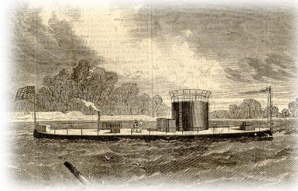


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Hurra, ett nytt år har börjat (Hurray, a new year has begun)

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 (ZOOM) meetings to conduct business and to stay in touch.

Lodge business meetings schedule. Our first **virtual** meeting was **Friday, January 8th, 2021** and while attendance was light, the meeting was light (about 20 people) it was a great success despite a couple of minor technical hiccups. The minutes of the meeting are attached to this newsletter along with the minutes of our November executive committee meeting minutes. Our next ZOOM meeting will be **Friday, February 5th.**

How good is your Swedish vocabulary? If you are experiencing language withdrawal, you may find Swedish vocabulary and lessons in [Nordstjernen](#) or the Swedish edition of [The Local](#) will help. This month, in lieu of our usual "Word of the Day" we are sharing a story of an unusual Swedish tradition that has its origins in the United States movie industry. Did you know that this past Christmas Eve, *Donald Duck* just set a new record for Sweden's most-watched TV show?

2021 Calendar of events
(dates subject to change)

February 5th – Friday –
VIRTUAL – agenda TBD

March 5th – Friday –
VIRTUAL – agenda TBD

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

May 7th – Friday – VIRTUAL
– agenda TBD - **Sill Frukost.**

June 4 – Friday – VIRTUAL
agenda TBD – **Midsommar.**
Note: Sweden Day is
cancelled.

July – no events normally
scheduled.

August 7th – Saturday –
Kräftskiva, Specifics still
TBD

August 20-23 – Friday to
Sunday **Golden Gate #12**
convention (tentative)

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

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

November 5th – Friday –
VIRTUAL – agenda TBD plus
election of 2022 officers

December 4th – Saturday –
Julbod (tentative)

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In Sweden, Donald Duck, is the face of a beloved Christmas Eve cartoon tradition.
Photo: SVT/Buena Vista

More than 4.5 million people – almost half of Sweden's entire population – watched Donald Duck on Christmas Eve, making its 2020 incarnation Sweden's most watched TV show since modern records began.

More people than ever before tuned in to watch Disney's *From All of Us to All of You* (or, as it is more known in Sweden, *Kalle Anka och hans vänner önskar en god jul* – Donald Duck and friends wish you a Merry Christmas) this year.

It was watched by an average of **4,519,000** people, according to overnight ratings by MMS which keeps statistics on Swedes' television habits. That's over a million more than last year and beats the previous record of 4,320,000 in 1997.

MMS confirmed to The Local that this also makes the 2020 version of Donald Duck Sweden's most-watched television event in any category since its records began. The company has been keeping track of television viewing figures since 1993 using people meters – electronic devices that allow viewers to report their habits.

The dubbed cartoon compilation, which also features Disney icons such as Cinderella, Mickey Mouse and Ferdinand the Bull, has been shown in Sweden every year since 1959. It is regularly Sweden's most watched TV show every year, competing only with *Melodifestivalen* – Sweden's try-outs for the Eurovision Song Contest.

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In fact, it is so popular that calls to emergency services usually fall by around 20 percent when it is broadcast by SVT at 3pm on Christmas Eve in Sweden, something officials call "the Donald Duck

Bengt Feldreich, a Swedish radio and TV journalist and host who passed away in 2019, narrates the show and is particularly well known for his rendition of the classic Disney song *Ser du stjärnan i det blå?* (the Swedish version of When you Wish Upon a Star from Pinocchio).

The presenter himself once said he believed the show was so popular because "in a time where everything changes so quickly, it is human nature to want to recognise and hold onto something you remember from when you were small".

- Article courtesy of [The Local](#) 28 December 2020 - [DonaldDuckChristmastelevision](#)

Did you know _____ about Monitor Lodge? This occasional section features interesting factoids about Monitor Lodge and VASA.



DeeDee Dahlberg and some of her Jul artwork in 1990



Monitor Lodge members at Sierra Kronan March 1992

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**

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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.

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. Monitor's deadline is **April 1st, 2021** but the District pushed back their deadline to May 1st. 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>

Annual Program book updates. Our 2021 program book was mailed in late December and is available on our [website](#) where we also post updates throughout the year. It is a "living" document and we have one change as of the end of January.

Mary Choy
5644 White Fir Way
Sacramento, CA. 95841

No change to email or phone number

Memory lane travels. As we continue to spend time at home, please consider sharing some of your photo album 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.

A grattis på födelsedagen to our birthday celebrants for **February 2021**. They are Chuck Johnson, Ethel Johnson*, Mindy Patterson, Kurt Pfannkuch*, Lisa Rea, Jill Stockham*, Orville Voxland* and Susan Weber. (* denotes member 75 years of age or older)

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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 are our fund balances as of December 31, 2020:

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Children's Club</u>	<u>Nal och Trad</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Scholarship</u>	<u>Totals</u>
\$14,729.30	\$401.68	\$6,827.06	\$4,656.01	\$7,455.33	\$34,069.39

As this newsletter was compiled before the end of the month, we do not have final numbers for January although we have received many dues payments and have transferred monies to the scholarship fund in memory of Myrtle Widmark.

For the good of the order – The Swedish heritage in America has been well preserved across the country. Here is a selection of museums, institutions and organizations courtesy of the Swedish Embassy in Washington, D.C. Some of these sites offer on-line (virtual) tours of their exhibits and many of them offer on-line workshops and seminars. An updated, not-all-inclusive list can also be found at the end of this newsletter.



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New York, NY

www.amscan.org

www.scandinaviahouse.org

American Swedish Institute

Minneapolis, MN

www.asimn.org

National Nordic Museum

Seattle, WA

www.nordicmuseum.org

American-Swedish Historical Museum

Philadelphia, PA

www.americanswedish.org

Swedish Council of America

Minneapolis, MN

www.swedishcouncil.org

Swedish American Museum

Chicago, IL

www.swedishamericanmuseum.org

Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center

Rock Island, IL

www.augustana.edu/swenson

Swedish Historical Society

Rockford, IL

www.swedishhistorical.org

Swedish Women's Educational Association (SWEA)

Various chapters around the US

<https://swea.org>

VASA Archives

Bishop Hill, IL

<https://www.vasaarchives.org/>

Vasa Order of America

Washington, DC and other chapters around the US

<https://www.vasaorder.com>

Swedish American Cultural Union (SACU)

Washington, DC

<https://www.facebook.com/sacuevents>

American Scandinavian Association (ASA)

Washington, DC

<https://scandinavian-dc.org>

The Swedish School of DC, MD, and VA (for children)

<http://svenskaskolanwashingtondc.org>

The Swedish School of DC, MD, and VA (for adults)

<http://www.theswedishschool.org>

Nordic Dancers

Washington, DC

<https://sites.google.com/site/nordicdancersdc>

Independent Order of Vikings

Illinois and several other states

<https://iovikings.org/>

Swedish-American Chamber of Commerce USA (SACC-USA)

Washington, DC with chapters around the US

<https://www.sacc-usa.org>