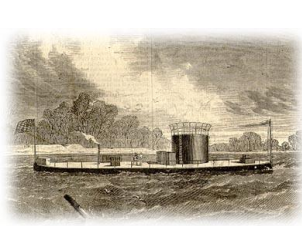


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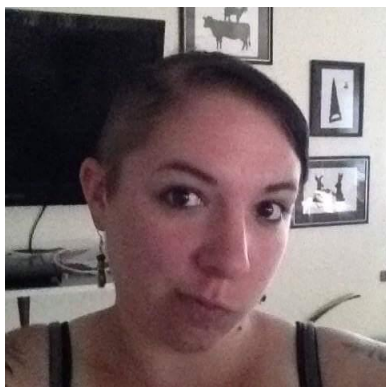
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October event. An enjoyable evening of conversation, delicious potluck dishes and Lego construction projects (by several children with an occasional adult “drive-by”) was followed with an interesting and informative presentation by Chris Bodelson titled “You may not know Jack but you know Carl”.

Scandinavian Festival 2018. The Scandinavian Festival committee met on October 19th to elect officers for 2018, finalize a date for the festival – it will be April 21, 2018 at Scottish Rite Masonic Center - and develop a first draft for menus, volunteer needs and activities (refer to the attached Festival committee roster for more details).

Member of the Month. This month we are featuring three of our newest members, Sarah Cuthill, Will Hanley and Larry Woodward.

Sarah Cuthill - I am a California native, born in Hayward and raised in the East Bay area: Castro Valley and Oakland. My parents are of German and German-Swedish-Saami descent. I attended Rhode Island School of Design, an internationally famous art college... but found that my major, Computer Animation, was too hands off for me. So since then, I have reverted to working with my hands as a freelance artist and instructor working primarily with 1st-8th



graders as a ceramics teacher and then summers as an Arts Camp Director. My husband, Trevor, and I raise our 7 year old daughter, Camellia, and my step-daughter, Lexxy, in Mountain Ranch, Calaveras County. We also raise various animals for various purposes: Shetland Sheep for wool and meat, dairy goats (who doesn't like homemade cheese?!), chickens,

ducks, turkeys, and the last of our Angora rabbitry. In my spare time I enjoy reading, sewing, spinning all that Shetland wool, and

2017 Calendar of events

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

2018 Calendar of events

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

February 2nd – Friday –
Pea Soup & Pancakes

March 2nd – Friday – Corn
Beef & Cabbage

April 7th – Saturday –
Monitor's 106th
Anniversary Luncheon

April 21st – Saturday –
Scandinavian Festival

May 5th – Saturday – Sill
Frukost hosted by Chris
Bodelson and Chuck
Johnson

June 1st – Friday –
Midsömmar potluck

June 23rd – Saturday –
Sweden Day at Sveadal

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cooking. I also recently dove into the world of genealogy and am working with my younger brother (of three brothers) to put together our family story and history to preserve the traditions we grew up with for our own children to continue.

William (Will) Hanley - I am very excited and honored to join Vasa Monitor Lodge #218 Sacramento. I was born and raised in Boston, Massachusetts where I spent the first twenty years of my life. I attended Tufts University after high school and had the opportunity to study abroad at the University of Tübingen, Germany during my junior and senior years. While in Tübingen, I studied Swedish language and literature. I also had the opportunity to attend Uppsala University in Sweden during a summer session thanks to a scholarship from a Scandinavian Lodge in Massachusetts. I moved around quite often after college thanks to the U.S. Army. I ended up in Sacramento, California and currently work for the California Department of Water Resources. I enjoy bicycling, hiking, and gardening in my free time and love to travel. I hope to travel to Sweden soon to explore my Nordic roots in Trollhätten.



Larry Woodward - I am looking forward to meeting interesting and fun people as a member of Vasa Monitor Lodge #218 Sacramento. I was born in Sacramento, California and at the age of six, I moved to Oroville, California. I spent my childhood in Oroville enjoying the country raising many types of farm animals such as cows, chicken and pigs. I moved to Sacramento in 1982 after graduating from high school and opened my own business as a hair salon owner and stylist within four years. I ran my own business for thirteen years. More recently, I completed a Master's Degree in counseling with the goal to help others. I currently work at Sacramento County Office of Education where I work with incarcerated adults transitioning back to society. I also find the time for fun and leisure. I hope my new membership at Vasa Monitor Lodge will give the opportunity to meet new people and to learn about Scandinavian culture.



Upcoming Monitor events. We will be having elections for our 2018 officers on Friday, November 3rd Kaffekalas meeting. **Please remember that this is just a coffee, beverages and cookies meeting and starts at 6:30 PM, later than usual.** **Start exercising your vocal chords and taste buds!** We will be hosting Sierra Kronan at our Julbord for a Glögg competition and at the Lucia celebration in December we will have a "reunion" sing-a-thon of former Monitor choristers as well as new voices performing several Swedish Christmas songs. You all know the melodies and we will provide song sheets with the Swedish lyrics.

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Sunshine Committee. We continue to have several members in need of our support as they recover their health but we need to resurrect our Sunshine Committee to work with our Chaplain so that members who are unable to attend a meeting are still kept in the information loop. Please let Chuck Johnson or Birgitta Ostlund know if you are able to assist in this important Monitor function.

We can report that Kathy Matthews is doing well and enjoying her new digs in San Leandro near her family.

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.

Would you like to hear more Swedish? Check out a new foreign film streaming video service offered by Mhz Choice (<http://watch.mhzchoice.com>). The cost is minimal and many of the films have English subtitles. If you want to see what is being offered, click on "search" then type in "Swedish" and enjoy. Tack to Marianne Ek for this new language resource.

Better yet consider practicing your Swedish while in the company of other Nordic devotees traveling together on a Capital Public Radio [tour of Scandinavia](#) in July 2018 (see attached information sheet)

Please review the proposed calendar for 2018 (attached) and submit any comments or additions you may have to Chuck Johnson (chuckj50@surewest.net) or Brian Horsfield (clc6000@aol.com).