

# The Monitor

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**F**OR OUR FIRST REGULAR meeting following the summer break, on **Friday, September 3, at 7 pm**, our cultural leader, Carol Churkin, has planned an interesting program: we will be introducing the Year of the Viking. The year 2000 will celebrate the 1,000-year anniversary of Leif Eriksson's voyage to the New World. Who were the Vikings? Where from? Where to? When? Why? Come and learn about that era in your family tree. Kurt Pfannkuch and Jillian Stanley will take us into our distant past.

The cultural program will be preceded by a business meeting and followed by a *kaffekalas*, i.e., coffee with pastries and cookies.

And a heads-up: At our October 1 meeting, Greg Ellis, son of Birgitta and Russ, will discuss the state of the ecology in Sweden today. Greg works in the field of water purity in Sacramento and has just returned from a summer trip to Sweden.

## Chairman's Message

September is upon us once again, bringing with it the start of a new season for Monitor Lodge. Let us hope that this season abounds with equal amounts of fun and fellowship as in seasons past. Hopefully, we can do better than usual, because we start this year with an advantage sadly lacking in the past: a rather sizable number of younger members.

Let's not miss this excellent opportunity. Indeed, the very existence of our lodge depends on keeping these younger members interested and involved. So, how can we do this? Don't know, let's ask!

All you new younger members: I assume you joined the Vasa Order to learn more about your Swedish heritage. Are we satisfying this need? I'm sure most of us old-timers would agree we could use some new ideas and direction, so let us know your interests. I think we've got Swedish arts & crafts, folk songs and dances, and language pretty well covered. How about Swedish cooking, immigration, and family lineage? Any interest? Please let me or our cultural leader hear your ideas. Perhaps some of you would like to assist Carol Churkin, our cultural leader, to develop presentations. This is an important area, which would probably benefit if lead by a three- or four-person committee rather than one person. Any volunteers?

Anyway, keep in touch and come to the September meeting. In addition to delicious coffee and cakes (Swedish, of course) we will be nominating new officers for the new millennium. See you there!

- In Truth and Unity  
Art Niemoller

## Thank You!

Our *kräftskiva* on August 21 celebrated the salted, dilled crayfish delicacy, so popular in Sweden in August. They were accompanied by a potluck, along with an evening of Swedish music and dancing. Our thanks to Peggy and Ken Carlson for opening their spacious garden and to all who helped make the evening a wonderful Swedish celebration.

## Nål och Tråd

Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 15, 10 am**, at Louise Sims NEW apartment at **2482** Larkspur Lane, **#181**. The house number and the apartment number are new, but her phone number 489-7331 is the same. As usual, use the Fulton Avenue entrance. If you plan to attend, you can call Louise first to get the gate code.

## Deadline

Deadline for the October newsletter is **Thursday, September 16**. Of course, the editor would be happy to receive inputs any time prior to that date! Please send input to Ingrid Kennedy, 10582 Apple Grove Way, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670-2317 or to [iken@gvn.net](mailto:iken@gvn.net).





## ♪ Cultural Activities ♪

(Submitted by Carol Churkin and Myrtle Widmark)

☐ On **August 28 and 29**, the Katirilli Dancers will be teaching Finnish dances at 3100 Ponderosa Road, Shingle Springs. Here's the program and prices:



Saturday workshop 12:00-4:30 - \$7  
 Evening dance party 7:30-11:00 - \$5  
 Sunday workshop review 10:00-12:00 - \$5

For information, call Marida Martin at 530/672-2863.

☐ On **Thursday, September 16, 6:30 pm**, Reno Lodge #711 will be hosting the Kil's Accordion Club from the province of Värmland, Sweden. They will also be serving *kåldolmar* (stuffed cabbage) for \$10 per person. Reno Lodge meets at the Masonic Temple at 2455 Pyramid Way in Sparks.

For information, road directions and perhaps to make arrangements to travel with someone, you can call Monitor member Myrtle Widmark at 481-4056.

☐ **September 24, 25, and 26** are Skandifest days at the Stanislaus fairgrounds in Turlock with "A Millennium of Viking Heritage" as this year's theme. This promises to be a fun way to spend a weekend or a day with a Scandinavian piano concert Friday evening, a choral group Saturday, open folk dancing Friday and Saturday evenings, almost continuous entertainment with music, dance, and humor all day and all evening on several stages, vendors of everything Scandinavian, a folk costume fashion show, and even a *lutfisk* eating contest. Load up the car and go for a day or camp on the fairgrounds with all the other Scandinavians.



☐ On **October 7**, the world famous Swedish male chorus Orphei Drängar will give a concert in San Francisco. For information, call the Swedish Consulate General at 415/788-2631.

### Roster Changes

Louise Simms still lives on the same street but has a new house number and apartment number:

2482 Larkspur Lane, Apt. 181

And we're happy to report that we initiated quite a few new members at our last meeting. Please add them to your program book--and WELCOME THEM:

Brian Anderson  
 3800 Thornwood Ave  
 Sacramento, CA 95821

Lars Churkin  
 328 Star Bend Rd  
 Yuba City, CA 95991

Violet DeBord  
 8600 Lodestone Circle  
 Elk Grove, CA 95624

Kathy Foley  
 9482 Country Rd  
 Sacramento, CA 95827

Christina Holm-Bittner  
 5119 McCloud Dr  
 Sacramento, CA 95842

Jean Holmquist  
 1446 Zinnia Way  
 Roseville, CA 95747

Birgitta Kanna-Coffey  
 198 Baurer Circle  
 Folsom, CA 95630

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 7121 Skagway  
 Rio Linda, CA 95673

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 2747 River Plaza Dr #196  
 Sacramento, CA 95833

Michelle and Clyde Waldrop  
 6994 Escallonia Dr  
 Citrus Heights, CA 95610





## ○ Birgitta's Swedish Sentences ○

Swedish: När reste du till Sverige?  
 Sounds like: Nair (as in air) reste (as in rest) dew  
 til Sverye?

English: When did you go (or travel) to  
 Sweden?

Swedish: Svenskar dricker mycket kaffe  
 Sounds like: Svenskar (sven as in a hen, skar as in  
 first two la la la) dricker micket  
 (as in lick) kaffe

English: Swedes drink a lot of coffee

Swedish: Det smakar bra (or gott)  
 Sound like: Det (as in a bet) smakar bra (as in a  
barn) or gott (as in lot)

English: It tastes good

Swedish: Skärgården är mycket vacker  
 Sounds like: Skärgaarden (skär is in share,  
gaarden as in prison warden) air  
micket (as in lick) vacker

English: The archipelago is very beautiful

### Classes in Swedish

start on **September 13** at 6:30  
 pm for beginners and at 8:00 pm  
 for early intermediate students.  
 The next class will be on Septem-  
 ber 27. The location is 2224  
 Beaumont Street. (Previous  
 students, please note that this is a  
 new address.) Please call Birgitta  
 Ellis at 920-0696 for information.

### August-September Dues Anniversaries

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

Carl E. Larson  
 Milo Ahlstrand  
 Dee and David Benson  
 Karna and Richard Boyer  
 Elsa Cisar  
 Laurine Coplen  
 Ingrid Gilchrist  
 Kerstin Herrmann  
 Camilla and Gilbert Holm  
 Larry Hultquist  
 Don and Joyce Johnson  
 Leah McLann  
 Mindy Patterson

Dues are \$18 a year, payable to  
Monitor Lodge No. 218. You may  
 pay them at the September  
 meeting or by mail to our finan-

cial 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.

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



## Happy Birthday!

8/01 - Carl E. Larson  
 8/03 - Christie Peterson  
 8/05 - Sigrid Thorsen  
 8/06 - David Benson  
 8/07 - Louise Center  
 8/08 - Jeanne Hansen  
 8/08 - Durl Van Alstyne  
 8/08 - Tom Anderson  
 8/09 - Paul Gullans  
 8/11 - Sue Bergman  
 8/14 - Sandrine Soderberg  
 8/15 - Lars Ostlund  
 8/15 - Larry M. Hultquist  
 8/17 - Elizabeth Bushnell  
 8/19 - Charles Badgley  
 8/26 - Birgitta Ostlund  
 8/28 - Jillian Stanley  
 8/29 - Dorothy Kingren  
 8/29 - Gail Nemy  
 8/30 - Birgitta Kanna-Coffey

9/02 - Anne Miller  
 9/04 - Erika Lewis  
 0/05 - Emily Carlson  
 9/06 - Carol Churkin  
 9/07 - Kenneth Olson  
 9/12 - Peggy Carlson  
 9/13 - Anne Fors  
 9/16 - Arlie Veis  
 9/18 - Lin Anderson  
 9/19 - Carl A. Larson  
 9/20 - Joesie Henning  
 9/21 - Ethel Hubbell  
 9/23 - Britt Marie Anderson  
 9/23 - Gloria Braswell  
 9/29 - Estrid Doscher  
 9/30 - Barbara Anderson  
 9/30 - Helge Lind

### Did you know

that Sweden is the world's largest  
 exporter of children's books?

- *Swedish Press*, June 1999

### Things Swedish

Looking for Swedish  
 products or longing for Swedish  
 foods? You can order it all on the  
[www.butik-hemlangtan.m.se](http://www.butik-hemlangtan.m.se)  
 web site.

**HAVE A NICE  
 LABOR DAY  
 WEEKEND!**





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