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THE MONITOR

Regular business meeting
Friday October 7, 1988 at
7:30 PM (sharp)



We will have election of
new officers....program for next year to
decide on....and as part of "New Sweden 88" we will be
initiating 18 new members, also we will be selling
Smörgåsbord tickets and need sign ups and your help.
Busy, busy evening but most important one.

Our Cultural Chairman will present the "Year of
New Sweden 88" right at 7:30 and then after our meeting
we will play "Vasa Jeopardy"

Special refreshments.....if your name starts with
A thru F please bring one dozen party sandwiches.
See you all there!!!

REMEMBER OUR SMÖRGÅSBORD NOVEMBER 12....



Come to our October meeting, buy
your tickets, and sign up for food to
bring and offer your help in any way you
can. It would be really appreciated by
your chairman, Margaret Carlson.

Remember it will cost you only \$7.00
and not \$12.00 if you sign up. Get your
tickets early they are going fast this year, OR at least
make your reservation now with Margaret Carlson 457-7376

The Smörgåsbord will be bigger and better this
year. We are going to attempt to do it the real swedish
way and it will be one lovely affair you won't want to
miss. Mark it on your calendar and get your tickets
early. It is our big money making project for the
year, so every one needs to be involved. Invite your
swedish friends and we will see you all there.



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THE "MONITOR" AND OTHER MONITORS

My Special Thanks to you Danish members of our Lodge for the outstanding program on Denmark which you presented at our September meeting. I commend you all for the choices you made and the consistent high quality of each portion of the program. The program deserved an entire evening to really enjoy and appreciate your offerings.

Thanks also to all you members who pitched in and helped in the alphabetical clean-up duties and room arranging. Some of you said that it would have helped if there had been someone to sort of tell you what to do, so this month we switch the duties for helping the Lodge run smoothly, and identify the "tellers":

If your last name starts with A through F, bring one dozen party sandwiches, and assist Joyce Burns and Karen and Viola Bodelson by helping to serve refreshments after initiation, and cleaning up the kitchen for the next tenant.

G through L, assist Camilla Holm (Mistress of Ceremonies) in putting away all Monitor equipment, clear stations, and return the meeting room to standard condition for the next tenant; at the close of the meeting, of course.

M through W, assist Dede Dahlberg and Camilla Holm to set up the meeting room for initiation after the program.

Thanks for sharing the load.

In Truth and Unity,

Muriel Hersman



Hjartliga gratuler pa Fodelsedagen!!

- Oct. 3 Bernie Lundberg
- 3 Lowell Carlson
- 4 Eva Allred
- 5 Karen Johnson
- 6 Dale Ingvardson
- 7 Charles Campbell
- 9 Barbara Lutz
- 9 Ellerie Campbell
- 10 Karin Bodelson
- 16 Juanita Skorheim
- 20 Ethel Hoffman
- 23 Lilmar Olson
- 27 Vickie Lydecker
- 29 Gibson Kingren

Military security, in modern terms, just did not exist during the Civil War. There were sympathizers on both sides, there was no well established front, there was no language barrier, and information moved rather freely. Observers noted that the Confederate Navy had raised the Merrimac which had been previously sunk, and were rebuilding it into a new type of warship.

This information was reported to the Northern Navy which made counterplans. Ship designers were asked to submit plans and bids for an ironclad warship. Asa Bushnell of Connecticut submitted a plan which was somewhat similar to the Merrimac. The Naval Review Board questioned whether the hull could carry the weight of armor and armament. Bushnell took his design to the best marine engineer he knew, John Ericsson.

Ericsson reviewed the plans and made his calculations. He declared the ship would float but questioned the design. He went to his files and produced a model and plans for a ship with a flush deck and revolving turret, all armorclad. Bushnell was so impressed he overcame Ericsson's objections to dealing with the US Navy and submitted the design to Gideon Welles, the Secretary of the Navy.

Welles was also impressed and he and Bushnell took the model and design to Washington where they convinced President Lincoln. The Naval Review Board had more questions but Ericsson came to Washington and persuaded the Board. He received a contract to construct the Monitor. I have never found a reason for the name. The word has several meanings but all of them connote in some form to control.

After the initial action of the Monitor the Navy was enthusiastic about the design and Secretary Welles ordered twenty more ships. Monitor thus became the name of a type of warship.

(to be continued)

Ted Olson

CULTURAL SEMINAR

The Golden Gate District 12 second biannual cultural seminar will be October 15th at the Stockton Inn 4219 Waterloo Rd Stockton. Located at the intersection of Highway 99 and Waterloo Rd. Seminar is from 10:00AM to 4:00 PM. Price is \$15 includes lunch and coffee and sweet rolls in the morning.

Speakers will be Ruby Hendrickson and Jean Ehenberg on tracing your roots. Their specialty is Swedish Genealogy. John Lofgren on Swedish culture and the study resources available for Swedish culture. And then Ulla all the way from Sweden who is the co-author of a well know Swedish book "Folkdräkter före och nu, Tradition och Sömnar" Sounds very interesting....if you want to go you must make your reservations ahead of time and also pay your \$15 to Dede Dahlberg. Please see her at the October meeting, anyone may go.

Nål O Tråd

Will have a busy month. Saturday October 1st 2:00 PM we are meeting at Camilla Caldwell's at Dutch Flats.

Tuesday October 11th at 7:00 PM is "wheat weaving" with Astrid Feist as our teacher. We will

actually make things. It will be at Mira Loma High School - 4000 Edison Ave If you haven't received a list of items to bring (such as scissors etc) from Dede Dahlberg please see her at our October meeting.

Tuesday October 25th 6:30 at Bea Dillard's 3940 Silver Spur Way we will learn how to make Kroppkakor and of course eat the results. Any and all women are welcome to attend any of the meetings. Please contact Dede Dahlberg for more information.



A BIG THANK YOU to Russell Ellis for printing our address labels and to Hank Hjernsman for keeping our addresses straight getting the labels to me. Also a super BIG thank you to Evelyn Anderson for stapling the news letter to gether and having them ready for me to deliver to the post office. You are appreciated!

GOLF TOURNAMENT: The 20th annual Golden Gate District 12 Golf Tournament.

DATE: October 9th

PLACE: Palo Alto Muni Golf Course

TIME: 12:00 noon

COST: \$17.50

DINNER: at Golf Course dinning room

Contact Arlie Veis at 489-5729 for reservations.

MONDAY NIGHT OCTOBER 3rd is Smorgasbord Planning night at Hjernsman's 640 - 40th Street 7:00 PM. Any-one having new and good ideas, receipe's etc Please come, would appreciate all the help we can get. See you there!!!

SONS OF NORWAY will have their annual "Torsk and Meatball" Dinner October 22nd at Sons of Norway Hall 770 Darina Avenue. Dinner served from 5:00 to 7:30 dancing at 8:30. Price is \$10. Reservations please phone Ann Sander 366-8071 or Pearl Lemkull 483-4496.

IN MEMORIAM



Our deepest sympathy goes out to family and friends of Harry Swanson who passed away September 23rd. Memorial services was held on September 28th. Harry was 90 years old and a long time member of Monitor.

SWEDISH PROVERB: No one becomes a good doctor before he fills a church yard.

We are invited to Sierra Kronan Lodge as their guests for their regular meeting on Friday October 14th 7:30 PM They will be having a "Halloween Costume Parade" a silent auction and special refreshments. they meet at the Scout Lodge 107 Sutter Street in Roseville.

Republicans enjoy exterminators. Democrats step on the bugs.

DON'T FORGET at our October meeting we will be voting on our 1989 slate of officers presented by our nominating committee as follows:

Chairman- Mrs. Ruth Veis
Vice Chairman- Mr. Kurt Pfannkuch
Recording Secretary- Mr. Paul Gullans
Asst. Rec. Secretary- Mrs. Karin Dorey
Financial Secretary- Mrs. Liesma Krastins
Asst. Fin. Secretary- Mrs. Martha Fredrickson
Treasurer- Mr. Brian Buscher
Cultural Leader- Miss Deidre Dahlberg
Chaplain- Mrs. Viola Bodelson
Master of Ceremonies- Mrs. Alice Olson
Asst. Master of Ceremonies- Mrs. Margaret Carlson
Inner Guard- Mr. Leo Krastins
Outer Guard- Mr. Don Gustafson
Past Chairman- Mrs. Muriel Hjersman
Co-Supervisors Children's Club-
Mrs. Peggy Carlson & Mrs. Camilla Caldwell
Historians- Ivar and Alice Axberg

AUDITORS

Herb Johnson (1 yr.) Dick Westrup (2 yrs.)
Henry Hjersman (3 yrs.)

TRUSTEES

Birgit Dillard (1 yr.) Arlie Veis (2 yrs.)
Lennart Andersson (3 yrs.)

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Elizabeth Johnson (1 yr.) Ted Olson (2 yrs.)
Anna Ethel Johnson (3 yrs.)

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Margaret Carlson (1 yr.) Eleanor Vine (2 yrs.)
Joyce Burns (3 yrs.)

SWEDEN DAY DELEGATES

Ted Olson (1 yr.) Muriel Hjersman (2 yrs.)

EDITORIAL STAFF, MONITOR NEWSLETTER

Margaret Carlson
Karin Bodelson

All the above nominees have agreed to serve. Some offices are more demanding than others but all are important to the functioning of our lodge. Please give them your support.



HANDICRAFT FROM SWEDEN, an exhibit you are sponsoring through Sacramento "Jubilee City" Committee (our designation in the "New Sweden '88" celebration). This exhibit was produced for the Swedish Institute, Stockholm, in cooperation with the Swedish Information Service, New York. It appears to be a truly fine exhibit of six screens and numerous items. This will be displayed at the American River College during the month of November through the auspices of Jim Carlson, Dean of the Library. WATCH THE NEXT NEWSLETTER for more information! We may need some help as Pseudo-Docents or some such information group. The explanatory material is fascinating.

ALSO, Look elsewhere in this Newsletter for information about the Smorgåsbord with reminders of NEW SWEDEN '88.

Omitted, unintentionally, were some further "thank you's" for being there when needed for help with exhibits and generally supportive. Eric Johnson came from Stockton and helped on that challenging job of putting up the large exhibit, "Sweden & America, 1638-1988: A History Celebrated", in the Capitol. How could we overlook that!! Forgive us, Eric. Believe we mentioned it before, but we are grateful to Arlie and Ruth Veis for combining a visit with relatives and representing us in Milwaukee for the Kickoff in January. Thanks again!

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE reminds those of you making contacts to follow-up on people interested in the Swedish culture, our activities, and may wish to join our lodge, make additional contacts by 'phone or in person. Let's not forget them. Thank you.

A note from Ruth Lundberg: I wish to thank all the members who have sent me lovely cards and notes of encouragement. It really helps to be remembered and I appreciate your concern. The 22nd I will find out if my chemotherapy has been successful. Thanks to all my Monitor friends again.

Love,

Ruth Lundberg