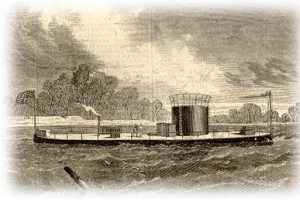


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**March-July 2019**

**Apologies for the extreme tardiness of our newsletter** - The 36<sup>th</sup> annual Sacramento Scandinavian festival and several family events derailed me for a few months. The festival and our anniversary luncheon were huge successes as was Monitor's Sill Frukost gathering in May. **Tack så mycket** to Peggy & Ken Carlson for hosting the Sill Frukost event at their home at the last minute and to all the members who helped them. June also had us celebrating, this time Midsommar with great food, conversation and company.

2019 Calendar of events

August 17<sup>th</sup> - Saturday -  
 Kräfskiva (crayfish party)

September 6<sup>th</sup> - Friday -  
**"Make your own Smörgåsar"** and nomination of 2020 officers

October 4<sup>th</sup> - Friday -  
 Potluck dinner and nomination of 2019 officers

November 1<sup>st</sup> - Friday -  
**Kaffekalas** and elections

December 7<sup>th</sup> - Saturday -  
**Julbord & Jul Glögg Party**

December 7<sup>th</sup> - Friday -  
**St. Lucia** celebration

2020 Calendar of events (tentative dates)

January 3<sup>rd</sup> - Friday - Dinner and installation of officers

February 7<sup>th</sup> - Friday - **Pea Soup and Pancakes**

March 6<sup>th</sup> - Friday - **Corned beef and cabbage** dinner

April 4<sup>th</sup> - Saturday - 107<sup>th</sup> Anniversary luncheon

April 18<sup>th</sup> - Saturday - 37<sup>th</sup> **Sacramento Scandinavian Festival** at Scottish Rite

April 24-26 - Friday thru Sunday - Golden Gate District #12 convention

May 9<sup>th</sup> - Saturday - **Sill Frukost**



Swedish Bingo - March



Anniversary Centerpiece - April



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Monitor's youth dancers at Scandinavian festival



Erik and Kurt making pancakes



Karin and Gail at the Nå och Tråd table



Athena and Alex – our scholarship recipients



Decorating the Majstång



Marianne playing the piano



Just some of the Smörgåsbord

**Grattis till våra stipendiatmottagare !!** Congratulations to Athena Eriksson and Alex Hopkins, Monitor Lodge's 2019 scholarship recipients! Athena has completed her sophomore year at Embry-Riddle University in Daytona Beach, Florida and is well on her way to earning her pilot license as well. Alex just completed his sophomore year at American River College while putting in many hours of volunteer time building and maintaining websites and databases for local libraries.

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**Upcoming Monitor events.** We will continue our indulgence of good food and good company with our Kräfskiva (crayfish party) on Saturday, **August 17<sup>th</sup>** (please note date change to mid-month) at James and Melissa Netzel's, followed a few weeks later with our regular business meeting and potluck on Friday **September 6<sup>th</sup>**.

**Did you know \_\_\_\_ about Monitor Lodge?** This occasional section features interesting factoids about Monitor Lodge. Have you looked at Monitor's Swedish flag and the white pole on which it hangs? If you have, you would have seen that there is an engraved plaque on the pole that commemorates the presentation of the flag by King Gustav XVI in Stockholm to Monitor Lodge in 1974. Quoting from Monitor's May and September 1974 **handwritten** meeting minutes:

*"May 3, 1974 - Barbara Lutz received a letter from Sweden that a Vasa Member [Karl-Gustav and Mai-Britt Pousette of Malardrottninggen Lodge in Stockholm - the lodge has since disbanded] had applied for a Swedish flag from the Swedish Flag Foundation in Stockholm. This flag will be presented to three of our Monitor Lodge members which will be in Sweden on the Swedish Flag Day, June 6th at Skansen in Stockholm [Skansen is the first open-air museum and zoo in Sweden, founded in 1891, and is located on the island Djurgården in Stockholm]. His Royal Highness King Gustaf the 16th will personally present this flag to our Monitor Lodge members who are: John Erickson Forsberg and two of our youth club boys, Rolf and Leif Andersson. A motion was made and passed that we send a gift with John Forsberg who will leave for Sweden the 23 of May and present this gift to the Pousettes from Monitor lodge here in Sacramento.*



*John Forsberg (age 80) with Rolf and Leif Andersson accepting the flag from King Gustaf at Skansen on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 1974 at Sweden's Flag Day celebration*

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*Sept. 6, 1974 - It was suggested that the picture taken of John Forsberg and of Britt Marie and Leonard Andersson's boys receiving the Swedish flag from the Swedish King at Skansen, Sweden, would be enlarged and presented to John Forsberg.*

*The Swedish flag that was presented by the King of Sweden for the Monitor lodge, was unfurled in the presence of all lodge members by our chairman [Eleanor Vine].*

*Brother John Forsberg gave a very interesting speech of how he met the King of Sweden and was presented the Swedish flag by the King himself also the two boys of Leonard and Britt Marie Anderson was there. All three representing the Monitor lodge of Sacramento. This presentation was made on the Swedish Flag Day June 6th at Skansen in Stockholm. Ivar Axberg had made a very appropriate and nice flagpole for our new flag."*

We had the flag on display at Monitor Lodge's 107th anniversary luncheon on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 weekend when we presented Rolf's and Leif's parents Lennart and Britt-Marie Andersson with their **55**-year membership pins .

**In memoriam.** Sadly, we lost Chris Bodelson, Chuck's wife and a longtime Monitor member, in late April. The membership's outpouring of support for Chuck and his family has been wonderful and greatly appreciated as have been the donations to Monitor's scholarship fund in her memory. We will be draping the lodge's Charter in her memory at our September meeting.

**Annual Program book updates.** We mailed out the printed 2019 Annual Program Book at the end of December 2018. Please make the following change to your book:

- On page 8 Liz Haverner - new address and phone number (email still OK):  
636 Atterdag Road, Solvang, CA 93463. Phone 805-691-3037
  
- On page 12 Elizabeth Swenson-Miura - new address and phone number (email still OK):  
5001 Helen Way, Sacramento, CA 95822. Phone 916-429-5949
  
- On page 12 Susan Weber – **new member** information:  
1908 Henry Court, Woodland, CA 95776. Phone 9146-479-0257  
Email: meryton@comcast.com

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.

Another update will be coming soon for Karen Sandberg and Tim Crawford as they will be leaving the area due to job changes. We recently received a brief email from Brian & Jill Stockham letting us know that miss the lodge and hope to visit Sacramento in the not too distant future.

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**Scholarship committee.** We will recirculate the proposed updates to our Scholarship Committee guidelines soon and hold a vote to adopt the updates at our September meeting. 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.** You are reminded that to access the "members only" sections of our website, you need to log in with your user ID and password. If you have forgotten your user ID and/or password, the login page provides you with the means to retrieve the information provided you have not recently changed your email address. If the retrieval will not work, please contact Chuck Johnson or Andy Hopkins to fix things.

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.

**Grattis på födelsedagen** to our **March** birthday celebrants Ken Carlson, Helen Jenson\*, Paul Koze\* and Jan Volkoff. **April:** Annika Anderson, Lennart Andersson\*, Bob Barrett\*, Dick Baldwin, Violet De Bord\*, Liz Havener\*, Michelle Kauffman, Linda Larson\*, Alyssa Leaman, Margaretha Logus\*, Harold Mattson\*, Barry Moore and Lisa Widmark. **May:** Diane Berg, DeeDee Dahlberg,

Athena Eriksson, Siw Gormley\*, Tariel Green, Bernice Hopkins\*, Jeana Hulquist, Don Johnson\*, Gail Kinkennon and Myrtle Widmark\*. **June:** Kris Arnlund-Wilson, Karna Boyer\*, Christine Brainerd, Beatrix Clark, Will Hanley, Kerstin Herrmann\*, Jack Larson\* and Anita Nord\*. And for **July:** Meribeth Bean, Dan Eriksson, Lars-Erik Hammarin, Andy Hopkins, Joyce Johnson\*, Linda Mitchell\*, Eivor Pfannkuch\* and Elizabeth Witdoeck\*.

To all members, if we missed listing you on our monthly shout-out, it is most likely because we do not have your birthday listed in our database. Please let us know if we inadvertently overlooked you. (\* denotes member 75 years of age or older)

**Sunshine (Friendship) Committee:** We have several members and their families currently dealing with health issues or unable easily travel to Monitor events. Hank Stoffel, Ethel Johnson, Lillian Stafford and Jack & Linda Larson have passed on their appreciation for your cards, phone calls and visits. 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.

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**Lodge business meetings schedule.** Our March and May business meeting minutes are included as an attachment to this newsletter sent to members. **Please take note:** Our next business meeting will be in September 2019.

**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.



And for the good of the order - a huge **tack så mycket** to Sara Cuthill for all the work she has been putting into providing relevant and fascinating content on Monitor's Facebook pages. Please share the links with family, friends, co-workers and anyone else interested in things Swedish and hopefully interested in joining Monitor. <https://www.facebook.com/MonitorLodgeSacramento/>



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