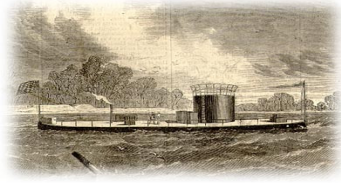


MONITOR LODGE NO. 218 CHARTERED APRIL 8, 1912

THE



MONITOR

James Netzel, Chairman—Jack Larson, Vice Chairman—Arlene White, Secretary—Charley Rea, Assistant Recording Secretary, Yvonne Magneheim, Financial Secretary—Kurt Pfannkuch, Assistant Financial Secretary—Karin Johnson, Treasurer

UPCOMING IN JANUARY

1/7/11

5:30

**2011 Installation of Officers
Potluck Dinner**

1/19/11

7:00

**2010 Audit/Annual Report
James Netzel Residence**

1/21/11

7:00

**2012 Convention Meeting
DoubleTreeHotel
Arden Way, Sacramento**

UPCOMING IN FEBRUARY

2/4/11

7:00

**Kaffekalas/Cultural Program
Convention Issues
Delegate Selection**

GOTT NYATT ÅR

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dcLMH8pwusw>

**CUT & PASTE INTO YOUR
ADDRESS BAR!!!!!!**

MONITOR LODGE #218 Sacramento, CA

History To 2010

(Compiled and created by Arlie Veis and concluded from last month)

CALIFORNIA STATE FAIR

The ethnic tradition was revived in the mid 1980's when the California State Fair asked these same groups to participate with booths set up in a designated area for ethnic displays. Monitor Lodge was again present and for several years Kurt and Eivor Phannkuch chaired this event with some beautiful Swedish wares. This also presented an opportunity to meet and sign up people of Scandinavian decent for prospective membership in Monitor.

SWEDISH LANGUAGE CLASSES

In 1963 a group of eager "learners" gathered at the home of Monitor member Barbara Erickson for evening classes in basic Swedish. Hildur Benson was the first instructor. Brigitta Ellis took over shortly after and some beginner books were added. This continued for several years and it outgrew the home environment. When Eva Allred was teaching, Evening Adult Education was active in Sacramento and a local high school asked Eva if she would like to teach a Swedish class. This grew to three classes, beginner, intermediate, and advanced. There were over 60 enrolled. Marie Tillman and the Kagstroms joined Eva as teachers. A number of these resulted in membership in Monitor.

NEW SWEDEN "88" THE 350th Anniversary of New Sweden Colony in America.

By joint Resolution of the Senate and House of Representatives "That 1988 is designated the Year of New Sweden". It was signed by President Ronald Reagan May 15th, 1986. This was a celebration across all of the U.S. There were over 70 cities designated as Jubilee Cities and Kingsberg, Sacramento, San Diego and San Francisco were the California cities. Moni-

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tor Lodge elected Ruth and Arlie Veis to attend the kickoff meeting in Minneapolis, MN in January 1988. At the meeting were Curt Carlson, owner of the Radisson Hotel chain, who was the honorary Chairman, Peter Bonde, the Swedish Chm. who was a cousin of Raole Wallenberg, Wendell Anderson, past Gov, of MN, Ann-Margret and other dignitaries from across the country and Sweden. There were over 1000 events planned across the country. Ruth and Arlie brought back information of programs and exhibits available. It was arranged to have a twelve panel, 180 ft long, 7 ft. high exhibit "Sweden and America 1638-1988" put on display in the halls of the State Capitol. This was a very busy year for Monitor and the listing of all these activities in our history is very important.

Jan. 15th, '88 Birgit Dillard made a presentation to the American Association of University Women about the Swedish Colonists. **Jan 25th** Monitors' committee was invited to the Office of Speaker Willy Brown for a reception for Consul General Margareta Hegardt and hear her address to the State Assembly. **Mar 5th** Camellia Parade. Monitor Lodge's float portrayed the Kalmar Nyckel, the vessel that brought Swedish Colonists over. Chair, Kurt Phannkuch. **Mar. 12th.** The Swedish Table at the International Friendship Luncheon. Chair, Muriel Hjersman. **April 16th.** Scandinavian Festival at Board of Realtors Bldg. Chair, Arlie Veis. **May 23rd** Ambassador Per Anger addressed the Comstock Club on the subject of Raoul Wallenberg at the Comstock Club. Chair, Birgit Dillard. **June 25th** A Swedish Midsummer Celebration in Old Sacramento with the Halsingland Dancers and the erection of the Swedish Majstang open to the public. Chair, Muriel Hjersman. **July 1-30** The twelve panel exhibit in the State Capitol for a month. **1-30 Nov** Exhibit "Handicraft from Sweden" at American River College. Chair, Deidre Dallberg. **Nov 12th.** Our annual Smorgasbord at Unitarian Church. Chair, Margeret Carlson. **Dec 4th.** Santa Lucia Fest at St. John's Lutheran Church by Monitor Childrens Club. Directors Camilla Caldwell and Peggy Carlson.

CONVENTIONS

Monitor has hosted eight conventions. In 1927, 1937, 1949, 1961, 1968, 1982, 1992, 2002, and will host its' ninth in 2012, our **100th Anniversary**. In that span we have had seven District Masters. Our first chairman Theodore Erikson became District Master in 1919 followed by Daryl Fredrickson 1956/57, Charles Linn 1965/66, Arlie Veis 1969/70, Kurt Pfannkuch 1995/96, Myrtle Widmark 2001/02 and Edward Netzel 2007/08

ANNIVERSARIES

The first "special" anniversary recorded was in 1962, our **50th**. It was held in the old Senator Hotel and there were three charter members present to receive their 50 year pin. They were Beda Brandt, Einer Johnson and Ellen Johnson. This was also the last visit by our founder, Bernhard Anderson, before he passed away.

Our **70th** anniversary was held in conjunction with the District Convention. In 1987 a special Dinner and Ball was held to celebrate the **75th** Diamond Jubilee and a diamond was raffled off. A special fund was set aside so Monitor members were only charged half fare for the event.

A special "**Dress Up Night Out**" to celebrate our anniversary was started in the 90's by Dale Ingvardson with a program and dancing, sometimes with a live band. Again members had special prices. This is usually when membership pins have been awarded.

OTHER ANNUAL EVENTS

Sill Frukosts, Crayfish Parties, BBQ's etc. have been hosted and rotated at members homes for years. They have been annual events throughout most of a century. Fund raising pancake breakfasts with the public invited have also been successful events and a source of new members

In 2008 the Churkins hosted a Midsummer Celebration at their ranch in Meridian and plan to con-

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tinue this affair. In a beautiful setting along the Sacramento River they put on great variety of activities, including a pot luck picnic, singing and dancing.

Currently (2010)

Monitor has 11 meetings each year and five are generally dinner meetings, which of course includes the annual Smorgasbord.

Membership has fluctuated with a high of approximately 250 members. Our present status (2010) is 150 and we are the largest lodge in District 12.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

What a wonderful evening we had at our *Julbord* with great food and drink, Lucia and singing and fantastic fellowship! We have heard so many comments from so many of you how much you enjoyed the evening. This event could not have taken place without members working so many hours to put this all together. It is fantastic to work on an event when everyone says yes when you ask for help. We are very lucky to have such a cohesive group of people – always ready to pitch in.

The evening started out perfectly with the wonderful *glögg* made by **Jill and Brian Stockham**. **Ed Netzel** ran the bar and everyone had fun visiting until 7 PM when everyone was seated and the lights were turned off for the Lucia procession. Special thanks this year to **Birgitta Ellis** who spent many hours with the kids teaching them the songs in Swedish and they did a fantastic job. **Gail Nemy** and **Karin Johnson** helped Birgitta too with the music.

Our first course of the dinner, the fish dishes, was coordinated by us and **Birgitta and Lars Ostlund**. Everyone had plenty to eat and I was excited to see our Star Boy Christian going back for seconds and thirds even!!! **Peggy Carlson** was in charge of the second course, the cold table, and as always she did a beautiful job presenting everything. Then it was time for the hot table and **Deedee Dahlberg** was the chairperson there. She always knows exactly what to do to make everything work well. Finally we had the dessert table and it was really good this year with many requests for recipes. **Myrtle Widmark** made all the phone calls and requests for baked goods and she did a wonderful job.

Special thanks also to **Tom and Annika Andersson**. Tom provided all the background and sing-a-long music and they both helped a lot in the kitchen cleaning up. **Elizabeth Swenson** and her son **Eric** were helpers also – especially Eric who is a senior now and helped us as a community service project.

Last but not least, many, many thanks to our co-chair **Jack Larson**, who was an outstanding coordinator and was working at the hall from opening to closing.

Eivor and Kurt Pfannkuch

IN APPRECIATION!

Added to the Pfannkuch's thanks to the many who worked to make the julbord special, allow me to add mine. **The planning for this annual fun evening begins in January!!!! Did you know that?** Those of us on this so-called committee (when did we volunteer or when were we asked to be on the committee? No one ever remembers that). We desperately need more help throughout the year as we meet three or four times to plan the year's No. 1 "happening." Please consider becoming involved, especially the Chairman for the year, Vice Chairman for the year, since they really need to be in on the planning sessions.

So, when I put something in the newsletter about an upcoming Planning Meeting for the year's julbord, please attend. Lack of support and interest makes those of us involved over the years wonder what we're doing this for!.....Jack L., Co-Chair (PRESENTLY)









LUCKY ME! I RECEIVED THIS NOTE AND PICTURE AFTER SENDING JO ALICE AN EMAIL ASKING HOW SHE IS!!! SO MEET GABRIELLA'S DYLAN

Hi Jack,
It makes me feel good that I am missed. I miss everyone at Monitor, too. I'm doing well but there have been happy times with family visits and a new little Swede. I thought I would forward you Gabriella's email to me today. She took this picture of us yesterday (I'm sending you the one where you see only Dylan). He is adorable! Dylan Peter Lundqvist-Poppers was born November 3, 2010. AND, he feels wonderful in my arms. Gabriella is doing GREAT!
Hope to see everyone very soon.
Jo

Answering the request for her recipe, Gail shares it here:

ALMOND CAKE

Beat well - 1/14 cup sugar, 1 egg, 1 1/2 tsp almond extract 2/3 cup milk

Add 1 1/4 cups flour, 1/2 tsp baking powder

Add 1 stick melted margarine.

Before pouring batter into the pan sprinkle sliced almonds on the bottom of the pan.

Bake at 350 for 40-50 minutes. Edges must be golden brown. Sprinkle with confectionary sugar.



Tjugondag jul are filled with holidays. Christmas trees are taken down on Tjugondag jul, and the candies and cookies that decorated the tree are eaten.

On Tjugondag jul, there was a tradition analogous to modern Santa Claus, where a man dressed as a goat would visit houses. Unlike Santa Claus, this was a scary characterjugondag jul ("Twentieth Day Yule"), or Tjugondag Knut (Finnish: nuutinpäivä) is a traditional festival celebrated in Sweden and Finland on January 13. It is not celebrated in Denmark despite being named for Saint Canute, the patron saint of Denmark. The days between Christmas and .

