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# THE MONITOR SEPT.



Welcome back. We hope you all had a wonderful summer. Friday, September 7, at 6:30 p.m. is our first meeting for this fall. We are having a potluck with smörgåsar (open faced sandwiches) and salads. If your name begins with A thru G bring smörgåsar, H thru L bring a salad and if your last name starts with M thru W bring your favorite dessert. Please bring your own utensils and enough of your assigned dish to serve at least six people. Get into the right frame of mind for our September cultural program -- wear RED and WHITE! We are going to feature the Scandinavian kingdom of DANMARK. At 7:30 p.m. we will start the business meeting. This time we will get a report from our Nominating Committee.



## SWEDISH LANGUAGE CLASSES



We are pleased to announce that swedish language classes will begin again this September. Beginning, intermediate as well as an advance class are scheduled for the 13th of September, at 7:00 p.m. They will be held at the San Juan School District Center for Adult Education at Morse Ave and Northrop. This is an excellent opportunity for you to learn swedish or to brush up on your conversational skills as well as your grammar. These are fun classes, so please join. The instructors this year are, Ronny and Christi Kågström and Marie Tillman, members of Monitor Lodge #218. For more information call The Kågströms at 641-8770.

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Well, summer is almost over, in terms of vacation time if not temperature, and the lodge will soon be getting back to business. I hope you all had a great summer and that all of our travellers made it home safely.

Thanks to our various committee members and hosts/hostesses who have provided the lodge with great social activities all summer. From the Sweden Day picnic, Midsommar, and picnic in the park to our annual kräftkalas, there were always people to plan and work to make the summer full of scandinavian fun and fellowship. Although a trip to Sweden kept Eivor and I from attending all the functions, we can vouch for the good times at the Sweden Day and Crayfish Party and have heard good reports about the other functions too. Thanks again to all who made these get togethers possible.

As we get back to the routine of monthly meetings, we must also get back to work. The annual Smörgåsbord is only a couple of months away as are our annual elections. Our nominating committee will soon be racking their brains trying to suggest good qualified people to run the lodge in the coming year. If there is an office you would like to hold, or if you know of someone who would be good at a job, please let our nominating committee know. Offices are open to all members, so let your voice be heard. During the next two meetings we will be hearing a lot from the smörgåsbord committee and they will be asking for lots of volunteers. When the signup sheet comes around, please do your share. A few hours before, during, or after dinner still leaves plenty of time to enjoy the evening and helps to ensure the success of our main fundraiser of the year. Don't leave all the work to the committee, this is a lodge event.

I hope to see you all at the meeting in September. Come on out and socialize and help further our great scandinavian heritage. And may I suggest that our unofficial motto for the coming year may be "get involved".



In truth and unity  
Kurt Pfannkuch

The Congress of Vienna affected Sweden also. The union of Sweden and Norway was confirmed. Norway had been united with Denmark since the union of Kalmar in 1397 but had been separated during the Napoleonic wars. The congress awarded Swedish Pomerania (the Swedish possession on the south shore of the Baltic) to Denmark as compensation. Prussia forced Denmark to trade this territory for the duchy of Lauenburg. Lauenburg was a small duchy bordering Holstein. This had no great effect except to add another reluctant German population and another political entity to the situation. The duchy was included as an independent entity in the German Confederation.

This was a time when monarchy was important and questions of royal succession were even more important. The Salic Law was still a consideration. Under this archaic principle royal succession could only be through the male line. The Salic law had never been accepted in Denmark but it did apply to the duchies of Schleswig, Holstein and Lauenburg. When it became apparent in 1839 that the royal house of Denmark would not have a male succession, the duchies prepared to separate themselves from Denmark. King Christian VIII attempted to deal with the situation with a new constitution that incorporated the duchies into the kingdom of Denmark. This was signed on his death bed and the problems were inherited by Frederick VII in January 1848.

The duchies of Holstein-Schleswig broke out into open revolt. Prussia came to assist and marched troops into the area. However, the other European powers, Great Britain, France, Norway-Sweden, Russia and Austria threatened to intervene. On August 26, 1848 Prussia agreed to the convention of Malmö and withdrew from the situation.

This was only temporary. Hostilities resumed, lines were drawn. With so many nations involved we now have the Schleswig-Holstein question. (So this must be continued)

Ted Olson





## DUES ANNIVERSARIES FOR SEPTEMBER

Etna Hermanson  
 Gilbert & Camilla Holm  
 Erika Lewis  
 Victoria Lydecker

Gustav Mattson  
 Johan Sandstrom  
 Susan Buscher



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



Grattis på födelsedagen! Ja må de leva!  
 Happy Birthday,

9/4 Erica Lewis	9/19 Carl A Larson
9/6 Helen Tura	9/20 Helen Forsty
9/8 Jean Anderson	9/21 Eleanore Vine
9/12 Muriel Hjersman	9/21 Ethel Hubbell
9/12 Peggy Carlson	9/23 Britt Marie Andersson
9/12 Ronald Norton	9/24 Jeanne Hagstrom
9/13 Kurt Swanfeldt	9/24 Dianne Norton
9/16 Arlie Veis	9/26 Joyce Kelley
9/18 David Anholm	9/29 Estrid Doscher

Special Birthdays: Helen Forsty 78, Eleanore Vine 77, Ethel Hubbell 77, and Muriel Hjersman 76.

Name and address change:  
 (Old: Persson, Birgitta)  
 Andersson, Birgitta  
 7524 Sloughhouse Road  
 Elk Grove, CA 95624  
 Ph. (916) 682-2285



## DISTRICT CULTURAL SEMINAR

In response to many requests, our District Cultural Leader, Barbara Lantz, has planned a special seminar this year on Scandinavian folk music and dance. Dr. Kenneth Seamans, an expert in the field, along with his associates will tell and demonstrate the background and evolution of Scandinavian folk music and dance. We will also have an opportunity to learn (at least try!) some of the dances.

WHAT: Third Bi-annual District Cultural Seminar  
 WHEN: Saturday, October 6, 1990  
 WHERE: Eagles Hall, 1492 Bourbon St., Stockton  
 HOW MUCH: \$20.00 (includes morning coffee and a buffet lunch)

Please make your reservations by September 28.

Mail to: Barbara Lantz  
 2290 Vera Ave.  
 Redwood City, CA 94061

Checks payable to: Barbara Lantz

This sounds like a winner! Hope you'll be able to attend. Invite you friends and relatives too. This is not limited to Vasa members. ANYONE who is interested in Scandinavian folk music and dance is welcome to attend.

## SICK COMMITTEE REPORT

It was so nice to see many of our recuperating members at the "Kräftkalas", including Ruth Veis who is having chemo therapy but is doing well. Gus Mattson is looking very well and is enjoying himself getting around with a walker. After a slip and fall at home he was taken to Sutter General Hospital. He said his arm and knees are not working too good but he says "I'm in pretty good shape". He appreciates cards, calls and having good friends to take him out.

Gus Mattson  
 El Camino Gardens  
 2462 Garfield Gardens  
 Carmichael, CA 95608  
 Phone# (916) 481-6077





Audrey Fales said she would not miss the crayfish party and we were glad she was able to attend. During the latter part of June Audrey Fales and Thelma Badgley were at Kaiser North for knee replacements. The two were able to visit with each other. Both are now recuperating. The appreciated all the cards, calls and visits from friends.

Back to work part time is Karin Dorey, who was in a serious automobile accident while visiting in Sweden. There she had relatives to help her recovery. She thanks everyone for all the cards and calls.

Slowly recuperating but doing fine after hernia repair surgery is Ethel Hoffman.

Checking up on a couple of former patients, Holgar Nordquist is doing very well according to his daughter Gladys Stangl. He is in his own home enjoying himself. Cecile Spencer is still recuperating from her operation. It is taking time for her to get completely well, she must use a walker and take things carefully.



### DALAMÅLNING



What's Dala Målning? It's the special Swedish style of folk painting that originated in the province of Dalarna. Some people call it Darlecarlian painting. It somewhat resembles the Norwegian Rosemaling. If you would like to try your hand at this special Swedish art form, we have a special opportunity for you. We have a fun-filled day of Dala Målning planned with area artist Julie Anne. You don't have to have any prior painting experience. Just have the desire to learn. Julie Anne says her classes are very relaxed, and we will all have fun while painting a beautiful Swedish design on a wooden plate.

The class will be held on Saturday, September 22, at Mira Loma High School, 4000 Edison Ave. We'll meet in the Administration Building of the school at 9:00 a.m. Bring a sack lunch. Julie Anne will have us paint from 9 to noon, give us an hour lunch, then back to painting from 1 to 4 p.m. She will provide the wooden plates and will have them all ready to paint. Julie Anne's lesson costs \$25.00 which includes the wooden plate (good deal!).

If you are interested in this class, get a list of necessary supplies from DeeDee Dahlberg (966-4631). DeeDee will also have a sample photo of the plate at our September meeting if you would like to see what the finished creation will look like.

## CHRISTMAS CARDS SWEDISH PROVINCIAL FLOWER NOTE CARDS

At the April meeting of Monitor Lodge members voted to purchase Scandinavian design Christmas card to sell as a fund raiser to help Lodge activities, such as the Scholarship fund. It is not too early to think about Christmas and every member will want to support their Lodge. You may have friends who would like to buy some also. The design is of the "Julbock", a traditional Jul decoration. There are 10 (4 1/2" by 6") cards in a package for \$5.00 and 5 packages for \$20.00.

The flower note cards are 5" by 7" with the provincial flowers on the front and an added insert listing all the flowers by province with both English and Swedish names. The cards are only \$1.00 each or a package of 10 cards for \$10.00.

The cards will be available at the meetings, and if you cannot attend, call Myrtle Widmark at (916) 481-4056 to place your order.

### NÅL OCH TRÅD



We will be meeting at Karin and Viola Bodelson's on Tuesday, September 11, at 7:00 p.m. Please join us for the evening. Bring your current projects and any ideas you'd like to share. We need to make plans for the fall.

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Next deadline for "The Monitor" will be  
September 15, 1990  
Send material to Marie Tillman,  
1605 Truckee Way, Woodland, CA 95695

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Thank  You

Thank you Birgit Dillard for the wonderful Crayfish party.





# Swedish Pancake Breakfast

October 13, 1990

9:00 to 11:00 AM

at FARMER BOB'S

8571 Sunset Avenue  
FAIR OAKS, CA.

ADULTS - \$3.00

Children 5-10 yrs \$1.00







# Swedish

November 10, 1990

Bar open 5:30

Seating 6:00

Food served 6:30

Dancing at 8:30

by  
Monitor Lodge #218  
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# Smörgåsbord

at

The Unitarian Church  
2425 Sierra Blvd.  
Sacramento, California

ADULTS - \$15.00

Children 5 to 12 yrs.  
\$5.00

Anyone under 5 yrs  
occupying a seat \$1.00



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Margaret Carlson - 5110 - 42nd Street, Sacramento, CA. 95820 phone 457-7376

Adults - \$15.00

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Children 5-12 yrs \$5.00

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Anyone under 5 yrs occupying  
a seat \$1.00

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