

New Sweden
1988

*1988 New Sweden
celebration photo album*

*Monitor Lodge #218
Sacramento, California*

THE YEAR OF NEW SWEDEN 1938

In this year of New Sweden, 1938, we celebrate the 350th anniversary of the founding of the Swedish colony in America in 1638. But 50 years ago there was another celebration—the tercentenary marking 300 years. At the celebration on June 27, 1938 at Wilmington, Delaware, President Franklin D. Roosevelt accepted the monument presented by the Swedish people and expressed the thanks of America to the members of the Swedish royal family who were present for the occasion.

In his address FDR mentioned his family connection to New Sweden. One of his ancestors, William Beekman, served as Vice Governor of the colony from 1658 to 1663. This was after it had been taken over by the Dutch of New Amsterdam. He also described his claim to Swedish ancestry through Martinus Hoffman, an early Swedish settler in New Amsterdam.

The president turned over the monument to the Governor of Delaware whom he described as the official successor to the old governors of New Sweden which included the corpulent Johan Printz who is said to have weighed over three hundred pounds. He quoted the doggerel rhyme:

No Gov. of Del.
Before or since
Has weighed as much
As Johan Printz.

The settlers of New Sweden included Finns as well as Swedes. FDR did not overlook this and paid tribute to Finland. He concluded his address: "Sweden, Finland, and the United States will continue their service in the days to come in the cause of friendship and in the cause of peace among the nations of the world."





L-R Edythe Anderson, Larry Elliott, Eric Johnson and Muriel Hjersman

L-R Betty Nordgren, Edythe Anderson, Larry Elliott, Dean Peterson and Muriel Hjersman



Installation 1988
of
officers



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"Whereas, in 1638, the Kingdom of Sweden sent 2 ships...to establish a colony in what is now the United States...be it Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America...That 1988 is designated the "Year of New Sweden".

Joint Resolution of the United States Congress
Signed by President Reagan on May 15, 1986

A Proclamation issued by Governor of California George Deukmejian and signed January 5, 1988 ... "do hereby proclaim 1988 as The Year of New Sweden in California and encourage all citizens to participate in appropriate festivities planned throughout the year."

Sacramento agenda

NEW SWEDEN '88

SACRAMENTO "JUBILEE CITY" COMMITTEE

COMING EVENTS

- Oct. 22 Fyrljus Singeås, gospel/folk, from Siljansnas, Dalarna. The First Covenant Church, 9000 La Riviera, 7:30 P.M. Reception afterwards.
- Oct. 7 Slide Show - Swedish Photographers of Wild Life. Shepard Garden & Art Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd., 7:30 P.M.
- Oct. 1-31 Alfred Nobel Exhibit, CSUS Library, campus repr. Physics/Physical Sci., Dr. Gibson.
- Oct. 5-12 Camellia Festival, International Friendship. May 5 Parade downtown; 5th, 6th Exhibition Hall, Commun. Conv. Center; 12th International Friendship Lunch., Red Lion Inn.
- Oct. 16 Scandinavian Festival, Realtors Bldg., Howe & Cottage Wy.
- Oct. 14-15 The Spring Festival, International, Micke Grove, Lodi, Chair Helen Mingram, Nord L.
- Oct. 23 Ambassador Per Anger lecture, "Raoul Wallenberg", Comstock Club, Sacto. Inn, 12:00 noon, Contact Bee Dillard.
- Oct. 18 Swedish Midsummer in Old Town. Guest performers, Hälsingland Folkdanslag; theme "350 Years of Folk Dance".
- Oct. 25 Midsummer with San Francisco and Bay Area.
- Nov. 1-31 "350 Years of Swedish and Swedish-American Contributions to U.S." Exhibit, East Wing, Capitol.
- Nov. 1-30 Handicraft from Sweden, American River College, Jim Carlson, Dean of Library.
- Nov. 12 Smörgåsbord, Sierra Unitarian Church.
- Dec. 4 Lucia Celebration, St. John's Lutheran Church.

Many Monitor Moments

MONITOR LODGE 218, Sacramento, CA held its annual smörgasbord with 200 attending November 7 at Wisteria Hall. There was musical entertainment during both seatings by the Bluegrass Singers and by Carola Sandoval, Svensk dragospelare. Around 200 enjoyed the outstanding array of food. Dancing followed by music furnished by Frank and Delores.

Margaret Carlson was the foods chairman and responsible for the delicate menu.

On January 16th Monitor Lodge hosted Reno Lodge, Reno, Sierra Kronin Lodge, Roseville, and Skogan Lodge, Redding at a luncheon at Wisteria Hall, Sacramento, prior to their joint installation of officers. Peggie Carlson, Monitor member, catered the luncheon. During lunch we were delightfully entertained by our member Ed Nelson who played Swedish and American songs on a number of harmonicas.

GLD Eric Johnson and his staff of Sven Holmberg, Joe Mingram, Betty Nordgren, Craig Petersen, Margareta Sullivan, Walter Sullivan and Arlie Veis, Past District Masters of District No. 12, conducted the installation ceremony in a most efficient manner. Irene Bryggman served as pianist. We had guests from 8 lodges in attendance.

Upon Monitor's application Sacramento has been named a jubilee city and Nord Lodge in Stockton and Sierra Kronin Lodge in Roseville have agreed to help in our celebration. Bea Dillard, chairman of the "New Sweden '88" committee has been making speeches at several business clubs in Sacramento.

Arlie and Ruth Veis were sent as delegates to Minnesota to the Sweden '88 kickoff weekend and came back with enthusiasm and a great deal of information for our lodge.

Our next Sweden '88 function was sponsoring the "Fyrljus Singers," gospel/folk singers from Siljansnas, Dalarna, Sweden on February 22nd.

We are getting ready to participate in the Sacramento Camellia Festival. Our maid will be Kersten Barney. She will represent us in the camellia parade as well as at the International Friendship Luncheon where about 17 ethnic groups participate. Our float will depict one of the Swedish ships the "Calmare Nyckel." Deidre Dahlberg is in charge of our booth and it will be a log cabin depicting our first Swedish settlers.

February 5th we ate real Swedish Pea Soup and Pancakes. Sierra Kronin Lodge members were our special guests. Tables

Vasa Star April 1988



GLD Eric Johnson, Margareta Hegardt, Swedish Consul General, Birgit Dillare and Arlie Veis, New Sweden '88 Committee members.

CELEBRATION OF NEW SWEDEN 1988

The observation of the 350th anniversary of the first Swedish colony in America will be celebrated in 1988 under the name of "New Sweden - 88".

The first Swedish settlers came to America in 1638 and established a colony, called New Sweden, at a place that later developed into the modern City of Wilmington, Delaware. The Swedes were the third nation to settle on the American territory, preceded only by the English in 1620 and the Dutch in 1625.

These first Swedes were later followed by one and a quarter million Swedes in the great immigration era of the 19th century. Today more than four and a half million Americans claim ancestry from Swedish immigrants.

The celebration of "New Sweden - 88" has three purposes:

1. **To observe the 350th anniversary of the founding of the first Swedish settlement in America in 1638.**
2. **To present modern Sweden to United States.**
3. **To honor the preservation of the Swedish heritage in the USA.**

The celebration of "New Sweden - 88" gives Sweden the opportunity to show Sweden as a long time and trustworthy friend of United States, and to illustrate Swedish culture and industry in America.

The American congress and president Reagan have proclaimed 1988 as the "Year of New Sweden". A joint stamp will be issued by United States, Sweden and Finland (in 1638 affiliated with Sweden) commemorating the founding of the Swedish colony in the Delaware valley.

"New Sweden - 88" will be celebrated across the United States through a number of cultural, industrial, technological and social events, seminars and lectures. Some of these events will be tied in with the three week long visit to the United States in April of 1988 of their Royal Majesties, King Carl XVI Gustaf and Queen Silvia of Sweden.

National committees are working in Sweden and the United States to coordinate the Swedish contribution to the 350th celebration in the United States. Coordinator in the U.S. is the Swedish Consul General in New York under the direction of the Swedish Ambassador to the U.S. in Washington D.C. A number of local committees are working in places with significant Swedish population. Heading the planning on the West Coast is Consul General Siri M. Eliason in San Francisco. Dr. Theodore (Ted) Olsson, San Francisco, is Chairman of a large committee, planning events in the greater San Francisco Bay Area.

Highlights of the celebration in the Bay Area, during 1988

A concert on February 10th by Swedish opera star Håkan Hagegård. An expo, depicting 350 years of Swedish influence in the U.S. will be opened on April 27th. During the Memorial Day weekend Volvo Auto Corp. will sponsor the Master Mariners regatta on S.F. Bay. Also in May Sweden's foremost Choral group, "Orfei Drängar" will come to San Francisco. An old fashioned Swedish Midsummer festival will be held at Stern Grove, S.F. on June 25th. On July 23rd a Carl Milles exhibit will be opened at UC in Berkeley. In August close to 800 Swedish Gymnasts will come to San Francisco, and in October Her Royal Highness Princess Christina of Sweden will pay a visit to San Francisco and Stanford. In November of 1988 a large exhibit will open at the National Maritime Museum in S.F. depicting the Swedish Engineer John Ericsson, who invented the first ironclad warship, "Monitor", engaged in battle with the South's "Merrimac" at Hampton Roads in the Civil War.

These are the highlights now confirmed. Other events are in the planning. They will be announced as they are confirmed.



Kersten Barney, Camellia Festival Maid

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Monitor Lodge officers '97

Henry (Hank) Hjersman, Treasurer
 Harry Johnson, Financial Secretary
 Liesma Krastins, Asst. Financial Secretary



Craig Peterson Krastins

Craig Peterson
 Liesma Krastins

Peggy Beckwith painted chest



Erik Carlson, Caleb Hjersman, Emily Carlson, Kyle Hjersman



etc.



MONITOR LODGE 218
Sacramento

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SACRAMENTO--JUBILEE CITY

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Arlie and Ruth Veis were sent as delegates to Minnesota to the "New Sweden 88" kickoff weekend and came back filled with enthusiasm and a great deal of information.

On January 25th, the honorable Margareta Hegardt, Consul General of Sweden to the western United States, flew up from Los Angeles to appear at the California Assembly. She was escorted to the front of the Assembly by Assemblyman Seastrand. She was presented a resolution signed by the governor commemorating the 350th anniversary of the first Swedish colonists to settle in America. Following the presentation by Speaker of the Assembly Willie Brown, she addressed the Assembly.

Consul General Hegardt was born in Gothenberg, and took her law degree at the University of Lund. She was appointed to her present position in January, 1983.

Present at the Assembly meeting were GLD Eric Johnson, Monitor Lodge Chairman Muriel Hjersman, Henry Hjersman, Birgit Dillard, Elizabeth and Harry Johnson, Arlie and Ruth Veis and Bernie Lundberg and three members of Sierra Kronan Lodge. Many were dressed in Swedish costumes.

During a reception held in the Speaker's conference room, we welcomed Margareta and were introduced to Assemblyman Seastrand and to Senator Alfred Almquist as well as other interested persons.

Monitor sponsored the "Fyrljus Singers" on February 22nd. Lodge members were busy in February preparing for the Camellia Festival. Kurt Pfannkuch was in charge of creating our float for the parade on March 5th. [More on the Camellia Festival in the next article from Ruth Veis.]

On March 4th the lodge held its annual corned beef and cabbage dinner. It was delicious as always. Nord Lodge members were our guests. Following the meeting, many members helped complete the parade float.

On March 12th, members of Monitor, together with friends, joined some 950 people at the Red Lion Inn for the 27th annual Friendship Luncheon. Maid Kerst n Barney was escorted by Arlie Veis in the procession of maids of 17 ethnic countries.

[Ruth Lundberg]

CAMELLIA FESTIVAL IN SACRAMENTO

Monitor Lodge participated in the annual Sacramento Camellia Festival, March 5th and 6th. The lodge entered the float competition with a replica of the "Kalmar Nyckel" built by Kurt Pfannkuch.

Monitor won the President's Trophy for second place, and the Camellia Trophy for best coverage with camellias. The sails of the float were covered with white camellias and the spinaker with red. The boat was covered with green leaves resting on a sea of pink and white camellias.

Kersten Barney, our Maid of Sweden, rode in a jeep. The flags were carried by Kurt Pfannkuch and his daughter, Karen. Children's Club members carried the Monitor banner and pulled the float.

On Saturday and Sunday the lodge had a booth in the International Exhibits. Diedre Dahlberg was chairperson. A real log cabin pointed out that Sweden introduced the log cabin to America. A video tape of the Jhan Prinz film was shown. Lodge members donated wooden and metal articles for the display. Muriel Hjersman sat at her spinning wheel, Ernie Skorheim did wood carving, Marge Skicklig did basket weaving and Bea Dillard demonstrated with her beautiful Tiffany eggs.

The special entertainment program on Sunday featured all the participating nations. Arlie and Ruth Veis and Carola Sandoval sang Swedish songs, and Arlie Veis danced a Swedish folk schottis.

Programs listing "New Sweden 88" events and flyers of the Sacramento Scandinavian Festival were handed out. Swedish bird slides were shown at the Sacramento Audubon Society. An Alfred Nobel Exhibit featuring 16 screens, text and photos was shown at California State University at Sacramento through the month of March.

[Ruth Veis]

- Sacramento Scandinavian Festival - April 16
- Mother's Day Dinner - May 6
- Sill Frukost (at Dahlberg's) - May 14
- Swedish Potluck - June 3
- Old Town Solstice Celebration - June 18-19
- Midsonmarfirande! - June 25
- Business Meeting 1st Friday, 7:30 pm



Joint Installation of Officers [from left to right]: Alice Olson, Betty Nordgren, Edythe Anderson, Larry Elliott, Dean Peterson, Muriel Hjersman, Eric Johnson.



Peggy & Ken Carlson, Erik Carlson and Hjersman brothers

Monitor's float, a replica of the Kalmar Nyckel, as pulled by members of the Vasa Youth Children's Club.



(names reversed)

Birgit Dillard and Ruth Lundberg in Monitor Lodge's booth at the Sacramento Camellia Festival.





SCANDINAVIAN FESTIVAL



Denmark · Finland · Norway · Sweden



Saturday - APRIL 16, 1988

10:30am - 2:30pm

Board of Realtors Auditorium

2003 Howe Ave. (across from K-Mart)



FREE ADMISSION!!



AN UPDATE FROM "NEW SWEDEN '88 SACRAMENTO JUBILEE CITY" COMMITTEE. In order to save time and help shorten the Monitor Regular Meetings, we shall use this media to communicate from time to time the remaining months of 1988.

Many of you wanted to hear of the Reception by Consul General of Sweden Margareta Hegardt for His Majesty Carl XVI Gustaf and Her Majesty Silvia held April 26th at the Consul General's home in Beverly Hills. Harry and I, Elizabeth Johnson, were invited, and we were honored to be guests at such a lovely occasion. The Reception was held in the lovely garden. About 300 guests were there, we believe. The Receiving Line was Consul General Hegardt, U.S. Ambassador Gregory Newell and wife. We visited with friends, acquaintances, and made several new acquaintances and ate "heavenly" Swedish hors d'oeuvres served by girls in Swedish native costumes and further supplies were on many small tables. The Royal Band gave a magnificent concert. They were partially reflected in the swimming pool with a backdrop of trees and shrubs. We took a gift from Monitor, Nord, and Sierra Kronan Lodges represented by your Sacramento "Jubilee City" Committee which was a small, but lovely sterling silver camellia medallion engraved "Sacramento, California -- New Sweden 1988". We also took a letter of greeting from the Capital City of Sacramento written by Vice Mayor David Shorr, in the absence of Mayor Anne Rudin. The moment arrived! Their Majesties appeared and soon an informal line approached them. Receiving were our hostess, Consul General Hegardt, King Carl XVI Gustaf and Queen Silvia, U.S. Ambassador to Sweden Gregory Newell and his wife. We greeted each. Their Majesties were very gracious and attentive to each guest. Security did not encourage taking pictures, and pictures up close of the King and Queen was forbidden. A few people slipped cameras by the "seemingly" lax security; however, we are sure there was very adequate security.

Lecture by Ambassador Per Anger on "Raoul Wallenberg" at the Comstock Club luncheon May 23 was very well-attended and many Monitor members were able to be there and enjoy the Ambassador's well-delivered and informative talk. Ambassador Per Anger was attended by his hostess, Consul General Siri Eliason.



The Ukrainian girl was the main "princess" for the 1988 International Festival. Ukraine was the featured country that year

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FAYE POWELL OF TOWN PARK TOWERS MAKES HER DEBUT

In mid-March the Crime Prevention Unit of the San Jose Police Department contacted Town Park Towers searching for a volunteer. Not long before a Senior had been the victim of an assault and the police had no clues. They needed a volunteer to take the place of the real victim in a reenactment of the crime. The reenactment would be filmed as part of the Department's "Crimestoppers" series on local TV Channel 11.

Faye Powell stepped forward. When asked if she would object to being pushed to the ground, she trustingly responded, "Why, no." Officer Dave Jenkins pulled up in his squad car to TPT on the day of the filming and escorted Faye to a local police station where she met Police Chief Joseph McNamara.

Then it was off to the filming at the site of the crime. In all the filming took just three "takes."

The next night her episode was to be shown on the 6 o'clock news. A number of TPT residents rearranged their evening meal schedules to

watch Faye. For the first time in the history of "Crimestoppers" the segment was bumped. However, one week later Officer Jenkins called: Faye would be on that night. For the first time, Faye saw herself on TV.



*TPT's Star Faye Powell
Member of Monitor*

The next day representatives of the police department stopped by and presented Faye with a birthday cake and a "Certificate of Appreciation for Outstanding Service to San Jose in its Fight against Crime."



Kersten Barney



Kersten Barney

L-R Linnea Carlson (Oscar Carlson), Kurt Pfannkuch with US flag, Peggy Carlson, Erik Carlson (Oscar Carlson), Karin Pfannkuch with Swedish flag





L-R Peggy Carlson, Erik Carlson (Peggy Carlson), Erik Carlson (Oscar Carlson), Kyle Hjersman



L-R ???, Linnea Carlson, ???

Erik and Emily Carlson





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June 18,
1988.

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and help us
celebrate our
350th Anniver-
sary of the
first Swedish
colony,
"New Sweden"

RAISING OF THE MAJSTÅNG 12:00 NOON

"THE BOLLNÄS COUNTY,"FOLK DANCERS" from
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Dancers, Musicians, Singers.

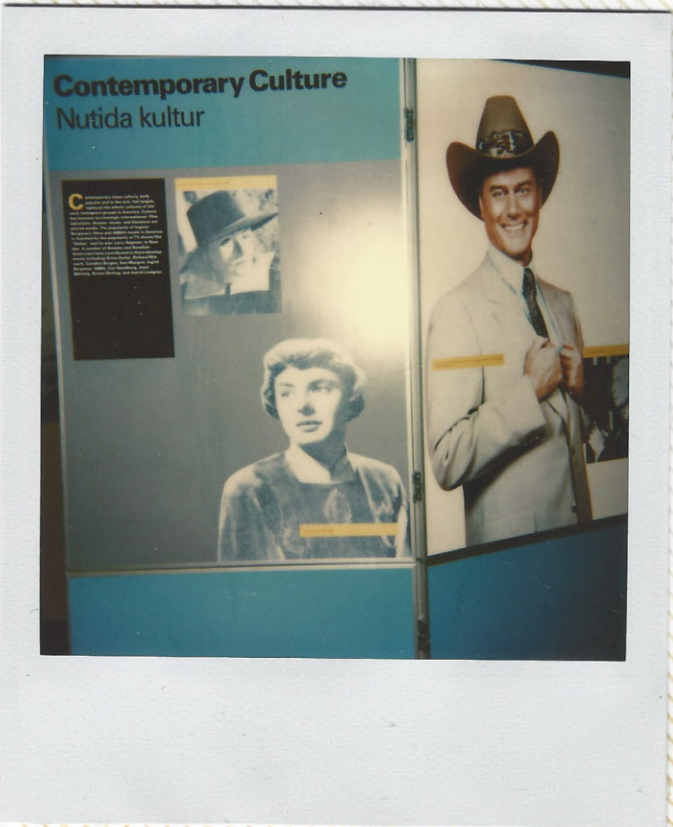
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Mira Loma HS teachers' lounge - ???, VASA member from Sweden

Nål och Tråd
1988

L-R Margaret Carlson, ???, Karin Bodelson, Viola Bodelson, Myrtle Widmark



L-R Myrtle Widmark, Viola Bodelson, Wendy Strand, DeeDee Dahlberg, Joyce Burnes(?)



Caleb

P 7 Middle picture; Erik Carlson, the two Hjersman grandchildren {Kyle and Caleb?}

Lower picture; (left) Ruth Lundberg (right) Bea Dillard

P 8 This was from the first festival, I believe. 1988 was a big year for us.

P 10 The Ukrainian girl was the main "princess" for the 1988 International Festival. Ukraine was the featured country that year

Middle picture; ???

Lower picture; Kersten Barney and ? (Costume is

authentic) P 12 Left top; Leo Krastins, ?, Kersten Barney

Right top; Kersten Barney

Middle; Kersten Barney

Pfannkuch Lower; US flag bearer Kurt Pfannkuch and Sverige flag bearer Karin Children ?

P 13 Top Erik Carlson; ? ; Kyle or Caleb Hjersman
It might be Peggy Carlson walking alongside the float (ask her)

Middle ? ? ?

Lower Left Erik Carlson; right Emily Carlson

P 14 This might be in the park across from Crocker Museum for the Midsummer. It was hot that day and lots of the people are in shorts.

P 18 Top Left; ? Right; Member from Sweden. (Teachers' Lunchroom at Mira Loma)

Middle Left to right Margaret Carlson, Laverne Gullins (? Back to camera).
Karin Bodelson, Viola Bodelson, Myrtle Widmark ?

Bottom Myrtle Widmark?; Viola Bodelson; Wendy Strand; DeeDee Dahlberg; Joyce Burnes?