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ANOTHER SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Latest recipient of the Svithiod Scholarship Award, Ralph T. Anderson, a member of our chorus, was more than happy to receive the honor bestowed upon him. The presentation was made recently by Past President Harold F. Grevin, chairman of the scholarship committee. Ralph's letter of acknowledgement follows:

March 16, 1954

Dear Mr. Grevin:

Thank you very much for your letter of March 12th, notifying me of the scholarship which the Svithiod Singing Club has given me.

I am quite overjoyed with the thought of getting such an opportunity to further my studies in singing, which is one of the most important and delightful parts of my life.

I will do my utmost to justify the confidence which the Club has placed in me by giving me this scholarship.

I wish to thank you, the Scholarship Committee, the Board of Directors, and the Svithiod Singing Club for this wonderful opportunity, but mere words cannot express my real feelings. With many thanks, I am

Sincerely yours,

/s/ RALPH T. ANDERSON



Ralph T. Anderson

Further acknowledgement of Svithiod's program of encouraging new talent is contained in the following letter received by Mr. Grevin from the Chicago Conservatory:

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Birthday List

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| 2—John W. Ream | 17—Elof R. Peterson |
| 2—Harry M. Lavin | 17—Bertram C. Weaire |
| 2—J. Bernard Jacobsen | 17—Anthony F. Nosek |
| 2—Roland A. Johnson | 18—Raymond Waage, Jr. |
| 2—Raymond B. Kropp | 18—Nels S. Carlson |
| 2—Chandos H. Rich | 19—Ivar A. Morberg |
| 3—William P. Ronan | 20—W. A. Jordan |
| 4—William J. Spillard | 20—Lionel G. Thorsness |
| 5—Noble F. Carne | 21—Frank C. Kennedy |
| 5—Carl E. Nyblom | 21—Lloyd D. Elliott |
| 5—Otto J. Turek | 21—Melvin A. Peterson |
| 6—Ralph M. Isacksen | 21—Carl A. Swenson |
| 6—Harold Lagerlund | 22—Hampton E. Tonk |
| 6—Evar L. Miller | 22—Einar E. Andersson |
| 7—Charles T. Wilt, Jr. | 22—Harold Engstrom |
| 7—Arvid W. Nelson | 23—Clifford C. Foster |
| 7—Hugo Henrikson | 23—Louis G. Jensen |
| 7—Viggo Hoyer | 23—Arthur T. Ferguson |
| 8—Lawrence F. Glowen | 23—Art E. Waldschmidt |
| 8—Joseph R. Hultgren | 24—William E. Yaxley |
| 8—Fred W. Korber, Jr. | 24—J. Scott Moore |
| 8—Raymond J. Shilvoek | 25—Wilbur H. Panzer |
| 9—Earl W. Glende | 25—Albert G. Collins |
| 9—Frank J. Jacobson | 25—Elton C. Anderson |
| 9—L. V. Carlstedt, Jr. | 25—John W. Christensen |
| 10—Martin J. Kirk | 25—Edwin H. Wendt |
| 10—P. D. McClintock | 26—LeRoy E. Ekstrand |
| 10—Nichols Zasiebida | 26—Roy W. Hauk |
| 11—Lloyd T. Robertson | 26—Dr. R. E. Westland |
| 11—Walter G. Johnson | 27—Warren F. Baunach |
| 11—Eric Bark | 27—Bert J. Nygard |
| 11—W. P. Churchill | 28—Charles Vgaste |
| 11—William Jarvis | 28—Arthur T. Olson |
| 11—Charles L. Pearson | 28—Harold G. Magnus |
| 12—Ralph Burgh | 28—Thomas J. Carmody |
| 13—Theodore Du Moulin | 28—Clarence N. Olson |
| 14—R. Blomquist | 29—Victor H. Larson |
| 14—Harry Duvenback | 29—Irving C. Engstrom |
| 14—Elmer A. Hennig | 29—L. A. Schrade |
| 15—Harrison L. Hart | 30—Martin Ahlm |
| 15—Albert Hultgren | 31—Eric G. Kihlstrom |
| 16—Ernest H. Booth | 31—Robert A. Lind |
| 17—Carl H. Bauer | |

NEW MEMBERS FETED AT RECEPTION



New members accepted at the Board of Directors meeting February 17th were: David C. Clausen, Philip V. Bright, Elmer F. Troch, Allan Abrahamson, John Foster Green, James MacLogan, Roy W. Buthman, Albert G. Collins, Melvin R. Collins, Harold J. Schloer, Wayne H. Hampton, Raymond Waage, Harry F. Strom, Melvin H. Wagner, Rudolph A. Ekberg, Arthur J. Keevil, Arthur Freestrom, M. E. Knudson, Herbert Palmleaf, Paul D. McKlintock, John B. Shelly, Edwin F. Schild, and Max G. Rudolph.

ST. PATRICK'S PARTY

America. Enjoyed their trip very much, however Miss Liberty in New York was a welcome sight to the travelers after visiting many ports in South America.

According to young Mr. Frank Woodruff pay day is a good day to celebrate so he prevailed upon his folks, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond B. Woodruff, to take his brother Frank and him to dine at the club on March 14th.

Harry and Anita Warp's new Chris-Craft cabin cruiser got it's fish bucket christened last month when Lois Bloom caught the first fish taken aboard. She followed up with two more before the afternoon was over, while Harry was all arms and elbows steering the boat, baiting hooks, shooing away the sea gulls, and opening beer cans.

Two fine young men, Laurence and Alan Christensen celebrated their twelfth and eight birthdays on March 16th. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Christensen.

Mr. Joe Holbrook of Monticello, Ill., and Mr. Henry Mauritsen of Milwaukee were guests of Mr. Arthur O. Anderson on March 16th.

Dr. Fred Pinkham was entertained on March 18th by Dr. R. G. Gustavson who recently resigned as Chancellor of University of Nebraska and is now President of Resources for the Future of Ford Foundation with headquarters in Washington, D. C.

Mr. Franz Langhammer from Wilhelmshaven, Germany, who is studying for a doctor's degree at Northwestern University, visited the club on March 19th with Mrs. Chris Albright.

Irma and Elmer Kirchwehn enjoyed themselves on March 23rd as guests of Mr. Walter E. Kirchwehm.

Prior to their departure for Honolulu, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. McPhee were entertained on March 24th by Mr. M. F. McCarty. Other guests were Messrs. George Vickers, R. C. Burns and B. J. McCarthy.

Art and Greta Carlson treated granddaughter Diane to dinner at the club March 28th. Organist Theresa Meyers played "I Love Paris" for the young lady.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Thybony's guests March 26th were Mr. and Mrs. Arne Olyrd of Stockholm.

We were happy to see Dud and Julia Eckholm back from their South American cruise on April 10th, wearing very sun-tanned smiles.

And then there were the O'Connors, the McCarthy's, the Ryan's and the O'Briens, and it seems there also were many Swedes at the party held Saturday, March 13, 1954.

Mike McCarthy and his committee did a swell job because the place was really jumpin'. After a wonderful dinner prepared by Henri Elmlund and his staff, we were entertained by talented Annette Olson who sang several appropriate songs, and then joined with Everett Westman in several duet numbers.

One of the highlights of the evening was the "Knute" Ryan Quartette. Their mimicry was very amusing and particularly when "Liberace" came strolling down the aisle, guided by a large candle and finally took his place at the piano.

The committee really had a clever idea when they came up with "Paddy's Pig"—a highly decorated roast pig, apple in mouth and all—to be given as the door prize. It was won by Mrs. Chisholm, a guest of Earl Martin.

Dick Gale, a well-known comedian about town had the audience in gales of laughter. This boy is really clever and had a smart repertoire with never a dull moment all the while he was on the stage.

Jack Holbrook and his Stardusters, one of Svithiod's favorite dance bands, played wonderful, danceable music and the way the crowd lingered and danced and danced you can rest assured it was thoroughly enjoyed.

A TOAST TO THE IRISH! It was a grand party and just another one added to the score of delightful evenings spent at Svithiod.—H. P. S.



Chairman Mike McCarthy (left) with the winners.



The "Knute" Ryan quartet.



This is Liberace?





The Women's Page

CHARLOTTE CHRISTENSEN, *Editor*

March Meeting

It seems the chicken salad, rolls, coffee and coffee cake always taste so much better at our meetings than elsewhere. Maybe it's because we friends of Svithiod meet and relax, and then again it may be that our hostesses always prepare such a lovely table, the flowers are always so very attractive and the candles always burn so brightly, as much as to say "Welcome members, we're happy to see you again."

Our hostess for this meeting was **Eve Ramsey**, and her committee, **Edith Pierson**, **Loise Pose**, **Adele Raderman** and **Martha Schwartz**. Our appreciation to you ladies for an enjoyable luncheon.

After the customary opening of the meeting, visitation and sympathy notes were read.

Our president, **Val Swanson**, asked that ladies received in the membership of the Auxiliary who have not as yet attended a meeting, kindly come out so we can meet and welcome you.

Emma Harmon, one of our Philanthropic chairmen, reported that she had checked on the Homes, that they were very appreciative of our donation, and that these Homes were now getting ready for Spring activities.

Val commented on the wonderful Valentine Party given by the Auxiliary for which **Hope Swanson** and **Kay Nelson** were responsible. Val thanked these members for the hard work put into this party and expressed her enjoyment of that night.

Karin Soderblom thanked the ladies for coming out to rehearse for the Stagette of March 17th. She also urged that members come to the March 23rd Luncheon, which is for the benefit of the Swedish Old Peoples' Home. **Jennie Hawkinson**, Chairman and **Karin**, Co-Chairman.

Since the April Luncheon is cancelled we were all urged to attend the May 25th Luncheon, of which **Clara Gwynn** is Chairman.

Our president read a letter from the Hemophilia Foundation asking for blood donors for the plasma bank. If any of

the members or their friends desire to contribute blood to this very worthy cause will you please call GRaceland 7-5800. While our Auxiliary contributes materially to this organization it would be a great boon indeed to further answer their pleas.

Val announced that this year, instead of remembering the Veterans of Hines hospital at Easter time, the Auxiliary will pay for and serve a dinner at the U.S.O. on August 14th. She will be chairman for this evening, and will need 20 members to assist her.

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We were indeed sorry to hear of the passing of two of our members, namely **Mrs. Earl W. Woodhall (Marguerite)**, and **Mrs. A. J. Miller (Mabel)**. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the bereaved families.

Our sympathy is also extended to **Marilyn Johnson** on the passing of her mother-in-law, also to **Grace Ullman** on the loss of her father **William Rogers**. Grace was called home while vacationing in Florida and she returned to Florida after the services taking her mother with her.

WISH YOU WERE HERE!

Three of our members enjoyed a trip to Florida: **Anna Booth**, **Esther Anderson** and **Margaret Anderson**.

Esther Visoky recently returned from a trip to California.

Val Swanson was a recent visitor to New York.

Florence Ockerlund visited South America.

Phyllis Constantine made a Carribean cruise.

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COMING EVENTS

May 11th—Regular Meeting—The last one of the season.

May 18th—Luncheon—**Clara Gwynn**, Chairman. Please note ladies, this is the Luncheon that was to be held on May 25th. **Florence Burke Ellis**, the very well known book reviewer, will be with us that day. Come out ladies, I'm sure we all will enjoy a good book review.

On Wednesday, March 10th, our President, **Val Swanson**, gave a very elegant luncheon for the ladies that have worked with her for the past year.

After the appetizing and tantalizing trays of hors d'oeuvres and cocktails were enjoyed a yummy mushroom covered steak luncheon (which appeased the appetites for luncheon and dinner that day) was served. My, how the diets suffered. How can one win?

Skål, Skål, Skål was sung to Val by the ladies, who then was presented with a remembrance from the ladies present, a beautiful formal bag, with wishes that she remember us whenever she uses it. **Marion Dahlquist** did a great job in presenting this gift to Val on behalf of all of us.

Since Val had been a visitor to Hawaii not too far back, each place setting contained a place card with four fragrances from the Islands. A greatly enjoyed treat were the slides shown of Honolulu, the majority of which Val herself had taken while relaxing on this wonderful trip. The magnificent scenery, exquisite coloring of the flowers, and beautiful Hula girls made everyone desire a trip to Hawaii. After returning (spiritually) to the Music Room of Svithiod we enjoyed the rest of the afternoon in the card room with Canasta, Pinochle or ?. The table prize was a very pretty candy dish. Thanks to Val for a very pleasant afternoon.

Swedish Old Peoples' Home Benefit Luncheon

March 23, 1954

200 ladies attended this day and enjoyed a Swedish pot roast luncheon.

Karin Soderblom welcomed everyone and introduced **Jennie Hawkinson**, Chairman, who is a member of the Home, **Mrs. Palmquist**, Matron, and **Edith Smith**.

Hugo Mortensen, representing this haven for the aged, informed us about the vast improvements that have been made in the past three years, stating that there are 110 permanent guests at the Home at the present time, \$50,000 has been spent to modernize and it takes \$125,000 a year to operate. **Hugo** thanked the Auxiliary for the proceeds of this luncheon and for our yearly contributions as well. He urged everyone to attend the July 3rd picnic which is held each year.

Sincere appreciation to **Karin** and **Jennie** and their committee for their part in making this a successful luncheon, and to everyone attending, which made it possible to contribute a nice sized profit to the Home.—C. E. C.