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PLEASE COME TO THE JOINT dinner/installation meeting Monitor is having with Sierra Kronan on **Friday, January 9**, starting at 6 pm with dinner served at 6:30. Immediately after dinner, probably around 7:30, we will have joint installation of officers. Dinner will cost \$4.00 per person.

Note that this meeting will be held at Sierra Kronan's meeting site, which is **Veterans' Memorial Hall, Sutter Street & Park Avenue at Royer Park in Roseville**. There will be no general Monitor meeting at Wisteria Hall in January.

RSVP to Margaret Linn at 483-0261 would be very much appreciated so that the organizers in the Sierra Kronan lodge will have an idea of how many people will be coming for dinner. We hope as many members as possible will come to meet old and new friends. We have a special relationship to our close sister lodge in Roseville.

Business Meeting

Monitor business will be conducted at a special meeting on **Wednesday, January 14, 7 pm**, at the home of Karin and David Dorey, 2434 Stokewood Way, Rancho Cordova. Officers need to be present, of course, but it would also be in best interest of the lodge to have as many members attending as possible. Come and help decide important matters affecting us all!

Tusen, Tusen Tack

for all the wonderful food everyone brought to our *smörgåsbord/glöggfest* and for all the great help. Very special thanks go to past chairman Margaret Carlson who masterminded this big event. It required not only lots and lots of time but great organizational ability. What would we do without Margaret!? We had a capacity crowd and great entertainment. Everyone seemed to be in a festive mood.

Congratulations

to Ed Cook, member of both Monitor and Sierra Kronan, on his marriage to Nita Marie Younger last April. Sorry to be so late, Ed. We only now found out!



Library

Our THANKS to Ed Dahlberg and Ernie Skorheim for making the two book cases! Now we have shelf space for the additional donated books and magazines which you can check out at our meeting nights.

Nål och Tråd

This group has two meetings scheduled for January:

Tuesday, January 13, 7 pm at Myrtle Widmark's, 3900 Silver Spur Way, 481-4056.

Tuesday, January 27, 10 am at Dorothy Mogford's, 181 Whispering Pines in Rancho Cordova. 635-4541. You might want to brown bag your lunch on this day.

Hospitality Coordination

We're going to schedule help for each meeting in the coming year and request that you help out with at least one meeting. Help is needed with bartending, cooking, serving, set-up, clean-up, ticket selling, and welcoming.

During January, we will be calling you to line up help for the February and March meetings or, at your convenience, give us a call:

Dorothy Scherer 967-6809
Myrtle Widmark 481-4056

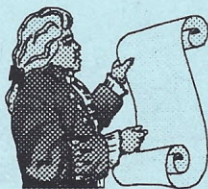
Telephone Committee

Elizabeth Johnson and Myrtle Widmark have been working on this committee for several years and would like some other members to take over. Someone with a computer would make it easier to add and delete names. We will help with the information needed. Please call Elizabeth (452-2470) or Myrtle (481-4056) soon as we need an updated list in January.

Don't Forget!

The next planning meeting for the annual Scandinavian Festival will be held on **Monday, January 12, 7 pm**. As usual, we will be meeting at the Sons of Norway Hall, 770 Darina Avenue—and as usual we're begging for help. It's a big event, requiring lots of early planning and lots of active participants. Here's a little incentive: The Finnish lodge will provide the refreshments at this meeting and they always outdo themselves.





Announcing January Birthdays

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
 1/30 - Linda Becker
 1/25 - Birgitta Ellis
 1/26 - Andrea Kjelstrom
 1/27 - Ed Dahlberg
 1/29 - Jewel Wright

HAVE A NICE ONE!



For More Information

about Monitor Lodge, please contact one of the following:

Membership Committee members Eivor Pfannkuch, 673-5917, Astrid Broess, 791-4463, or Michelle Kaufman, 451-3075

Secretary Brian Stockham, 683-3078

Vice Chairman Marianne Ek, 372-1015

Chairman Arthur Niemoller, 631-9330

READ ABOUT MONITOR lodge on the world wide web, including past and current newsletters. Our URL is: www.mother.com/~terry2ts/vasa218/vasindx1.html

Thank-You Letter

Thelma Badgley has asked us to published the following letter:

Dear Monitor Lodge Members,

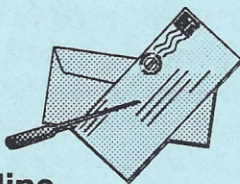
Charles and I wish to thank you for the visits, flowers, and phone calls. They are very much appreciated.

Charles has not been able to get out of bed since last January. All he is able to do is watch TV, and he is no longer able to feed himself. I have a care giver every day for at least five hours. When I go out I have to have them stay with Charles, so I'm not able to come to lodge meetings like I would like to as \$10 an hour adds up. He has had to make 29 trips by ambulance and has been in the hospital three times. On July 14, he had his left leg removed. The right leg will also be removed soon. He is in a lot of pain all the time. Thank goodness for pain pills.

Again, our thanks to Monitor Lodge for their thoughts and gifts. This has been a very had year for both of us.

In Truth and Unity

Thelma Badgley, Past Chairman



Deadline

For the February newsletter is **Friday, January 16**. Please send input to Ingrid Kennedy, 10582 Apple Grove Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670-2317. Or you can e-mail it to iken@gvn.net.

New Address

Evelyn Anderson
 8128 Villa Oaks Drive
 Citrus Heights, CA 9560
 729-0870

January Dues Anniversaries

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

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

Dues are \$18 a year, payable to Monitor Lodge No. 218. You may pay them at the January business meeting or by mail to our financial secretary, Karin Dorey, 2434 Stokewood Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. If you would like a receipt and membership card, please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Do call Karin (858-8568) if you have questions or there are errors on this list.

**HAVE A WONDERFUL
1998!**



Retirement

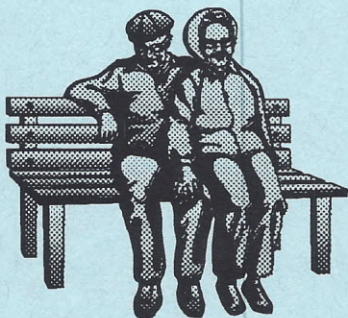
After Christmas break, a teacher asked her young pupils how they spent their holidays. One small boy wrote the following:

"We always used to spend Christmas with Grandpa and Grandma. They used to live here in a big brick home, but Grandpa got retarded and they moved to Florida. Now they live in a place with a lot of other retarded people. They all live in little tin boxes. They ride on big three-wheeled tricycles and they all wear name tags because they don't know who they are. They go to a big building called a wrecked hall, but if it was wrecked, they got it fixed, because it's alright now. They play games and do exercises there, but they don't do them very good.

There is a swimming pool there. They go into it and just stand there with their hats on. I guess they don't know how to swim.

As you go into their park, there is a doll house with a little man sitting in it. He watches all day so they can't get out without him seeing them. When they sneak out they go to the beach and pick up shells.

Grandma used to bake cookies and stuff, but I guess she forgot how. Nobody cooks, they just eat out. They eat the same thing every night: early birds. Some of the people are so retarded they don't know how to cook at all, so my Grandma and Grandpa bring food into the wrecked hall and they call it 'pot luck.'



My Grandma says

Grandpa worked all his life and earned his retardment. I wish they would move back up here, but I guess the little man in the doll house won't let them out."

— Author unknown. Submitted by Margaret Carlson

Swedish Stamps

Swedish stamps do not only have a practical function as a postal receipt, they have a content that reflects Swedish history, culture, geography, and industry. They are always also of a high artistic and technical quality. "East of Sweden's postage stamps is a work of art, beautiful in appearance and a treasure to keep. They all appear as little masterpieces, a small museum of Swedish history and culture," said collector Eric Karlson who grew up in the United States.

There is considerable interest in Swedish stamps among philatelists in the United States. There is even a philatelic group in Milwaukee that has specialized in stamps produced by Swedish engraver Czslaw Slania, regarded as the world's foremost stamp engraver.

Swedish stamp art is famous for its beautiful engravings. While most of the world has switched to offset printing, Swedish stamps are printed on a combination press which can handle both recess print in up to six colors and four-color offset separately or in combinations.



If you become a serious collector, you can join one of the many groups specializing in Swedish stamps in America. More than 50 percent of the American Scandinavian collectors clubs collect Swedish stamps. The Sweden Post Stamps Customer Service (1-800-113-3232) can send you beautiful catalogues on a variety of stamp products.

— From *Swedish Press*, Nov 97

Technology-Friendly Sweden

Sweden is today one of the world's most technology-friendly countries. Not only do Swedes have more mobile telephones per capita than any other people, they also have been quick to embrace cyberspace. Nearly half of all Swedes now have access to Internet either at home, at work, or at school, according to a new survey.

— *Vestkusten*, October 1, 1997

Good Swedish Catalog

If you call the American Swedish Institute toll free at 1-800-5-SWEDEN you can order their 1997-98 catalog (in English). It contains

➤ books - fiction, nonfiction, history, genealogy, travel, handicrafts, art and design, cookbooks, Swedish language books, children's books, etc.;

➤ maps, calendars, holiday cards, and note cards;
 ➤ music and song books;
 ➤ Carl Larsson reproductions; and
 ➤ a variety of Swedish gift items, ornaments and Christmas decorations, crystal, collector plates, candle holders, and jewelry.

If you would like to see the catalog, Ingrid Kennedy will bring a copy to the next few meetings.

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