

The Monitor

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Our next meeting will be on **Friday, October 6th at Wisteria Hall.**

We will start with refreshments at 6:00 p.m. and supper about 6:30. This month we are serving Kåldolmar (cabbage rolls) with Rotmos (mashed potatoes and rutabagas) and of course all the trimmings. All this for only \$5.00. As this is a family event, children are welcome and there is no charge for children under 10. We hope everyone can come!

There will be a short business meeting to elect new officers (listed separately in this newsletter) and to vote on our proposed program and activities for the year 2001.

Tusen, tusen tack to Peggy and Kenneth Carlson for a great crayfish party! If you missed it, you really missed out on some great food - the crayfish was especially good! There was also great music and dancing. A lot of time and effort went into the planning, and it was greatly appreciated. Tack! Tack!

Margaret Carlson

Chairman's Message

A special welcome to Michael Bush, Eva Bush, Thelma Gorrell, Marti Gehrig and Ulla Pomerantz who were initiated at our September Kaffekalas! Again, the ladies of our lodge provided delicious refreshments. Thank you!

Thank you to all the members that have responded

affirmatively to past chairman Art Niemoller's request to place their names in nomination for office for the 2001 year. For those returning to presently held positions, thank you for continuing valued and experienced contributions. For new nominees, we will do all we can to assist and work with you to make your year successful and enjoyable. We are looking forward to a productive year ahead as we enjoy fellowship, good food, cultural programs and establishing plans for hosting the District Convention in April of 2002, the year of our Lodge's 90th ANNIVERSARY! 2002 will be a BANNER YEAR for Monitor Lodge.

A special thank you to Dale Ingvarlsen for his expert assistance in establishing the quality we are enjoying from our sound system. We will have additional microphones working at our next meeting. See you all at the October 6 Rotmos and Kåldolmar Dinner at Wisteria Hall.

Note: This newsletter is published under the leadership of our new editor, Marti Gehrig, who has offered to assist on a trial basis. We all owe a debt of gratitude to Brian Stockham who produced the last newsletter with photographs and is assisting Marti with the current newsletter.

In Truth and Unity,
- David Benson

Cultural Seminar

This year's Swedish Council of America Conference is scheduled to be held on October 14th. The Council, with which Vasa is affiliated

(our Grand Master serving on the Board) brings the entire Swedish community together with outstanding leaders from Sweden and Swedish-America talking about SWEDEN NOW.

The event begins Friday evening, October 13th with a visit to the Swedish American Hall in San Francisco. Saturday, Oct. 14th begins the symposium and workshops. The cost for Saturday's program is \$45.00. You may enjoy interfacing with the whole of the Swedish community at the luncheon and evening banquet Saturday. Cultural leaders, current and newly elected, will meet in a conference room during the lunch hour Saturday.

Carpool and plan for a wonderful, worthwhile day or possibly weekend with the Swedish Ambassador, Consul General, New York and Los Angeles Swedish Embassy Cultural Counselor, Director of Swedish Information Service, Director of Swedish Office of Science and Technology, Swedish Trade Commissioner, Pres. Nobel Foundation and more, bringing us to date on Swedish foreign policy, domestic issues, the media, technology, culture, art- and more.

The speakers, subject matter and workshops available, as noted in the conference flier, are just outstanding and of such high caliber. I hope many of us will make the effort to attend. If you're interested in an update of current Swedish culture, this is it!

-Carol Churkin

September 1 Business Meeting

1. No corrections were noted and the minutes were accepted as printed in the previous issue of the Monitor newsletter.
2. New members Eva and Mike Bush (also members of Svea Lodge), Marti Gehrig, Thelma Gorrell and Ulla Pomerantz were initiated.
3. \$150 was approved for the October dinner to be held on October 6th.
4. If anyone needs new program booklets, District Bylaws or supplies, please contact secretary Arlene Ericson.
5. Individuals who have paid and have not yet been initiated are: Mary Ann Lomax, Helena Hendricks and Anna Marie Reber.
6. Cultural Leader Carol Churkin discussed the upcoming Swedish Symposium on October 14, 2000 to be held at the San Francisco Airport Mariott Hotel.
7. The Lodge will pay the \$45 fee for Carol Churkin's attendance at the Swedish Symposium.
8. If anyone has questions regarding District issues, please contact Myrtle Widmark.
9. The Lodge's scholarship recipient, Daniel Canaday was in a play at the Woodland Opera House.
10. Lodge records are only going to be retained for 10 years.
11. Any member interested in attending the Young Scandinavian Club dinner at the Drake in San Francisco, please notify the secretary. The cost of the dinner is \$75.00 per person.
12. Art Niemoller presented and read the names of the nominees interested in running for office in the year 2001 as follows:

Nominees for Committees & Leadership Specialists

Scholarship Committee: Jillian Stanley, Donna Niemoller and Marianne Ek.
 Membership Committee: Lisa Bleasdale, Birgitta Ellis and Eva Bush.
 Cultural Committee: Dale Ingvarlsen, Arlene Ericson, Lisa Bleasdale and Louise Sims.
 Friendship Committee: Dorothy Mogford, Eva Allred, Louise Sims, Don and Joyce Johnson and Marti Gehrig

Officers

Chairman: David Benson
 Vice Chairman: Don Carlson
 Secretary: Arlene Ericson
 Assistant Secretary: Dee Benson
 Financial Secretary: Johanna Benker
 Assistant Fin. Sec'y: Liesma Krastins
 Treasurer: Gail Nemy
 Chaplain: Dorothy Mogford
 Master of Ceremonies: Astrid Broess
 Assistant M.C: Monica Ericksson
 Inner Guard: James Woodstrom
 Outer Guard: Dale Ingvarlsen
 Historian: Dorothy Scherer
 Trustee (1): Ernie Skorheim
 Trustee (2): Myrtle Widmark
 Trustee (3): James Woodstrom
 Auditor (1): Russ Ellis
 Auditor (2): Ellen Harrod
 Auditor (3): Elizabeth Swenson

Childrens' Club: Christi Kagstrom
 Newsletter Editor: Marti Gehrig
 Kitchen Coordinator: Margaret Carlson
 Vasa Star: LaVerne Gullans
 Valley Viking Singers: Marianne Ek
 Nal och Trad: Myrtle Widmark
 Swedish Language Classes:
 Birgitta Ellis (Beginning/Low intermed.)
 LaVerne Gullans (High Intermed./Advanced)

- Arlene Ericson

Executive Board Mtg.

The **Golden Gate District #12 Executive Board Meeting** will be held at Wisteria Hall on **Saturday, October 7th**. The Sweden Day Planning Meeting will take place in the morning and the Board Meeting after the lunch break. Monitor Lodge will be serving lunch and we will need volunteers to help with sandwiches. Please call Carol Churkin at 530/671-4628 or Ellen Harrod at 916/362-5273 if you are able to assist.

Nål och Tråd

Needle and Thread
Upcoming meetings are scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, **September 27**
at **10:00 a.m.** at Ellen Harrod's House

Wednesday, **October 11** at
10:00 a.m. at Ruby Anderson's House

Tuesday, **October 24** at
10:00 a.m. at Ruby Anderson's House

This will be a brown bag lunch event and everyone is welcome! The hostess will provide beverages and desert. please contact Ruby Anderson at 209-223-1049 for more information

Norwegian Dinner

The **Sons of Norway** is having a **Torsk and Lutefisk Dinner**, (and meatballs, lefse, etc.) on **Saturday, October 28th** at 770 Warina Avenue, Sacramento. Dinner will be

served from **5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** and the price for this event is only \$14.00 and is an **"all you can eat"** dinner. For more information, call Pearl at 483-4496 or 381-8934.

Deadline

for the November newsletter is **October 9th**. Items not received by this date may not be included in this issue.

Please be sure your name appears somewhere on the material submitted for the newsletter so that it may be properly identified. Please **send all input to:**

Marti Gehrig
9470 Kirkcady Drive
Elk Grove, CA 95758
916/684-5088

Inventory

The Trustees and Auditors are continuing the inventory of Lodge property. Please check out the table at the next meeting where the extra dishes, etc. will be placed. If something belongs to you, please take it. Otherwise, remaining items will be sold or donated. Should you have any questions, please call Ellen Harrod at 916/362-5273.

October Dues Anniversaries

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

Louise Amundsen
Robert Anderson
Jone Canaday
Edward Dahlberg

Lucy Dahlberg
June Delle
David Dorey
Karin Dorey
LaVerne Gilbertson
LaVerne Gullans
Carol Kwolek
Jillian Stanley

Dues are \$18 a year, payable to Monitor Lodge No. 218. You may pay them at the October meeting or by mail to our financial secretary. If you would like a receipt or membership card, please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Any questions, contact:
Johanna Benker,
7881 Charlotte Lane
Vacaville, CA 95688
(707) 446-2718)

Happy Birthday

10/01 - June Delle
10/02 - Clyde Waldrop
10/03 - Lowell Carlson
10/04 - Eva Allred
10/05 - Karin Johnson
10/05 - Marti Gehrig
10/06 - Dale Ingvarsen
10/08 - Barbara Lutz
10/10 - Helen Dyckman
10/10 - Jean Holmquist
10/11 - Keith Bergstrom
10/15 - Astrid Broess
10/16 - Juanita Skorheim
10/17 - Kent Kjelstrom
10/17 - Ruby Anderson
10/20 - Ethel Hoffman
10/23 - Arlene Ericson
10/24 - Diane Curtis
10/24 - Marianne Ek
10/26 - Thresa Tomka
10/30 - John Anderson

Volunteers Needed

Ruby Anderson is preparing a light lunch for the District Sweden Day Planning and Board Meetings for October 7th Wisteria Hall. If you can offer your help, please call her at 209-223-1049.

Birgitta's Swedish Sentences
På Restaurangen (As in rude)
At the Restaurant

Swedish	Serverar ni lunch?
Sounds like	Ser(e as in there)-ve (e as in lead)-rar (a as in some).
English	Do you serve lunch?
Swedish	Hur Många är ni?
Sounds like	Huur (long vowel u) mång- (å as in be fore, ng as in song)-a (as in some) (Ar (a as in fair) ni, i (as in Indian)
English	How many are you? (For seating purposes)
Swedish	Vi är tre.
Sounds like	Vi (rhymes with "ni", above) ar (see above) tre (e as in set).
English	We are three people.
Swedish	Vi vill äta lätt.
Sounds like	Vi (above) vill (i short vowel as in pit) ätta (ä as in fair; a as in some) lätt (as in bet).
English	We would like to eat light.

**New Member
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530/668-7944

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916/967-2121

Thelma Gorrell
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No. Highlands, CA 95660
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Bill Johnson
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1652
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Naomi Fletcher
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No. Highlands, CA
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Brenda N. Spanfelmer
2013 Archer Circle
Rocklin, CA 95765-5432

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2426 Garfield Avenue,
#A-112
Carmichael, CA 95608-
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For More Information

about Monitor Lodge,
please contact one of the
following:

- Membership committee
members

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451-3075

Dee Benson, 933-5502

Lisa Bleasdale, 366-7313

- Secretary Arlene
Ericson, 736-3923

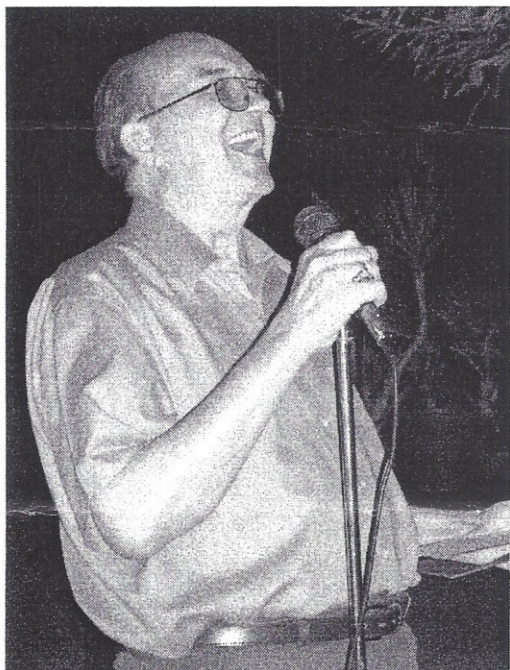
- Vice Chairman Don
Carlson, 783-0262

- Chairman David
Benson, 933-5502

KRÄFTSKIVA 2000

(Right) Liesma Krastins and Lars Ostlund seek out choice kräftor

(Below) David Benson was *back* and feeling much improved.



(Right) The food line included a variety of yummys.



(Left) Eivor Pfannkuch leads husband Kurt, Jill Stockham and Michelle Kaufman in a ring dance.

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DATED MATERIAL
