

**MONITOR LODGE # 218
VASA ORDER OF AMERICA**

April 2013

CURRENT EVENTS

May Dinner – 5:30 PM Social hour - 6:30 PM Dinner – Meeting and Cultural Program to follow. IOOF Hall, 1831 Howe Ave., Sacramento. We will celebrate Mother's Day in May with a dinner prepared by the men. We will also have a reunion of current, former or future members of children's clubs, especially Monitor's Children's Clubs. Bring any photos or memories of children's club activities to share. If you know someone who fits into any of these categories, please invite them.

The Telephone Callers will be contacting you for your reservation. If you missed their call or haven't received a call you should call one of the callers to make a reservation. We want to make sure we have enough food.

Violet DeBord	685-2908	Alberts – D. Dalhberg
Anita Nord	961-2189	Delle – C. Johnson
Lillian Stafford	487-4201	D. Johnson – E. Netzel
Elizabeth Havener	487-2837	J. Netzel – Winter

We will also have activities for children during the business meeting that night.

Bartenders Needed

We still need a few ladies or gentlemen to serve as bartenders at our dinners. It would be great to have at least two assigned for each dinner, so that the same person doesn't need to tend the bar for the whole evening. No special skills are required, mainly over 21 years of age and able to pour wine or open a beer. If you would be willing to serve for an hour or two for the May dinner or dinners in the future, please call Mark Delle at 916-920-0262 or see him at the meeting.

District 12 Convention – The Annual District 12 Convention will be April 26-28 at the Crowne Plaza San Jose/Silicon Valley in Milpitas. The meetings and the other events are open to all VASA members.

FUTURE EVENTS

June Dinner - We will be having a midsummer potluck for our June meeting. The dinner will be accompanied by midsummer activities. If you have ideas for activities please let Dede Dahlberg know at 966-4631 or d.dahlberg@att.net.

Scandinavian Festival – Please put the Scandinavian Festival on October 5th on your calendar. We need many hands to make this event a success, so if you are able to work please contact Barry Moore or Gail Nemy at the next meeting.

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2013 DUES

Congratulations! We are way ahead of this time last year for the collection of dues. Let's see if we can have 100% of dues paid by June 1st. Annual dues are payable at the beginning of each year. Every year we pay a per member fee to our District Lodge at the beginning of the year. It is important that we collect our dues for Monitor Lodge in order to have enough general funds to cover that payment. The payment to the district mainly covers the cost of liability insurance for the district and the individual lodges. Monitor Lodge has not raised dues in many years, so they are still **\$30 per person per year**. If you haven't paid your dues for 2013, you should send them to our Financial Secretary, Elizabeth Swenson at P.O. Box 22943, Sacramento, CA 95822 or see her at the next meeting.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

5/2 Ann Clewett	5/3 Deidre Dahlberg	5/4 Taniel Green
5/5 Betty Schoepf	5/11 Christine Bodelson	5/12 Charles Linn & Myrtle Widmark
5/15 Siw Gormley	5/18 Scott Matthews	5/23 Darlene Miller
5/28 Bernice Hopkins	5/29 Richard Eriksson	

Nål och Tråd

The next meeting of Nål och Tråd will be on May 19th at 2 PM at Karin Johnson's home, 4516 Pasadena Ave, Sacramento. We will be making some simple projects related to midsummer. We will also work on projects for the Scandinavian Festival in October or to make for your family. If you are interested in sharing or learning about Scandinavian handcrafts, we will try to have someone available that is knowledgeable in that area at future meetings. If you have any suggestions please call Karin Johnson at 916-482-3755.

Member News

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Art Niemoller and Wes Bjur since our last meeting. We will drape the charter for each of these members at a future meeting.

It has also been reported that several of our members have recently been in the hospital, Linda Larson, Christine Bodelson and Dale Ingvarnsen. They are all now recovering at home, but we should keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

Note: We still need a newsletter editor. If you would be willing to put together the news and announcements each month please contact Karin Johnson. Also if you are currently receiving this newsletter by snailmail, but you now have an e-mail address, please send your e-mail address to Karin Johnson at kmjohnsonk1p2@aol.com.