

*Happy
Thanksgiving*

Skandia Nytt

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Chairman's Message

The holidays are upon us, but please remember to come to our Skandia meetings and Lucia. Our last meeting was well attended; we had a special guest--a Viking warrior joined us, but was very kind and left his sword at the door. Apparently our new member Michael Lent was the only one who remembered that we were to come in costume. Thank you Michael!

Marknad was great fun. I don't remember seeing that many attendees for any event since I have been going to Vasa Park. Sharlene really had the best meatballs, but there weren't enough of us there to vote for her...!...please come next year. There were many vendors, but the newest vendor was a winery that makes Glogg (exceptional tasty). A case was purchased, so you might be lucky enough to purchase a bottle--one glass will do it...you will need a

designated driver.

Lucia is December 8th and Annie will be providing the dinner--how could we be so lucky. Make your reservations as a possible so we can give Annie an accurate head count. Information will be going out regarding price for dinner and time.

Our next meeting will be attended by District Board members. Please attend out meeting and give them a warm welcome.

The McGinley's will be providing the traditional Thanksgiving meal.

Hope you all have a not too scary Halloween!

Beau

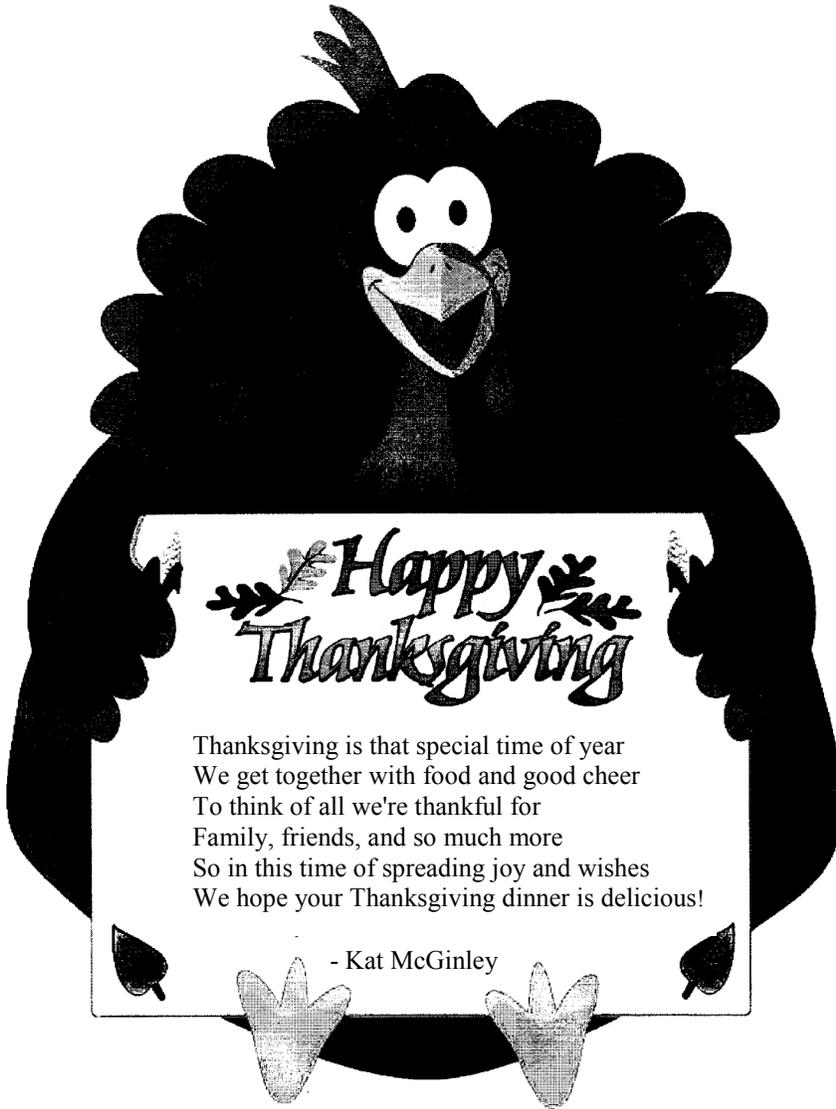
Curtis S. Hedlund

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Curtis was a third generation Skandia member. His paternal grandparents were Skandia's caretakers and lived upstairs with son Bertil and daughter Thelma. Bertil became quite involved with Skandia and served as trustee at his death. He also held the post as Skandia's Chairman for three years. Curtis was the son of Bertil and his wife, Nancy who still is a member.

Curtis was killed the single engine plane he was piloting crashed in La Verne on September 1, 2018.

Our sympathies to the family, which includes a wife of just about a year and a brand new granddaughter.



*November
Happenings*

Birthdays:

- 4 *Sandra Pearson*
- 5 *Sharlene Ahlen*
Martin
- 5 *Ulla Cortez*
- 8 *Bryan Rose*
- 19 *Annelie Lindberg*
- 21 *Julianne Rose*
- 22 *Roberta Howard*
- 23 *Kirsten Orcutt*

*Business Meeting:
(2 nd Thursday)*

*November 8
with
District Officers
6:30 pm Happy
Hour
7 pm Dinner
8 pm Meeting*

*Hostess:
The McGinley family*

LUCIA

Our Lucia and Christmas celebration will be on December 8th this year. We would like to have more children and young adults participate in the Lucia program. The rehearsal meeting will be at 2:30 PM on the 8th. Let me know if you can participate.

Tack so mycket,

Birgitta aroodsari@sbcglobal.net

From Our Cultural Leader

Saga's Sword

By Palko Karasz

Oct. 6, 2018 - <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/10/06/world/europe/sweden-girl-sword-lake.html>

At the height of a sweltering summer, Saga Vanecek went paddling in a southern Swedish lake. And in the shallow waters, reduced by a long heat wave, she came across something astonishing. She thought it was a stick, she told the news website *The Local*, and she was going to skim it over the water. But when she fished it out, it was a sword — about 33 inches long, black-brown with age and rust.

According to a Facebook post by her father, Andy Vanecek, she “lifted it high above her head, and shouted, as if she was Pippi Longstocking,” a Swedish storybook heroine, “DADDY! I FOUND A SWORD!”

With her family, Saga, 8, who is Swedish-American, took the sword to the local Jonkoping county museum, which confirmed that it dated to the 5th or 6th century, before the time of the Vikings. It was exceptionally well-preserved and included a cover made from leather and wood, the museum said in a statement posted this week.

The find was made on July 15, according to Mr.

Vanecek’s Facebook post, but the museum asked Saga and her family to keep the discovery secret, so that archaeologists could search the Vidostern lake where she uncovered the sword before treasure-hunters made off with any other historical artifacts that might be hidden there. Divers and metal detectors were used in the search.



Image from The Museum of Jönköping County

Her family is relieved that they no longer have to hide the news. “I think maybe I found it harder to keep secret than she did,” Mr. Vanecek said. “It’s cool that it will be in a museum and it might even say ‘Saga’s sword’ and it might be there for thousands of years.”

Visitors in search of the sword will have to wait for about a year before seeing it on display, while specialists complete conservation work on the object, the museum told *The Local*.

**If you are interested in planning a trip to see this rare find, Jönköping is about a 4 hour train ride southwest of Stockholm. The Museum of Jönköping County is located in the middle of Jönköping, at Dag Hammarskjöld's Place 2. The city's exciting history is found in the Archives house right next door. A little bit away, is the Jönköping City Park you will find the open-air museum in the city's beautiful and green garden. In the county museum's

collections there are a number of swords from the Bronze and Iron Age. Cost: Free.

Kathleen Demarjian, Skandia’s Cultural Leader

From Our Members

Take a Chance on Cher?

The Swedish pop group ABBA was responsible for 18 number one hits around the world but has not released a new album since

The Visitors in 1981. When it comes to power bands of the 1970s, what ABBA fan has not asked themselves, "If I could turn back time?" Despite the decades long lapse, ABBA has recently experienced a resurgence in popularity due in part to the *Mama Mia!* films starring Meryl Streep. Now comes a new album. Sort of.

After previously appearing in *Mama Mia! Here We Go Again*, for which American singer and actress Cher recorded her interpretation of hit songs Fernando and Super Trouper, the pop diva was inspired to make an ABBA cover album.

On September 28, 2018, *Dancing Queen* was released, marking the twenty-sixth studio album by Cher.

Said Cher on the Today Show, "After filming *Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again*, I was reminded again of what great and timeless songs they wrote and started thinking, 'Why not do an album of their music?' The songs were harder to sing than I imagined but I'm so happy with how the music came out. I'm really excited for people to hear it. It's a perfect time."

The album debuted at number three on the US Billboard 200 charts, becoming Cher's highest debut sales week for an album in the United States. *Dancing Queen* has received acclaim from music critics around the world.

Micheal Lent



A New Queen of Sweden?

In a tale as befitting the lore of King Arthur and the Lady of the Lake who cemented the destiny of the future fictional monarch with the gift of Excalibur, Saga Vanecek, a spunky

eight-year old Swedish-American girl has pulled a very special sword from lake Vidöstern in southern Sweden.

Saga recently told her story to *The Guardian* of Manchester, England:

I was crawling along the bottom of the lake on my arms and knees, looking for stones to skim, when my hand and knee felt something long and hard buried in the clay and sand. I pulled it out and saw that it was different from the sticks or rocks I usually find. One end had a point, and the other had a handle, so I pointed it up to the sky, put my other hand on my hip and called out, "Daddy, I've found a sword!"

I felt like a warrior, but Daddy said I looked like Pippi Longstocking. The sword felt rough and hard, and I got some sticky, icky brown rust on my hands. It started to bend and Daddy splashed up to me, and said I should let him hold it. It was my sword and now he was taking it away! I gave it to him in the end. Saga then ran to her mormor (grandma), and other relatives who were having fika outside. There, she started to yell, "I found a sword, I found a sword!"



According to local experts, the 34-inch pre-Viking sword is believed to be about 1,500 years old.

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SKANDIA LODGE NO. 247, V.O.A.
SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2019

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS:

FEBRUARY 1, 2019

Skandia Lodge is proud to offer three (3) \$1,500.00 Scholarships to our deserving student members.

To be eligible:

1. Must be a member in good standing of Skandia Lodge for at least one year prior to application submission deadline and presently accepted at or attending an accredited two year or four year college or university (undergraduate or graduate) or trade school. A minimum of 12 units for an undergraduate student (a maximum of 6 units to be taken on line).
2. The applicant, or the applicant's parent or grandparent must have attended at least six (6) Skandia business meetings in the 12 months preceding the application deadline
3. Has not been a Skandia Lodge scholarship recipient in the preceding year.
4. Provide a letter with name of school, major, grade point average and participation in school activities etc.
5. Give some information about yourself and your participation in Skandia Lodge and/or Vasa Order of America events and functions. Special credits will be given to applicants who have assisted Skandia Lodge in its duties at Vasa Park functions.

The deadline for receiving your application with the above information is

February 1, 2019

Please mail application early to insure receipt by that date. Applications not received by specified date will not be considered.

In compliance with IRS rules, as recipient you will be presented with a certificate at a suitable time by the Lodge. The monies will be sent directly to your school based on proof of attendance or acceptance.

Scholarship monies must be claimed within 12 months of being awarded.

Send application to: Skandia Lodge Scholarship chairman:
Beau Stocking, 2915 W. Magnolia Blvd., Burbank CA, 91505
drbeau@pacbel.net



SKANDIA LODGE No. 247

LUCIA AND CHRISTMAS DINNER

DECEMBER 8, 2018 AT 3:00 P.M.

**SKANDIA HALL
2031 E. VILLA ST., PASADENA CA 91107**

COME AND JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FUN, MUSIC, LUCIA, Folk DANCING,
SANTA AND JULBORD, CATERED DINNER

RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED WITH A CHECK NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 2, 2018

NO EXCEPTIONS

SEND FORM AND CHECK TO:

LORI WENNBO : 5703 Primrose Ave., Temple City, CA 91780

NAME(S): _____

Skandia Members and Swedish Folk Dancers No. _____ \$ 10.00 _____

Skandia Members attending 6 meetings in 2018 will receive their check back at event

Guests No. _____ \$25.00 _____

Children under 12 Yrs No. _____ FREE _____

Lucia Program Participants No. _____ FREE _____

TOTAL \$ _____

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Bob's Page (con't)

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No word yet on the abdication of Queen Silvia, the current sovereign of Sweden in favor of Queen Saga formerly of Minnesota; however, the Nytt will continue to monitor this story closely as it develops.

Michael Lent

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in the District

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