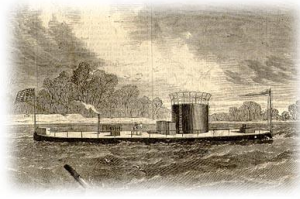


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December 2023

Our November meeting concluded the nomination process for our 2024 officers slate and the email/mail-in voting again resulted in all candidates being elected by acclamation. The results are listed at the end of this newsletter. We finished off the evening with a fascinating cultural presentation by Dr. Marjorie Wade talking about the **Codex argenteus** saga and how it finally ended up at Uppsala University in Sweden. (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Codex_Argenteus).

Upcoming Monitor events. We will close out the calendar year with our traditional Julbord and St. Lucia celebrations on Saturday, December 2nd and Friday, December 8th respectively. January's meeting will include the installation of our 2024 elected officers as well as the initiation of some new members.

A grattis på födelsedagen to our birthday celebrants for **December:** Laila Harris*, Adam Johnson, Carol Nesewich* and Nils Wright. (* denotes member 75 years of age or older).

Annual Program book updates. While we endeavor to ensure the information is correct, it is a living document so please contact Brian Horsfield, Anita Nord and Chuck Johnson whenever your information changes so we can update the Program Book, membership database and newsletters. Tack så mycket.

Page 8 Grace Hedglin new member
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2023 Calendar of events (dates subject to change)

December 2nd – Saturday –
Julbord

December 8th – Friday –
St. Lucia celebration

2024 Calendar of events (dates subject to change)

January 5th – Friday –
installation of officers

February 2nd – Friday – **Pea
Soup & Pancakes**

March 1st – Friday – meeting

April 6th – Saturday – **112th
Anniversary luncheon**

**April 20th – Saturday -40th
annual Scandinavian
Festival**

May 4th – Saturday –
Sillfrukost

June 7th – Friday –
Midsommar

July – no meeting

August 3rd – Saturday –
Kraft kiva

September 6th – Friday –
Officer nominations

October 4th – Friday –
Swedish Taco Night

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Important reminder: Our 2024 dues are due on January 1, 2024. 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 when you send in your renewal check in honor or in memory of a loved one or just because.

Current financial report (summary) as of the end of November 2023 from our Financial Secretary and Treasurer. We continue to be comfortably in the black.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Children's Club</u>	<u>Nål och Träd</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Scholarship</u>	<u>Totals</u>
\$11,312.55	\$232.73	\$6,144.70	\$4,668.89	\$7,326.86	\$29,685.74

Did you know _____ about Monitor Lodge? This occasional section features factoids about Monitor Lodge and VASA. This month we are taking a short walk down memory lane featuring Monitor Lodge members participating in past Julbord and St. Lucia events events.



1989 - St. Nick and Eivor Pfannkuch



1967 - St. Lucia and tärnor (attendants)

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How good is your Swedish vocabulary? If you want to brush up on your Swedish in addition to Monitor's Swedish language classes led by Will Hanley you will find Swedish vocabulary and lessons in the Swedish edition of The Local (<https://www.thelocal.se/>) or Nordstjernan (<http://www.nordstjernan.com/>). You can also get a language fix from bi-weekly podcasts at: <https://shows.acast.com/the-newbie-guide-to-sweden-podcast>.

We are deferring our regular Swedish "word of the day" section until our January 2024 newsletter **but** readers will find a very informative Swedish Christmas vocabulary article at the end of this issue. Njut av!!

For the good of the order:

IKEA is now selling Christmas trees. It's gonna be a long night...




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