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**O**UR MAY MEETING IS A special Mors Dag family dinner. It will take place on **Friday, May 7**, starting with refreshments at 6:00 pm and with dinner at 6:30.

This is one time our men can shine. They will be cooking and waiting on us hand and foot. What a nice treat! The price for men is \$5.00, but the women need to pay only \$2.50. Children are free. We have to try to cover our expenses.

The children's club will entertain us with lots of music and dancing. Hope to see you all there. (No business meeting.)

*- Margaret Carlson*

## The May Business Meeting

will be held on **Wednesday, May 12, 7 pm**, at Ellen Harrod's, 9546 Del Rio Drive, phone 362-5273. Please make a point of attending this all-important meeting. Besides, we always have nice refreshments . . .

## Chairman's Message

We tried something new this Spring. We distributed Easter flowers to our less mobile members like we have been doing at Christmas. And like at Christmas, the response was overwhelming! I strongly recommend we continue these activities and ensure they are an integral part of our future activity schedules. Many thanks to this year's participants. I am sure the

joy and gratitude you received from those you visited made your trouble well worthwhile. Remember also that Christmas is not too far away, so if you know any of our members who would benefit from a short visit and a flower or if you would like to visit one or two of our members, please let our Chaplain, Helen Jensen, or me know.

For those of you who were at our anniversary dinner this is old news but for you others, congratulations are due to Thelma Badgley, who received her 60-year pin; Gerda Anderson and Viola Hallen, who received 40-year pins; and to Sue Bergman, Birgit Dillard, Henry Hjersman, Helen Jenson, Carl Larson, Marjorie Skicklig, and Ruth Volkoff, all of whom received 25-year pins.

We also congratulate Jessica Range, granddaughter of our long-time member Thelma Range. Jessica was awarded our annual scholarship. She will be attending the University of California at Berkeley this Fall studying Chemical Engineering.

In closing, many thanks to all you volunteers whose efforts helped make our April events a success (special, personal thanks to all you pancake cooks! I got your names—see you next year!!).

Hope to see you all at our Mors Dag dinner on 7 May.

*In Truth and Unity  
Art Niemoller*

## Help Wanted

All available men are needed for our Mors Dag dinner on May 7 for kitchen help, setup, serving, cleanup—anything would be appreciated. For more information, check with Art Niemoller at 631-9330.

## Cookbooks

Our cookbooks have arrived. This is one cookbook you must have; it is unusual, useful, and attractive. You'll be able to pick up your copy at the May meeting. It's a money-making project, so we expect every member to buy at least one. The books make great gifts, such as for newly-weds, birthdays, and Christmas. (One of our members already bought 10 books to give away!) If you can't come to our meeting, please phone Margaret Carlson (530)742-9346 and she'll see that you get one.

[Editor's note: This was a HUGE project with most of the work done by Margaret Carlson. We are very impressed. You spent a tremendous amount of time, Margaret, and did a fantastic job! THANK YOU!]

*Dear Monitor Members:*

*Thank you so very much for your concern, cards, and phone calls during my recent illness, Tusen Tack!*

*Eva Alred*

## Birgitta's Swedish Sentences

Swedish: Roligt att träffas!  
 Sounds like: Roolickt (Roo as in schoo; lick as in frolich) att treffas!  
 English: Nice to meet you!

Swedish: Vad heter du?  
 Sounds like: Vaa hetter dew?  
 English: What is your name? (What do you call yourself?)

Swedish: Jag heter . . .  
 Sound like: Jaa hetter . . .  
 English: My name is . . .

Swedish: Hej!  
 Sounds like: Hey!  
 English: Hi!

Swedish: Hej då!  
 Sound like: Hey daa!  
 English: Goodbye!



## Sweden Day

For a fun weekend with great food, a nice program, games, and dancing, plan now to attend the great Sweden Day weekend, **Saturday, June 5, and Sunday, June 6**, at Camp Norge in Alta ("Norge" means "Norway" and is approximately pronounced *noryë* in Swedish). You can R.V., camp out, or stay in dorms on the grounds for a small fee.

This year, the theme is "Vikings" with Viking foods, Viking games, a Viking village, Viking everything. Do plan to attend. For more information and to make reservations, contact Carolyn Anderson at (831) 663-3299 or at 17675 Vierra Canyon Road, Salinas, CA 93907

## Sillfrukost

Our annual Swedish herring breakfast, a feast for real Vikings, is coming up **Saturday, May 15**, with refreshments at 10:30 am and breakfast at 11:00.

This year, Kenneth and Peggy Carlson have offered to have the breakfast at their place. They now live at 6042 Lincoln Avenue in Carmichael (944-4990) [see map →]. Please bring your own folding chair. There will be some tables, but a few extra card tables would be appreciated.

Our menu will consist of not only fried herring, but we will also have ham, dilled potatoes with cream sauce, egg strata, cucumber salad, pickled beets, sautéed onions, pickled herring, limpa bread, and strawberries—all for only \$5! This is an event you won't want to miss, so mark it on your calendar. See you all there!

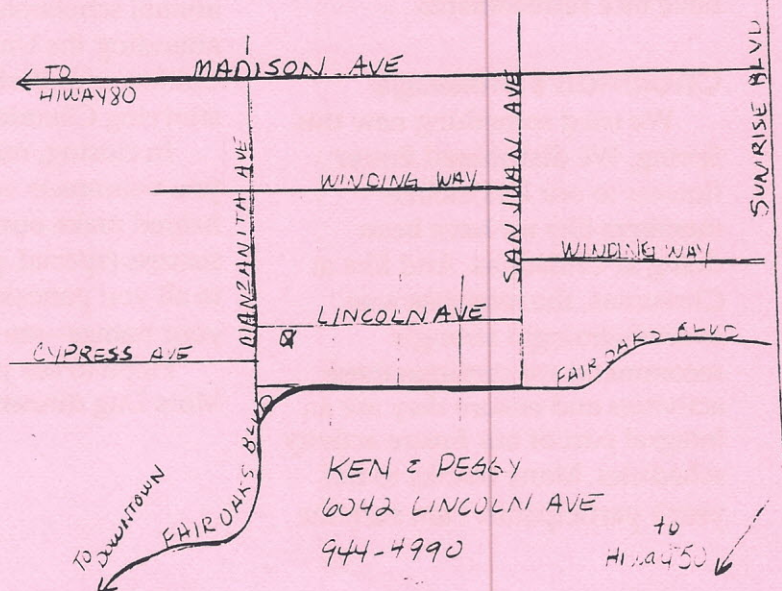
## Nål och Tråd

THANK YOU to everyone who worked on items for the Scandinavian Festival craft table and for other sales throughout the year. Thanks also for helping to sell the items and for hosting the group in your homes.

Our May meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 12, 10 am**, at Ellen Harrod's, 9546 Mira Del Rio Drive, 362-5273. Bring your favorite lunch dish to share. Beverages will be provided.

We are looking for new ideas to begin work on for the coming year, such as tote bags, aprons, pot holders, quilts, counted cross stitch wall hangings, pictures, knitted dish cloths, wood candle holders, and butter knives. If you are unable to attend some of our meetings, you can get the patterns and materials and work at home.

— Myrtle Widmark



## Happy Birthday!



5/03 - Deidre Dahlberg  
 5/04 - Debbie Nickless  
 5/04 - Jeana Hultquist  
 5/05 - Betty J. Schoepf  
 5/05 - Louise Sims  
 5/05 - Don Johnson  
 5/09 - Pamela Johnson  
 5/11 - Christine Bodelson  
 5/12 - Charles Linn  
 5/12 - Gordon Mortenson  
 5/12 - Myrtle Widmark  
 5/14 - LaVerne Gilbertson  
 5/15 - Nancy Misenti  
 5/16 - B. Kay Ericson  
 5/18 - Mirjam Auger  
 5/18 - Charles Nelson  
 5/25 - Frances Misenti



## May Dues Anniversaries

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

Christine Bodelson  
 Kerstin Doze  
 Marianne Ek  
 Mimi Hjersman  
 Astrid Horyza  
 Charles Johnson  
 Ingrid Kennedy  
 Jeanine Lokey  
 Gail Nemy  
 Eivor and Kurt Pfannkuch  
 Thelma Range  
 Durl Van Alstyne  
 Dues are \$18 a year. You may pay them at the May meeting or by mail to our financial secretary, Karin Dorey, 2434 Stokewood Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. If you would like a receipt and membership card, please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

## Scandinavian Festival

Another festival is past after almost year of planning. It takes many members from all the lodges to make this a success. Many thanks to all the volunteers who worked for months prior to the festival, Friday evening to set up, all day Saturday, beyond the 3:00 pm closing time to clean up, and for quite a while after the festival to wrap everything up.

**All volunteers and participants are invited to the post festival potluck Monday, May 10, 6:30 pm, at the Sons of Norway Hall, 770 Darina Avenue in North Sacramento. Bring your favorite dish to share. Coffee will be provided.**

The planning committee will have a wrap-up business meeting following the potluck.

- Myrtle Widmark

## Member Initiation

We will have a member initiation ceremony at the June 4 meeting. So if you are interested in joining our lodge and have submitted your application and paid the necessary fees, please make sure to put this date on your calendar. We will not have initiations again until the fall.

## Happy Congratulations

and best wishes to our dear member LaVerne Gilbertson who is marrying Ray Griffith on 24 April!



## Roster Changes

Here are a couple of address changes for your program books:

LaVerne Gilbertson  
 P.O. Box 517  
 Citrus Heights, CA 95611  
 (Same phone number)

Mirjam Auger  
 147 Ridgecrest Drive  
 Napa, CA 94558  
 Phone (707) 253-8289

## Deadline

for the June newsletter, i.e., the very last day for input, is **Thursday, May 13**. Please send input to Ingrid Kennedy, 10582 Apple Grove Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670-2317. Or you can send it to my e-mail address [iken@gvn.net](mailto:iken@gvn.net).

Note that no newsletters will be prepared for June and July, so the June newsletter should include any upcoming summer activities. After that, the next newsletter will be published at the end of August in time for our September meeting.

## For More Information

about Monitor Lodge, please contact one of the following:

- Membership Committee members Michelle Kaufman, 451-3075, Dee Benson at 933-5502, or Elizabeth Swenson, 654-6191
- Secretary David Benson, 933-5502
- Vice Chairman Don Carlson, 783-0262
- Chairman Arthur Niemoller, 631-9330



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