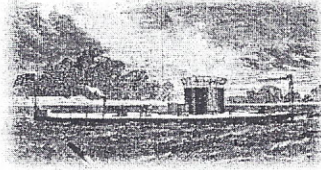


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HEADS UP

12/7
6:00
Annual Glögg
Och
Smörgåsbord

Cutoff date for all
reservations
November 30th

Members \$20
Guests \$25

1/9/08
Audit & Annual
Report
Netzel Residence

1/16/08
Bus. Mtg.
(See Chair Report)

2/1/08
Swedish Night
Team 2

SOD JUL

Barbro Lindgren



Barbro Lindgren, born in 1937, is a very original and personal author. She trained at the Stockholm College of Arts, Crafts and Design. She has been awarded the Heffaklump prize from the newspaper Expressen, the Astrid Lindgren prize in 1973, the Nils Holgersson plaque in 1977, the Grand Prize of the Society for the Promotion of Literature in 1991 and a number of other cultural awards and prizes.

Her debut was in 1965 with the books about Mattias, amiable records of everyday life. With the books about Lorange, she let her imagination have a free rein, although she vows that she has just picked out pieces of real life, using her own family as a model! She tells of her own childhood in the books about Little Sparrow, and in the three books about the older Barbro, *Jättehemligt/Top secret*, *Världshemligt Super secret* and *Bladen brinner/Burning leaves*. They hit the mark, are written using an ostensibly simple and uncomplicated language and became runaway best-sellers.

Barbro also writes for adults, with a rare melancholy undertone, and in *Gröngölingen är på väg/The Greenhorn's on its Way* she writes poetry, so self-evidently simple and beautiful. Together with Eva Eriksson she has also produced the wonderful books about Max (Sam) and *Den vilda bebin/The Wild Baby*, modern classics of Swedish children's literature.

Eva Eriksson has also illustrated *Vems lilla mössa flyger?/Who's Little Cap Is Flying?*, published in 1987 and *Korken flyger/The Cork Is Flying* from 1990, wonderfully quirky and personal books where the toys in Child-Hans' country give us an image of the world in miniature – with all its absurdity, cruelty and zest for living. In 1992, the picture book *Bra Börje/Louie*, with illustrations by Pija Lindenbaum, was published. In 1992, Barbro Lindgren was also awarded the culture grant from the Society for the Promotion of Literature. In 1997,

**DECEMBER
BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Thomas Center
Marjorie McCauley
- 4 Adam Johnson
- 7 Ellen Herrod
- 19 Ruth Brown
- 22 Carol Nesewich
- 24 Ronald Bergstrom
Ann Kantar
Karl-Heintz Hennig

*Happy November Birth-
day Greetings to Eliza-
beth Swenson with
apologies from the ed.*

Danish people fly the country's flag outside their home to signify that someone in the family is having a birthday. Gifts are placed around a child's bed while they are asleep, so presents will be the first thing in view when the child wakes. On their birthday, a Norwegian child dances in front of the class with a friend while the rest of the students sing a song to wish them a happy birthday. Norway's national flag is also displayed outside the home of a birthday person. When important people have birthdays, the streets in Norway are decorated with flags. Like Danish and Norwegian people, Swedes like to use their national flag to decorate on birthdays and special occasions. Swedish children are often served breakfast in bed. Birthday cakes in Sweden are similar to pound cakes and are decorated with marzipan.

Barbro was nominated for the August Prize for *Andrejs längtan/Andrei's Search* and in 1998 for *Nämen Benny/Benny's Had Enough*.

Editors Comment! What "sparked" the above article is the fact that I have several childrens' books that belong to the lodge. Because of the lack of storage space, I plan to catalogue them and list what I have in the NL. Anytime a member wants to "check one out," they can tell me and I will keep track of who has it. They are too valuable to let go and lose total track of and for certain we don't have room to store them. This information needs to become part of a permanent record of the lodge

Jack L.

MONITOR LODGE OFFICERS FOR 2008

- Chairman – Kurt Pfannkuch
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Eivor Pfannkuch
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- Inner Guard -- Judy Netzel
- Outer Guard – James Netzel
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- Trustees
1 Year – Art Niemoller
2 Year – Bud Mogford
3 Year – Marianne Ek
- Auditors
1 Year—Marianne Ek
2 Year—Arlie Veis
3 Year – Gail Nemy



IN TRUTH & UNITY

NÅL OCH TRÅD

Lucia time is almost here! So much to do! Many folk will either be traveling or having house guests for Christmas, so Nål och Tråd will probably meet a week early this month. Call Dorothy Mogford at 635-4541 for confirmation of the date.

Our group is anticipating making some lovely and different items in the coming year. Come meet with us; we always have a laugh or two to tickle your funny bone.

Monitor's members will be busy preparing for the Christmas Smörgåsbord. It takes many willing hands to put on a special event such as this, and all help is so much appreciated.

Enjoy this glorious season and may 2008 be a good and great year for all. GOTT NYTT ÅR.

Dorothy M.

KÖKSNYHETER

2007 MONITOR LODGE SMÖRGÅSBORD
 SOCIAL HOUR (GLÖGG, WINE, BEER) 6:00 PM
 FRIDAY EVENING DECEMBER 7TH AT 7:00 PM

The February Dinner Meeting (check 2008 Program Book) is the traditional Swedish Pancake and Pea Soup Dinner. TEAM 2 will host the event. I am including, once again, Margaret Carlson's batter recipe. Please use this recipe for ALL EVENTS WHERE PANCAKES ARE MADE BY MEMBERS OF MONITOR LODGE. Please write this recipe down and put somewhere handy so that when you offer to make batter this recipe will be the one you use. Our "Pancake-making Experts" really appreciate a consistent batter AND THIS ONE WORKS!!!

Recent issues of the NL have included the Dinner Team Members and it is my understanding the 2008 Program Book will also include the Team configuration. Please once again check to see what team you are on and well in advance of your dinner make arrangements to switch with someone on another team, if necessary. Don't leave that up to someone else. Each team prepares and serves only one meal a year. Also, do not depend on me for a menu, be creative.

SWEDISH PANCAKES (PLATTAR) SERVES 50

20 EGGS, 2CUPS SUGAR, ONE(1) GALLON MILK (NOT SKIM), 8 CUPS FLOUR, 1TBSP SALT

MIX IN ORDER, LET BATTER SIT IN REFRIGERATOR OVERNIGHT OR SEVERAL HOURS. FRY IN NON-STICK CREPE PAN AND ROLL TO SERVE OR USE PANCAKE PAN TO MAKE DOLLAR SIZE PANCAKES.

Ingen är så mätt han inte kan få ned en plätt!
 (Nobody is so full he cannot get down another pancake!)

NEWSLETTER
 DEADLINE FOR
 THE FEBRUARY
 ISSUE IS 01/12/08

NO NEWSLETTER
 IN JANUARY'08

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"Swedish crime at its
 best—dark, atmospheric
 and chilling"

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Author
 Mari Jungstedt



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Welcome to our 24th Annual

SWEDISH CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday, December 1, 2007
9:00 am to 4:00 pm

St. Mary's Cathedral
San Francisco

Large Gift Selection and Food

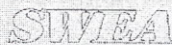
Handmade Crafts and Ornaments
Find bargains in our popular antikvariat
– used Swedish book corner
"White Reindeer" Bargains
Ceramics and Textiles
Baked Goods - Vört Bread
Swedish Food and Candy
Open-Faced Sandwiches
Coffee, Beer and Wine
European Hot Dogs
Swedish Waffles
Raffle and Tombola



Lucia Pageant

Entertainment program
on back of flier

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Swedish Women's Educational Association International.
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This year's feature

Lapland

Admission

Adults: \$5.00
Seniors 65+ \$2.00
Children 6-12 yrs. \$2.00
Please, no strollers

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See map on back of flier.

Parking

Limited parking available.
Additional public parking at
Cathedral Hill Hotel, 1101 Van Ness
between Post and Geary
and at Japan Center, 1610 Geary
between Webster and Laguna.

Recommended Public Transportation

BART: Montgomery Street Exit
Muni: 38 Geary
or see www.sfmuni.com.

Santa Lucia

*An authentic Swedish Santa Lucia Celebration will
be held Saturday, December 1 in Kingsburg,
"California's Swedish Village"...*
*Complete with Lucia pageantry (7:30 a.m.), a ginger-
bread house contest, caroling, Festival of Lights
Parade, authentic Swedish dinner and dancing
around the Christmas tree...*

*Kingsburg is on Highway 99~22 miles south of
Fresno... Plenty of Swedish pancakes, authentic food,
fun and more... begins at 10 a.m.; parade at 5:30 p.m.
Call the sponsoring Kingsburg District Chamber of
Commerce at (559) 897-1111 for more information!*

Välkommen!

LUCIA and the Festival of Light

Sat, Dec 1 - 4pm
in Santa Cruz

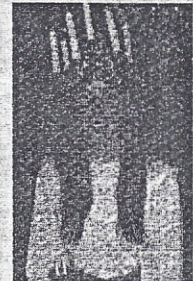


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PAGEANT WITH ZAIDA SINGERS presented by the
Valhalla Scandinavians.
butik-refreshments-dance around the tree

**First Congregational Church,
900 High St in Santa Cruz**

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Call to have your child participate: Evelyn Latourette - 831-438-0627

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE
VASA MONITOR CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE DECEMBER 2007

The year in Retrospect

Five moves were made to three different locations in search of our new meeting location. Two of the moves were to relocate belongings of the lodge to various storage sites, including two members' garages in Elk Grove and south Sacramento (*thanks, Violet and Elizabeth!*)

The search for a new meeting location was well planned and coordinated. A selection committee was set up, several locations were considered and visited. Meetings were held with staff and boards of potential locations, and we drafted and prepared a favorable Rental Agreement that was accepted by all.

Due to the many hours of time involved in planning, contacting people, coordinating and participating in some 25 moves over several months, I was not able to complete all of the goals that I had envisioned for the year.

Some of the Things Accomplished in the Past Two Years of My Term as Chairman

Well-presented and interesting *programs on Scandinavian Culture* were presented at all meetings.

Membership.- We met with the Membership Committee to set and clarify procedures for processing—reviewing prior and submitting—new member applications to lodge membership.

A comprehensive **Orientation** process was developed, and all new members were oriented before their initiation. A total of

new members were added to the lodge in the last two years.

Member Contact – The Friendship Committee comprised of one member, was expanded and restructured. The committee, now called the **Friendship / Member Contact Committee**, has six members and serves to quickly disseminate and receive information to or from all members.

Raised Additional Funds for the lodge, through new and expanded projects, such as BINGO, additional raffles and Silent Auctions at the Anniversary Dinner-Dance Parties, and at the up-coming Glogg / Smorgasbord Party. Earnings (including estimated receipts from the Glogg Party) will have been more than \$3,000.00 during the past two years.

Recent and Up-coming Items

THANK YOU to our *Nal and Trad* group for paying the several hundred dollars for constructing the storage room for our lodge at the IOOF Hall!

Welcome to Our Newest Members.- At our last meeting on November 2nd, the following four new members were approved for membership: **Jean Bell**, sponsored by Gail Nemy; **Erica** and **Lincoln Leaman**, sponsored by Ed Netzel; and **Susan Westaby**, sponsored by Birgitta Ellis.

Film Night – held with the Kaffekalas recently, was well attended by an interested group of members and some guests, voiced their appreciation of the warmth, humor and good feelings conveyed by this film, "I Remember Mama".

Glogg Party / Smorgasbord Dinner Reservations – We have nearly one hundred reserva-

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tions as of Sunday, November 11th. So, call us (Dale & Margaret) at (916) 729-0632, and make your reservations now. Also, send your check (payable to Monitor Lodge) to Ingvardsens, 6478 Cedar Ranch Drive, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Cost is \$20.00 for members of Monitor Lodge, and \$25.00 for guests. **Deadline for reservations is Friday, November 30, 2007.** I hope to see many of you at this festive event, at 6:00 p.m., on Saturday, December 7, 2007.

New MONITOR LODGE MEMBER'S HANDBOOK for 2008 – will be available and distributed to members at the Glogg / Smorgasbord Party. Those not distributed will be mailed to others

January 9, 2008 – Annual Audit & Report – will be held at 7:00 P.M., at Ed & Judy Netzel's Residence, 9105 Thilow Drive, Sacramento, 95826.

January 11, 2008 – Joint Installation of Monitor and Sierra Kronan Officers -will be hosted at Sierra Kronan Lodge, in Roseville. A ham dinner will be served at 6:00 P.M. The cost is \$8.00. For reservations and information, call Barbara Erickson-Lutz at 783-4401.

January 16, 2008 – Business Meeting – will be held at 7:00 P.M. Location will be announced later.

Thanks and Appreciation to All of our Lodge Members

It has been an honor to serve as the Chairman of Monitor Lodge No 218 for the past two years. Special thanks to all of you who supported the lodge and me. Many of you went far beyond what would be expected, and always, you could be counted on to step forward to help when the need arose. You are greatly appreciated.

I wish the lodge continued success under the leadership of our new chairman, ***Kurt Pfannkuch*** and the officers for 2008.

In Truth & Unity,
Dale Ingvardsen, Chairman, 2006 and 2007



On Sunday, Dec. 2 — LIVE from Skoglund Center Auditorium — the 96th annual St. Olaf Christmas Festival, Where Peace and Love and Hope Abide, will be simulcast in high definition to movie theatres around the country. Tickets, \$20, for this groundbreaking national event will go on sale beginning Friday, Nov. 2, at FathomEvents.com and at the box offices of participating theatres.

LUCIA CELEBRATION AT SIERRA KRONAN LODGE THE SECOND FRIDAY IN DECEMBER

SIERRA KRONAN WILL HOST
INSTALLATION OF 2008 OFFICERS OF BOTH LODGES
FIRST FRIDAY IN JANUARY 2008
CALL BARBARA ERICKSON-LUTZ TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION

783-4401
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**Minutes of Vasa Monitor Lodge Business Meeting
Odd Fellows Hall**

November 2, 2007

1. **To Order.** Chair Ingvardsen called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.
- 2./3. **Welcome and Introductions.** Chair Ingvardsen welcomed the members and guests.
4. **Flag Salute.** Brian Stockham led everyone in the flag salute.
5. **Chaplain's Message.** Delivered by Dorothy Scherer.
6. **Birthdays in November.** At least 5 people were recognized for birthday wishes in November, with Elizabeth Swenson's anniversary of her birth falling on the same day as this meeting. All were sung Happy Birthday, led by Karin Johnson.
7. **Roll Call.** The Secretary took a silent roll call. Officers present were Dale Invardsen, Gail Nemy, Karin Johnson and Paige Talley.
8. Misprint
9. **Voting on Applications.** Four applications were submitted and reviewed for membership into the Monitor Lodge No. 218. They are: Jean Bell, Susan Westeby, Erica Layman and husband Lincoln Layman. Two of the applicants were present and the other two (a married couple) were not. (It was noted that Erica Layman is of Swedish descent.) After Chair Ingvardsen read the names of the applicants, their respective sponsors provided testimony. (Though Erica and Lincoln Layman were not present, their sponsor, Judy Netzel, was present.) Subsequent to the brief bio by sponsors, Jean Bell and Susan Westeby were escorted out of the hall while the membership voted upon their admission into the Lodge.

It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously that Jean Bell becomes a member of Monitor Lodge No. 218.

(E. Swenson/Hammarin)

It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously that Susan Westeby becomes a member of Monitor Lodge No. 218. (Persson/M. Ingvardsen)

It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously that Erica and Lincoln Layman become members of Monitor Lodge No. 218. (Hammarin/K. Pfannkuch)

10. **Approval of Minutes (10/05/2007).** Before the October meeting minutes could be approved, there were two items that required attention:
Elizabeth Swenson opined that it was she who moved to pay the bills for last month and, therefore, agenda item 15 from the October 5, 2007 minutes should be amended to read:
Karin Johnson read the list of bills to be paid. It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously that the Monitor Lodge No. 218 bills be paid. (E. Swenson/E. Netzel)
Dorothy Mogford spoke out that the October minutes did not specify that Nal och Trad

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(Needles and Thread) offered to pay for the construction of the storage room at the Odd Fellows Hall.

A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously that the October 5, 2007 meeting minutes, agenda item 15, reflect that Nal och Trad paid for the construction of the storage room at the Odd Fellows Hall.
(E. Swenson/Hammarin)

It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the October 5, 2007 meeting minutes, as amended. (Persson/De Bord)

11. Future Events. Chair Ingvarsdén announced that the annual Christmas celebration is December 7, at the Odd Fellows Hall. The Glogg is at 6:00pm and the Smorgasbord dinner begins at 7:00pm, followed by a raffle and silent auction. It was emphasized that there are already close to 50 items to be raffled/auctioned off, but that more are still needed.

Jack Larson asked who would be responsible for the key during the meal preparation. While the responsible person wasn't assigned, Chair Ingvarsdén expressed concern over the matter and intimated that the same situation exists with the storage room key. [This item needs further attention.]

12. Announcements/Reports. Myrtle Widmark announced that very few individuals brought canned goods and other non-perishable items for the needy and, therefore, asked that members place a monetary donation in the envelope she was circulating.

No other announcements or reports were made.

13. Financial: Approval of Bills. Karin Johnson read the bills to be paid for November 2007.

It was moved, seconded and passed unanimously that the November bills be paid. (K. Pfannkuch/J. Larson)

The business meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Paige Talley, Secretary



A young boy enters a barber shop and the barber whispers to his customer, "This is the dumbest kid in the world. Watch while I prove it to you." The barber puts a dollar bill in one hand and two quarters in the other, then calls the boy over and asks, "Which do you want, son?" The boy takes the quarters and leaves. "What did I tell you?" said the barber. "That kid never learns!" Later, when the customer leaves, he sees the same young boy coming out of the ice cream store. "Hey, son! May I ask you a question? Why did you take the quarters instead of the dollar bill?" The boy licked his cone and replied, "Because the day I take the dollar, the game's over!"

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