

The Monitor

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We hope everyone can come to the **Moose Stew Dinner social evening on Friday, March 5.** No business will be conducted that evening. The bar opens at 6:00 and dinner is served at 6:30. The stew meat is furnished by our lodge hunter, Gill Holm. Putting together what we know from experience will be a delicious meal will be Gill Holm, Ed Dahlberg, Herb Johnson, Ernie Skorheim, Camilla Holm, Margaret Carlson (and anybody else who volunteers). The whole family will enjoy this dinner (\$4 for adults, children free). After dinner, Eivor Pfannkuch will help us make traditional Swedish Easter decorations. The Valley Viking Singers will provide entertainment. Marianne Ek welcomes all who would like to become a part of this singing group.

The next business meeting will be held Wednesday, March 10 at Chairman Myrtle Widmark's home, 3900 Silver Spur Way, Sacramento (481-4056). All members are welcome. There will be committee, business, and future events reports.

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

We are already almost in the month of March — and it seems to me this year is going too fast. Maybe it's because it has been a busy time for our lodge. With installation of new officers, initiation of new members, and our annual pea soup dinner, the members have helped make Monitor a very active lodge.

There was a large attendance at the pea soup dinner, including families with children and visitors. We again give thanks to the cooks who prepare these excellent dinners and those who offer to help with setting up and cleaning up.

Our committee chairpersons are working on plans for the upcoming events and will be asking for help. Please offer your assistance and get involved to help make these events successful.

In truth and unity
Myrtle Widmark

FAREWELL and thanks to our long-time members — 33 years! — Britt Marie and Lennart Andersson who are moving to Washington. They have been very active in our lodge and we will miss them. Good luck in your new home! And if you are ever in Sacramento, Britt Marie and Lennart, be sure to visit us.

CAMELLIA FESTIVAL

The Camellia Festival will be on March 6 and 7 at the Sacramento Convention Center. Although we are not participating this year, we recommend seeing the parade Saturday morning and the international exhibits and camellias in the center.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 3/01 - Thor Barrows
- 3/01 - Astrid Horyza
- 3/02 - Dorothy Scherer
- 3/04 - Karin Dorey
- 3/05 - Ellen Herting
- 3/06 - Berthell Nelson
- 3/08 - Jack Doscher
- 3/12 - Kathleen Lagomarsino
- 3/13 - Henry Hjersman
- 3/14 - Laurine Coplen
- 3/15 - Linda Johnson
- 3/17 - Kenneth Carlson
- 3/17 - Donn Stafford
- 3/20 - Helen Jenson
- 3/24 - Gerda Anderson
- 3/24 - Faye Powell
- 3/26 - Lennart Thornros
- 3/29 - Joyce Burns
- 3/29 - Kjell Hakansson
- 3/30 - Frank Lindahl
- 3/30 - Arthur Niemoller

*Hjärtliga gratulationer
på födelsedagen!*

TELEPHONE COMMITTEE



We will be making lists of members according to their telephone prefixes, so the callers will not have to

make toll calls. A few questions are included below for your review and to prepare you to give the information to your caller. The answers will be used to set up committees (for example, a hospitality committee that would arrange for dinner help to be responsible for setting up, greeting visitors, decorations, kitchen supplies, cleaning up, etc.). We will need about 15 telephone callers who would each have a list of 10 names. They would call the members on their lists to remind them of upcoming events, ask for help, pass on information and news, etc.

- What time of day would you be available to help with lodge activities?
- Could you help on weekends?
- What special events would you like to help with?
- What duties would you like to help with?
- What committees would you like to work on?
- What lodge offices would you be interested in?
- Do you have some special interests to share?

For monthly activities, refer to pages 36-38 in the program book.

SCANDINAVIAN FESTIVAL UPDATE

This year's Scandinavian Festival will be held on April 17. The location will be the same as last year, St. John Vianney Church, 10497 Coloma Road, Rancho Cordova. To have a successful festival, many volunteers are needed to provide home baked goodies and also to assist with the festival itself. We will have the **next planning meeting on Monday, March 8, at Norway Hall, 770 Darina Avenue, North Sacramento.** Everyone interested in helping out is invited. For further information, call Ethel Johnson at 457-0966.

MARCH DUES ANNIVERSARIES

Annalena Bronson
Lowell Carlson
Margaret Carlson
Deidre Dahlberg
Eleanor Johnson
Elizabeth Johnson
Harry Johnson
Gibson Kingren
Dorothy Kingren
Leo Krastins
Carl A. Larson
Alice Olson
Ted Olson
Wendy Strand
Alice Swanfeldt
Kurt Swanfeldt
Maud Udvardy
Richard Westrup

Dues are \$14 a year, payable to Monitor Lodge No. 218. They may be paid at the March meeting or by mail to Gail Nemy, 4239 Daybreak Lane, Sacramento, CA 95821.

NÅL OCH TRÅD

Here are the dates and places for the next two meetings of the Nål och Tråd group. For Monitor members who would like to come but don't drive at night, the first meeting in March will be in the daytime.

Tisdagen den 10 mars, kl. 10.00, hos Myrtle Widmark, 3900 Silver Spur Way, 481-4056. Please bring a brown bag lunch (such as a sandwich) and Myrtle will serve dessert and coffee. We're looking for ideas for the Scandinavian Festival.

Tisdagen den 23 mars, kl. 19.00, hos Viola & Karin Bodelson, 2529 Eastern Avenue, #26, 485-0815

THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

is now taking applications from high school seniors (1993 graduates) for the annual Monitor Lodge Scholarship. Applicants must be lodge members, children of members, or grand-children of members. Needed forms can be obtained by writing to:

Jeanne Hagstrom
8871 Sharkey Avenue
Elk Grove, CA 95624

The applications will include:

- The student's completed application form
- Three letters of recommendation
- A written composition.

The composition will describe the applicant's goals for the future and how the scholarship will help towards those goals.

Please mail the completed application package to the lodge secretary. **The due date for completed application package is March 15, 1993.**

Deadline for the next newsletter: Friday, 12 March!

MEMBER OF THE MONTH



As a first generation American and Californian, Eleanor Vine (originally Elna V. Andersson) carries on her Swedish heritage. Eleanor's parents, Oscar and Signe, were born in the Swedish provinces of Östergötland and Södermanland. Her parents knew each other in Sweden but met again in America. They married in Stockton, California. Her mother died one year after Eleanor was born. Oscar and other loving Swedish family members, including a grandmother who spoke no English, raised Eleanor. Her father was a charter member of Nord Lodge in Stockton, so Eleanor was truly a "Vasa child." She was even maid on Sweden Day as a teenager. In 1939, Eleanor fell in love and married Kenneth Vine (a past Monitor chairman). They raised two daughters. Their daughter Gayle Vine Viale now heads a Biomedical Instrumentation Group at the University of Pennsylvania. She is also an accomplished artist. Their other daughter, Kathleen Vine Goldsberry, lives in Elk Grove and teaches junior high school students U.S. History—with a bit of Swedish culture thrown in occasionally. Eleanor enjoys and spoils her three grandchildren Jacqui (27), Marc (24), James (13, who just loves the Smörgåsbord!), and also son-in-law Jim who is a great help to her. Eleanor joined Monitor Lodge in 1961 and has served as chairman (1974-75) as well as in other offices. She loves Swedish food, music, and culture and attends lodge meetings regularly,

always enjoying her many old and new friends. Eleanor was also president of Ikebana International, a flower arranging guild, and participated actively with her husband in the Lion's Club for many years. Her travels include two trips to Sweden (she still has many relatives there) as well as trips to Hong Kong, Switzerland, Austria, Germany, and many places across the United States. Eleanor is enjoying her retirement years in her new home. She likes needlework and keeps very busy with family and friends. We in Monitor Lodge are very happy to have Eleanor as an active member all these years. We thank you, Eleanor, for all your service.

THE SWEDES:

Do Swedes share certain common traits? Journalists and writers profess to see national peculiarities in this "small, ambitious northern European country which has performed well in international competition in so many fields."

Some people consider Sweden paradoxical: it is a capitalist nation and one of the most affluent countries on earth, while also having the world's strongest trade union movement and a large, influential public sector. In the "Swedish model," the Swedes have avoided militantly individualistic or socialistic solutions, choosing instead a middle path of pragmatic, collective ones (described by Marquis Childs in *Sweden, The Middle Way*). Egalitarianism has been a dominant social theme. High taxes, small income differentials, and an extensive social welfare system made Sweden a country "where

the gaps between people's living standards are unusually narrow."

On a personal level, the Swedes are less group-oriented. Swedes are reluctant to get too close to others, trying to be self-reliant and fearing loss of integrity and autonomy.

The Swedes have done very well internationally, in spite of the fact that "the law entitles them to comparatively long vacations and various leaves of absence." One frequent explanation is that on the job, the Swedes are efficient, highly quality-conscious and systematic, have considerable skill in utilizing and adapting to new technology, and have a flair for organization.

Studies indicate that loud confrontations occur less in Sweden than in many other countries; Swedes avoid aggressive behavior and are often reluctant to show their feelings. Therefore, Swedes may seem shy, afraid of conflict, and a bit unwelcoming or formal — "without really being that way at all," says the author of "On Sweden."

The Swedes are changing, however. Long ethnically very homogeneous, Sweden has changed greatly since World War II. Today, about 10 percent of the population are classified as immigrants. They came mostly from other Nordic countries but also from countries such as Yugoslavia, Italy, Greece, and Turkey and, more recently, from Latin America, Africa and Asia. This is bound to gradually change what has been regarded as "typically Swedish" behavior patterns.

— Submitted by Eivor Pfannkuch

■ PROGRAM BOOK CHANGES ■

The 1993 program books have finally arrived! However, after we submitted our update to this book way back in October, a lot has happened. Here are the many changes and additions:

— Under the heading "Officers for 1993" add:

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: Peggy Carlson
 TRUSTEES: Dede Dahlberg (3 yrs)
 MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Audrey Fales (1 yr), Ted Olson (2 yrs), Ethel Johnson (3 yrs)
 Also, delete the "I" in Mimi Hjersman's name under the heading SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

— Under the heading "Monitor Lodge No. 218 Calendar" make the following changes/additions:

March 5 Add "Valley Viking Singers"
 March 10 Add "Meeting at Myrtle Widmark's house"
 May 12 Add "TBA"
 June 4 Change "Monitor Chorus" to "Valley Viking Singers"
 June 19 Change "Elk Grove Park" to "TBA"

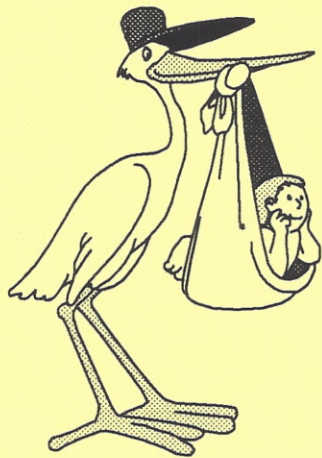
— In the Monitor Membership List, make the following changes:

Delete Michael & Darlene Aylward
 Delete Hildur Benson
 Judy Brown, 207 Lemon Tree Circle, Vacaville, CA 95867
 Elizabeth Coleman 3048 Rockford Way, Sacramento, CA 95833, phone 988-1788
 Amy Glad, 5311A Lawton Avenue, phone (510)601-9769
 The Ingvaridsens' new phone is 631-8218
 Carl A. Larson's new phone is 737-1671
 Inez Norling, 2100 Butano Drive #52, Sacramento, CA 95825, phone 488-9028
 Change Berry Schoepf to Betty
 Delete Martin Thornros
 Change Royert Titus to Robert Titus
 Peter Wardlow's address is 509 38th Street

— Last but not least, the following new members have been added since the program book went to print (and we extend a special welcome to the eight newest members initiated in February!):

Mirjam Auger (707) 451-0305	Hans & Anne Fors 773-7275
2791F N. Texas Street #389, Fairfield, CA 94533	5 Marcia Way #168, Roseville, CA 95747
Keith Bergstrom 775-1332	Kay Heringer 776-2057
P.O. Box 568, Walnut Grove, CA 95690	P.O. Box 716, Walnut Grove, CA 95690
Kevin Bergstrom 775-1160	Debbie Nickless 456-9410
P.O. Box 414, Courtland, CA 95615	6121 19th Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95820
Lisa Bleasdale 369-6734	Roy & Janice Sjogren 635-7110
9222 Kiefer Blvd #67, Sacramento, CA 95826	2011 Carson Hill Road, Gold River, CA 95670
Elizabeth Bushnell 791-3324	Janice Woodruff 983-9529
8455 Monterey Pine Road, Granite Bay, CA 95661	233 Thorndike Way, Folsom, CA 95630
Bertil Erickson 457-8677	
4939 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95819	

★ *BABY SHOWER* ★



Let's give a warm Swedish welcome to the new members of our growing Monitor family.

*Join us in greeting William Gustav Titus, born January 13th, son of **Ann Catrin and Robert Titus** and the expecting families of **Karin and David Dorey** and **Marie and Terry Tillman***

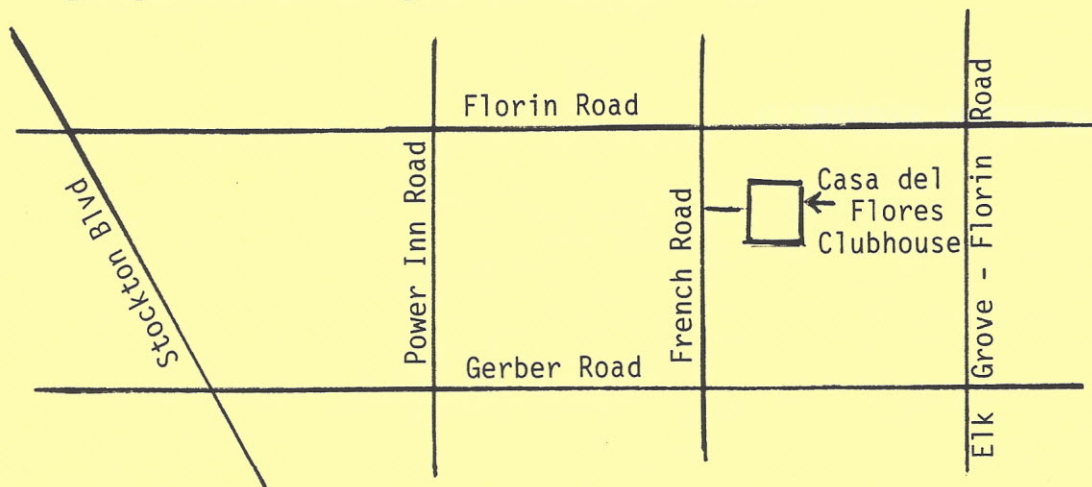
Saturday, February 27th, 1 pm

*in the Clubhouse
Casa de Flores Mobile Home Park
7465 French Road, Sacramento
(Parking in the Clubhouse)*

RSVP North—Louise Sims 489-7331
South—Jean Anderson 682-7438



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