be having an operation August 1st for a tumor and some more chemotherapy.

Larry Skicklig is doing great...he still is having therapy.

With the political conventions this year had to put this in....

How to tell Democrats from Republicans

Republicans study the financial pages of the newspaper. Democrats put them in the bottom of the bird cage.

Republicans sleep in twin beds...some even in separate rooms. That is why there are more Democrats.

Some of our members have been doing a lot of traveling this summer. Just a few that I know of.....

The Lundberg's went to Florida
The Hjersman's to Nebraska to see their new grandchild Dede Dahlberg and her Dad Ed visiting relatives in the mid-west.
Bea Dillard to Sweden also Birgitta Persson and her daughter went to Sweden.
Roland and Margaret Carlson going to Junction City Swedish Festival.

Hjartliga gratuler Pa Fodelsedagen!!



- July 5 - Martha Fredrickson
- 7 - Herb Johnson
- 8 - Hildur Benson
- 10 - Eivor Pfannkuch
- 10 - John Forsburg
- 11 - Ernest Skorheim
- 15 - Camilla Caldwell

- 16 - Camilla Holm
- 18 - Ivar Axberg
- 21 - Richard Beckwith
- 24 - Joyce Johnson
- 29 - Don Gustafson
- 31 - Leo Krastins



Birthdays

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| August 1 - Carl E. Larson | 15 - Lars Ostlund |
| 2 - Alice Swanfeldt | 17 - Martha Olson |
| 5 - Sigrid Thorsen | 19 - Charles Badgley |
| 7 - Brian Buscher | 22 - Jennie Sea |
| 7 - Harry Swanson | 26 - Birgitta Persson |
| 8 - Jack Smith | 27 - Regina Ryan |
| 9 - Paul Gullans | 29 - Dorothy Kingren |
| 11 - Sue Bergman | 29 - Steven Stromgren |
| 13 - Mary Anderson | |

SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS

Hildur Benson was 91 July 8
Jennie Sea will be 84 on August 22
Martha Olson will be 76 August 17
Charles Badgley will be 81 on August 19
Sigrid Thorsen will be 80 on August 5
Martha Fredrickson was 77 on July 5
Sue Bergman will be 77 on August 11
Mary Anderson will be 75 on August 13

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Bea Dillard and her family. Her husband Tom Dillard a dentist in the Rancho Cordova area for years, passed away July 7 after a lengthy illness.



YOUR "NEW SWEDEN '88" SACRAMENTO "JUBILEE CITY" COMMITTEE REPORTS. The Midsummer Celebration "on the green" in Old Sacramento June 18th came off as planned in the June Newsletter, as did the Vasa Midsummer in front of Crocker Art Museum. The Majstång was beautiful thanks to Kurt Pfannkuch and his committee. Thanks also to all the gatherings of flowers accomplished by Muriel Hjersman, Corry Weidman and sister, and those who grew flowers for this event. Also, you Hosts and Hostesses (listed in June Newsletters), you were terrific! Thanks a million! Thanks for the help of Kurt & Eivor and Margareta Logus on the caravan trip to Lake Tahoe for our dancers and musicians, Bollnas Country Folk Dancers. A very special thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Robert Malone for opening their lovely home with such hospitality to our guests on their trip to Lake Tahoe! Also, it should be recognized that the Veis contribution to the national anthems, Bee Dillard appearing as our Chairman of New Sweden after having been back from Sweden only four days, Kurt Pfannkuch as EMcee, Deidre & Ed Dahlberg's great decorations, the use of the PA System was thanks to Corry Weidman and Bob Sibell, and the enthusiastic participation and program put on by the Bollnas group from Halsingland made the Midsummer Celebration 1988 an event to remember! Thanks to Nord Lodge members who helped so much for the Vasa Picnic in front of Crocker Art Museum. Hope we have not overlooked anyone or group. Oh, YES, the GRAND touch was delivered from the podium by Eric Johnson, Grand Lodge Deputy, who spoke on "New Sweden '88". Thanks, Eric.

AND THEN CAME JULY! The large exhibit of 12 two-sided screens, 7'x 9', "SWEDEN & AMERICA 1638-1988: A HISTORY CELEBRATED" arrived early (all 1200 lbs. of it). Fortunately, we were able to display it for a week in the Downtown Plaza Mall, between Grebitus and U.C. Extension. Thanks to Marilyn Hirschi and the Downtown Plaza Associates! Don Gustafson, Ernie Skorheim, Harry & Elizabeth Johnson set up the display. Don and Ernie did a beautiful job of arranging a big exhibit in a limited area.

JULY 3-16. "Sweden & America ..." exhibit was packed up, loaded on Johnsons' truck and set up again in the State Capitol, part in front of the Governor's Office and part on the third floor directly above and under the control of the Assembly Rules Committee. The crew this time was Dean Peterson, Paul Thor, Harry & Elizabeth Johnson. This was a CHALLENGING JOB! The men deserve a BIG THANKS. Ask them what was entailed some time. This placement was arranged through Richard Lee, Building Manager, and on the third floor with the consent of the Assembly Rules Committee and Tom Bane. Thank you, gentlemen!
JULY 16. Repacking of exhibit to truck. Team consisted of: Steve Stromgren and David Dorey. They were great! Of course, the Johnsons were there.
JULY 17, in the evening. There to unload and set up this large exhibit in the Country Club Plaza Mall from the main entrance by Woolworth's to Weinstock's were: Ronny Kagstrom, (and Peter 1 yr.) Ken & Peggy Carlson, Bee Dillard, Harry & Elizabeth Johnson, and Mall Manager Jim Swenson. The men did a terrific job of setting up and displaying while Bee and Elizabeth had fun playing with Peter. The set-up this time took 1½ hours, much less than before. Thank you, men! What a Mall Manager; he works!!
JULY 29. Exhibit is packed up for shipment to Oregon. Crew is: Paul Thor, Steve Stromgren, Harry Johnson, and Mall Manager Jim Swenson with Elizabeth just helping on the edges. All of this opportunity is thanks to Jim Swenson!

Those who manned the table, many thanks! Bee Dillard, Elizabeth Johnson, Chuck Nelson, Karen & Viola Bodelson, Thelma Badgley & Katherine Bruckers, Thelma Range, Jean Anderson & Ethel Johnson, Audrey Fales, Eva Allred & Ethel Hoffman, Joyce Burns, and Camilla Caldwell. Also Hank and Muriel Hjersman and Leo Krastins and anyone else I missed.

What faithful people you are and how supportive of this, your celebration of ". . . 1988 as the Year of New Sweden." Tusen Tack! Elizabeth Johnson, Contact Person, "New Sweden '88" Sacramento "Jubilee City".