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THE MONITOR



MAY 27 Sill Frukost at Ed and Lucy Dahlberg's starting at 10:30. 3310 Del Paso Blvd., Sacramento, CA. Ted and Alice Olson and committee in charge.



Pot Luck

June 2 **Swedish Potluck** Eva Allred, Chairman. Ethel Hoffman, Jean Anderson, Kersten Doze, Margaret Carlson and Myrtle Widmark on the committee.
Bar: 6:00 and Dinner 6:30
Ladies please bring your favorite Swedish hot dish, salad or dessert.

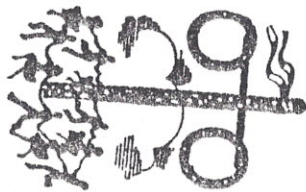
Scholarship award will be received by Kersten Barney.

Cultural program: "Sweden in Song", by Ruth and Arlie Veis.

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June 3 **Sweden Day** - Micke Grove, Lodi, Area 1,
Program at 1:30.

June 9 Monitor members are guests of Sierra
Kronan Lodge.

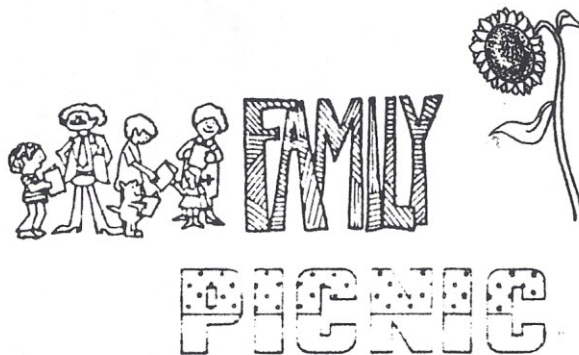
Sallad och Supe 6:30 PM
Scout Hall, 107 Sutter St., Roseville
Program: Happy Tappers

June 24 **Midsummer Fest** - Elk Grove Park, Area 7.
Decorate Maypole at 10:00. Lunch at
12:00 and Program at 1:00 PM.

JULY

Vacation - No meeting

AUGUST



August 4 **Barbeque and Picnic** at Howe Park - 6:30
Ice Cream Social at Veis's afterwards
and Program.

August 19 **Krafte Fest** - Crayfish and Potluck of
Salads and sandwiches and dessert.
6:00 PM at Bea Dillard's, 3940 Silver
Spur Way, Sacramento.

Engelbrekt did not attempt to overthrow Eric of Pomerania. He apparently only wished reprieve from the burdensome taxes. He was one of the signers of an agreement with Eric who then left Sweden for Denmark. The real government of Sweden became a council of Swedish nobles.

The military campaigns had affected Engelbrekt physically. He suffered from rheumatism or arthritis and could not walk without crutches. He had been given the province of Närke and retired there to Örebro castle. In April 1436, there was a meeting of the council in Stockholm for more negotiation with Eric. As Captain-General of Sweden, Engelbrekt had to attend.

He could not ride a horse so he had to travel by boat. On April 27, 1436, Engelbrekt's party stopped to spend the night on an island in Lake Hjälmaren. He was joined by a party with Måns Bengtsson of the noble Natt och Dag family. Engelbrekt had been at enmity with the family but differences had been reconciled. He welcomed Måns Bengtsson who immediately struck him with his broad axe. The crippled Engelbrekt tried to flee but his assailant split his head with his broad axe and his men shot the corpse with arrows. This was witnessed by his wife and family.

We know more about the death of Engelbrekt than most of his life. There were witnesses and Engelbrekt's death became the subject of epic poems. His burial place became a shrine and he was regarded almost as a saint in Sweden until the Protestant Reformation.

This occurred over 450 years ago and we do not know and can never know the motive for this treacherous and brutal murder. Everyone knew the identity of Måns Bengtsson but he was placed under protection by the Earl Marshal of Sweden, Karl Knutsson Bonde. Karl Knutsson may have had his own reasons for eliminating his most important rival. He consolidated his power and was elected King of Sweden in 1448.

Chairman's Message

Folk Dancing: Dick Westrup secured the Mira Loma High Cafeteria for us. We had a very small attendance but managed to learn at least five dances. We will try again in the fall, when members know the exact date. We will try for the 3rd Saturday. We'd like to meet at least once a month. Would like to see all the young people and the young at heart out dancing. You old dancers come out and help the new ones.

HUGS

It's wondrous
what a hug can do,
A hug can cheer you
when you're blue.
A hug can say
"I love you so."
Or "Gee, I hate to see you go."
A hug is "Welcome back again,"
And "Great to see you! Where've you been?"
A hug can soothe a small child's pain
And bring a rainbow after rain.
The hug! There's no doubt about it --
We scarecely could survive without it!
A hug delights and warms and charms,
It must be why God gave us arms.
Hugs are great for fathers and mothers,
Sweet for sisters, swell for brothers.
And chances are your favorite aunts
Love them more than potted plants.
Kittens crave them. Puppies love them.
Heads of state are not above them.
A hug can break the language barrier,
And make your travels so much merrier.
The more you give the more there's more
of 'em.
So stretch those arms without delay

And give someone a hug today!!!

Dean Walley

submitted by: Inez Norling

A special thank you to the men, who worked on our special "Mother's Day Dinner", Arlie Veis, Chairman, assisted by Ed Dahlberg, Don Gustavson, Herb Johnson and Ernie Skorheim. Gil Holm and Ken Carlson on the bar. A special thanks to Camilla Caldwell and Peggy Carlson and the Children's Club for serving the dinner and clearing the tables. Thanks to Berthell and Chuck Nelson for the ice cream.

I hope you all enjoyed the Children's Club Program. They have been busy practicing and it shows. They especially enjoyed inviting the members to join in their dance.

June is the Swedish month of celebrations. Plan to attend the Sweden Day at Micke Grove. Kathleen Lagomarsino, granddaughter of Stan and Jean Hagstrom, will be our representative. The Children's Club will perform. It is always a pleasure to hear the Zaida Singers and their Swedish spring songs. It is also delightful to hear the accordionists and violinists, who get together and play. Bring a picnic or buy your lunch. Program begins at 1:30.

If you miss Sweden Day, we have our own Midsummer Picnic at Elk Grove park. Ted Olson and his committee are planning a special program. We will raise the Maj Stang and dance around it. If you have a costume, wear it and make our Midsummer Fest a special day.

Congratulations to Margaret Linn, who was appointed Vasa Star Correspondent. Also congratulations to Muriel Hjersman, who will be Reno Lodge District Deputy.

Manga Tusen Tack to all the people, who have worked on the dinners and refreshment committees. A special thank you to Deide Dahlberg and Dick Westrup for the dinner set-ups and decorations. To Deide for her special programs and exhibits, tack sa mycket.

Ruth Veis, Chairman



Hjartliga gratular pa Fodelsedagen !

June Birthdays

- 6-01 June Brown
6-02 Ruth Uffens
6-02 Audrey Olson Smith
6-02 Inger Thornros
6-06 Iris Ostlund
6-08 Gilbert Holm
6-12 Eleanor Johnson
6-15 Sandy Taylor
6-15 Elizabeth Johnson
6-17 Edmund Nelson
6-20 Frank Stengl
6-22 Margaret Linn
6-24 Erika Barrows

Special congratulations to: Elizabeth Johnson 75, and Ruth Uffens 77.

July Birthdays

- 7-05 Martha Fredrickson
7-07 Herb Johnson
7-08 Hildur Benson
7-10 Eivor Pfannkuch
7-10 John Forsberg
7-11 Ernest Skorheim
7-15 Camilla Caldwell
7-16 Camilla Holm
7-18 Ivar Axberg
7-18 Madeleine Hinman
7-21 Richard Beckwith
7-24 Joyce Johnson
7-31 Leo Krastins

Special congratulations to: Martha Fredrickson 78, and Hildur Benson 92.

August Birthdays

- 8-01 Carl E. Larson
8-02 Alice Swanfeldt
8-05 Sigrid Thorsen
8-07 Brian Buscher
8-08 Jack Smith
8-09 Paul Gulland
8-11 Sue Bargman
8-13 Mary Anderson
8-15 Lars Ostlund
8-17 Martha Olson
8-19 Charles Badgley
8-20 Ricki Niemoller
8-22 Jennie Sea
8-26 Birgitta Persson
8-26 Susan Buscher
8-27 Regina Ryan
8-29 Dorothy Kingren
8-29 Steven Stromgren

Special congratulations to Martha Olson 77, Sue Bergman 78, Sigrid Thorsen 81, Charles Badgley 82, and Jennie Sea 85.

Dues Anniversaries for June:

- Didrik Anderson
Donald & Joy Carlson
Elizabeth Coleman
Bente Hall
Ellen Harrod
Liesma and Leo Krastins
Frank Lindahl
Bernie & Ruth Lundberg
Frances & Nancy Misenti
Billye & Elmund Nelson
Darlene Palmer
Regina Ryan
Earnest & Juanita Skorheim
Ruth Whisman

Dues Anniversaries for July:

- Kerstin & Kjell Hakansson
Jennie Sea
Donn & Lillian Stafford
Sigrid Thorsen
Birgitta Ellis
Gustav Mattson

Dues Anniversaries for August:

- Jean Anderson
Audrey Fales
Carl E. Larson

Congratulations to our member Carol D. Baker who recently became Mrs. John Kwolek.

Her new address is: 8578 Banff Vista Dr., Elk Grove, CA 95624
Her new phone number: 685-8076

Welcome to our member David Swanson who joined us again by letter of transfer. His address is in the program book.

Deadline for the September newsletter will be August 17th. Please all committies send me your news by then.

Thanks, Ruth

Sweden Day Tickets: Please return stubs and money to Ruth Veis at next meeting or mail to Ruth.

Pay Your Dues

