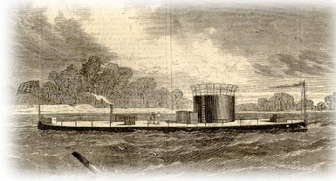


MONITOR LODGE NO. 218 CHARTERED APRIL 8, 1912

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MONITOR

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

Happy  
Easter

April 1, 2011

99th Anniversary Dinner  
See Pages 3,4

April 29-May 1

96th Annual Convention  
100th Anniversary Dist. 12  
Hilton Garden Inn  
1800 Powell Street  
Emeryville, CA 94608

See Current Dist. 12  
Newsletter for more  
Information/registration forms

May 6, 2011

Kaffekalas/Initiation  
Dessert Provided  
By Members A-L

Annual Sweden Celebration  
Kingsburg, CA  
See District Newsletter for  
Further information

**GLAD PÅSK**

## MELODIFESTIVALEN

(As taken from Swedish Blog!)

Schlager. It's a Swedish word that means horribly tacky music. I made that up. Kind of. Schlager music is the song that gets stuck in your head that you kind of hate but know all the words to.

Schlager music reaches its zenith in May when the best of European schlager meets at Eurovision Song Contest. Of course, before we all meet at Eurovision, the best must be chosen from each country. Some countries don't take this very seriously, for example, Ireland sent a turkey puppet a couple of years ago. Sweden does not send turkeys. Instead, a long running tournament format is set up to decide which of Sweden's finest schlager artists will be sent to Eurovision. Simply named, Melodifestivalen.

Thirty-two contestants enter; eight perform every Saturday for four Saturdays. Two from each round move on to the final. Two from each round move on to the second chance round in week five. And finally, after five weeks of schlager Sweden is treated to the cream of the Melodi crop in Stockholm. Ten finalists will sing and dance to our heart's content on their way to Eurovision.

It's like watching a musical train wreck where no one gets hurt. Your ears will ring a bit, your heart will be pumping, you might even emit an involuntary groan, but in the end, no one is any worse for the wear.

Every year, millions of people watch Melodifestivalen. The first installment of 2010 drew a crowd of three million. That is one third of the country. Swedes will freely admit that they watch Melodifestivalen. They will not, however, freely admit that they enjoy the music. So, despite Melodifestivalen being a music competition, millions of people claim to not like the music at the heart of the competition. But still they watch. One third of the

country sat in front of the TV and watched instant classics like Linda Pritchard and her song "You're Making Me Hot Hot Hot." Or maybe you prefer some Swedish rap like Frispråkarn with "Singel." Of course, this year has a little something extra, at least for any fan of *Rocky IV*. Dolph Lundgren, better known as Ivan Drago, is hosting Melodifestivalen 2010.

Until having witnessed Melodifestivalen in Sweden, I didn't believe that Swedes could admit the ridiculousness that is Melodifestivalen, yet still watch. I didn't believe that anyone would watch schlager on TV for six weeks. I didn't believe that anyone would tolerate schlager music on the radio for even longer than that. I was wrong. Now, I am one of the three million.

If you want to learn more about Melodifestivalen, or just follow the results, check out [http://svtplay.se/t/102943/melodifestivalen\\_2011\\_finalen](http://svtplay.se/t/102943/melodifestivalen_2011_finalen). (Yes, "Schlager" is a German word meaning just the opposite from the meaning in this article, but it also appears in the Svenska Ordbok! It really means a song that is a hit and quite popular) .ed

## **HAVE YOU MADE RESERVATIONS, YET ???**

Our 99<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner-Dance Party is set for Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, at the Dante Club, at 2330 Fair Oaks Boulevard, between Howe and Fulton on the South side. You must make reservations by Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>.

Plan now to attend this gala event. The price for dinner is the same as last year: **\$28.00** for **Members**, which includes tax and tip. For **Non-Members** and **guests**, and for **Members who register after March 25<sup>th</sup> the cost is \$33.00**. To make reservations and dinner selection, call **Pfannkuchs** at (530) 674-1068, and send checks payable to Monitor Lodge, to Pfannkuchs at 1921 Columbia Drive, Yuba City CA 95991. See detailed menu included here.

Again, in addition to dinner, there will be **two wines** at each table, **akvavit toast(s)** and **Anniversary Cake**.

To reduce the cost of dinner for members, a raffle and silent auction will be held. Please start collecting items now (raffle items – value less than \$25.00; Silent Auction items – value \$25.00 or more). Please bring these items that evening before 7:00 p.m.

You can listen or dance to a **live 9-piece Big Band**, and **Scandinavian Accordion Music**, and **Membership Pins** will be awarded. See the Flyer elsewhere in this newsletter for all the details.

Remember, this is a Social **"Dress-up" event**. That means ties and jackets for men.

The Anniversary Dinner-Dance Party begins at 6:00 P.M. with a Social Hour. Dinner starts at 7:15 P.M.



<http://monitor.temp.ohanasites.com/ohana/website/index.cfm?p=95575656495> is the place to check out our draft Website. Kris needs our help suggesting content. Let's make this a priority! We have designated the funds to get our Site operational. Contact Kris at [KLArnlund@aol.com](mailto:KLArnlund@aol.com) or me at [jaklinda@volcano.net](mailto:jaklinda@volcano.net) and I will contact Kris for you. Let's get this show on the road!!!

# MONITOR LODGE

VASA ORDER OF AMERICA

## *99<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner-Dance Party*

Friday, April 1, 2011

### This is a Social, "Dress-up" Event



- Cocktails at 6:00 p.m.
- Dinner at 7:15 p.m.
- *Awards & Recognition*
- AKVAVIT Toasts
- Entertainment, Music & Dancing: *Listen or Dance to a live nine-piece Big Band and Scandinavian accordion music*
- Raffle & Silent Auction
- \$28 per Member... **IN ADVANCE**  
(TAX & TIP INCLUDED)
- \$33 for Non-Members / Guests

**RESERVATIONS & PRE-PAYMENT REQUIRED – DEADLINE: Friday, March 25, 2010** .....(After this date, **Members** as well as **Guests** pay \$33.)

#### To RSVP:

- 1) Call: (530) 674-1068 with your Menu Selection(s) below:  
■ **Seafood (Talapia)** ■ **Cheese Filled Ravioli with choice of sauce** ■ **Prime Rib**  
(Salad, Dinner Wine, Akvavit, and Anniversary Cake included)
- 2) Mail check (payable to Monitor Lodge) to: **Pfannkuchs, 1921**  
**Columbia Drive, Yuba City CA 95991**

The following items are needed -- **bring that night:**

- **Raffle Items** (\$5.00 to \$25.00 value)...AND / OR
- **Silent Auction Items** (Value more than \$25.00 )

**Location: The DANTE CLUB – 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd.**  
(Between Howe and Fulton on the South Side)

Tusen tack to all members of Team 2 for preparing a wonderful Thursday Night Dinner on Friday for our March meeting!! The food was superb, the fellowship among the team members was fun to be a part of. I thank you for your support as I led the meeting due to James being ill.

We look forward to our Anniversary Dinner and then a return to regular meetings in May and June. We also look forward to welcoming new members at the May meeting.

Jack!

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**KOMM MIT ZUM TURN VEREIN** Bockbierfest, Friday and Saturday, April 1 and 2. Opens 6PM Friday, 5PM Saturday. Live dance music, Bockbier from Germany Biergarten.

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**FROM DOROTHY SCHERER:** Please include this in the next newsletter.

We are planning a Swedish-class get-together in April, possibly in the second week.

Anyone who studied with any of the teachers is invited. Please RSVP by March 25.

Call Myrtle Widmark, 481-4056, Jeannette Kruse, 483-3706, or Dorothy Scherer, 967-6809.

Thanks!

Dorothy

Below is a lesson on how to count to 20 in Swedish for those who have not taken the Swedish classes.

[http://www.youtube.com/embed/iplIF\\_eclvM](http://www.youtube.com/embed/iplIF_eclvM)

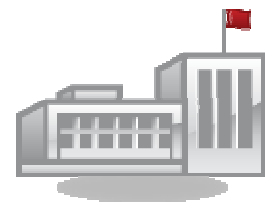
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## SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE

As a reminder to Monitor members, our annual scholarship deadline is rapidly approaching. Applicants must be the children or grandchildren of active Monitor members, must be high school seniors, who are continuing on to college or an advanced trade school and they must submit an application plus three letters of endorsement from current teachers or counselors **by May 1st**.

If you need more information, or to receive applications and forms for endorsements, please contact the Scholarship Committee as soon as possible.

Carol Churkin (530) 696-0424  
Britt Marie Andersson (530) 277-7413  
Birgitta Ostlund (916) 682-2285





**THE FOLLOWING IS A SYNOPSIS OF THE PENDING RESOLUTIONS TO BE VOTED ON AT THE UPCOMING 2011 DISTRICT MEETING/ CONVENTION. ANYONE DESIRING A FULL COPY OF THE RESOLUTIONS WILL BE SENT ONE UPON REQUEST OF ME OR ELIZABETH.**

Greetings Secretaries,

Enclosed are 4 resolutions to be voted on at the District Convention. Please print out these resolutions and discuss them at your lodge meetings to provide direction to your delegates.

A brief description of each resolution follows:

Article 10 - Specifies First Executive Board member elected as Membership Chairman

Article 12 - Details specific duties of Membership Committee

Article 12 - Changes to composition of Tally Committee

District Biennial meeting proposition - proposes District meeting be changed from annual to biennial

Please contact me if you are unable to open these files. Please contact me with questions.

Thank you for your assistance.

In Truth and Unity  
Elizabeth Swenson  
District Secretary

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**Monitor Lodge** extends our deepest sympathy to Meribeth Bean upon the death of her brother Curtis Collins Bean (October 21, 1939—February 2, 2011).

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## **APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

April 2.....Violet DeBord  
April 5.....Lennart Andersson  
                  Bertil Erickson  
April 6.....Robert Barrett  
April 8.....Harold Mattson  
April 9.....Abby Boxwell  
April 12.....Linda Larson  
April 15.....Joan Hagstrom

April 20.....Michelle Kauffman  
April 22.....Ronny Kagstrom  
April 26.....Melissa Netzel  
April 28.....Annika Anderson  
April 30.....Wanda Nesewich

Click below to listen to  
Jag Må Hon Leva

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## DOWN MEMORY LANE

### Touch of Sweden

April and May has been a busy month for the members of **MONITOR LODGE, Sacramento, CA**. We not only hosted the District Convention we celebrated our 80th anniversary at the same time. The theme for the convention was a Touch of Sweden.

Friday night started out with a costume party, Saturday night the banquet featured prinsesstarta for dessert. Eleanor Vine and her committee decorated the tables with fresh flowers in Swedish colors. Eivor Pfannkuch, cultural leader, presented each person attending a bag featuring Dalarna from Swedish literature, pencil and other goodies from Sweden. Raffle prizes were Swedish, an orange horse, a crystal bowl and a handmade quilt rack. The Valley Viking singers provided the entertainment and then Frank and Delores played for dancing.

In May we had a wonderful Sill Frökost at the home of Ted and Alice Olson. All food was served outside and we were fortunate to have the Kil Dragsell Klubb for entertainment. It was hard to decide if you wanted to

The following day some of our members joined together with Sierra Kronan and went to Sveadal. The bus was fun, Karola brought her accordion and we had a sing-a-long, led by Eivor Pfannkuch. Karola is to be commended for being able to play while doing a balancing act through the Santa Cruz mountains. Following the sing-a-long we played "Swedish Bingo." While we were eating lunch in the picnic area three busloads of Swedes arrived. Here were the actors and musicians for Värmlänningarna.

In spite of the heat this wonderful group performed. There were only happy people and at the end of the performance they received a well deserved standing ovation.

In addition to all of these activities we had a wonderful Mother's Day dinner cooked by our men, all served by our handsome Swedes. With all this activity and our Swedish classes is it any wonder that we all look forward to each new and repeat activity.

- Mariann Ek

## MONITOR LODGE #218

March 4, 2011

### Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order: Vice chair Jack Larson called meeting to order.

**Quorum:** Secretary noted officers present which represented a quorum.

Chair James Netzel (absent)  
Vice Chair Jack Larson  
Secretary Arlene White  
Asst. Rec. Sec. Charley Rea  
Financial Sec. Yvonne Magneheim  
Asst. Fin. Sec. Kurt Pfannkuch  
Treasurer Karin Johnson  
Cultural Comm. Myrtle Widmark  
Melissa Netzel (absent)  
Chaplain Birgitta Ellis

After meeting was called to order it was decided that dinner would be served and the cultural and business meeting follow.

#### **Cultural Meeting:**

We were honored by having Susan Stone from Richvale as our guest speaker. Susan presented a power point of their family reunion in Sweden. Most enjoyable.

#### **Actions & Activities:**

- Minutes of the February meeting were approved as printed in newsletter
- Draping of the Charter to honor members who passed away this last year.

Birgitta Ellis, our Chaplain, read the obituaries for the following:

John Wright

Maude Udvardy

Also honored were

Osten Magneheim

George Gorrell

- Membership Committee, Dale Ingvarlsen, read applications for membership

for Mark Delle, Cristel Cruz, and Jesus Cruz. Motion was made and carried to accept the above members for initiation.

- Ed Netzel made the motion to have the delegates to convention make up a \$25 basket for raffle. Kurt Pfannkuch seconded and motion carried.
- The Swedish Festival in Junction City, Oregon will be held August 12-14. Ed Netzel wanted a show of hands for those interested in attending. Approximately 22 people were interested.

- New Business. Elizabeth Swenson mentioned that there were four resolutions that needed to be addressed before the convention. A summary of these resolutions will be printed in the newsletter. She also stated that anyone attending the convention would need to include a \$25 registration along with their application to attend. She also wanted Monitor #218 to think about hosting the convention in the future. Mention was made of our district losing 85 members in the last year.
- Karin Johnson motioned that we give our delegates to convention a \$125 stipend. Approved with one nay.
- Bills were presented by Karin Johnson and unanimously approved for payment.

**Good of the Order:**

- Jack Larson said that we desperately needed a decorating committee for the dinner meetings.
- Rides are needed for some of our people that are not able to drive or not able to drive at night.
- Newsletter reminds us to make reservations for dinners.
- "Sounds of Sweden" radio program is looking for sponsors and would like to recruit assistance from the Monitor members.
- Gail Nemy reminded us there would be a meeting for the planning of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the Double Tree on May 15 @ 2:00 PM
- Reservations for the 99<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner need to be made by the 25<sup>th</sup> of March. Dale Ingvarlsen said the cost is \$28. for members and \$33 for non-members.
- Myrtle Widmark gave highlights of The Nordic Symposium she attended in Thousand Oaks.

**Next Meeting:**

99<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner at Dante Club on April 1.

**Closing:**

By Chaplain and adjourned by Jack Larson.

Respectfully submitted by Arlene White, Secretary.