

The Monitor

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ON FRIDAY, APRIL 3, WE'LL be celebrating our lodge's 86th anniversary with an elegant buffet and a special anniversary cake.

Refreshments start at 6:00 PM and the buffet will be served at 6:30. This price this time will be \$7.50. (There's no other place in town where you can find a dinner like this for such a low price!) The decorations will be special, an excellent program is planned by LaVerne Gullans and her committee—and there will be no business transacted.

At this special occasion, we will present 25- and 40-year pins to some of our members. And we'll have a baby gift for the youngest addition to our lodge.

Our moose stew dinner was a success as usual and we served over a hundred people. Very special thanks to Gil and Camilla Holm for coming from Idaho to serve the moose stew again. *Tusen tack* also to Myrtle Widmark and Dorothy Scherer for securing all the help. It was great to actually have as much help as we needed! It certainly helped spread the load better. And now we even have a professional chef as a member. How sweet it is!

Business Meeting

The next business meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 7 at 7 PM**, at the home of Ingrid Kennedy, 10582 Apple Grove Way, Rancho Cordova.

Chairman's Message

Everything seems to be going well! Our meeting attendance is up, our membership is up, and a few more successes like our last two meetings might wipe out last year's deficit. Thanks a lot to all of you who are working hard to make Monitor Lodge a growing, dynamic, and, I hope, a fun organization.

Those of you who didn't attend our March meeting missed a great meal of traditional moose stew provided by Gill and Camilla Holm (thanks again, and good hunting next year!!!) and a business meeting where records must have been set in numbers of new members initiated at one time. Unfortunately, time ran short and our cultural leader had to severely cut back her program. She did, however, get us to sing an exquisite Swedish song. We hope to make it up to LaVerne by giving her extra time at our next meeting. After all, culture is a big part of our purpose (right up there with eating good Swedish food)!

Hope to see you all at our April meeting. It's our anniversary meeting and Margaret Carlson is preparing an "elegant buffet," which sounds delicious. LaVerne Gullans will have a cultural program designed to impress even us hardcore Swedenphiles. We will also be awarding longevity pins,

so if you think you're entitled to one, let the secretary know.

As this newsletter goes to print, we're still looking forward to the Swedish pancake breakfast on March 15. Thanks in advance to all the members who have volunteered to help out at this event or to whip up the great amount of pancake batter we're going to need.

*In Truth and Unity
Art Niemoller*

IN MEMORIAM

Our long-time member Cecilia Segerstedt passed away March 9 and the funeral was held March 13. Cecilia was the wife of the late Fingal Segerstedt and the mother of two daughters. She will also be missed by two sisters.

For More Information

about Monitor Lodge, please contact one of the following:

- ☐ Membership Committee members Astrid Broess, 791-4463, Michelle Kaufman, 451-3075, or Dee Benson at 933-5502
- ☐ Secretary David Benson, 9335502
- ☐ Vice Chairman Marianne Ek, 372-1015
- ☐ Chairman Arthur Niemoller, 631-9330

Condensed Minutes from 6 March General Meeting

(Members can contact the lodge secretary for full minutes)

1. Fourteen candidates for membership were approved and 10 were present to be initiated. Two Vasa members transferred from another lodge.
2. February 10 minutes were approved as published in the newsletter.
3. The Scholarship Committee was tasked with writing a formal proposal on age limits for Monitor scholarships to be effective 1999.
4. The following members will be delegates to the District Convention in April: Art Niemoller, Don and Joy Carlson, and David and Dee Benson. Gail Nemy and Ingrid Kennedy are alternates. As of this year, the District increased the number of delegates that Monitor can send from four to five.
5. The meeting discussed three resolutions for the District Convention and directed the delegates to vote as follows:
 - Make district meetings held in even-numbered years mainly cultural and social in nature. Vote No.
 - Reducing the number of elected district officers, making them appointed instead. Vote No.
 - Making it a requirement that candidates for district scholarships attend at least three regularly scheduled lodge meetings. Vote No.
6. Monitor will request the Grange to reimburse the lodge for replacing a kitchen exhaust fan.
7. A charge of \$7.50 for the anniversary meal in April was approved.
8. A new, more legible type of name tag was approved.
9. Urgent calls for assistance were made to accomplish the Swedish pancake breakfast on March 15 and the Scandinavian Festival on April 18. Both events require all-out volunteer support.



- 4/01 - Robert Barrett
- 4/02 - Millie Johnson
- 4/03 - Harry Johnson
- 4/05 - Lennart Anderson
- 4/05 - Bertil Erickson
- 4/05 - Beckie Oleson
- 4/07 - Jamie Canaday
- 4/08 - Harold Mattson
- 4/11 - Sven-Erik Carlsson
- 4/15 - April Nelson
- 4/20 - Michelle Kauffman
- 4/21 - David Dorey
- 4/23 - Ronny Kagstrom
- 4/28 - Annika Anderson
- 4/29 - Sharon Anderson
- 4/29 - Dorothy Woodstrom
- 4/29 - Mary-Beth Roop
- 4/30 - Annalena Bronson

Exchange Students

Two young girls from Sweden, who both speak English, wish to come to California this summer for three weeks. Mary Dahlstrom, Grand Lodge Youth Director for Sweden, has sent us the girls' applications together with letters of recommendation, essays, and pictures.

Erika Dahlgren is 15 years old and lives in Onsala, where she attends school. Caroline Olin is 17 years old and is about to move with her family to Karlskoga, where she already attends school.

The girls' families will be glad to host a girl from California in exchange. This is a great opportunity for young people to get acquainted with a new family and learn about a different culture.

For more information, write to Eva Allred, 188 Johnston Road, Sacramento, CA 95815, or call 916/922-3303.

Scandinavian Festival

The last and crucial planning meeting for the April 18 Scandinavian Festival will be held on **Monday, April 13, 7 PM**. We'll be at the Sons of Norway Hall, 770 Darina Avenue. Please come because we need all the help we can get to pull off this major event. For information about this festival, call Ellen Harrod at 362-5273.

Nål och Tråd

This group will meet on **Tuesday, April 7, 10:00 AM**, at the home of Louise Simms. Bring a brown-bag lunch and please be sure to use the 1051 Fulton Avenue entrance.



»» Corrections to the 1998 Program Book ««

Under the heading Officers:

Co-Cultural Leader - LaVerne Gullans 485-2609
 Inner Guard - Richard Eriksson 635-4640
 Outer Guard - Michael Churkin 530/671-4628
 Friendship Committee Chair -
 Helen Jenson, Chaplain
 Please correct Don Johnson's first name
 "Kitchen Coordinators" should read "Volunteer
 Coordinators"

On the Membership List:

New phone numbers for
 Kay Doze - 929-3160
 Dale Ingvarlsen - 961-3873
 Nancy Misenti - 481-2420
 Mark & Mary-Berth Roop - 684-7408
 Elizabeth Swenson - 739-7637

Evelyn Anderson 729-0870
 c/o Sunrise Community
 7501 Sunrise Blvd, #18A
 Citrus Heights, CA 95610

LaVerne Gilbertson 442-8058
 6000 South Land Park Drive #105
 Sacramento, CA 95822

Gilbert & Camilla Holm
 3375 Ridge Drive
 McCall, ID 83638

On Sue Bergmans address, add Apt. 210

Delete Eric Swanson who has transferred to Sierra
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On page 7 of the Program Book, the Vasa Youth
 Children's Club No. 138 (which is
 Monitor's children's club) meets
 every other Monday 4:30 - 6:00 at
 2218 Tallac Street, Sacramento, CA
 95821. Supervisor is Christi
 Kagstrom.



April Dues Anniversaries

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

Annabel Audet

June Brown

Ethel Hubbell

Arthur & Donna Niemoller

Marie & Terry Tillman

Myrtle Widmark

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

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

Sweden's Web Site

Sweden has launched its own
 site on the World Wide Web. The
Visit the Kingdom of Sweden home
 page at <http://www.sweden.si.se>
 is in English and contains
 extensive information about
 Sweden. Links from this site
 include News from Sweden,
 Government & Politics, Education
 & Research, Business & Economy,
 Culture, and Tourism.

- Swedish Press, Feb 98



Note to Nonmembers

Monitor Lodge has found it
 necessary to limit the number of
 free issues of our newsletter to
 six per nonmember. We hope
 that in the meantime, you have
 decided to join the lodge and
 keep receiving the newsletter.

Or, you can stay on the
 mailing list for \$10 a year. Please
 send your subscription check to:

Karin Dorey,

Monitor Financial Secretary

2434 Stokewood Way

Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Deadline

for the May newsletter is
Friday, April 10. In other words,
 no later than April 10; that is, the
 very last day for input is April
 10 . . .

►► Connections to the 1998 Program Book

Liviane Gilman - 415-8158
6109 South Land Park Drive #108
Sacramento, CA 95823

Clifford & Carolyn Fobin
3175 Ridge Drive
McClain, CA 95838

On the program address add Apr 218

John Eric Swanson who has transferred to Sierra
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95821. Supervisor's Contact
Information



Under the heading Officers
Co Cultural Leader - Liviane Gilman 415-8158
Trust Guard - Richard Ellison 527-4649
Trust Guard - Richard Chastin 320-621-4828
Friendship Committee Chair -
Lillian Larson, Co Captain
Please correct Don Johnson's first name
"Richard" and "Swanson" should read "Younis"
"Swanson"

On the Membership List
New phone numbers for
Kay Rose - 928-3160
Jane Ferguson - 981-2873
Sherry Wilson - 831-1430
Mark & Marybeth Rose - 584-7418
Elizabeth Swanson - 758-7487

Evelyn Anderson 758-8878
Co Service Community
7801 Sunrise Blvd #11A
Crows Heights, CA 95610

Notes to Members

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10582 Apple Grove Way
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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for the May newsletter is
Friday, April 10. In other words,
we need that April 10. But as the
very last day for paper is April
10.

DATED MATERIAL

Swanson's Web Site

Swanson has launched its own
site on the World Wide Web. The
Web site is located at:
<http://www.swanson.com>
page is http://www.swanson.com
is in English and contains
extensive information about
Sweden. Links from this site
include links from Sweden,
Government & Politics, Education,
& Research, Business & Economy,
Culture and Tourism.



April Due Announcements

...ly paid,
...and
...your progress.
Arthur & Donna Nissolia
Mark & Terry Hinton
Myrtle Windsor
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to Monitor Lodge No. 218. You
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