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CLUB CLOSED JUNE 27th THRU JULY 19th



President Lundquist receives gavel of office from Art Strobeck.



Swedish Consul General Karl Henrik Andersson presents photograph of Swedish King to President Lundquist.



President Lundquist addresses the members and guests.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By ARNIE LUNDQUIST

Seems to me that this is more difficult to put together than all the "drivel" that flowed into "Curbstone Comments," when they were alive.

I haven't been Prez. long enough to put many words together, but I do accept the responsibility very humbly. I thank the Nominating Committee and the membership for a fine set of officers and board members.

Committee heads have been selected and have accepted the responsibility of putting their programs forward:

Executive Committee
A. C. Lundquist

House Committee
Walter C. Scheel

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REPORT ON PRESIDENT'S BALL

The evening of May 1st found Svithiod again filled with members and their guests in tuxedos escorting their beautiful ladies dressed in their colorful evening gowns. This was the night for the annual President's Ball when the incoming and outgoing officers of the Club are formally introduced to the membership. The cocktail hour in the Valhalla Lounge found all these happy celebrants enjoying Henri's fancy hors d'oeuvres accompanied by a variety of sparkling liquid refreshments.

Following the cocktail hour everyone found their way to the banquet hall and were seated at their assigned tables. Then to the accompaniment of music and applause, the officers, their wives

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"THINKING OUT LOUD"

By ARNIE LUNDQUIST

Most of you know me. I'm the guy who was always satisfied with the secondary jobs around Svithiod. I wonder if this is the right decision. I gave up a $2.00 a year job for one that pays nothing. I'm not a magician nor a charletan. I have no magic formula for this Club. I have little or no finesse. I'm about as subtle as a box on the ear, but I do know more about the numbers at this Club than anyone.

Svithiod, as an ethnic Club, is big business, $500,000.00 per year. Our numbers have not been covered by sales simply because we are out of balance. Analyzing all departments we come up with only one bad area. It should be a foremost thought in members' minds that to belong one must use our facilities. We have a

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FALL SEASON FORMALLY OPENED OCTOBER 8TH

SING! SING!

The Svithiod Singing Club can boast of two of the finest singing groups of all of Chicago's Clubs.

Our Men's Chorus, now in its 96th season, has distinguished itself repeatedly, both in its concerts at the club, and at many National and Regional AUSS Conventions, in competition with all of the Country's greatest Swedish male choruses.

The non-singing members of Svithiod are entertained each year by our fine singing groups, and have shown their appreciation with enthusiastic applause and frequent standing ovations.

The Svithiod Ladies' Chorus has not been in existence nearly as long, having been organized more recently. However, each time they have sung, either as guests at the Julmiddag celebrations, at their St. Lucia Festivals, or at their many great "Stagette" revues, Hawaiian Nights, or other fine shows, they have been also enthusiastically received.

But what can the non-singing Svithiod members do to help build these two fine choruses to the level they should enjoy at the time of Svithiod's Centennial, which will be here in several years?

Both of these groups need your help. If you have enjoyed their gift to you; if their recent great singing and entertainment has brought you pleasure, you can repay these fine people's diligent, faithful work. It is obvious they have made many sacrifices in attending weekly rehearsals and the many appearances before you. Needless to say, such efforts deserve a helping hand from our other members.

AND, it will NOT require a great deal of effort or sacrifice, either.

All that is necessary for our other fellow members to do is to tell that friend or relative, man or woman, who loves to sing, about our two choruses.

If you know someone who likes to sing, tell them of these two choruses and their need for more singing members. It is an even finer way to say "Thank You" to your two singing groups. Please make this effort on behalf of our singers.

CHORUS NOTES

The time is short and the concert is near, that's the reason all singers should listen and be here. The truth is the summer is over and we have quite a full schedule ahead of us. Our first engagement for the fall season was October 4th for the Members Night and thanks to all the singers out, it was a huge success. Besides the fine ovation afforded us by our fellow club members, quite a few compliments were given us in the Valhalla room by "Irene" and her sister singers who entertained the members in song after we finished our performance. In all it was a "Grand Night for Singing."

On Saturday evening October 8th the club again was the scene of the annual formal officers dinner at which the chorus again sang. Though the group was small it was well received and the halls of the banquet hall resounded in sweet splendor of words and musical sound.

Carl Kopp has finally returned, and in such a beautiful state of muscular stature. Due to a somewhat prolonged summer vacation in Wisconsin Carl has returned to the fold of Svithiod minus about 40 pounds. Is he beautiful? Just ask him. But he still has the strong and vibrant basso voice he left with earlier this year. Welcome back Carl and let us somewhat sturdier men know how you did it.

Brother Singers we have a problem and

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REHEARSALS

MEN'S CHORUS:
8:00 PM Friday eves. at the Club

LADIES CHORUS:
7:30 PM Monday eves. Presently at the Reuben Carlsons; 6611 Beckwith Rd., Morton Grove

Call:
Walter Magnuson, 282-6847; Betty Carlson, 965-6612 or Anne Erickson, 724-3343.

Your Board and our chorus members will be deeply grateful. Thank you.

Bernie Mendro

SVITHIOD'S 96TH YEAR FORMAL OPENING PARTY

Saturday, October 8th marked the formal opening of the 96th fall season at Svithiod. Formal but friendly seemed to be the attitude of the members and guests assembled. Formal as regarding attire, and friendly with reference to personality. Any aloofness and unnatural reserve were quickly dispelled during the cocktail hour so wisely prescribed by the management, in the person of Henri Elmlund, and administered by his able assistants, Hans, Paul, and Gary. Too soon the dimming lights in the Valhalla Room signaled that up in the Banquet Hall the second act was ready to unfold.

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Here we were welcomed by the snowy napery, gleaming goblets, and shining silver that help to make this the warm, and yet impressive, room that it is. Napery, goblets, silver, all were only accompaniments to the food! After "Oohs", and "Aahs" around the board we addressed ourselves to a splendid meal, piping hot and efficiently served by the staff. After the dessert the champagne flowed, and after the champagne the third act opened as our own, inimitable Svithiod Singing Club Male Chorus favored us with a group of very appropriate selections. Under John Carlson's magic baton the Chorus, and the audience, too, presented their act with spirit and precision. Svithiod is truly a bastion of singing, Swedish as well as other languages, and Swedish culture, on the Chicago scene. We all have a right to be proud of our heritage and our contribution to those aims.

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Picture the fourth act. The musicians are tuning up, the audience is stirring, tables are being cleared, and suddenly a dance melody fills the great hall. Tuxedo-clad men and their elaborately coiffed and gowned ladies are soon swinging to the music of the Herman Dahl Orchestra. Late in the evening, footsore but still festive celebrants look back on another successful formal opening party at Svithiod.

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SWEETHEARTS NITE AT SVITHIOD—FEBRUARY 10th
HERRING BREAKFAST—SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18th

VALENTINE'S PARTY
Svithiod's Sweethearts Nite

Saturday, February 10th, that gay little cherub, Dan Cupid, will enter the halls of Svithiod to point his arrows at lovers, young and old, who will gather for an evening of dining, dancing and romancing. Dan has sent advance notice to his ambassador at Svithiod, Henri Elmlund, requesting that the Club be radiating with warmth and love. Since he will only be dressed in the customary red ribbon cummerbund as he comes to visit us, he expects, Chicago weather being what it is, that he'll need to have the Club filled with the glow of romance in order to be able to effectively send his arrows to their marks. His notice also included special instructions to Hans and his crew as to the preparation of those special love potions to be enjoyed in the Valhalla Lounge before and after dining. After dinner Herman Dahl's Band will play those melodies guaranteed to make you hold that special person a little closer as you dance with her.

Remember last year, when the Grand Lover of Svithiod, Arnie Lundquist enticed someone to sing for Emma, Lara's Theme from "Doctor Zhivago"? It went something like this:

"Somewhere, My Love, there will be songs to sing,
Although the snow covers the hope of spring,
Somewhere a hill blossoms in green and gold,
And there are dreams, all that your heart can hold.
Someday we'll meet again my love,
Someday whenever the spring breaks through.
You'll come to me out of the long ago,
Warm as the wind, soft as the kiss of snow,

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HEAR YE! HEAR YE!
ROYAL ORDER OF THE HERRING
SUNDAY, FEB. 18, 1979

By order of our Supreme Grand Herring, Judge Raymond K. Berg, all members of the Royal Order of the Herring are hereby enjoined to bring with them any and all who would qualify to become a KNIGHT OF THE BENT ELBOW. He who would join this elite fraternity must be able to drink of the elixir of life . . . Must not have eaten for two days so he can do justice to our Smörgåsbord . . . Must enjoy Good Fellowship and thrill to the rousing songs of our own famous Svithiod Chorus. He must be able to laugh with his fellow members and above all pledge his undying devotion to the cause of the ROYAL ORDER (whatever that is) and be able to stand tall and straight for his initiation.

Our Supreme Grand Herring, Judge Ray Berg, holds his high office through birthright, being a direct descendant of Eric the Red. Atmospheric and extrasensory perceptive conditions permitting, Judge Berg will make contact with Eric during the festivities.

WHAT IS A HERRING BREAKFAST?

The breakfast is conducted by the Royal Order of the Herring (What an Organization) and is dedicated to nothing and accomplishes the same. It starts with a gathering of the stalwarts who proceed to fortify (?) themselves for the feast to come. Breakfast is not really breakfast, but a wonderful Svithiod Smörgåsbord supple-

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CHICAGO'S SNOWSTORM FAILS TO DAMPEN SVITHIOD'S NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

62 brave souls battled the snowstorm to ring in the New Year at Svithiod on December 31, 1978.

The evening began as friends gathered in the Valhalla Lounge, sipping drinks and picking over trays full of delectable hors d'oeuvres. Then the signal of dimming lights sent us up to the ballroom, with tables decorated with hats, streamers, and noisemakers. A delicious filet mignon dinner was accompanied by sparkling champagne.

Walter Scheel took over the duties of the M.C. and expressed appreciation for those in attendance.

After dinner we danced to Herman Dahl's Trio until all too soon when they struck up Auld Lang Syne and 1979 became a reality.

Your Editor and wife Doris drove in from Skokie to the Club in 35 minutes. It wasn't as bad as everybody thought.

We are truly indebted to our Manager Henri Elmlund and his staff for this epicurean delight.

To those of our members and friends who missed this party we can only say. "You missed a good one . . . Don't miss the next one!"

mented with a delightful variety of specially prepared fish—fried, boiled, steamed—you name it!

If you have never been to a meeting of the ROYAL ORDER, now is the time . . . Sunday, February 18th . . . at 11 AM . . . Put it on your calendar and make your reservations now.

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FALL FORMAL OPENING PARTY-SATURDAY, SEPT. 29

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Richard Peterson

Vacations are over and once again your Club has been all 'spruced up' for the upcoming season. The very bad wall and ceiling condition in the staircase has been repaired—hopefully for the last time! The roof is being repaired and the outside wall tuckpointed. My thanks to Dale Johanson and his crew of painters and decorators who did a fantastic job repairing the plaster. Come on down and take a look.

The Annual Svithiod Golf Classic, held at St. Andrew's Country Club on August 10th, was a wet one to say the least! A few hearty golfers finished 18 holes, but for the majority, it was a good afternoon for card playing. As a result, in fairness to all, no trophies were awarded.

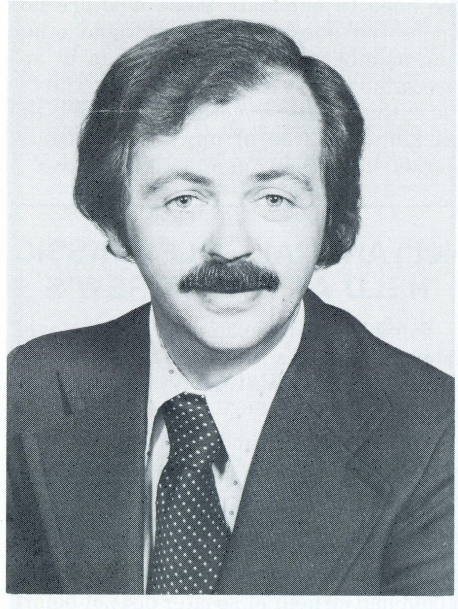
There was one family foursome that really made a day of it. Bruce Elmer, along with his father, Dr. Russell Elmer, and two brothers, Tim & Steve, teed off at 7:30, played 18 and then went out for more. The first 18 Bruce shot a 77 and the rest of the family tied at 83. What a golfing family!

Thanks to our Golf Chairman, Len Bloom and his committee consisting of Elton Anderson, Irv Kimball, Harold Nylen, Milt Strom and Ev Westman. A special note of appreciation to Henri Elmlund for securing the prizes and to those members who donated prizes. Once again Tom Weise came up from Florida to join us in the Golf Classic. Next time, Tom, please leave the rain in Florida when you come up!

With the introduction of new management in any organization, comes changes. It is gratifying to see the support Pat Lyons has received from the Club employees. The enthusiasm is running high and should be carried to every member. If you have not had the opportunity to meet Pat, plan on attending the Lobster Dinner planned for Saturday, September 8th. This party is being planned by Pat along with the help of Tom Martin and the Entertain-

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MEET OUR NEW MANAGER



Patrick Lyons

Pat comes to us with a variety background having five years at Red Coach Steak and Lobster Restaurant, one and one-half years with Ponderosa Steak House, one year at Arlington Lakes Golf Club and two years in food service while in the U.S. Army in Korea. He also holds an associate's degree in hotel and restaurant management.

Pat has been married nine years to Susan, his wife, who is a school teacher. They have two children Michael Sean, age 7 and Brian Patrick, age 5. They reside in their home in LaGrange, Illinois. Pat's hobbies are reading, wood carving and remodeling their home.

His goals are to increase the membership, more member functions, decrease costs and increase banquets. The staff and membership wish Pat the best of success in his new position as our Club manager.

SVITHIOD'S 97TH YEAR FORMAL OPENING PARTY

Saturday, September 29th will signal the *formal opening* of Svithiod's 97th year as a Club. Small wonder then that the loyal Men of Svithiod and their Ladies and friends will once again don their formal (optional) attire to spend an evening of convivial fellowship while dining and dancing and listening to music by our Chorus directed by John Carlson. Pat Lyons and his staff have promised another one of those taste tantalizing dinners preceded by that hour in the Valhalla Lounge where Hans and associates will cater to your pre-dinner thirst, while you mingle with all those wonderful friends. We sure missed some of you last year, and, we hope you missed us by not being there. Let's make this just like the grand turnouts we used to fill the Club with in years past! Your reservation is just a phone call away . . . do it now.

VISITING SWEDES

By Martin Ahlm

The reception committee reports that on June 19th, 235 Swedish visitors had lunch at the Club. The majority were from the province of Värmland, members of the Värmland YMCA Chorus who were on a three weeks concert tour in U.S. This was the third tour in America over a period of ten years and it stretched from Worcester, Mass. to Minneapolis, Minn. with points inbetween and included a three day cruise to the Bahamas. On their first U.S. tour in 1969 the YMCA Chorus had dinner at the Club and gave a program afterwards, this time they also presented a group of songs to great enjoyment of the newspaper people from Värnamo Nyheter (Värnamo News) having lunch in the Banquet Hall at the same time.

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A Very Merry Christmas to All

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Richard Peterson

Once again, the past month at Svithiod proved to be filled with several enjoyable parties and events.

First, I would like to thank all those in attendance at the November Member's Night for making reservations for that evening. It certainly made things a lot easier for Chef Ron and his staff. My thanks, too, to our entertainment chairman, Tom Martin, for an eventful evening with all those girls! It certainly was good to see the many members and their guests who were present that night.

But wait 'til you see what Tom and his committee has planned for December Member's Night! Santa has promised us that we will have 2 of his daughters with us that evening! Plus many prizes and surprizes! Soooooooo, plan on a great evening, men, and make those reservations early for this one. We plan on having a full house.

The Chuckwagon Party, with the date changed from January in previous years so our horses wouldn't get snow in their hooves, was another night of fun. A fantastic rib dinner was topped off by "strolling balladeers that entertained you at your tableside". Then it was time to work off the dinner during the square dancing sets. At 1:00 A.M. when those hearty souls still in attendance retired to the Valhalla for a nightcap, a vote was taken and the evening came out a winner. A job well done by Co-Chairmen Ann Erickson, Carl and Ruth Erickson. Thanks to all!

The Holiday Season is rapidly approaching and Svithiod's own Children's Chorus has been practicing every Saturday since October to participate in the Santa Lucia Festival to be held in conjunction with our Julmiddag, December 15th and 16th. Blanche Norberg has put many long hours of preparation into teaching our children traditional Scandinavian songs as well as some old favorites. Without her

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Season's Greetings

From Your Editor

May the *memories* of Christmases Past renew and strengthen the bonds of love and friendship with your family and friends.

May the *spirit* of Christmas Present reecho that song of long ago, *"Peace On Earth, Good Will To Men,"* filling your hearts and homes with joy.

May the *hope* of Christmases To Come give you the strength and courage to:

Make straight what long was crooked,
Make the rougher places plain;
Let your hearts be true and humble,
As befits His holy reign;
For the glory of the Lord
Now o'er earth is shed abroad,
And all flesh shall see the token
That His word is never broken."

—Johannes Olearius, 1611-1684

CHRISTMAS TIME

By Ted R. Strand

Christmas time is for rejoicing
Praise to God and His Holy Son
Sing we carols of thanksgiving
Peace on earth to ev'ry one.

Christmas time with moonbeams shining
Angels herald the Saviour's birth
Joy bells sweetly ring, re-echo
God's great gift to all on earth.

Christmas time means joy of giving
Fills the heart with love for all
Happy smiles from children's faces
Their stockings hung along the wall.

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So as not to miss anyone, here's

MERRY CHRISTMAS

in twenty-seven languages . . .

God Jul *(Swedish)*
Glaedelig Jul *(Danish)*
Gledelig Jul *(Norwegian)*
Froehliche Weihnachten *(German)*
Hartelijke Kerst Groeten *(Dutch)*
Hauskaa Joulua *(Finnish)*
Joyeux Noel *(French)*
Buon Natale *(Italian)*
Felice Navidad *(Spanish)*
Boas Festas *(Portuguese)*
Wesolych Swiat *(Polish)*
S Rozhdestvom Christova *(Russian)*
Crystas Rozdzajetsia, Slawyte Jeho *(Ukrainian)*
Befele Vanebhi *(Bohemian)*
Boldog Karacsonyt *(Hungarian)*
Sretan Bozic *(Croatian)*
Sretan Bozic *(Serbian)*
Linksmu Kaledu *(Lithuanian)*
Vesele Vanoce *(Czech)*
Kala Christougenia *(Greek)*
Nodlaig Nait Cugat *(Irish)*
Ge Chenorhavorem St. Zenount *(Armenian)*
Mele Kaliki Maga *(Hawaiian)*
Chuk-syong Takn *(Korean)*
Yasu Suntel Kowa *(Chinese)*
Shin-nen Omedito *(Japanese)*
Gajan Kristnask *(Esperanto)*

VISITORS FROM SWEDEN

By Martin Ahlm

On Saturday, October 21st, eighteen Swedish Oil Company executives had dinner in the Marine Dining Room. They were very enthusiastic about SVITHIOD and the dinner.

On Wednesday, October 24th forty-two Swedish Trucking Company owners enjoyed a smörgåsbord luncheon served in the Valhalla Lounge. What impressed them most was that they could get herring and aquavit Swedish style.

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A Happy and Prosperous New Year

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Richard Peterson

As the year of 1979 fades away into history, may the Good Fellowship and Best Wishes of the Holiday Season carry throughout the new Year of 1980.

The month of December at Svithiod carried with it the excitement of all the yuletide festivities. The Children's Christmas Party held on December 2nd, was a real thrill for the children and grandchildren of our Members. Phyllis Ahlm and Sherrie Magnuson did a great job in providing a beautiful day for the children. Our thanks to the Svithiod Singing Club Chorus for providing the entertainment of the day.

Members' Nite showed the true spirit of our membership, attendance was very good. The Svithiod Chorus provided us with many traditional songs of the season. Our entertainers, Santa's Daughters, were quite a treat. They also helped out in selling raffle tickets for the 15 geese. We would hope that all the Members' Nites coming, would be as well attended. It really is a fun evening to bring your own friends as guests or to mingle with your fellow members of Svithiod.

The Lucia Festival held this year with the Julmiddag was truly a beautiful traditional festival of Svithiod. For all of those who were unable to attend, we can only tell you that you missed an outstanding event. The children who participated in the pageant were a real delight. It was clearly evidenced that they had put in many hard hours of rehearsal time, performing almost flawlessly. Many thanks to Blanche Strom Nordberg who does such a wonderful job with the children and to the committee Linka Jones, Dolores Martin and Jeanne Peterson. The Lucia Queen this year was Kim Jones.

The Julmiddag is the traditional Christmas Party at Svithiod. The Christmas season would not be Christmas without it.

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The editor of Svithiod *LIFE* wishes each and every member a most happy and prosperous New Year. We thank the officers and board of directors as well as all of the reporters for their cooperation or participation in the past year. On behalf of the officers, board of directors and the membership, we wish to express a deep appreciation and thanks to our advertisers who make it possible for the publication of the Svithiod *LIFE*.

Irwynn (Irv) Kimball

CHORUS NOTES

By Milton N. Strom

1979 . . . that's the year most of us will remember as the year of the big snow storm, the year that Chicago's first woman mayor won by a snowflake, the year Arabs (no not Emma and Arne) took over and made the turning world squeek by raising the price of their grease, the year that inflation worked havoc on personal and corporate budgets, for the most part a year that most of us will be happy to see come to a close. However there have been those moments during the year when the cares of the day have been forgotten. For those loyal men in the Chorus, it has been the opportunity to meet each Friday night and under the excellent guidance of our Director, John Carlson, put a new and interesting touch to the old songs that we love so well, and, learned new songs. Yes, these Friday nights did mean work. But it was work that resulted in carrying on the tradition established 98 years ago by eight men who loved to fellowship together and sing the songs that they had carried with them from their homeland to weave into the fabric of this multi-colored tapestry called America. Yes, without a song their life in this new world could have been lonely, drab and

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"JULMIDDAG"

By Tom Martin

The holiday season at Svithiod is always a highlight of the year. The beautiful decorations, the warm friendship and ready laughter make the club sparkle and glow. At no time is this atmosphere more prevalent than during the "Julmiddag" weekend. In the face of other functions which suffer waning attendance, "Julmiddag" at Svithiod brought over 400 guests on Saturday and over 300 guests on Sunday.

On both nights, most folks managed to get to the Valhalla Lounge for a cocktail before dinner. Here they were entertained with piano and organ music by that incomparable duo, Glenn Hammerschmidt and "Chuck" Feeney. These two fellows have provided many hours of enjoyable music during the past year and deserve thanks from all of us. During dinner, in the Dining Room, Jack Olander provided traditional holiday music on the organ, playing both sacred and popular. Jack even enticed a few folks up to the organ to sing Christmas carols. In the Banquet Hall, Bill Whittaker's String Trio provided beautiful dinner music. In both spots, the music provided a deserved background to some of the most excellent cuisine available. The Julmiddag smörgåsbord was a palate's delight, and Pat Lyons and his kitchen staff are to be commended on a truly tremendous effort. After dessert, everyone had a chance to stretch while the tables were cleared away and seating arranged.

Milton Strom, Chairman of the Svithiod Chorus, was introduced, outlined the program for the evening and introduced John Carlson, Svithiod Chorus Director. The traditional Var Hälsad Sköna Morgonstund was the opening number followed by several other equally well known Swedish Christmas Hymns. In a break from past tradition, the Lucia Pageant then took place, with our Lucia Queen this year, Kimberly Jones. In past years, this

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BUDDY RICH CONCERT SAT., FEBRUARY 16, 1980
HAWAIIAN LUAU PARTY SAT., FEBRUARY 23, 1980

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Richard Peterson

The New Year was certainly welcomed with proper style at Svithiod. After ample hors d'oeuvres and fortification of 'The Nectar of the Gods', everyone enjoyed a delicious dinner in the Marine Dining Room. All agreed that the Svithiod staff provides its members and guests with some of the best cuisine in Chicago. Later, in Valhalla Lounge, the beginning of a new decade was celebrated into the wee hours. As people were leaving, trying to decide where to go for breakfast, comments were heard that those who were not in attendance really missed an enjoyable evening. A job well done by our manager, Pat Lyons, and his staff.

On January 11th, Pat Lyons held another one of his "Manager's Parties". Those crab legs, shrimp and all the rest of the food was fantastic. No one had an excuse for going away hungry from that "all you can eat" meal. Thanks to Chef Ron and the entire staff for the stupendous food! Thanks, too, to Chuck Feeney for his dinner music and sing along accompaniment at the organ.

As we set our sights toward the 80's, may I reflect on a couple who devote many hours to Svithiod—our Editor, Irv Kimball, and his wife, Doris. There have been many Sunday evenings when I have received a call from Irv, trying to meet deadlines, asking what happened to my article, or someone else's, and why it is late. I can always hear Doris' fingers busily typing away in the background. Putting this paper together is often a thankless job, especially when articles are hard to come by. If anyone has ideas or articles to contribute, please call Irv—better yet, write it down or type it out and send it in. Your thoughts ARE appreciated. (I hope everyone read Delores Martin's article in November.) Thanks to you, Irv and Doris!

The month of February is packed with events for every taste . . .

Members' Night on Tuesday the 5th . . . please reserve.

Set aside Saturday, February 16th, for the Buddy Rich Orchestra. A first for Svithiod! All seats are reserved so please send check or money order in early. This will be a 'Concert Style' affair with two 45-minute performances and an intermission. Please check the separate flyer for more details.

On Saturday, February 23rd, put on your Aloha shirts or your grass skirts and come on down to the Hawaiian Party sponsored by the Ladies' Auxiliary. By comments I have heard already, this should prove to be an interesting evening.

As you can see, February is packed with a variety of special events for you. Take advantage of them and get your group together.

Don't forget too, that the Marine Dining Room is open daily for lunch and dinner for those personal get-togethers.

The success of any organization lies with its members. Let's all do our share to support Svithiod!

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! ROYAL ORDER OF THE HERRING CONCLAVE SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 1980

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MEMBERS' NITES

Our Members' Nites have been a tradition at Svithiod for many years. From the famous Svithiod Smörgåsbord featuring a taste tempting array of specially prepared delicacies served by our chef fit for the finest gourmet . . . entertainment of the highest order is always planned to make your evening complete.

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ST. PAT'S PARTY, SATURDAY, MARCH 15th, 1980

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Richard Peterson

Everyone asks "What is happening at Svithiod", "Where is the Club going?", "I hear Svithiod is closing".

Those questions would not be necessary if every member participated in their Club. If you come down to Club functions or support Svithiod with luncheon or dinner patronage, Svithiod will survive.

There are those members with the attitude of "Tradition must carry on at any cost". Well, tradition is expensive and becoming harder and harder to afford.

Your entertainment committee has worked hard trying to plan club parties for you, the members, and your guests. Lack of support has resulted in two cancellations so far. The weather this winter has been on our side, so this cannot be used as an excuse for poor attendance . . .

Your support is essential for the life of Svithiod, so please make your reservations for all functions, whether club parties or private dining. Thank you.

The entertainment for the February Members' Night was very interesting. Those who were not in attendance really missed a lot. Thanks to our Chorus who, once again, put on a good performance. The cash prize was won by Dick Pipenhagen. Needless to say, liquid libations were on Dick. Thanks, Dick.

The Royal Order of the Herring will meet March 2nd. Tom Martin, entertainment chairman, and his committee have planned a fun filled day for all. The Grand Herring will be Martin Ahlm, Past President, and an active supporter of Svithiod. Please reserve early.

Due to the recent resignation of Ruben Carlson from the office of First Vice President at the January Board meeting the following appointments were made to fill this vacancy and those created by natural succession according to the by-laws:

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ST. PATRICK

By Jim Michaels

St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, was born late in the fourth century, either in Kilpatric, Ireland or Dumbarton, Scotland. When sixteen years of age, young Patrick was taken prisoner and carried into slavery near the western sea. After six years, he escaped to Western France and found refuge in the Monastery of Lerins, remaining there for some years and then returning to Britain.

There he had a vision of himself as a victorious apostle of Christianity to the Irish. After study and preparation, he was ordained a priest and in the year 432 became the bishop of Ireland where he gained the good will of the local rulers, or as they styled themselves, kings.

Father Patrick's knowledge of Irish and Latin was a valuable asset in his work, which he began in a wooden barn given him for religious purposes by a man of importance on the island. He was a man of tireless action and enthusiasm in his work and we are told that he founded 360 churches, baptized with his own hand 12,000 people and ordained a great many priests.

St. Patrick is credited with banishing the snakes and toads from Ireland and he performed oustanding miracles in his contests with the druidical priests, and by confounding his enemies. Tradition has credited him with many great powers. Legend says that at his death so great was his glory that there was no night for twelve days.

THOSE LITTLE CARDS

Cards on the tables in the Marine Dining Room are our "source of information" about members and their guests.

Why not fill one out the next time you visit the dining room?

HOUSE COMMITTEE

For some time we have expounded on the virtues of your Club and the many things you can, or should do to support Svithiod. This is not a one way street however, and today we'll express a personal opinion of what you should be able to expect, and receive, in return for your loyalty and financial support.

All employees of the Club regardless of tenure should always treat you, a customer, as well as an owner of this business, with the same respect and courtesy you would offer to your customers.

While we hope that you are treated properly, we also know from personal experience that personality conflicts are prone to exist in any organization, especially when we all become so closely involved due to the social nature of our Club.

As reported by a member, "One evening we shared a dinner table with Club friends and it was a bit surprising to realize that our favorite bartender was one that our friends found impossible to deal with. The waitress that we consider a drag, was our friends' delight. The musicians we thought were terrific, they may have disliked etc. . . ." We have no solution for personality conflicts. This is not to imply that any or all problems are to be dismissed as personality conflicts.

While we have stated that you a member have every right to be treated with all due respect, certain rules and regulations must be adhered to. These rules be they dress code, or decorum, are those desired by the majority of members. It is the responsibility of department managers to see that the general membership is not embarrassed in any way by the actions of one individual or his guests. It goes without saying that employees decorum should be beyond reproach, anything less should be reported to the Club Manager and the House Committee.

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ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS, Wednesday, April 16th

PRESIDENT'S BALL, FRIDAY, APRIL 25th

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Richard Peterson

The past month at Svithiod certainly has had its ups and downs as far as parties are concerned. The Herring Breakfast has to be one of the poorest attended functions of the year! Why, I cannot figure out.

The food was, as usual, fantastic. Thanks to Chef Ron, the entire kitchen staff and waitresses.

The Chorus did an admirable job entertaining those in attendance with a very well organized program. Thanks to Chorus Chairman Milt Strom, Director John Carlson, Accompanist Blanche Norberg and the entire Chorus.

The day seemed well organized. Thanks to Entertainment Chairman, Tom Martin; our Grand Herring, Martin Ahlm, and Manager Pat Lyons.

All that we needed was you! Those in attendance all agreed that it was a great day in spite of a turnout of less than 100 men. Many members have asked for a change in format for the Herring Breakfasts. Well, we did it on the last two occasions and where were you?

The Manager's Party held in February was another occasion where the attendance was not what it should have been! Many complained that they wanted a 'Sweetheart Party' for Valentine's Day, not an Italian Night Party. Well, if you had been there with the dim candle light in Valhalla Lounge, the red checkered table cloths in the Dining Room highlighted by the candle light, I don't see how you could ask for a more romantic evening setting. Everyone seems to need an excuse to avoid Svithiod, I guess.

On March 15th, the St. Patrick's Party, though another party that was not well

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JOYOUS EASTER

By Ted Strand

Joyous, Happy Easter
Tranquils our lives each year
Extolling the Risen Savior
God's Holy Son so dear.

Christ Jesus our Redeemer
Lord of Lords—sublime
Hosannas in the highest
Break forth at Easter time.

Beautiful, pure white lilies
Majestic, fragrantly bloom
Revealing the living spectre
That Christ o'er came the tomb.

Harken these words of Jesus
His message ev'rywhere
"Come unto Me that labor,"
Seek ye the Lord in prayer.

Heavenly Spirit of Easter
Send hope, salvation, joy
To this world enrapt in chaos
Which mankind seeks to destroy.

When Thy footsteps falter
Have faith—be not forlorn
Christ arose just as He said
On resurrection morn.

He lives today in ev'ry heart
Eternal is His love
The King of Kings Christ Jesus
Reigns ever in heav'n above.

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ANNUAL MEETING WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16th

Every loyal member of Svithiod Singing Club who is eligible to vote should feel it his duty to come to the 97th Annual Business Meeting on Wednesday, April 16, 1980. The polls are open from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. A Buffet dinner will be served from 6:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.

This is the time and place to vote for the Officers and Board of Directors who you feel should lead and direct our wonderful Club through its 98th year. Also this is the time and place to express your opinions *openly*, *candidly* and *constructively* on matters of policy, administration and management that may come up for discussion.

It behooves every voting member who believes in Svithiod and its ideals and purposes to be present to exercise his right to vote and let his voice be heard. If you don't like the way things are going or have been run, you're not going to help solve the problems by griping in the Valhalla Lounge as you enjoy a Carlsburg or a Martini! So organize your thoughts and come to the meeting prepared to participate. Of course we know that all of our voting members present will gladly participate in the delightful buffet dinner prepared by Pat Lyons and his staff.

This is the beginning of our 98th year as a Club that has weathered many storms during its illustrious history, always emerging stronger and continuing to hold high its chartered purpose to "perpetuate Scandinavian tradition, culture and music." Our Century Celebration can be a glorious milestone in Svithiod's history if YOU dedicate yourself to the task of strengthening and perpetuating those ideals.

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MOTHER'S DAY DINNER MAY 11, 1980

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Richard Peterson

Each month within Svithiod *LIFE*, you will find the current month's activities, as well as the future month's events. The Entertainment Committee also mails flyers for many of these events covering additional information. You will find that there is an evening geared to everyone's liking. One of the most popular evenings has been the Manager's Parties. Each one presented a different dining delight. Won't you please come join us? Please call in your reservation allowing your club staff ample time to plan for the evening.

By the time this issue of Svithiod *LIFE* will appear, your new Officers and Board of Directors will have taken over. As there are many important decisions to be made this coming year, your support of Svithiod is essential. As in all organizations, it takes the efforts of many people working together to be successful in our endeavors. Svithiod is no exception. No one individual committee could operate without the help and support of all the committees. I feel very confident that your new Officers and Board will do their utmost to perform the functions of their respective positions. Please familiarize yourself with the new Officers and Directors and I am sure that any criticisms, suggestions or the like will be greatly appreciated.

It is imperative that we all work together to preserve the Scandinavian heritage of the Svithiod Singing Club.

The road ahead will be a rough one. It will be the obligation of every Svithiod member to do their fair share to smooth out that road. It is the desire of your Officers and Board of Directors to maintain as much of the current membership as possible during these difficult times. We would like to look towards the sale of Svithiod properties, and relocation, with a positive attitude for the future.

Your Board has received several in-

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MOTHER'S DAY

By C. Neil Strait

The wise mother knows that life not only needs physical care and mental nurture, but that it also needs spiritual provisions. Wise is that mother, and blessed are her children, who make room for spiritual things in the life of her family.

The mother who has the deepest respect from her children is the one who challenges life to seek the best, not the easiest, who encourages life to serve others, above self, and who accepts life in pursuit of success, even if it fails.

Every son needs a mother who can inspire and motivate life to high ideals and noble accomplishments. Where sons grow up without such inspiration, their futures are blighted and their hopes dimmed.

Every girl needs the kind of mother who will model ideals and principles that will sustain and strengthen life. If daughters do not see great ideals demonstrated, they will settle for lesser things, which will mean they will have less to pass on to their daughters.

OFFICERS FOR 80-81 ELECTED

Elected or re-elected to office at the Annual Meeting held in the Clubhouse Wednesday, April 16th were the following:

President.....Richard A. Peterson
First Vice Pres. ..... Donald M. Ahlm
Second Vice Pres..... Kurt A. Bloom
Treasurer..... Robert E. Magnus
Secretary..... Arthur R. Strobeck

Directors elected for two year terms were Henri W. Elmlund, Harold G. Magnus and Ralph W. Strom. For one year term was Donald L. Olson. Incumbent directors serving another year are Charles P. Sandine and Elof R. Peterson.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

by Donald Ahlm

The membership committee under the chairmanship of Carl W. Erickson from April 1979 through January 1980 maintained the functions of the committee and instituted a membership drive soliciting the members of the Mid-American Swedish Trade Association. The Club gained good publicity through this drive, but changes in the Club office personnel prevented an accurate evaluation of results. Committee member Milton Strom prepared a comprehensive list for possible follow-up of this effort.

As of February 1980 the undersigned assumed the committee and efforts were made to establish new procedures in the office facilitating efficient processing of membership affairs. The committee also suggested that a complete review of the dues structure be instituted and that an ad hoc committee be formed to accomplish this project. Also, that a questionnaire be circulated to the entire membership to determine popular opinion on several key issues including Club service, improvement or change in the social schedule and sentiment regarding relocation, consolidation or remodeling of existing facilities. Also, that the issue of attaining voting rights for the associate membership be maintained an active issue.

The current membership count is as follows:

Regular Members		100	
"	Chorus	7	
"	Life	44	
"	Hon. Life	29	Total 180
Associate Members		130	
"	Chorus	11	
"	Life	15	
"	Hon. Life	1	Total 157

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CHORUS SPRING CONCERT, SUNDAY, JUNE 8th

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Richard A. Peterson

The President's Ball honoring the incoming and outgoing officers, held in April, was a most enjoyable party. After hors d'oeuvres and cocktails, Manager Pat Lyons and his staff presented a fine meal. My thanks to Past President Len Bloom for his most appreciated toast. With the introduction of the new Ladies' Auxiliary Officers as well as my Officers and Board of Directors, it looks like your club is in the hands of some really Svithiod minded people! All these people deserve your support.

With the officers that have been elected by the members, you have entrusted them with a responsibility to carry out the duties as prescribed in the Svithiod Bylaws. As you read through this month's issue of Svithiod *LIFE*, take note of these men, and ladies in the Auxiliary, and call on them to solve your problems and questions. That is why we are here. Don't complain to your fellow member if you have a problem, call the man in charge of that area in order to get some results.

On May 20th, it was First Vice-President Don Ahlm, and my, pleasure to be able to attend the Ladies' Auxiliary Luncheon honoring the Incoming and Outgoing Officers and Board. With the challenges that face us this year, it was gratifying to see the support expressed to me by Marge Sells, President, and her Board members. As I understand it, Marge, this is your third time as President of the Auxiliary. That really takes a lot of dedication and love toward Svithiod. Thank You!

After a fantastic program at the Luncheon put on by Jack Olander and the Maine East Chorus, my spirit was really set to meet with your new (and old!) Entertainment Committee members later that evening. A calender for all Club events is being planned and will be included in a future issue of Svithiod *LIFE*. Great length discussions were carried on concerning the

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Re-elected President Richard A. Peterson and wife Sue.

HOUSE COMMITTEE

By Donald Ahlm

Your house committee has established certain goals for our upcoming year, and in cooperation with Club management we are seriously working on these goals. We are developing closer cooperation between management and our committee, we are working on improving billing accuracy, and more consistent follow-up on those members whose accounts are in arrears. Also, we have corrected or improved several complaints forwarded by members regarding Club operations.

Unfortunately, day to day problems arise falling first to Club management, and in some cases resolution requires involvement of the officers and directors. This makes organization and planning difficult as much time is spent putting out fires.

If ego is the reward for officers and directors and a limited number of members assuming the task of finding answers to seemingly unsolvable problems it is easily deflated.

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INCOMING AND OUTGOING OFFICERS' BALL

By Charles Sandine

The evening of Friday, April 25th, our Club was filled with the gathering of Eagles again. The celebration honoring Richard Peterson's second year as President began with libations in the Valhalla Lounge. It was encouraging to mingle with such strong supporters of the Svithiod Singing Club numbering approximately 160. As always, the past Presidents and the Chorus were strongly represented.

From the Valhalla Lounge, guests and members found their tables and seated themselves, as the traditional grand march of Incoming and Outgoing Officers and Board of Directors was formed in the lobby. At the proper moment all rose and applauded as the head table party marched in and were seated.

The meal following was a gourmet's delight, served in the usual Svithiod manner under the direction of Pat Lyons. The gracious efficiency in which the repast was served was truly a thing of pride.

During the pronouncements and accolades that followed dinner Richard Peterson was honored for his last year of the Presidency and received the traditional Svithiod ring. Sheila Scheffler was honored for her year as President of the Ladies' Auxiliary, and Mr. Ruben Carlson was honored for his services as First Vice-President.

Donald Alm and Kurt Bloom, First and Second Vice-Presidents, respectively, were congratulated on their new positions and charged with the responsibility of the operation and membership of our fine organization. Following the presentations the Svithiod Chorus, directed by John Carlson, sang a number of songs appropriate to this important occasion.

The lights were then dimmed and dancing and fellowship continued until the wee hours of the morning.

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