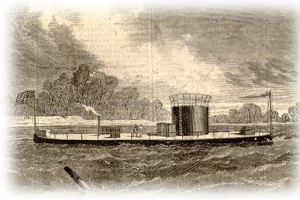


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**March 2020**

**Tack så mycket** to everyone who helped make our meeting on Friday, **March 6<sup>th</sup>** a productive business meeting after which we enjoyed Fika while listening to a cultural presentation by Brian Horsfield about creative solutions to ore transportation challenges during World War II.

**Sadly** due to the COVID-19 virus pandemic, all of our events through the end of April have be cancelled, including our Anniversary luncheon, the annual Scandinavian festival and Golden Gate District's annual convention which Monitor and Sierra Kronan were hosting. However, we did not let our Princess Torta go to waste. It had already been delivered to the DoubleTree, so we asked Yvonne Magneheim to share it with her staff as thanks for their on-going support of Monitor events. Yvonne reported back that *"the staff at the DoubleTree Hotel soooo enjoyed the Princess Torte. Many had never heard, nor tasted the cake and are now fans for life of the torte!!"*



**Upcoming Monitor events.** While our April and May events are all cancelled, we have not yet cancelled Golden Gate District's **Sweden Day** on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> and our Midsommar celebration on Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. We will keep the membership apprised as decisions are made regarding these events.

2020 Calendar of events  
**(dates subject to change)**

April 3<sup>rd</sup> - Friday - **Fika** and business meeting canceled

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

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

May 16<sup>th</sup> - Saturday - **Sill Frukost** - canceled

June 6<sup>th</sup> - Saturday - **Sweden Day** - Golden Gate #12 - Micke Grove Park, Lodi

June 12<sup>th</sup> - Friday - **Midsommar**

July - no meeting

August 8<sup>th</sup> - Saturday - **Kräftskiva** (crayfish party)

September 11<sup>th</sup> - Friday - **Ham dinner**

October 2<sup>nd</sup> - Friday - **Swedish Taco bar**

November 6<sup>th</sup> - Friday - **Pie Social** and election of 2020/21 officers

December 5<sup>th</sup> - Saturday - **Julbord** and Glögg party

December 11<sup>th</sup> - Friday **St. Lucia celebration**

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**How good is your Swedish vocabulary?** Here are a few simple phrases you can use on a regular basis (you will find translations on the last page of this newsletter):

- Ha kul utan oss
- Hälsningar
- Skottår

**Scholarships.** Students still have a little bit of time remaining to pull together the paperwork to apply for the Golden Gate District and Monitor Lodge scholarships. The District's and Monitor's deadline is **April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020**. Information and application forms can be obtained on our [scholarship web page](#) or by contacting the Scholarship committee.

**We recently learned** of several of our long time former members recently passed in February and March of this year – Louise Center (member from 1948-2017), Hal Mattson (member from 1994-2019) and Mary Anderson (member from 1959-91).



Kathy Matthews' memorial service on March 6<sup>th</sup> included the dedication of a park bench in the Fair Oaks Water District Garden (the plaque reads: "Kathryn Matthews – In recognition of your commitment to promote environmental awareness and in appreciation of your devoted personal time in the development of the New Oaks project.")

**Did you know \_\_\_\_\_ about Monitor Lodge?** This occasional section features interesting factoids about Monitor Lodge and VASA. This month we are featuring a "roll call" of some of our current members who have served as officers for Monitor Lodge in past years in roughly 15 year increments:

1962	Lennart	Andersson	Vice Chairman				
1962	Britt-Marie	Andersson	Treasurer	1970	Eva	Allred	chaplain
1963	Britt-Marie	Andersson	auditor	1971	Arlie	Veis	auditor
1963	Lennart	Andersson	Cultural Leader	1972	Russ	Ellis	Secretary
1964	Britt-Marie	Andersson	auditor	1972	Arlie	Veis	auditor
1965	Lennart	Andersson	Cultural Leader	1973	Lennart	Andersson	Membership
1965	Britt-Marie	Andersson	auditor	1973	Eivor	Pfannkuch	Asst Sec.
1965	Birgitta	Ellis	Asst Financial Secretary	1973	Kurt	Pfannkuch	MC
1966	Birgitta	Ellis	Asst Financial Secretary	1973	Arlie	Veis	auditor
1966	Arlie	Veis	Vice Chairman	1973	Arlie	Veis	Membership

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1967	Arlie	Veis	Vice Chairman	1974	Eva	Allred	Membership
1968	Arlie	Veis	Chairman	1974	Lars	Ostlund	Inner Guard
1968	Arlie	Veis	GG Executive Board	1974	Kurt	Pfannkuch	Asst. MC
1969	Eva	Allred	Outer Guard	1975	Lennart	Andersson	Trustee
1969	Arlie	Veis	GG District Master	1975	Arlie	Veis	Treasurer

Monitor has been around for a long time spanning several generations of many current members. Another family we have recently learned that spans three generations is:

- Bertha Henrikson, Karin Bodelson and Chris Bodelson & Chuck Johnson
- Please let us know if there are other families we can recognize. Tack!

**Annual Program book updates.** The 2020 program book has been mailed to all our members in December and is also be available on our [website](#) where we also post updates throughout the year. It is a “living” document but we have no new changes in March.

**Grattis på födelsedagen** to our birthday celebrants for **March 2020** are Ken Carlson, Helen Jenson\*, Paul Koze\* and Jan Volkoff and for **April 2020** are Robert Barrett\*, Linda Larson\*, Dick Baldwin\*, Lisa Widmark, Violet De Bord\*, Michelle Kauffman\*, Elizabeth Havener\*, Margaretha Logus\*, Melissa Netzel, Annika Anderson, Barry Moore and Lennart Andersson\* (\* denotes member 75 years of age or older)

**Sunshine (Friendship) Committee:** We often have members and their families dealing with health issues or unable easily travel to Monitor events and they appreciate receiving 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. **At present**, due to the Coronavirus restrictions we are encouraging all our members to periodically reach out to each other with phone calls, text messages and emails just to say “Hi, I’m thinking of you.” **Tack så mycket**

**Lodge business meetings schedule.** Our March business meeting minutes are included as an attachment to this newsletter sent to members. **Please note:** At this time we do not know when we will have our next in-person business meeting but we will be working to utilize the ZOOM video conferencing and email to deal with any critical business items that might arise. In the meantime, VASA’s Grand Master has issued an executive order waiving the requirement of having a minimum of nine meeting a calendar year.

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**Occasional contemporary Swedish news.** These two news items are extracted from the on-line news source **The Local SE** (<https://www.thelocal.se/>):

Sweden introduces new plastic bag tax – A law change introducing a new tax on plastic carrier bags came into force on March 1<sup>st</sup>. This is meant to reduce rubbish in nature and in the sea, according to an EU directive from 2015 which states that member states are expected to reduce plastic bag usage to 40 per person and year by 2025.



Stockholm's new golden bridge arrive - A new bridge, nicknamed the golden bridge (or *guldbron* in Swedish) due to its golden colour, is set to be installed in central Stockholm, linking the Södermalm island to the capital's Old Town, Gamla Stan. The ongoing and major construction work in the area, which includes a new bus terminal and improved ways of regulating water levels in the capital, is expected to finish in 2025 to the tune of 12.1 billion kronor.

**And for the good of the order** – Consider brush up on your Swedish baking and cooking skills while you are stuck at home and check out the on-line **Swedish recipes group**: <https://groups.io/g/swedishrecipes> and share what you have learned when we are able to get back together.

**Translations** of some common Swedish phrases you can use every day:

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|-------------------|----------------------|
| • Ha kul utan oss | Have fun without us! |
| • Hälsningar      | Greetings            |
| • Skottår         | leap year            |



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