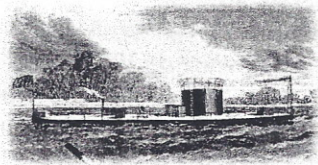


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# MONITOR

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### HEADS UP

2/2 Dinner Meeting  
Social Hour 6:00  
Dinner 7:00

2/18 Sierra Kronen  
21st Anniversary  
Dinner  
(See Page 5)

3/2 Kaffekalas  
7:00 (No Dinner)

4/7 Monitor Lodge  
95th Anniversary  
Gala  
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## IMMIGRANT CHARLES R. WALGREEN



Charles R. Walgreen, founder of Walgreen Drug Stores, was born on Oct. 9, 1873 on a farm near Galesburg, Illinois in Knox County. His parents Charles and Ellen Olson Walgreen were Swedish immigrants. The family moved to Dixon, Illinois in 1887 when Charles was 13. Charles wanted to play competitive sports but when he was 16 he had an accident while working the stitching machine at a local shoe factory and permanently injured his hand.

Charles attended the Dixon Business College and worked for druggist D.S. Horton in Dixon and became an apprentice pharmacist. At age 20 Charles moved to Chicago in 1893, the year of the Columbian Exposition. He worked at several different pharmacies in the city.

On April 25, 1898, Congress declared war on Spain after a chain of events starting with the sinking of the Battleship Maine in Havana Harbor on Feb. 15. The day after the declaration, April 26, Charles at age 24 enlisted in Company L of the First Illinois Infantry. His regiment arrived in Siboney, Cuba on July 9 and moved into US positions around Santiago on July 11. Because of his experience as a pharmacist, Charles served with a field hospital his whole time in Cuba and the regiment returned to Chicago and mustered out on Sept. 10, 1898.

Continuing to work for other drug stores, Charles saved his money and made notes about what he thought was wrong about Chicago drug stores. He thought proprietors of the era were not going out of their way to help customers and did not want to change their ways. Products were not displayed in an attractive fashion and few drug stores advertised. Charles was certain he could do much better and saved \$6,000 to purchase his first store at age 27 in 1901.

The first Walgreen Drug Store was located on the South Side at the corner of  
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## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO

- 2 Martha Parks
- 4 Stanley Hagstrom
- 5 Annabel Audet
- 6 Lisa Rea
- 9 Ethel Johnson  
Kenneth Swenson  
Mindy Patterson  
Ruth Volkoff
- 11 Maude Udvardy
- 12 Wesley Bjur
- 13 Jill Stockham
- 18 Richard Westrup
- 19 Kurt Pfannkuch
- 22 Marie Tillman
- 30 Arthur Niemoller

## JANUARY BELATED BIRTHDAY WISHES

- 1 Susan Wilke
- 3 Edward Netzel  
Judy Netzel  
Brooks Ohlson  
Charlie Rea
- 6 Michael Churkin
- 7 Thomas Anderson
- 8 Gladys Stangl  
Oskar (D) Carlson
- 12 Shirley Thrasher
- 14 Kerri McCluskey
- 16 Billye Nelson
- 18 Robin Johnson
- 21 LaVern Gullans
- 23 Dee Benson
- 24 Brian Stockham
- 25 Johanna Benker  
Hank Stoffel  
Birgitta Ellis  
Matthew Wilson
- 27 Ed Dahlberg
- 29 Thelma Gorrell  
Jewel Wright

Editor's Note: I am working from a very old list of birthdays. If any of the dates are incorrect or your name has changed or for any other reason, please let me know and I will try to update the list. If I missed you I need to know that also.

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Cottage Grove Avenue and Bowen Avenue. Charles started at once to redecorate the store, brought in bright lights and cheerful paint, tasteful newspaper advertising, and new and different merchandise that had never been sold in drug stores before. Customers were warmly welcomed and customer service became the top priority for clerks. This strategy might sound basic today but it was novel for stores 100 years ago.

Charles also introduced a long Soda Fountain counter. To make sure the Soda Fountain was busy in both winter and summer, he introduced cold-weather foods such as soup, coffee, and the best BLT sandwiches in Chicago. In 1922, Walgreen employee Ivar "Pop" Coulson invented the chocolate malted milkshake that took America by storm. Walgreen customers could buy pots and pans, pick up a prescription, or teens could just socialize at the Soda Fountain.

Charles married the remarkable Myrtle Ruth Norton on Aug. 18, 1902. Mrs. Walgreen was a generous philanthropist who kept very busy in her widowhood years after 1939. She wrote her own autobiography called *Never a Dull Day*.

Charles Walgreen owned 20 stores in 1920 and 525 stores in 1929 including locations in New York, Florida, and other markets. The stores were always adapting to the changing economy and offering new products to meet changing customer tastes and needs. By 1984, Walgreen had 1,000 stores and was one of the largest employers in Illinois. In 2006, Walgreen Company is America's largest retail drug store chain operating 5,461 stores in 47 states and Puerto Rico.

After Charles Walgreen, Sr. died in 1939, the company was run by his son Charles, Jr. until 1969 and then by his grandson, Charles, III until 1999. Charles Walgreen III made many marketing and accounting innovations. After Charles Walgreen III retired in 1999, there was a brief period without a Walgreen family member in top leadership. But in 2006, Kevin P. Walgreen, the great-grandson of the company founder, became Senior Vice President for Operations. At the current rate of growth, the company is opening more than 400 new stores per year and has plans to support 7,000 stores just four years from now in 2010.

Charles Walgreen left a positive legacy for Illinois higher education. In 1937 he gave more than half a million dollars worth of Walgreen Company stock to the University of Chicago to launch the Charles R. Walgreen Foundation for the study of American Institutions. His family also gave money to Northwestern University Hospital in Evanston where there is a research building named for him.

LÄRARE: Maria, go to the map and find North America.

MARIA: Here it is.

LÄRARE: Correct. Now class, who discovered America?

KLASS: Maria.

## NÅL OCH TRÅD FEBRUARY

The February gathering of the Nål och Tråd ladies will be held at Dorothy Mogford's home on the usual second and fourth Tuesday at 10:00. The location may change, so it would be best to call her for confirmation. Her number is 916-635-4541. Bring your bag lunch!

## KÖKNYHETER

Because there was no newsletter in January, this is the first chance I've had to congratulate all the hardworking people who made the Annual Monitor Lodge Smörgåsbord a huge success. You know who you are and it would be poor form for me to make individual thank-yous for fear someone would be missed.

The Smörgåsbord takes a lot of planning, and last year we began early in the year getting ready for this event. The meetings were open to all lodge members, but as usual, a few members made up the consistent group at the meetings.

Last year, we began early in the year with a critique of the prior dinner and out of that came the idea of having one person in charge of each "table" and it looked like it worked well. I would like to get feedback from those folks as to whether or not we should continue that way. In other words, please let me know if and when we should meet to plan the 2007 Smörgåsbord!

The February dinner meeting will be the traditional Pancake and Peasoup meal and will be handled by Team 2. We hope to take an accurate count of members and guests attending this first dinner of 2007 in order to calculate the number of people to plan at future dinner meetings. This has gotten to be a problem. Any suggestions about how we can not over-plan would be appreciated.

As a reminder, each team prepares one meal a year. When you stop to think about it, while it is a lot of work, once a year is certainly "doable!" If you know you will not be able to "work your dinner," please let others of the team know that in plenty of time so they can get more help. Better yet, volunteer to be on a team and help lighten the load. A lodge is a group, meaning we are all a team, and since we're doing the dinners as a team.....well, it's obvious to me!

LÄRARE: John, why are you doing your math multiplication on the floor?

JOHN: You told me to do it without using tables.

LÄRARE: Glenn, how do you spell "crocodile?"

GLENN: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L"

LÄRARE: No, that's wrong

GLENN: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

NEWSLETTER  
DEADLINE FOR  
THE MARCH IS-  
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WEBSITES!

ANY IDEAS?

(These addresses should be cut and then pasted into your address bar for best results. ed.)

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## ABOUT SCHOLARSHIPS

It's time for all those eligible for scholarship funds from Monitor, District or Grand lodges to contact the Scholarship Committee. Children, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren of members are eligible to apply for these scholarships. **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO CALL ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE AND THIS IS NOT AN OVERNIGHT PROCESS.**

Marianne Ek, Scholarship Committee

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### VIA EMAIL FROM GAIL NEMY

David and Dee Benson

Our sympathies go out to David and Dee with the loss of their son, Greg, on January 3, 2007.

Lucia

Many thanks to Christi Kagstrom and her family for arranging and presenting a Lucia Fest for Monitor Lodge in December. Ronnie, Peter and Anna helped and daughter Laura was Lucia.

Myrtle Widmark, just back from a three and a half month trip to Scandinavia and St. Petersburg, presented Laura with the traditional Lucia necklace.

Many children were there and enjoyed dancing and singing around the Christmas tree after the Lucia pagaent. Refreshments were served.

2007 Dues

It is not too early to think about paying your Monitor Lodge dues for 2007. Dues are \$30 for EACH member and need to be paid to the Financial Secretary, Gail Nemy before April 1, 2007. You can pay at any meeting or send a check, made out to Monitor Lodge, to Gail at 4239 Daybreak Lane, Sacramento, CA 95821.

### VIA EMAIL FROM DOROTHY SCHERER

Ed Dahlberg has had heart surgery.

Eva Allred has a broken leg.

June Delle has a new address: 1922 Morse Ave, Apt 38, Sacramento 95825.

David and Dee Benson's son, Greg, passed away January 3. Memorial event January 13 at the Saddle Rack, 42027 Boscell Rd, Fremont.

Laurine Coplen is in Sutter Memorial Hospital with pneumonia.

### VIA PHONE CONVERSATION WITH JACK LARSON

Laverne Griffith wants you to know she is back in the area and can be reached at 916-334-9046. Her address is 6211 Lurline Avenue, Sacramento 95841. She looks forward to seeing us all at the meetings!

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## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

### JOINT INSTALLATION AND DINNER

The Joint installation and dinner, hosted by Monitor Lodge, was an exceptionally enjoyable evening. A friendly social hour with a variety of Hors d'oeuvres preceded the installation of officers of both Monitor and Sierra Kronan Lodges. Things started with the salute to our country's flag, led by Walt Wickstrom, a member of Sierra Kronan Lodge. From Monitor Lodge, Karin Johnson, led those present in singing "God Bless America" and Dorothy Scherer gave the Chaplain's message.

Ed Netzel, Vice District Master of Golden Gate District Lodge No. 12, installed the 2007 officers of both lodges.

Following the installation, a delicious baked ham dinner was served. The dinner was planned by Dale and Margaret Ingvarlsen, ably assisted by head chef, Heinz Hennig, Josie Hennig, Judy and Ed Netzel and Gail Nemy. Astrid Broess signed in guests and collected for the dinner. Myrtle Widmark sold beverage tickets.

Three new applications for membership were received at this meeting. At our March meeting, on March 2nd, we will plan on initiating four new members.

### COMING EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS

#### JANUARY

- 10 Wed 7:00 p.m. - Audit of 2006 Financial Books – Netzel Residence  
9105 Thilow Drive, Sacramento
- 19 Friday 7:00 p.m. - Business Meeting – Netzel Residence

#### FEBRUARY

- 2 Friday 6:00 p.m. - Social Hour - "SWEDISH NIGHT"  
7:00 p.m. - Traditional Pea Soup and Pancake Dinner,  
Lodge Meeting and Cultural Program, Charter Draped
- 18 Sunday 1:00 p.m. - Sierra Kronan Lodge – 21st Anniversary Dinner, at  
Cattlemen's Restaurant, 2000 Taylor Rd., Roseville

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## MARCH

2 Friday 7:00 p.m. - Kafekalas, Lodge Meeting, Initiation of New Members, Coffee and Pastry

## APRIL

7 Sat 6:00 p.m. - Social Hour with Hors d'oeuvres  
7:00 p.m. - "95th ANNIVERSARY DINNER-DANCE PARTY" Dress up for this - @ The Dante Club

## MONITOR LODGE ACTIVITIES CALENDAR & ROSTER FOR 2007

These will be distributed to members at the Swedish Night Dinner Meeting, on February 2nd.

## RAFFLE AND SILENT AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED

Start now to Collect items for the raffle and silent auction to be held at our Anniversary Dinner-Dance, on April 7th. Raffle Items valued at \$10 to \$20, and Silent Auction Items valued at \$25 or more. Please, also, bring some raffle items for our next meeting, "Swedish Night" on February 2nd. Proceeds from these Raffles and the Silent Auction will be used to reduce your cost for the Anniversary Dinner.

I hope to see you at Swedish Night, on February 2nd.

In Truth and Unity,  
Dale Ingvarlsen



**VIA E-MAIL FROM MARIANNE EK**

Louise Sims, 1051 Fulton Ave., #181, Sacramento 95825

**ALSO FROM MARIANNE**

Save this date, June 9, 2007 for a performance of the world-renowned ragtime, early jazz and music of the 20s and 30s by the Norwegian band Ophelia Orchestra conducted by Morten Gunnar Larsen. We will be playing two of his CDs before the lodge meetings, one solo album by Morten and the other by his orchestra.

Morten is a very friendly nice young man who truly has mastery over the piano and is very informed about music. I had the pleasure of meeting him personally and he gave me the CD of the orchestra to play at our meetings. Morten is a dark haired, brown eyed, tall man, about 6'3". He has a wonderful clear, clean technique and to me, most of all plays with feeling.



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