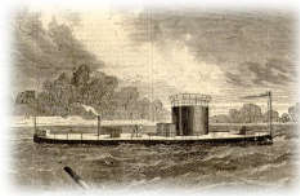


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April 2020

Tack så mycket to folks for occasionally checking in on each other, be it by phone, e-mail or a card. It is much appreciated.

Upcoming Monitor events. As we had already advised everyone in late March, due to the COVID-19 virus pandemic, all our events through the end of May were cancelled. After consulting with Monitor's officers and evaluating state and local government timeline forecasts for recovery, we are now cancelling our Midsommar celebration in June. Golden Gate District #12 anticipates making a decision soon about Sweden Day, currently scheduled for Saturday, June 6th. We will notify members as soon as a decision is made.

What is next? At present, we hope that we will be able to have our **Kräftskiva** celebration in August (we do not normally have meetings in July) and resume our regular calendar of events from then on.

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):

- Roligt!
- Som vanligt
- Hej da

Swedish trivia: Some people know that Larry Hagman's (J.R. Ewing on Dallas) mother was Mary Martin of Broadway and film but did you know he was also of Swedish descent on his father's side?

2020 Calendar of events

(dates subject to change)

May 16th - Saturday - **Sill Frukost - canceled**

June 6th - Saturday -
Sweden Day - Golden Gate #12 - Micke Grove Park, Lodi

June 12th - Friday -
Midsommar - canceled

July - no meeting

August 8th - Saturday -
Kräftskiva (crayfish party)

September 11th - Friday -
Ham dinner

October 2nd - Friday -
Swedish Taco bar

November 6th - Friday -
Pie Social and election of 2021 officers

December 5th - Saturday -
Julbord and Glögg party

December 11th - Friday
St. Lucia celebration

2021 Calendar of events

(dates subject to change)

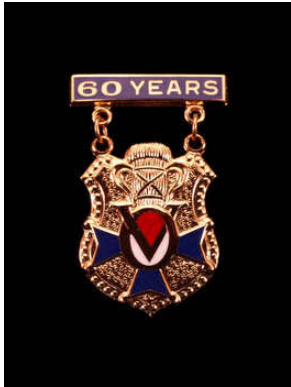
January 8th - Friday- Dinner and installation of officers

February 5th - Friday - **Pea Soup and Pancakes**

March 5th - Friday - **To Be Determined (TBD)**

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Some important recognitions. As we did not have our annual anniversary luncheon this year we were unable to present membership anniversary pins to several of our members. While we still plan to present the pins in person as soon as practicable, we want to recognize the following members:



Britt-Marie and
 Lennart Andersson
 60 VASA years

Karin Johnson
 55 VASA years

Beatrix Clark 25 VASA years



Did you know _____ about Monitor Lodge? This occasional section features interesting factoids about Monitor Lodge and VASA. This month we continue to feature a “roll call” of some of our current members who have served as officers for Monitor Lodge in past years (???? means haven’t found records for the listed year):

1976	Lennart Andersson	Chairman	1987	Dale Ingvarlsen	auditor
1977	???		1987	Peggy Carlson	Membership Comm.
1978	Lars Ostlund	Chairman	1987	Britt-Marie Andersson	Sweden Day rep.
1978	Kurt Pfannkuch	Vice Chairman	1987	Eva Allred	Scholarship comm.
1978	Arlie Veis	auditor	1987	Liesma Krastins	Asst Financial Sec.
1979	Arlie Veis	Sweden Day	1987	DeeDee Dahlberg	MC
1980	????		1988	Peggy Carlson	Membership Comm.
1981	????		1988	Eva Allred	Scholarship comm.
1982	Britt-Marie Andersson	Auditor	1988	Liesma Krastins	Financial Secretary
1983	???		1988	Peggy Carlson	Children's Club
1984	???		1988	DeeDee Dahlberg	Cultural Leader
1985	???		1988	Arlie Veis	Trustee

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1986	Liesma Krastins	Asst Financial Sec.	1989	????	
1986	Dale Ingvarlsen	MC	1990	Kurt Pfannkuch	Chairman
1986	Lennart Andersson	Membership Comm.	1990	Liesma Krastins	Financial Secy.
1986	Peggy Carlson	Membership Comm.	1990	DeeDee Dahlberg	Cultural Leader
1986	Britt-Marie Andersson	Sweden Day rep.	1990	Peggy Carlson	Children's Club
1986	Eva Allred	Cultural leader			

Memory lane travels. Since we are spending more time at home it is a good time to dig out your old photo albums and share your Swedish memories of your youth with family and friends. While I have only just begun to scratch the surface of about 10 archive boxes of photos and slides, here are a couple of my recent discoveries:



Chris Bodelson in Swedish costume - 1960

Chris and Viola Bodelson in Dalarna, Sweden 1963



Please consider sharing some of your discoveries in future issues of Monitor's newsletter. Just scan and send your labeled photos to Chuck Johnson. **Tack så mycket**

Children's Club. The club meets monthly throughout most of the year. While their get togethers are currently on hiatus until the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted we welcome all children interested in participating in traditional Swedish craft, dance, music and literature activities. They need not currently be members of Monitor lodge. Contact Lisa Rea (lrea100@yahoo.com) for more information.

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 April.

Grattis på födelsedagen to our birthday celebrants 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)

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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. At this time we do not know when we will have our next in-person business meeting. Monitor’s officers are in regular contact with each other. If you have any questions regarding the status of our few business activities, please don’t hesitate to contact any of the officers.

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 – 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. And check out the April 1st digital edition of **Nordstjernan** (<http://ow.ly/JcYC50yPXmC>) being made available for free by Nordstjernan to VASA members

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

- | | |
|---------------|----------|
| • Roligt! | Funny! |
| • Som vanligt | As usual |
| • Hej da | Hi there |



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