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FEBRUARY

ÄRTSOPPA OCH PANNKAKOR (Pea Soup and Pancake Supper)
Friday February 2, 1990 at 6.30 p.m.
Bar opens at 6.00 p.m.
Price: \$4.00

On the committee is Margaret Linn, Lillian Stafford, Don Gustafson, Ted and Alice Olson, Ed Dahlberg, Ernie Skorheim, Gil Holm, and Dorothy Scherer.

For you new members, pea soup and pancakes is a traditional Thursday night supper in Sweden. Pea soup is your main course with pork on the side, and thin small pancakes with sugar or lingonberries for dessert. We would love to have everyone come enjoy this traditional Swedish supper.

Sierra Kronan will be our guests for this special evening.

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

The holidays are over and we have all settled back into our old routines. I hope these old routines include Vasa. Sometimes when we take a break from something, it is difficult to get back into the swing of things. Don't let that happen to your lodge activities. We have a lot of activities coming up and I hope you will all participate. Our February meeting will be preceded by our annual pea soup and pancake dinner. We always get a good turnout for the meal and I hope most of you will stay for the meeting. We will be initiating several new members and it is a good time for the older members to show how involved we can be and to meet the newcomers. We also have a lot of Spring events coming up such as the Scandinavian Festival, the District convention, Camellia Festival activities, and planning for midsommar. Now is a good time to get involved in the Lodge activities. Hopefully we can get committees with a blend of tried and true experience and the enthusiasm of our new members.

A good example of this is the newsletter you are reading. I'd like to extend my thanks and that of the lodge to Ruth Lundberg for a job well done in preparing our newsletter for the past couple of years. She has done an excellent job. Also, thanks and welcome to our new editor, Marie Tillman. We all appreciate your taking over the job. I hope all our members will give Marie the same support and encouragement that we gave Ruth.

With the enthusiasm of the new members and the knowledge of those who have done it all before, we can make this year a real positive experience and one of rejuvenation for the lodge. Let's all work on it.

Kurt Pfannkuch

land but with rivers flowing down to broad valleys. Those rivers are Vaxnan, Ljusnan, and Hennan. Hennan widens out to several lakes on its course. Many of the rivers flowing down from the heights have been developed for electrical power.

Hälsingland was wooded as much of Sweden. Sawmills were established in the 1800's. Cut timber could be floated down the rivers to the mills. Later pulp mills were developed to feed the need for paper. There was also an iron working industry. Both the pulp and the iron working industries continue. In the 1600's and 1700's the iron industry produced firearms. It now produces the heavy anchor chains for ships and oil drilling platforms. There are other industries devoted to heavy industry and textiles.

However, there is always something new. In 1984 there was a gold discovery at Ramsjö. That is now a working gold mine.

Hälsingland in years past had an important fishery industry, fishing for strömming or Baltic herring. This has declined.

Hälsingland has a long history as a center of folk music and folk dancing. Every summer devotees congregate at Hårga, Bollnäs, Arbrå, and Jarvsö. The participants wear the folk dress of their parishes and produce a colorful spectacle.

We were privileged to welcome dancers and musicians to join us in celebrating Midsummer with us in the 1988 "Year of New Sweden". We met many of these visitors and offered them hospitality in our homes. Many of these contacts have been retained with contact through correspondence and visits. Our visitors still tell us of their pleasant memories from their visit. These visitors came from Bollnäs and Arbrå. We have an important link to our sister province.

Ted Olson

Lodge Scholarship. The same rules apply as in 1989.

The applicants must be members, children of members, or grandchildren of lodge members. Those interested should obtain the needed forms from Eleanor Vine. The forms 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 towards those goals.

Deadline: March 15, 1990

The winners will be notified before June.

For forms, please write to:

Eleanor Vine
3905 El Ricon Way
Sacramento, CA 95864
Phone: (916) 489-2977

Keep the scholarship fund in mind when you would like to make a donation in memory of someone. Donations are always accepted and needed.

HÄLSINGLAND

Some years ago the District Cultural Leader assigned sister provinces in Sweden to the local lodges. Monitor lodge was assigned the province of Hälsingland.

In Sweden there is an informal division of the country between Svealand, Götaland, and Norrland. This is similar to our division of Middle West, New England, etc. Hälsingland is in the northern part of Svealand. It borders the gulf of Bothnia but extends inland, half the width of Sweden. It is bordered by the provinces of Medelpad on the north, Härjedalen to the west, Dalarna in the south and west and Gästrikland to the south.

In Selma Lagerlöf's "Nils Holgersson's Underbara Resa Genom Sverige" Hälsingland was described as a hilly

Nål och Tråd

There are two meetings scheduled for the month of February

Tisdagen den 13 februari, kl.19.00, hos
Joyce Burns
4616 Santa Monica Ave.
Sacramento, CA 95825

The plan for the evening is to make aprons for the lodge

Tisdagen den 27 februari, kl. 19.00, hos
Myrtle Widmark
3900 Silver Spur Way
Sacramento, CA 95841

Last December, Nål och Tråd baked cookies for our members who have been unable to attend our monthly meetings. The event was very successful.

Scandinavian Dancing

The Mira Loma High School on Edison Road in North Highlands will be available on the third Saturday of each month in 1990. The dance group will be meeting on February 17 at 7.30 p.m. We will work on Gammaldans (Waltz, Hambo, Polka etc.), ring dances and group dances. Beginners as well as more experienced dancers are welcome. The class is free of charge. Coffee and cold drinks will be provided. Please bring some goodies to share during the breaks.

Next deadline for the "Monitor" will be February 15, 1990.

Camellia Festival

"Sacramento's Blooming!" Mark your calendars, the Camellia Parade is March 3 this year and promises to be bigger and better than ever. The sparkling capstone of this year's festivities will be the Cultural Exhibits at the Convention Center and the International Friendship Luncheon.

Exhibits will be displayed at the Convention Center on March 3 & 4. Then, the following weekend of March 10, will be your opportunity to join us for the Friendship Luncheon jubilee at the Raddison Hotel.

Luncheon tickets can be obtained from Terry or Marie Tillman at the next lodge meeting, or by calling them at 922-8199. Let us minister your taste buds with a savory entree, plus a special Greek treat, all for only \$17.50. Courtesy of this year's host, the Greek community.

In case you weren't at the last lodge meeting, Camellia Festival raffle tickets are now available. Ticket books of six can be purchased for \$5.00, or individual tickets for \$1.00 each. First prize is \$1,000.00 (that's over 6,500 kronor), second prize is \$500.00, and third prize is 100 lottery tickets. Best of all, every ticket you buy for yourself, your friends, or your family, brings a bonus donation to the Monitor Lodge. Call Terry for your tickets.

Our Swedish Maiden this year is Kathleen Largomarsino. Kathleen, a longstanding member of our lodge, has been an active member of the children's group for eight years. Look for her at the Friendship Luncheon, and don't forget to cheer her on at the parade!

Please! There's been overwhelming creative genius in the suggestions for this year's Swedish Cultural Exhibit. Among these crowning gems are; a display of Swedish crystal and glassware, a Lapplander scene replete with Sami, and a Swedish country-home setting. But we need committed members to help on this year's Lodge exhibit. Don't let these superb ideas go to waste. Call Terry Tillman and volunteer a day, an hour, a truck, or an idea.

Dues Anniversaries for the month of February

Betty Bergman
Henry Bergman

Holger Nordquist
Lilmer Olson

Sue Bergman
John Forsberg
Helen Jenson
Donald Johnson
Linda Johnson
Lynn Lundberg

Iris Ostlund
Lars Ostlund
Cecile Spencer
Harry Taylor
Sandy Taylor

If you can't attend the meeting, please send your \$14.00 to the financial secretary, Lisa Krastins, 5550 78th Street, Sacramento, CA 95820.

Birthdays

Hjärtliga gratulationer pa födelsedagen!

2/01	Cecile Spencer	2/19	Kurt Pfannkuch
2/02	Lucy Dahlberg	2/20	Audrey Fales
2/03	Mary Ingvarlsen	2/22	Jone Canady
2/04	Stanley Hagstrom	2/22	Larry Skicklig
2/04	Gustav Mattson	2/22	Marie Tillman
2/05	Annabel Audet	2/25	Don Gustafson
2/09	Ethel Johnson	2/25	Betty Price
2/09	Ruth Volkoff	2/26	Vera Anderson
2/10	Carol Kivolek	2/26	Birgit Dillard
2/11	Maude Udvary	2/28	Richard Forsty
2/18	Richard Westrup		

Special Birthdays: Larry Skicklig 79, Vera Anderson 79, Richard Forsty 81, Cecile Spencer 84, Gustav Mattson 85. Congratulations!

Change of phone number:

Lynn Lundberg
7687 Roberta Lane
North Highlands, CA 95660-0557
New phone#: (916) 338-2976

Scholarship Committee Report:

The committee will be taking applications from High School Seniors (1990 graduates) for the annual Monitor