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Do come to our Swedish meatball dinner and *maskerad* party on **Friday, October 4**. Dinner will be served at 6:30 as usual. The price is only \$5 and children under 12 are free. There will be no business meeting, just a lot of fun. The Auditing Committee is hosting this social.

We'll have prizes for best costumes, a beautiful afghan will be raffled off, and our cultural leader is planning a really nice program.

Let's make this a fun family night!

Chairman's Message

Thanks to all who made the September meeting so great. I do believe it was the first Vasa meeting I

have ever missed since I joined. I enjoyed spending two weeks with my Swedish relatives and learning to talk Swedish again. Art, I hear you did a fantastic job chairing the meeting!

I hope everyone will enjoy dressing up for our October meeting. Remember, we're giving out great prizes for the best costumes. Even if you have only a crazy looking hat, wear it!

We will need help in the kitchen cooking the meal and making other preparations. Please let me know if you can help in any way.

See you all on October 4—and we expect to see all our new members there, too!

*In Truth and Unity,
Margaret Carlson*

Cancellation!

If you haven't already heard, please note that our September 28 Swedish pancake breakfast has been canceled. Many of our regulars couldn't make it due to schedule conflicts, we couldn't find replacements, and there was a general shortage of helpers. We're sorry to miss this traditional event but without workers there was no other way.



Roster Change

Britt-Marie and Lennart Anderson have a new address: 302 West Silber Horn. They still live in Sequim, WA, and have the same phone number.

Thank You

to all who helped with the September meeting dinner hosted by the Past Chairmen.

Don Johnson, LaVerne Gullans and I met at Lars and Birgitta Ostlund's home that Friday morning to make the *kåldolmar*. Birgitta had already made the meat and rice mixture and the cabbage was cooked and cooled. The *rotmos* cooks, however, had problems. They found out that rutabagas are not easily available this time of the year. But by going to different stores, they all found some to cook.

John Anderson and Richard Eriksson came early to set up while Ruby and Jean did the nice table decorations with leaves and fruit. The Churkins and others

helped with clean-up.

Thanks also to the Valley Viking singers who entertained with Swedish songs.

*— Myrtle Widmark
Past Chairman*

Thank You Also To

Eivor and Kurt Pfannkuch for all the work they did getting the Vasa Order booth ready at the State Fair

and to **Myrtle Widmark** for making our aprons look brand new again!

And Congratulations

to Robert Johnson on his engagement and upcoming marriage to a significant other in Ireland. They plan to live 6 months here and 6 months there.



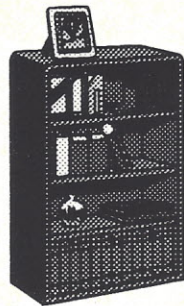
10/01 - June Delle
 10/03 - Lowell Carlson
 10/03 - Bernie Lundberg
 10/04 - Eva Allred
 10/05 - Karen Johnson
 10/06 - Dale Ingvarlsen
 10/08 - Barbara Lutz
 10/10 - Helen Dyckman
 10/11 - Keith Bergstrom
 10/16 - Juanita Skorheim
 10/17 - Ruby Anderson
 10/20 - Ethel Hoffman
 10/21 - Carl Nelson
 10/24 - Marianne Ek
 10/27 - Vickie Lydecker
 10/29 - Gibson Kingren
 10/30 - John Anderson

Library

We will set up our library again at the October dinner so you can see the new books, "Swedish-American Landmarks," and the beautiful photography book about Sweden.

Does Anyone Have

a small bookcase to donate for our library? It would be nice to have one to which we can attach



wheels to make it easy to roll our books out from the storage room at our meetings. Let us know at the meeting or call Louise Simms (489-7331) or Myrtle Widmark (481-4056).

October Dues Anniversaries

If you have already paid, please ignore this reminder and thank you for your promptness.

Louise Amundsen
 Robert Anderson
 Jone Canady
 Ed and Lucy Dahlberg
 June Delle
 David and Karin Dorey
 Paul and LaVerne Gullans
 Robert Johnson
 Carol Kwolek
 Barbara Mecci-Ericson
 Faye Powell
 Jillian Stanley
 Inger and Lennart Thornros

In addition, the following members are late, some by many months:

Jack and Linda Becker
 Kjell Hakansson
 Mimi Hjersman
 Julius Holmquist
 Astrid Horyza
 Lou Johnson
 Frank Lindahl
 Bernie and Lynn Lundberg
 April and Carl Nelson
 Sigrid Thorsen
 Durl Van Alstyne

Dues are \$18 a year, payable to Monitor Lodge No. 218. You may pay them at the October meeting or by mail to our financial secretary, Gail Nemy, 4239 Daybreak Lane, Sacramento, CA 95821. If you would like a receipt and membership card, please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Call Gail (481-0373) if you have questions or there are errors on this list.

Nål och Tråd

This group will hold its next meeting on **Tuesday, October 8, 10 AM**, at Jean Anderson's, 126 Hibiscus Avenue in the Casa de Flores Mobile Home Park at 7465 French Road (parking at the club house).

Swedish Lessons

Just a reminder: Beginner and low intermediate classes meet with Birgitta Ellis alternately every other week. Call Birgitta, 920-0696, for details. The high intermediate and advanced class meets at the Coloma Community Center, 46th & T Streets, every Thursday evening. Call LaVerne Gullans, 485-2609, for times and other information.

Deadline

for the November newsletter is **Friday, October 11**. Please send input to Ingrid Kennedy, 10582 Apple Grove Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670.

Note that the deadline is a bit early this time, but it is a **firm suspense date**. Jean Anderson, who so graciously gets this newsletter in the mail every month, will be traveling later in the month.

For More Information about Monitor Lodge, Please Contact

- Membership Committee members Jean Anderson, 682-7438, Arlie Veis, 489-5729, or Eivor Pfannkuch at 673-5917.
- Secretary Marianne Ek at 372-1015
- Vice Chairman Arthur Niemoller, 631-9330
- Chairman Margaret Carlson at 742-9346

★ Proposed Program for 1997 ★

<p>Jan 3, 7:00 pm Business meeting, end-of-year reports, installation of officers (Sierra Kronan invited)</p> <p>Feb 7, 6:30 pm Pea soup and Swedish pancakes social</p> <p>Feb 12, 7:30 pm Business meeting (place TBA)</p> <p>Mar 7, 6:30 pm <i>Kalops</i> (beef stew) dinner followed by business meeting and initiations</p> <p>Apr 4, 6:30 pm Swedish potluck anniversary dinner. Honorees: Past Chairmen</p> <p>Apr 12, 10:00 am Scandinavian Festival</p> <p>May 2, 6:30 pm <i>Mors Dag</i> dinner</p> <p>May 14, 7:30 pm Business Meeting (place TBA)</p> <p>May 17, 10 am <i>Sillfrukost</i> (place TBA)</p> <p>Jun 6, 6:30 pm <i>Fars Dag</i> potluck</p> <p><i>July vacation — Possible bus trip</i></p>	<p>Aug 2, 7 pm Picnic and ice cream social at Brian and Jill Stockham's</p> <p>Aug 23, 6:00 pm Business meeting followed by 7:00 pm Crayfish Party at Peggy and Ken Carlson's</p> <p>Sep 5, 7:30 pm Business meeting, initiations, and <i>kaffekalas</i></p> <p>Sep 26-28 Turlock Festival</p> <p>Oct 3, 6:30 <i>Kålpudding</i> dinner; business meeting with election of officers for 1998</p> <p>Oct 11-12 Membership and Sweden Day seminars in Santa Cruz</p> <p>Nov 7, 7:00 pm Business meeting, initiations</p> <p>Dec 5, 6:30 Business meeting followed at 7:00 by <i>glögg</i> and <i>smörgåsbord</i> party with <i>jultomten</i> and adult \$3 gift exchange</p> <p>Dec 12 <i>Luciafest</i> and <i>jultomten</i> by and for the children</p>
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Surprising Figures

Sweden is the 6th richest country in the world according to the World Bank's new way of calculating wealth besides GNP.

The list puts Australia at the top with Canada, Luxembourg, Switzerland, and Japan ahead of Sweden. Economic powerhouses like the United States and Germany do not make the top 10.

The World Bank is taking a whole new set of assets into account: natural resources, such as arable land, water, oil, gold and other minerals; production resources, such as industry, agribusiness and infrastructure; human resources, a capital that

the World Bank considers decisive for a country's ability to produce and renew. Human resources are calculated primarily on people's access to food, health care, and education.

Sweden places high on the World Bank's list because of its substantial natural resources, estimated at 29 percent. Its human capital is evaluated at 56 percent.

Sweden also spends more on research and development than any other industrialized country; 3.3 percent of GNP goes to R&D in Sweden, while the United States spends around 2.7 percent.

(Swedish Press, May 96)

Happy Halloween



Have a
FRIGHTFULLY
good time!

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