

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

**September 2013**

**CURRENT EVENTS**

**October 4th** - Meeting at 7PM with apple pie and short cultural program to follow, at the IOOF Hall, 1831 Howe Avenue, Sacramento.

- We will continue the nominations of 2014 officers and the election. If you are interested in serving as an officer next year, please contact Karin Johnson for duty statements/descriptions. We will be updating these descriptions and an additional e-mail may be sent with the descriptions for the remaining offices. We have nominees for most of the offices, but there are still a few openings. Please consider the need for active members to become involved as officers to keep the organization viable.
- We also plan to have an initiation of new members, dual members and reinstated members. If you know any potential members please contact them and invite them to join at this meeting. We probably won't have another initiation in 2013.

There will be activities for children during the meeting.

**FUTURE EVENTS**

**Scandinavian Festival** – The Scandinavian Festival is almost here on **Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>** at Divine Savior Catholic Church, 9079 Greenback Lane, Orangevale from 10AM – 4PM. We have responsibility for many functions (food ticket sales, coffee, sandwiches and pancakes), so if you are able to work, please contact Barry Moore at 916-969-8904, Elizabeth Swenson at 916-452-6944 or Gail Nemy at 916-481-0373 to sign up. Tell all your friends and family, as we are all part of the publicity committee. We need good attendance to make this a successful fund raiser.

**Planning Meeting** – The program book did not indicate a date for the planning meeting, so we have chosen **October 15<sup>th</sup>** at 7PM at Karin Johnson's home, 4516 Pasadena, Sacramento. If you would like to participate in any of the activities for next year or have ideas for new activities, please plan to attend this meeting.

**Smörgåsbord** – This year our annual Smörgåsbord will be in November on **Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>**. Although this is a change of month, the traditional Swedish food will be the same. The cost will also be the same as last year, \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. If you want to make your reservation, you can send your check made out to Monitor Lodge #218 to Gail Nemy at 4239 Daybreak Lane, Sacramento, 95821. We also need many workers for this event. Stay tuned for a planning meeting soon or a call for your participation.

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**Santa Lucia Program & Christmas Party** – On **Friday, December 1st** we will have a separate Santa Lucia program with a traditional Christmas party, since the Smörgåsbord is in November. We will need to start practices for the program soon. If you have children or grandchildren who would like to participate in the program, please call Birgitta Ellis at 916-920-0696 or Karin Johnson at 916-482-3755.

**Nål och Tråd**

Nål och Tråd will have a table at the Scandinavian Festival on **Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**. We set up the schedule for the table at the September meeting, but there are still some times that need to be filled. If you would like to help, please call Karin Johnson at 916-482-3755.

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

10/5 – Karin Johnson	10/6 - Dale Ingvarlsen, Brian Horsfield
10/8 – Barbara Erickson-Wickstrom	10/21 – Marianne Lomax
10/24 – Marianne Ek	10/29 – Lincoln Leaman

This list seems very short, so if your birthday has been missed, please contact Karin Johnson so that the list can be updated for the future.

**Member News**

We still need to keep our members who have recently been in the hospital or have been ill in our thoughts and prayers: Linda Larson, Christine Bodelson, Ed Dahlberg, Amy Winter and Louise Center. A card would probably be appreciated. If you know any member who has been ill, please call Birgitta Ellis at 916-920-0696.

We need a **Transportation Coordinator**, not an official title, just a description. The coordinator would be willing to receive calls from a member who needs a ride and match them with another member who is willing to give a ride. Please call Karin Johnson at 916-482-3755 if you are willing to be the coordinator.

Thank you again to Ken and Peggy Carlson for opening their home and preparing the wonderful food for our annual Sillfrukost. The food, the fellowship and the weather were all perfect.