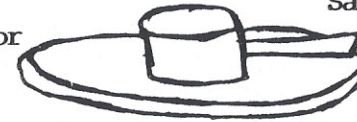


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THE MONITOR



- 3 7:30 P.M. Business Meeting. Nord Lodge our guests.
Cultural Program: Svensk Hemslojd, Deide Dahlberg
Coffee Committee: Ethel Johnson, Jean Anderson,
Vickie Lydecker and Joyce Burns.

LET'S ALL BE THERE!

- 7 & 21 NAL O Trad (sewing group) Place to be announced.
11 INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP LUNCHEON at the Red Lion Inn
Maid of Sweden: Megham Barney
Escort: Kurt Pfannkuch
20 Next meeting of the SCANDINAVIAN FESTIVAL COMMITTEE
7:00 P.M. at Norway Hall



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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE:

Thank you to all people that helped with the PEASOUP & PANCAKE supper. For those who left early, you missed the Danish Dessert and cakes and cupcakes. We also thank those members who contributed. Henry Hjersman had an excellent slide show of the Vikings. We can certainly see how the many handi-crafts have been handed down to our generation.

Bea Dillard, Arlie and I checked out and cleaned out our many cupboards at the Lodge Hall. We have plenty of supplies for future meetings.

We have excellent dinners and refreshments, and our Cultural Leader's programs are outstanding. I hope to lead an efficient and short as possible meeting. We need business meetings to coordinate all our many activities.

This has been a learning process for me this past month. I helped assemble the Newsletter, cooked peasoup, taught folk dances to the Children's Club and checked our supplies. Believe me this is a real education.

In Truth & Unity,

Ruth Veis, Chairman

MARCH DATES _ (CONTINUED)

4 & 5 Camellia Festival - Monitor will have a display booth at the Camellia Festival Flower show at the Sacramento Convention Center. It will be featuring the province of Dalarna. An 8 foot Dala Hest will be the backdrop with the table displays of other Dalarna artifacts - orange horses, wood chickens, textiles etc. If you have any items from Dalarna that you could loan to the committee for display please contact Diedre Dahlberg or Arlie Veis. Thanks to the enthusiastic response at our last meeting we have the booth manned for all the open hours. Some help in set up and take down will be appreciated. Our Children's Club will be performing at 3:30 on Saturday the 4th on the stage in the ethnic display area. Come down and support Monitor's effort.

John Ericsson - (again)

In 1844 John Ericsson declared he would never do anything further for the U.S. Navy. This was the result of the shabby treatment by Lt. Robert Stockton who attempted to shift the blame for the gun explosion on the USS Princeton. Stockton saw to it that Ericsson was not paid for his work for the Navy. It was many years later during the Civil War that Ericsson relented and aided the Navy by designing the "Monitor" and with many other inventions.

However, even if Ericsson had not done this, his invention of the screw propeller would still have had a revolutionary effect on the Navy. It was the Navy that recognized the value of the screw propeller which was less vulnerable to attack than the paddle wheel which had been in use. The screw propeller also permitted engines to be placed below the water line for greater protection. Until this the Navy had relied on wooden sailing ships. The wind was free and clean. Some sailing ships remained in use in the Navy until the 1890s.

While the wind was free it was also undependable. Steam permitted flexibility and maneuverability but also required new skills and, most important, supply of coal and boiler water. This involved a new auxilliary, the collier, and also coaling stations. America's colonial expansion to Hawaii, Samoa, Guam and the Philippines resulted in large part from need for coaling stations in the Pacific.

There were some captains who objected. Coal was an expense. Coal was dirty, coaling was arduous work and soot made it difficult to keep the decks clean. They could not remain at sea for months and even years as they had done in the days of Decatur, Porter and Wilkes when it was important to show the flag of the new country in many ports. Many ships had sails in addition to steam and used favorable winds to save fuel.

Progress was inevitable both in the U.S. Navy and in foreign navies. The first ironclad steam ships with the screw propeller evolved into the destroyers, cruisers, and battleships of the modern Navy. Tonnage, armor, and armament increased, oil, and even nuclear power replaced coal as fuel, all still depend on John Ericsson's invention, the screw propeller.

Ted Olson



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| 3-01 Astrid Horyza | 3-17 Donn Stafford |
| 3-01 Thor Barrows | 3-17 Kenneth Carlson |
| 3-02 Harriett Yager | 3-18 Aliceann Berry |
| 3-04 Karin Dorey | 3-20 Helen Jensen |
| 3-05 Ellen Herting | 3-23 Harry Taylor |
| 3-06 Berthell Nelson | 3-24 Gerda Anderson |
| 3-08 Jack Doscher | 3-24 Faye Powell |
| 3-08 Eugenie Sholl | 3-25 Katherine Brucker |
| 3-13 Henry Hjersman | 3-26 Lennart Thornros |
| 3-15 Linda Johnson | 3-29 Kjell Hakanson |
| 3-15 Ruth Lundberg | 3-29 Joyce Burns |
| 3-15 Johan Sandstrom | 3-30 Frank Lindahl |

Special Birthdays: Faye Powell 83, Ellen Herting 81, and Astrid Horyza 80. Congratulations!

Changes to the Program Book: Delete Lindquist, Arnold & Louise, Deceased Dillard, Tom, Ellen Johnson. Norling, Inez should read Inez.

Date for the Smorgasbord has been changed to November 4th.

Our new Secretary's name and address: Paul Gullans, 3314 Pope Ave., Sacramento, CA 95821 Phone: 485-2609

Cutoff date for next Monitor will be March 22.

Delegates to the District Convention are: Bernie Lundberg, Ted Olson, Muriel and Hank Hjersman. Alternates are: Ruth Lundberg and Alice Olson.

Keep April 21-23 open to attend the 74th annual convention at the Hilton Hotel in Stockton.

I heard we had very young prospective members present at the last meeting. Five month old son of Brian & Susan Buscher and twin daughters 2 months old, whose parents are the David Swansons.

APRIL EVENTS

1 VALLEY VASA GOLF TOURNAMENT: El Dorado Hills Golf Course. Dinner and cocktails following at the Lennart Andersson home. Contact Lennart Andersson or Charlie Linn for applications. Deadline is March 12. \$14.00 Green Fees, Dinner \$6.00. Starting time 11:15.

8 SCANDINAVIAN FESTIVAL: Saturday-remember this date. We need a lot of hands to lighten the load. Many people have volunteered to work the whole day (we are open from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. this year) but if you can only spare a couple of hours that would really be appreciated also. Call Arlie 489-5729. And don't forget the BAKED GOODS. We can use all the "Home Baked" goods you can bring - we ran out at about one o'clock last year. (ingredients costs are reimbursable) **Come one and all** and bring your neighbors and friends. We are working on having visitations from our Consul Generals this year, a full Scandinavian program, better arrangement of the facilities and some new vendors are appearing.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The same rules apply as in 1988. The committee will be taking applications from High School seniors (1989 graduates) for the annual Monitor Scholarship.

The applicants must be members, children of members or grandchildren of lodge members. Those interested should obtain the needed forms from Eva Allred. The forms should be mailed to the lodge secretary, which will include:

1. The student's application
2. Three letters of recommendation
3. One written composition. The composition theme will deal with the applicant's goals for the future, and how the scholarship will assist him or her toward those goals.

Deadline: March 15, 1989 - The winners will be notified before June

Please write to Eva Allred for forms: 188 Johnston Rd. Sacramento, CA 95815

