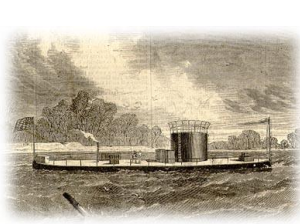


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June 2017

Midsommar was a huge success. Monitor Lodge started the evening with a bitter sweet moment as we celebrated the life of Arlene White when we draped the charter. That was followed by a much more joyous moment as we honored Athena Eriksson as Monitor's 2017 scholarship recipient as she prepares to attend Embry-Riddle University in Florida. The 45 plus attendees then celebrated the advent of Summer with great food, grand company and conversation and the spectacle of seeing Chuck dance around the majstång (maypole).



Athena being presented with her scholarship check and a Dalahäst

2017 Calendar of events

June 2nd – Friday –
Midsommar Potluck

July – no meeting

August 5th – Saturday –
Crayfish party

August 19th – Saturday –
Scandinavian Festival

September 8th – Friday –
Dinner and nomination of
officers for 2018

October 6th – Friday –
Potluck dinner

November 3rd – Friday –
Kaffekalas and election of
officers

December 2nd – Saturday –
Julbord & Jul Glögg Party

December 8th – Friday –
Lucia celebration

January 5th, 2018 – Friday
Catered dinner and
installation of officers

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Member of the Month. This month we are featuring **Chris Bodelson**. Chris was born and raised in New York City to a Swedish father (Eric) from Skåne and mother (Karin) whose parents came from Sweden in the early 1900s. Visits to her relatives in Sweden started early at age two (when she tried to steal a cousin's bicycle). Her family returned again when she was 12, then her aunt, Viola Bodelson, took her on a trip through Sweden and parts on Europe for her high school graduation present, even letting her drive in Sweden (a hair raising experience for everyone as Sweden had just converted to driving on the right a couple of months prior their trip). That was also about the time that her Swenglish started to get perfected. After her European adventure she resumed her academic endeavors that Fall at the University of Rochester where she met Chuck her second day of her freshman year (he was a sophomore). When she graduated she worked in Manhattan for a year before spending April in Paris. She married Chuck in the Fall of 1974 and moved to San Diego for 9 months as Chuck finished his active duty Navy service.



Chris and Chuck then moved back to Rochester, NY where she earned her BSN, again at the University of Rochester. After her graduation they moved to Portsmouth, NH where Chuck earned his MS while Chris started her nursing career at Portsmouth Hospital, earning the princely sum of \$3.75 an hour!! Chuck's new job took them to Gallup, NM where Chris worked for the Indian Health Service, Chuck worked of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and their son, Brian was born. Their time in Indian Country was short as they moved on to Sacramento in the summer of 1980 where Chris began her 32 year career at Kaiser. In her spare time she was a chaperone, chauffeur and volunteer for all of Brian's activities, culminating in being one of the coordinators of Mira Loma's only on-campus Grad Night celebration in decades! She was also very active for a number of years in church choir and local choral groups before moving on to a 14 year "career"

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with the Sacramento Choral Society and Orchestra where she sang tenor and served as their travel coordinator for their European, China and Canada trips.

After her mother Karin and Aunt Viola moved to Sacramento in 1986, she occasionally tagged along when they attended Nåd o Tråd get-togethers and, along with Chuck, helped at the Scandinavian Festival. She and Chuck became VASA members in 1991 when they joined Monitor Lodge. Of course, with Grandma now close by, the five of them did many things together, including road trips along the West Coast and baking cookies after school. They all traveled to Sweden in 1990 and the Swedish cousins came to the US and spent time with us over the next few years.

Chris retired from Kaiser in 2012 and has since filled her time with family travels between Sacramento and Seattle for grandkid visits, lots of theater and choral concert attendance, weekly bridge games, Monitor and Festival activities, reading, gardening, dining out with friends and, of course, the occasional game of solitaire on her iPad.

Upcoming Monitor events. There will be no lodge events in July but we start the Fall with our annual **Kräftskiva** (crayfish party) on Saturday, August 5th which we will celebrate jointly with Sierra Kronan (see attached flyer). It will be followed in two weeks by the Scandinavian festival (see next section).

Scandinavian Festival news. Mark your calendars **now** as the date and location have changed! After extensive research, the Festival executive committee has made the decision to hold the 2017 festival at the **Scottish Rite Masonic Center** across from Sac State on **Saturday August 19, 2017**, the latest calendar availability in 2017. More information will be forthcoming in the coming months but start thinking now about recruiting more help to work in the kitchen and out on the floor, finding program book advertisers, interested vendors, encouraging friends, family, neighbors and coworkers to attend, etc. as several of our longtime workers will not be available to help this year. Monitor Lodge will again be responsible for the Smörgåsar (open-face sandwiches) and Tunn Pannkaka (Swedish pancakes). Questions about the food? Ask Peggy Carlson or Chris Bodelson. Questions about anything else? Ask Gail Nemy, Karin Johnson, Mark Delle, Elizabeth Swenson, Barry Moore or Chuck Johnson. And mark your **2018** calendars with the April 21, 2018 date as the Festival will be shifting to the Spring so we can stay at Scottish Rite and get all our "Swedish sun birds" back ☺

We continue to have several members in need of our support as they recover their health. Theresa Alberts' mother and Joyce Willow's husband are dealing with health issues but appear to be slowly on the mend. Violet DeBord is on the mend after taking a fall at home and hopes to be back at the bowling alley soon. Louise Center has also been experiencing some health issues that having kept her from attending our gatherings for the past few months but she reports she is doing better.

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New Members. Members are encouraged to invite friends, family and co-workers to our activities. In addition, if you think sending someone our newsletter for a couple of months will pique or sustain their interest, please provide their email to Chuck Johnson so they can be added to the distribution list.

The lodge is in need of Swedish attire. If you have or know of someone else who has items of Swedish attire they cannot fit into or your kids/grandkids have outgrown please consider donating them to the lodge for use by the children at the Lucia celebration and by lodge members representing Monitor at various functions such as the Scandinavian Festival and cultural events on local college campuses.

Calling all kids, young and old! Monitor Lodge is now the proud owner of approximately 3000 Legos for use at our events. While no pun is intended, we do hope that these will become the first building blocks of a revitalized set of activities for our youth geared to acquaint them with their heritage and Swedish culture. We welcome suggestions and volunteers to help bring more fun for everyone. Please contact Chuck Johnson or Ed Netzel with your ideas. **Tack så mycket**



A reminder that we need volunteers to help with our food and ticket sales and information and crafts table during the Scandinavian Festival on Saturday, August 19th!

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Friday, June 2, 2017
6:30 PM
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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Chuck Johnson at 6:30

The last meeting's minutes were approved as sent.

Guests introduced – Eivor Pfannkich introduced her guests.

Monitor's \$500.00 Scholarship went to Athena Eriksson, granddaughter of member Richard Eriksson. She will attend Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Florida. Congratulations to Athena.

The charter was draped for Arlene White who passed away May 5, 2017 in Jackson, CA. She was active in the lodge and was known for her musical ability. She introduced her grandchildren to their Scandinavian Heritage.

The annual Scandinavian Festival will be at the Scottish Rite Temple near Sacramento State on August 19. Monitor will need a lot of helpers this year. Sign up sheets were at the door. Everyone needs to advertise the Festival. Chuck Johnson has flyers to hand out.

The Festival in 2018 will be held April 21 at the Scottish Rite Temple.

The Grand Lodge Convention will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel June 29th through July 6th, 2018. Monitor Lodge will probably be asked for assistance at the Convention.

Sierra Kronan wants a competition with Monitor in November for making Glög.

The Crayfish Party is August 5 at the James Netzel home in Loomis at 5:30. Bring a side dish, tables and chairs and \$10.00 to cover the cost of the crayfish.

Chuck would like to build a youth area for children at meetings,

Bills – Rent was paid, \$200.00 for the hall plus \$25.00 for storage. April and May we paid for storage only since we did not have meetings there.

“Ja må han leva” was sung for Jack Larson who turned 80 this month.

Chaplain's prayer

Adjourn at 7:00 for Midsommar dinner and dancing around the majstång.

Respectfully submitted, Gail Nemy Assist. Secretary