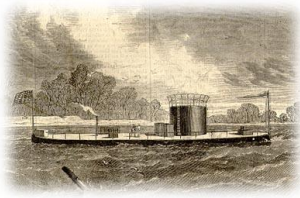


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Our **Julbord** tables were overflowing with wonderful food and conversation. A heartfelt **Tack så mycket** to Peggy Carlson and all the volunteers who prepared the food, served the beverages, decorated and cleaned up – DeeDee Dahlberg, Eivor & Kurt Pfannkuch, Ginny Lee, Ken Carlson, Renae Carlson, Johanna Benker, Sue Edelmayer, Lars-Erik Hammarin, Hopkins Family, Chris Bodelson, Sarah Cuthill, Birgitta Ostlund, Linnea & Paul Koze, Mark Delle, Joyce Willow, Theresa Alberts, Annika Anderson, Violet DeBord, Anita Nord, Gail Kinkennon, Yvonne Magneheim, Bernice Hopkins, Barry Moore, Lisa Rea, Judy Smith and Will Hanley. And sincere apologies if we missed acknowledging anyone.



The St. Lucia celebration was presented by Clara Ellis as **St. Lucia** and her **tärnor** Annika Rea, Lydia Ellis, Elsa Tjeder, Emily Brainerd, Mia Ragadio, Delaney Long, Kate Wilson and Camellia Cuthill and **stjärngossar** Emil Rea, Gavin Brainerd and Noah Ragadio. The children then changed to native costumes and performed several songs and folk dances. **Tack så mycket** to the children and to Lisa Rea, Ginny Lee,

2019 Calendar of events

January 4th – Friday- Dinner and installation of officers

February 1st – Friday - **Pea Soup and Pancakes**

March 1nd – Friday – **Corned beef and cabbage** dinner

March 30th – Saturday - 36th **Sacramento Scandinavian Festival** at Scottish Rite

April 6th – Saturday – 107th **Anniversary** luncheon

April 26-28 – Friday thru Sunday – Golden Gate District #12 convention

May 4th – Saturday – **Sill Frukost**

June 7th – Friday – **Midsommar**

July – no meeting or events

August 3rd – Saturday - Kräfskiva (crayfish Party)

September 6th –Friday – **“Make your own Smörgåsar”** and nomination of 2020 officers

October 4th – Friday – Potluck dinner and nomination of 2019 officers

November 1st – Friday- **Kaffekalas** and elections

December 7th – Saturday – **Julbord & Jul Glögg Party**

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Sarah Cuthill, Anita Nord, Joyce Willow and Christine Brainerd for all their work to make this delightful performance happen.



Upcoming Monitor events. January 4th will be the installation of officers, induction of new members and a catered dinner. February 1st will be yet another opportunity to loosen our belts a notch as we indulge in Pea Soup and Pancakes...

Did you know _____ about Monitor Lodge? Folks occasionally ask about the different membership categories. While the intimate details can be found in the VASA Constitution, the thumbnail versions follow:

- **Active member** – 14 years or older individual person initiated into the lodge, able to vote on lodge business and hold elected and appointed office. Pays annual dues and assessments.

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- **Associate Member** - 14 years or older individual person whose application has been approved by the lodge but not yet initiated into the lodge, not able to vote on lodge business or hold elected office but can speak at meetings and can hold appointed office. Pays annual dues and assessments.
- **Honorary Life Member** – is a VASA member who the local lodge wishes to honor for their service. The person is entitled all active member benefits for life and the local lodge usually pays all their dues and assessments.
- **Honorary Member** – any person who is not a member of the local lodge who is worthy of special recognition for personal contributions and support of the local lodge. Is not entitled to any membership privileges.

2019 Dues are due on January 1, 2019. The yearly dues are still \$35.00 per member 14 years of age and older. Dues are delinquent on March 31st. Please make checks payable to Monitor Lodge #218 and mail your dues to:

Anita Nord, Monitor Financial Secretary
6435 Palm Ave.
Carmichael CA 95608.

Tack så mycket in advance for your diligence in getting payment in early.

Annual Program book updates. We will be sending out the printed 2019 Annual Program Book towards the end of December 2018. You can always find the most current information in our on-line [directory](#) on our website. You need a password to access this page so please contact Chuck Johnson if you cannot log into the page.

2019 scholarship applications. Now that school is back in session, it is not too early to start thinking about scholarships! Applications for Monitor Lodge's 2019 scholarships are due by April 1, 2019 !! Applications for Golden Gate's scholarship are also due by April 1 but the Grand Lodge Scholarships are due by February 15, 2019. You will find more information on Monitor's [scholarship web page](#). Members are reminded that contributions to the Education/Scholarship Funds of local lodges, districts and the Grand Lodge are tax deductible under Internal Revenue Code 170(c) (4) as no goods or services are provided in return for these contributions. We ask that you consider making a donation to our scholarship fund in honor or in memory of a loved one or just because... If you include a donation in your dues check, please include a note so that Anita knows to allocate the monies to the appropriate funds.

Monitor's web site and Facebook page. We always have content to update but we are dependent on our members to tell us when useful information is missing on our [calendar](#) and [current news items](#) pages. We now post the most [recent newsletters](#) and will be posting meeting minutes in the near future. Please contact Chuck Johnson, Andy Hopkins or Brian Horsfield if you find anything on our [web site](#) that needs updating/correction or if you have something that you think merits being shared. Contact Chuck or Sarah Cuthill if you find anything on our [Facebook page](#) that needs updating/ correction. **Tack så mycket** in advance for your input for both sites.

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Something of general interest. Remember your high school and/or college literature reading lists? While they covered the spectrum of authors, poets and playwrights, it is almost certain that your playwrights list included Henrik Ibsen, the late Norwegian playwright (well, he was a Swedish neighbor!). We all know the end of A Doll's House - theater's great feminist icon, Nora walks out the door of her home, leaving her husband and children behind to embrace an uncertain future, but a future that she controls. But what if she came back? *A Doll's House Pt. 2* imagines just that scenario. Celebrated playwright Lucas Hnath's Tony nominated play imagines the continuing story of Henrik Ibsen's legendary protagonist. In this fascinating and brilliant play, presented by [B Street Theatre](#) from **February 26 through April 7th** you will see the cost of Nora's decision and investigate further the ideas set forth in Ibsen's original. What price do we pay for control of our own destinies? If you enjoy theater, put this performance on your calendar and enjoy!

Grattis på födelsedagen to our birthday celebrants for December: Ruth Marie Brown, Laila Harris, Adam Johnson, Carol Nesewich, David Eric Swanson, and Amy Winter

Sunshine(Friendship) Committee: We have several members and their families currently dealing with health issues. Please keep Ethel Johnson, Eivor Pfannkuch, Gail Nemy, Dale Ingvarlsen, Marianne Ek and Karin Johnson in your thoughts and prayers. Please contact Larry Woodward or Will Hanley, our Sunshine committee members, if you know of a member in need of our assistance in some manner.

Lodge business meetings schedule. There was no business meeting in December so no minutes are attached to the end of this newsletter. **Please take note:** Our next full business meeting will be in February 2019. We will be holding our installation of 2019 officers and induction of new and reinstated members at our January 2019 meeting.

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. Don't forget to let folks know that we always have Legos on hand at our meetings for the kids and the young at heart and remember to refer them to Monitor's web site (<http://www.monitorlodgesacramento.org>) for information.

