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The January 3 meeting—our first of the year—will be just a business meeting, starting at 7 PM. There will be year-end reports and we'll be having a joint installation of officers with Sierra Kronan. The new officers will be our hosts for the evening. Please come and support our new officers and enjoy the nice installation ceremony.

Chairman's Message

Whow! What a wonderful turn-out for our annual Christmas *smörgåsbord* and *glögg* party! Our thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make it happen. The *glögg* was excellent, the food delicious, and Britt-Marie Pettersson did a wonderful job of entertaining us. *Jultomten* came and we all had a good time.

Very special thanks also to our Children's Club for the beautiful Luciafest! It was an altogether wonderful experience.

1996 has come to a close and our new chairman is taking over. Believe me, I'm looking forward to slowing down a bit. *Tack, tack* for all your support during the past three years!

Wishing you all a great new year and the best of health,

*In Truth and Unity,
Margaret Carlson*



I don't know how I can begin to thank everyone for all your cards, thoughts, and prayers. It was much appreciated. I'm doing fine and I don't need chemo or radiation. I'm just taking a pill, so I consider myself very lucky. It will be a long, slow recuperation, but I'm hanging in there.

Margaret Carlson

To all my friends in Monitor Lodge:

I want to thank you so much for all the lovely get-well cards and all your thoughts and prayers during my illness. It's so nice to be remembered. I'm still taking treatments and I still don't know how many more I will need. Hope to see all of you soon!

*In Truth and Unity,
Jean Anderson*

Friendship Committee

George Uffen's phone number is 399-1175 and he would love to hear from his Monitor friends.

Ed and Lucy Dahlberg have been under the weather, too. Ed had cataract surgery.

We're thinking of all our shut-ins especially during the holidays. Please visit them, call them, or send a card.

Nål och Tråd

Monitor's craft group meets twice a month at members' homes. However, it is not necessary to attend the meetings to be a contributor of your handiwork. There are patterns available for sewing, cross stitch, needlepoint, embroidery, panting, woodwork, carving, lace making, etc.

We welcome all members to come and see what we do, and we'd like to have ideas from our new members. The articles we make are mostly examples of our Swedish culture and will be sold at the Scandinavian Festival, Saturday, April 12, 1997. Money received at our sales buys supplies. Also, a contribution is made to the Monitor Lodge Scholarship Fund.

We'll have a Saturday morning meeting in January, so that members who work can come, and also an evening meeting:

Sat., Jan 11, at 10:00 AM,
at Myrtle Widmark's, 3900 Silver Spur Way, Sacramento (481-4056). Bring a brown bag lunch. Coffee and dessert will be provided.

Tues., Jan 28, at 7:00 PM, at Elizabeth Johnson's, 4332 T Street, Sacramento, 452-2470.

—Myrtle Widmark



Nominating Committee Report

As stated in the Constitution for Local Lodge, Section 10, Duties of Officers, "All local lodge officers shall, at the end of their term, turn over all books, monies, papers, documents, and property of the local lodge in their care to their respective successor or to such committee as the local lodge may designate."

Please turn over the Program Book you are using to your successor at the January meeting when the new officers will be installed. Any other material you have that your successor could use should be turned over also.

- Myrtle Widmark

Address Corrections

Lennart and Britt-Marie Andersson's address should be 302 West Silberhorn (i.e., Silberhorn is one word).

Vera Andersson's new address is 13 Overpeck Lane, Pinehurst, NC 28374-9645. (We don't have a new phone number.)

The Monitor Web Page address we published was missing an "s": <http://members.aol.com/-vasa218/vasindx1/htm>. Hope this didn't cause problems accessing the page.



Did You Know. . .

. . . that Sweden ranks second after Finland in coffee consumption per capital worldwide. In 1993, the Swedes consumed 76.8 million kilogram of roast coffee, an average of 3.5 cups per person and day.

- From *Images of Sweden*, 1995



Happy Birthday!

1/04- Cecilia Segerstedt
1/06 - Edna Anderson
1/06 - Michael Churkin
1/07 - Robert Anderson
1/07 - Thomas Anderson
1/08 - Don Carlson
1/08 - Gladys Stangl
1/09 - Leisma Krastins
1/12 - Phil Olson
1/16 - Billie Nelson
1/21 - LaVerne Gullans
1/21 - Nancy Maddox
1/22 - Thelma Badgley
1/23 - Dee Benson
1/24 - Brian Stockham
1/25 - Viola Bodelson
1/30 - Linda Becker
1/25 - Birgitta Ellis
1/27 - Ed Dahlberg
1/29 - Jewel Wright

New Year's Resolution

The hardest job in the world, it seems, is just to make a start. And even when desire is strong, this is the toughest part. You put off things that should be done, you wrestle with fear and doubt. But the only time your ship comes in, is when you send it out! You'll never win the prize you want; you'll never find your place. You'll only cross the finish line by getting in the race! No one can do it for you; you must do it by yourself. What good are goals that gather up, dust upon a shelf! The time to do it is always now. You can't have a doubting heart. The longer you wait, the harder it is to make that essential start. The first step is always the hardest, but once that step's begun, the thing you thought you couldn't do, is already halfway done!

Deadline

for the February newsletter is **Friday, January 17, 1997**. Please send input to Ingrid Kennedy, 10582 Apple Grove Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670-2317. Or you can send it to my e-mail address iken@gvn.net.

January Dues Anniversaries

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

Gerda Anderson
Vera Anderson
Britt-Marie/Lennart Anderson
Thelma/Charles Badgley
Edwin Cook
Birgit Dillard
Jack/Estrid Doscher
Kathleen Goldsberry
Stanley Hagstrom
Kerstin/Kjell Hakansson
Dale Ingvarsdén
Herb/Mildren Johnson
Karin Johnson
Charles Linn
Berthell/Charles Nelson
Barbara/Wendell Olson
Birgitta Ostlund
Cecilia Segerstedt
Frank Gladys Stangl
Helen Starkey
Joyce Trnka
Arlie Veis
George Uffens

Dues are \$18 a year, payable to Monitor Lodge No. 218. You may pay them at the January meeting or by mail to our financial secretary, Gail Nemy, 4239 Daybreak Lane, Sacramento, CA 95821. If you would like a receipt and membership card, please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

