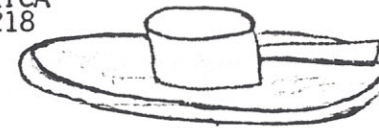


Wisteria Hall
3830 "U" Street
Sacramento, CA.
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THE MONITOR

JANUARY



JULGRANS PLUNDERING on Friday
January 6, 1989 - 7:30 sharp,
the first meeting of the New Year.
It is a regular business meeting
with annual reports due and
election of District Delegates.

"Rhapsody of Sweden" a 20
minute movie well worth coming
out to see will be shown also,
that night.

The new incoming officers
are on the refreshment committee...start the new year
out right and attend this fun filled evening.

COMING UP



Everyone is welcome to our
INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS.
January 21, 1989 at Wisteria
Hall 3830 "U" St. 11:00 AM. Lunch to be served at
11:30. Peggy Carlson and the Children's Club to cater
this lovely affair.

The price is only \$5.00 and this will be a joint
installation of Reno, Skogan, Sierra Kronan and Monitor.
Paid reservations should be in by January 18th. Make
check payable to Monitor Lodge #218 and send to Muriel
Hjersman, 640 40th Street Sacramento, 95819.

Let's make this a memorable day for all four lodges.
The District Master's Club will officiate and a nice
program is planned.



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Gott nytt år!

As we look forward to new experiences with old friends and new in Monitor Lodge, we can look back with satisfaction to the many pleasant experiences we have had together during 1988.

As your outgoing chairman, I feel blessed with the commitment so many of you have shown. Pleasant experiences often are the result of much work to make them happen.

Remember the terrific Sacramento Scandinavian Festival held at the Sacramento Board of Realtors, chaired by Arlie Veis? Remember the great number of Monitor members who pitched in and helped put it over? And, there was Dede Dahlberg with a real log cabin at the Camellia Festival, thanks to much help from Ed Dahlberg, Ken and Roland Carlson and others - then the terrific cultural programs, parties, the Nål o' Tråd group which involved so many of you to be successful; and the vital growing Children's Club under the joint leadership of Peggy Carlson and Camilla Caldwell.

And don't forget your housing of 39(?) Swedish visitors in Monitor homes, and the beautiful Midsummer Program and Måsting in old Sacramento, in which so many of you worked. And the three Swedish exhibits put on display in such public places as the State Capitol, American River College, CSUS, thanks to the commitment and labors of Elizabeth Johnson, our Sweden '88 Coordinator, Bee Dillard, our local chairman, and the help of many Monitor members.

To end with a smashingly successful, very Swedish Smörgåsbord where many people just came in and volunteered to help under Margaret Carlson's leadership, and a Christmas Party of such warmth and joy of camaraderie is a joy indeed. It was your teamwork which mattered, Tack så mycket, mina vänner.

It has been a joy and honor.

In truth and Unity,

Muriel Afferman

JOE HILL

The Wall Street Journal is not entirely devoted to news of stocks and bonds and mergers and acquisitions. There are book and play reviews, items about international affairs, politics, even gardening and sports. There are also some off-beat news items you will never find in the mainstream press.

In the edition of December 12, 1988 there is a story with the headline "A QUESTION YOU SHOULD'NT ASK; WHATEVER BECAME OF JOE HILL?" You will probably ask "who was Joe Hill?" In Gävle, Sweden every one knows about Joe Hill. There is even a Joe Hill museum. That was his home town.

Joe Hill was Josef Hillström. He came to America as an immigrant young man. The problems of exploitation he faced as an immigrant and saw about him in the lives of the working poor led him to become an organizer for the very radical labor organization, the Industrial Workers of the World, otherwise known as the IWW or the Wobblies. He simplified his Swedish name to Joe Hill and became an effective organizer. The IWW concentrated much of its effort in the new industries of the west. Joe Hill worked in California and other western states. This led him to Utah where he met his end.

Who was Joe Hill? In 1915 everyone knew who Joe Hill was. He was probably the most notorious man in the country and probably the most hated. He was a convicted murderer facing execution. However, there were important people all over the world who interceded in vain on his behalf. Even President Wilson requested clemency but Joe Hill died before a firing squad in Utah.

(to be continued)

Ted Olson

Oh, oh, dues are due and right after the first of the year too. Dues are \$14 a year and checks should be made out to Monitor Lodge #218 and brought to the January meeting or mailed to our Financial Secretary, Lisa Krastins, 5550 - 78th Street, Sacramento 95820.



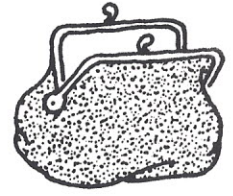
Hjärtliga gratular på Födelsedagen!!!!

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| Carol Baker | Ronny Kagstrom | Jack Smith |
| Peggy Beckwith | Christie Kagstrom | Audrey Smith |
| Richard Beckwith | Helen Leroy | Frank Stangl |
| Ivy Bland | Charles Linn | Gladys Stangl |
| Don Carlson | Margaret Linn | Steve Stromgren |
| Kenneth Carlson | Arnold Lindquist | Harry Taylor |
| Peggy Carlson | Louise Lindquist | Sandy Taylor |
| Elizabeth Coleman | Carl A. Larson | Joyce Trnka |
| Bee Dillard | Carl E. Larson | Elena Trnka |
| Gary Doze | Erika Lewis | George Uffens |
| Kerstin Doze | Daniel Link | Maude Udvardy |
| Brigitta Ellis | Margaretha Logus | Arlie Veis |
| Martha Fredrickson | Barbara Lutz | Ruth Veis |
| Alex Freeland | Marhta Olson | Harriett Yager |
| John Forsburg | Phillip Olson | |
| Bente Hall | Barbara Olson | |
| Etna Hermanson | Inez Norling | |
| Ethel Hoffman | Darlene Palmer | |
| Kjell Hakansson | Thelma Range | |
| Dale Ingvarlsen | Regina Ryan | |
| Mary Ingvarlsen | Eugenie Sholl | |
| Eleanore Johnson | Gustav Skicklig | |
| Linda Johnson | Marge Skicklig | |
| Herb Johnson | Ernie Skorheim | |
| Millie Johnson | Juanita Skorheim | |
| Joyce Johnson | Cecilia Segerstedt | |
| Karin Johnson | Ingrid Smith | |

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| Jan. 4 | Cecilia Segerstedt | 16 | Billie Nelson |
| 4 | Elayne Lincecum | 20 | Etna Hermanson |
| 6 | Alice Olson | 21 | Barbara Cornelius |
| 6 | Bente Hall | 21 | LaVerne Gullens |
| 8 | Don Carlson | 21 | Peggy Beckwith |
| 8 | Roland Carlson | 22 | Thelma Badgley |
| 8 | Gladys Stengl | 23 | Maybelle Gustafson |
| 9 | Leisma Krastins | 24 | Elena Trnka |
| 12 | Phil Olson | 25 | Birgitta Ellis |
| 13 | Darlene Palmer | 27 | Ed Dahlberg |
| 13 | Kersten Barney | 25 | Viola Bodelson |
| 13 | Ted Olson | 29 | Ruth Veis |
| 13 | Ivy Bland | | |

Special, Special birthday greetings to Cecilia Segerstedt who will be 80 on the 4th. Ivy Bland will be 77 on the 13th and Etna Hermanson 76 on the 20th.

Pay Your
DUES
Please



to Lisa Krastins who lost both her Mother and Father in November within 9 days of each other. Our deepest sympathy goes out to you.

If you have paid your dues THANK YOU!!!

Ole showed up at work with a black eye. He explained it as being caused by "Seenus trouble" "No, no" said one of his co-workers, "It's called sinus trouble."

"Vell all I know," said Ole, "is that I was out with this married voman and her husband seen us."

NOTES

NÅL O TRÅD will meet the 2nd Tuesday January 10 - 7:00 PM at Dede Dahlberg 5829 Birdcage St. #266 Citrus Heights.

Plans to be made for the new year etc....all ladies are welcome to come.

Scandinavian Festival meeting will be Monday January 9th at 7:00 PM at Sons of Norway Hall. Anyone interested in helping at the festival please come to the meeting.



Children's Club for the beautiful "Lucia Fest". Camilla Caldwell and Peggy Carlson did a terrific job. Thanks also to Ruth Veis and Eleanor Vine who coordinated the food....all the beautiful cookies you people brought...the children had made and sold swedish ornaments and this year they had a real "Tomten" thanks to Dede Dahlberg. It was a good turn out and a beautiful day.

The Children's Club wants to thank all of you for supporting their Lucia Fest, for buying their swedish ornaments, and they want to THANK Ruth and Arlie Veis for helping with the program.

And a SPECIAL BIG THANK YOU to the NÅL O TRÅD women who sewed our costumes, they are so neat!!

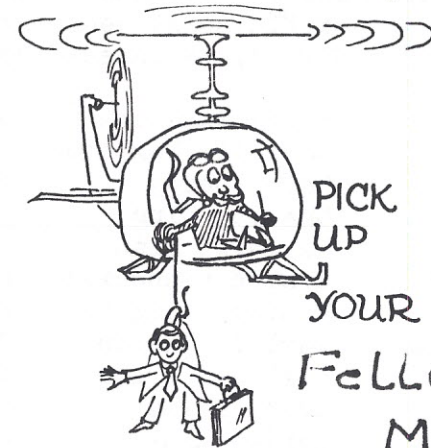
We NEED a hospitality coordinator.....the primary responsibilities for the Hospitality Coordinator is to see that everyone has the opportunity to participate in the providing and serving of food and refreshments. and if the committees need help in setting up and decorating, you are to help. PLEASE contact Ruth Veis.

As Ole lay dying, he asked his wife; "Lena, would you get me some of dat Lutefisk you got cooking on da stove?"

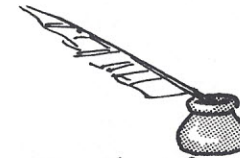
"I'm sorry," said Lena, "I'm saving dat for after da funeral."



Winter Driving Tips



there are a lot of older members who would like to come if only they had a ride.



New Year's Resolutions

1. Be active in our lodge
2. Sign up on a committee
3. Bring in new members

A lot of flu and colds going around but the sick committee has had no reports of any major illness.

This is my last newsletter....I've been doing it since 1984 and I need a break. Ruth and Bernie Lundberg have volunteered to take over. Isn't that nice?

I do want to thank you for all your help and support and kind remarks. They were appreciated. I especially want to thank Evelyn Anderson for all the help she gave me this past year.