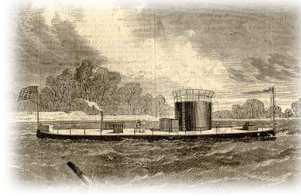


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Vänligen nå ut (Please reach out). Check on each other during this holiday season, be it by phone, e-mail or a card until we can gather again in person. It is much appreciated.

Upcoming Monitor events. The restrictions regarding public gatherings and health related issues are not abating. After consultation with Monitor's leadership our planned in-person meetings and events have been cancelled until further notice. We will do our best to adhere to our 2021 calendar of events by utilizing virtual meetings to conduct business and to stay in touch. A copy of our 2021 calendar is provided at the end of this newsletter.

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. **Our first virtual meeting will be Friday, January 8th, 2021 starting at 6:30 PM.** We will conduct an abbreviated installation ceremony of our 2021 elected officers at this meeting. More details about the meeting and how to participate will be forthcoming soon.

Officers for 2021. The Nominating committee has informed us that while the voter response was not large we were well over the required quorum minimum. As they only received affirmative votes for the full slate of officers on the ballot we again have a "by acclamation" final result. A listing of our elected officers for 2021 is provided at the end of this newsletter.

2021 Calendar of events
(dates subject to change)

January 8th – Friday-
VIRTUAL - installation of
officers

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

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

April – Anniversary **TBD**,
Scandinavian Festival
(cancelled)

April 23-25 – Friday –
Sunday – **Golden Gate
District #12** convention
(tentative)

May 7th – Friday – tentative -
Sill Frukost. Specifics still
TBD

June 4-5 – Friday – Saturday
– **Midsommar** and **Sweden
Day.** Specifics still **TBD**

July – no events normally
scheduled.

August 7th – Saturday –
Kräftskiva, Specifics still
TBD

September 3rd – Friday –
Ham Dinner. Specifics still
TBD

October 1st – Friday – **Taco
Bar.** Specifics still **TBD**

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How good is your Swedish vocabulary? If you experience language withdrawal, you might find the Swedish lessons in [Nordstjernen](#) or the Swedish edition of [The Local](#) will help. We will resume providing interesting words with our January issue.

Did you know _____ about Monitor Lodge? This occasional section features interesting factoids about Monitor Lodge and VASA. In earlier years, Monitor had sponsored several sports teams of lodge members, mostly bowling and golf. Did you know that Monitor was the bowling league champion in 1960-61 and again in 1964-65 at the old Crestview Lanes off Manzanita Ave.? And in 1987, Monitor Lodge won the Golden Gate annual golf tournament for the third year in a row. Some news clippings with more details can be found at the end of this newsletter.

Also, an update to one of the November photo captions.



1966 Camellia Festival – Monitor was the Sweepstakes Trophy winner of the Children's Camellia Parade with Jon Veis (3rd from left, son of Arlie Veis) and Kenneth Njord (5th from left with silver tie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lars Njord). The adults were Eleanor and Ken Vine, long time members and officers in the lodge. The float depicting the earth with two spinning Gemini satellites.

Scholarships. It is not too early to start thinking about pulling together the paperwork to apply for the Monitor Lodge and Golden Gate District scholarships. The District's and Monitor's deadline will be **April 1st, 2021**. There is also updated information regarding the annual Grand Lodge scholarship (due in mid-January) as well as the Swedish Language Camp scholarships (due in February 2021). Information and application forms can be obtained on our scholarship web page or by contacting the Scholarship committee:

<http://www.monitorlodgesacramento.org/ohana/website/?p=37143391>

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Gentle reminder. 2021 Dues are due on January 1, 2021. 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. We also ask that you consider making a donation to our scholarship fund in honor or in memory of a loved one or just because. Donations to the scholarship fund are tax deductible.

Annual Program book updates. The 2020 program book is available on our [website](#) where we also post updates throughout the year. It is a “living” document and we have no changes for **December**. We anticipate distributing our 2021 Program Book by early January.

Memory lane travels. As we spend time over the holidays sharing memories, please dig out your old photo albums and share your Swedish memories of with Monitor as well as your family and friends. Or just send us some current news about family and friends. Please consider sharing some of your discoveries or news in future issues of Monitor’s newsletter. Just scan and send your labeled photos to Chuck Johnson. Short stories are also welcome. Here are some recent updates from some past Monitor scholarship recipients:

- **Ricki Niemoller** (1990) is working as a nuclear engineer and is in charge of dismantling a nuclear plant in Crystal River, Florida.
- **Tiffany (nee Niemoller) Eady**, MD, PhD (1998) is a member of the neurology staff at Ochsner Hospital in New Orleans, Louisiana where she specializes in epilepsy and related neurologic diseases. She opened the first COVID floor last spring at the hospital and was most recently on Great Day Louisiana (WWLTV, New Orleans) providing a very informative interview about epilepsy. Here is a five minute video of the interview:
<https://app.criticalmention.com/app/#clip/view/af4504bb-76fc-4dbd-976f-cac88dd6d614?token=9eadb229-d91e-47f8-a4f4-9d80ae200429>
- **Nicole Hopkins** (2020) writes: “I just finished my first semester of junior year! This past semester I was plenty busy with five classes, a teaching

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internship with a class of college freshmen, and I was elected the treasurer of the university's only acapella club. I also have a part time job at a local mom-and-pop pizza place just off campus. In one of my classes this semester we wrote novellas as our final project, so I'm still working on writing projects. All in all, doing great up in Montana!"

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. **Tack så mycket**

Current financial report (summary) from our Financial Secretary and Treasurer. While current events have created some unusual impacts on our 2020 income and expenses, we are still very comfortably in the black.

Below is a summary of our financial status as of the end of November 2020:

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Children's Club</u>	<u>Nål och Tråd</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Scholarship</u>	<u>Total</u>
14,613.31	401.51	6,824.21	4,654.07	7,347.21	33,840.31

And for the good of the order – As the holiday season is fast approaching, here are some links to videos of St. Lucia celebrations and their history to enjoy:

Swedish Lucia For Dummies (humorous but informative video):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kW-nKZBDcDI>

Christmas - Santa Lucia Sweden:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i2-Q_ObdE-4&list=RD_i2-Q_ObdE-4&start_radio=1&t=0

Lucia 2015 Sweden (about 25 minutes and very good)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vl6o4mG25Ec>

Bästa önskningar för en säker men glädjande säsong



Newsletter editor: Chuck Johnson

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monitor Lodge #218

2021

All events are at **I.O.O.F. Hall** unless otherwise specified.

January

Friday, 8 5:30 pm Social Hour
6:00 pm **Potluck**
7:00 pm Installation of Officers, Cultural Program,

Tuesday, 12 7:00 pm **Audit Meeting**, date tentative, location TBD

February

Friday, 5 5:30 pm Social Hour
6:30 pm **Pea Soup & Pancake dinner, \$10/person**
7:30 pm Elect convention delegates, Cultural Program

March

Friday, 5 7:00 pm Fika and business meeting (**Later start time**)
location TBD

Saturday, 13 11:30 am **Anniversary Luncheon, Double Tree**

April

Friday, 2 7:00 pm **Fika** and business meeting (**Later start time**)
location TBD

Saturday, 17 all day **Sacramento Scandinavian Festival**

Fri-Sun, all day **Golden Gate District #12 convention**,
23-25 location TBD

May

Saturday, 15 Sill Frukost location TBD.

June

Saturday, 5 all day Sweden Day at Micky Grove Park,

Friday, 11 5:30 Midsommar

July

Friday, 2

No Lodge Meeting

August

Saturday, 7 5:30 pm
6:30 pm

Social Hour, Member Meeting,
Kräftskiva (crayfish Party) \$5/person
Location TBD. Bring side dish. Bring table
and chairs (*if you have them*).

September

Friday, 3 5:30 pm
6:30 pm
7:30 pm

Social Hour
Ham dinner
Nominations of 2020 Officers, Cultural
program,

October

Friday, 1 5:30 am
6:30 pm
7:30 pm

Social Hour
Taco Bar
Nomination of 2020 Officers, Cultural
program,

November

Friday, 5 7:00 pm
7:30 pm

Pie Social
Election of 2019 Officers, Cultural program,
Bring your favorite Swedish cookie or pastry to
share

December

Saturday, 4 5:30 pm
Friday, 10 7:00 pm

Julbord and Jul Glögg Party
Santa Lucia Program

January, 2022

Friday, 7 5:30 pm
6:30 pm
7:00 pm

Social Hour
Dinner \$TBD per person
Installation of Officers, Cultural program

TBD = To Be Determined.

CHILDREN’S CLUB meets every second Sunday from 3:30 to 4:30 except July,
August and December.

Monitor Lodge #218 - Officers for 2021

(by acclamation on 12-01-2020)

Elected positions All officers were re-elected

Chairman	Chuck Johnson
Vice Chairman	Ed Netzel
Recording Secretary	Yvonne Magneheim
Assistant Recording Secretary	Gail Nemy
Financial Secretary	Anita Nord
Assistant Financial Secretary	Joyce Willow
Treasurer	Brian Horsfield
Cultural Leader	Charley Rea
Co-Chaplains	Will Hanley and Larry Woodward
Master of Ceremonies	Alex Hopkins
Asst. Master of Ceremonies	vacant
Guard	Alex Hopkins
Trustee – 3 year terms (also the Nominating committee)	vacant (3 year) Dan Eriksson (not up for election) vacant (2 year)

Note - Dan Eriksson moves to 1 year position in 2021

Need to find replacement for 2 year position in 2021 as Johanna Benker moved over to the 2 year Auditor position.

Auditor – 2 year terms	Johanna Benker Karin Johnson (not up for election)
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Note - Karin Johnson moves to 1 year position in 2021

Scandinavian Festival delegates	Will Hanley and Larry Woodward
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On the reverse side are the appointed positions and committees and proposed members for 2021. If you were serving in 2020 but are unable to serve in 2021, please let Chuck Johnson, Brian Horsfield or Ed Netzel know so we can update the lists before we publish the 2021 Program book. Similarly, if you would like to serve in a position, existing or new, please let us know. If there is a position you don't see on the list but you believe would serve the lodge well, please let us know so we can include it.

Monitor Lodge #218 - Officers for 2021

2021 appointed positions

Please consider continuing serving or volunteering to serve in 2021.

Please let the chairman know if you are no longer able to serve.

Membership committee

Karin Johnson
Yvonne Magneheim
Ed Netzel
Charley Rea

Cultural committee

Charley Rea - lead
DeeDee Dahlberg
Eivor Pfannkuch
Ginny Lee

Scholarship committee

Susan Edelmeyer
Dick Baldwin
Joyce Willow

Meals, set up and clean up committee

Ed Netzel – lead
Linnea Koze
Peggy Carlson

Bartenders

Theresa Alberts
Will Hanley
Larry Woodward

Telephone Callers

Meribeth Bean – Coordinator
Joyce Willow (page 8)
Anita Nord (pages 11-12)
Andy Hopkins (pages 9-10)
Carole Scibienski (pages 6-7)

Historian/VASA Archives/Picture Directory – **vacant** (Chuck Johnson acting)

Photographers – **vacant**

Webmaster - Andy Hopkins & Chuck Johnson

Facebook manager – Sarah Cuthill

Newsletter Editor/VASA Star correspondent – Chuck Johnson

Program Book Editor - Brian Horsfield

Sunshine (Friendship) committee – Larry Woodward, Will Hanley

Julbord committee – **vacant**, coordinator

Children’s Club and Lucia program - Lisa Rea (leader), Anita Nord, Christine Brainerd, Ginny Lee, Joyce Willow, Sarah Cuthill

Librarian – Ginny Lee

Coffee committee for meetings - DeeDee Dahlberg, Dan Eriksson

Other committees and coordinators will be appointed on an “as needed” basis.



GOLFING IS GREAT IN CALIFORNIA

GOLDEN GATE

Monitor Lodge No. 218, Sacramento, CA hosted the 19th annual District Golf Tournament at Haggin Oaks Golf Course. There were 23 golfers and six lodges represented: Lindbergh, Monitor, Nord, Sierra Kronan, Svea and Sveaborg. After the tournament, a cocktail party was held at the Veis' home. The Awards Banquet was held at the Golden Tee Restaurant.

Monitor Lodge No. 218 was the winner of the perpetual trophy for the third year in a row. Iris and Lars Ostlund won Low Net, Lillian Stafford and Eric Johnson, Low Gross, Lillian Stafford and Craig Petersen, Longest Drive, Estrid Doscher and Eric Johnson, Closest to the Pin and Iris Ostlund and Al Schreiner, Least Putts. Lindbergh Lodge volunteered to host next year's tournament. Donn Stafford and Arlie Veis were Co-Chairmen of the tournament.

District Officers present were: Craig Petersen, Jr., PDM, Helen Mingram, District Secretary, Marlene Swaffer, EBM, Patti Hogue, VSC, Noel Hogue, AMC, Ruth Veis, Auditor, Eric Johnson, GLD, PDMs Joe Mingram, Baxter Swaffer and Arlie Veis.

-Ruth Veis

Pacific Southwest

GOLDEN VALLEY LODGE 616, Van Nuys, CA June activities started with a business meeting on the 11th, led by VDM George Swanson and EBM James Swanson drive 120 miles from San Diego to attend this meeting. Sandwiches and cookies were later served by Guye Dupcak and Viola Kindstrand.

Super golfer Vickie Lovequist won and tied the District Golf Tournament. Vickie and Shirlie Christensen from Nordic Lodge tied and as time ran out a sudden death was imminent.

On the 20th and 21st, midsummer was celebrated. First on Saturday with a Coronation dinner at Mayflower Ballroom, and Sunday Picnic in Vasa Park. Kimberly Peterson represented G.V.L. and was crowned Svea. She is the daughter of Harvey and Daga Peterson. A lovely gift was also presented to Kimberly from the Lodge.

On the 25th many members enjoyed a Potluck in our own park. The weather was just perfect. This wonderful park behind our building, is our Lodge's pride and joy and have been enjoyed by our and many other lodges for years.

-Maidie Karling

Vasa Star December 1987



Donn and Lillian Stafford, Lars Ostlund, Margaret Linn and Jack Doscher of Monitor Lodge.



Co-Chairman Arlie Veis presenting Golden Gate District Golf Trophy to Vice Chairman Ruth Veis of Monitor Lodge #218.



Iris and Lars Ostlund, Low Net winners in the Golden Gate District Golf Tournament.



The Golden Gate Golf Tournament

The second annual District 12 tournament was at the Swenson course in Stockton, Cal., Oct. 11. Twenty-seven golfers participated, almost twice as many as last year when the event was instituted.

Represented were lodges Nord, Stock-



At the Golden Gate district golf tournament, Jan Olsson, at left, posed with Claude Griffith, chairman, Lola McCreery, D C L, and Jon Veis, resplendent in his Bobby Jones outfit.

ton, Monitor, Sacramento, Jenny Lind, Turlock, and Tegner, Oakland.

Claude Griffith of Nord, was chairman, and awards were presented later at his home with a final playoff for the ladies trophy on the Griffith's fine putting green.

DLC Lola McCreery presented trophies: perpetual trophy to Nord lodge for the combined low net for a man and a lady; ladies' low gross, Betty Newstrom; men's low gross, Claude Griffith; ladies' ace, Donn Stafford; least putts for women, Florence Griffith; men's least putts, George Uffens. On the nine hole tournament for beginners, low gross, Charles Linn; least putts, Millie Johnson; most strokes, Jan Olsson.

The younger generation joined in, Jan Olsson of Turlock and Jon Veis of Sacramento, who helped bridge the generation gap in a Bobby Jones outfit of the 20's.

A no-host banquet at a nearby restaurant, with other district officers joining in the festivities, was the enjoyable climax for the event.

—Archie E. Veis

TROPHY TIME:

From left, in front, are Jon Olsson, Betty Newstrom, Curt Shellman, Florence Griffith, and Nina Carr; in rear, Donn Stafford, George Uffens, Charlie Linn, and Claude Griffith.

