



## **NORTH STAR NEWS**

Meetings held at the Village Lutheran Church  
343 Church Lane, Los Angeles, California

**Chairman: Mary Ethel Pierson – Secretary: Maidie Karling**  
**July, August and September 2017**

### **JULY DARK**

TUE AUG. 1 Business Meeting – 10:30 AM Catered Lunch; Social: “KALEVALA”,  
Jewels from Finland.

TUE SEPT. 5 Business Meeting – 10:30 AM Catered Lunch: Social, “SWEDE HOLLOW”.

### **HAPPENINGS AT YOUR LODGE**

The **APRIL 4<sup>th</sup>** meeting was opened by Chairman Mary Ethel at 10:35 AM on a nice and sunny day with 16 Vasa members which included GLD Susan Premo, and N.S. District Officers DCL Maidie Karling, DC Inga Francis. Guest was Richard Stevens from Mayflower Lodge. Our DD Bertil Winther was not present. VCH Inga stepped in as Chaplain at the opening of the meeting and since Lenda Earls was not present, Bob Solt took care of writing the vouchers so TR Ingemar could write the checks. Under reports the “Sunshine” chair Inga had offered to pick up Evelyn Earls but Evelyn did not feel well this morning. Jane Sandler had tried to contact Henny Heurberg but did not get an answer on the phone. VPA VC Richard Stevens reported that one half of the parking lot at the Park had suffered some damage from the storms It is now being repaired. Plans for the Springfest are under way. CL Eleonora gave a report of happenings in the world in April. Mary Ethel gave a report from SACA. The Selection/Coronation and lunch will be April 15<sup>th</sup> at Skandia Hall. Three girls have applied to enter the competition. Mary Ethel also spoke about past events and history of SACA. We had a nice thank you from the District thanking North Star for taking care of the “Kaffe Stunden” after the close of the Convention. Under “Good of the Order”, GLD Premo thanked us for being invited to the meeting and luncheon. At the recent District meeting it was reported that the Convention did well and that they are looking into other places to hold next years Convention. The lunch consisted of ham, scalloped potatoes, carrots & peas, salad and a piece of cake. CL Eleonora gave a talk on “Welfare made begging forbidding” In the mid 1800’s begging was forbidden in Sweden and up until late 1900 one did not see much begging in the streets. Begging has now increased due to people on drugs turning to begging for support and an influx of people from south-Europe and Middle East etc. so there now is talk to forbid begging again. Eleonora also filled us in on additional information on the Greyhound Company’s founder Eric Wickman.

At our **MAY 2nd** meeting we ended up with 17 members present including GLD Sue Primo and our new DD Bertil Winther (PDM and now VDM). Also our past DD Kjell-Åke Hellberg attended. N.S. District members were DCL Maidie Karling and DC Inga Francis. Kjell-Åke filled in as Chaplain, since Jane Sandler was absent. Fin. Secretary Lillian Hoglund was absent due to having had a bout with pneumonia. Under reports, Nel Solt said the Vasa Spring Fest on Sunday celebrating the **70<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY of Vasa Park** was a very nice affair, with lots of activities for kids as well as adults. Chairman Mary Ethel reported on the SACA Coronation at Skandia Hall on April 15. At first only three girls had applied to participate in the Coronation, and then another girl applied and at the last minute the fifth girl showed up. (Her application had been sent to the incorrect person). Queen is Lynnea Ann Den Hartog, Evening Star Lodge, Svea -Flower Patricia Ellinore Vandervelde-Person, Oak Leaf Lodge. Columbia-Valerie Rose Olson, Golden Valley Lodge. The Princesses are Sky Luna Buchanan of Skandia Lodge and Tyra Hanna Claesson-Dios -Golden Valley Lodge. Lenda Earls, as usual coordinated getting the girls when to walk in and how to present themselves. Nel Solt served as MC. Under good of the Order GLD Premo was glad to see so many North Star members at the Springfest. She also suggested we have a "phone committee" to alert our members prior to each meeting. DD Bertil reported that our District lost the yearly new membership competition with District 12 by one less member. Our District won last year so the trophy now goes back to District 12. He also recommended we should try to have meetings on Saturdays to entice existing members to attend as well as getting new members. DD Winther also spoke about a non-profit organization "Swedes Abroad". The meeting closed with Ingemar playing for the closing song on the violin. The lunch that followed consisted of "make your own sandwich" with two salads and ending with carrot cake. Maidie Karling, DCL gave a talk on how the Majblomma became so popular in Sweden.. A "Majblomma" is a small pin with five colorful petals in the form of a rose about ½ inch in diameter at top that you normally stick in your lapel or other garment. It was started in 1917 as a charitable organization to raise money to defeat child tuberculosis, but over the years now includes other child deceases. Each year the Majblomma has a different color and Maidie had a poster-board where she had affixed the pins collected since 1958. CL Eleonora gave a description of how the ladies "Fashion" evolved during the years. Starting with tight girdlers, hobble skirts in the 1910s, ladies wearing pants in the 40s, mini-skirts in the 60s and so on. We sang "Happy Birthday" and "Ja må de leva" followed by four hurrahs for Mary Ethel whose birthday is on the 1<sup>st</sup> and Nel Solt the 31<sup>st</sup>. The "Membership" drawing of \$25 went to Ingemar, so he could now write a check to himself for once.

The **June 6<sup>th</sup>** meeting was started with 12 members but we ended up with 17 after some of them had been fighting the terrible traffic on L.A. freeways. Attending were the always faithful GLD Sue Premo and N. S. District Members, DCL Maidie Karling and DC Inga Francis. DD Bertil Winther was not present. Treasurer Ingemar Hulthage reported the money from the "old" BofA account has now been moved to our new account. CL Eleonora reported on activities in the world and of course emphasized that today was the Swedish National Day when we hoist the Swedish flag and sing "Du Gamla Du Fria ---" Mary Ethel reported that since N.S. helped at the Queen selection, we have no specific duties at the Midsummer Celebration at the park, however SACA will need some help at "the Gate" and selling tickets at the Hamburger stand. On behalf of SACA, Jane Hendricks thanked N.S. for the donation of \$2,000.00 to help with expenses at the Park. Under Correspondence Maide reported she had received information on Old Age & Benefit program from the Grand Lodge. Also a letter from SACA requesting donation for the Tombola Stand. A motion by Evelyn Earls to donate \$50.00 for the Tombola was approved. Lenda Earls thanked Bob Solt for the excellent work Bob has done on the SACA Midsummer program book. A BIG job! Lenda also made note of that our "Great Dame" Evelyn Earls will have her **99<sup>th</sup> Birthday July 12<sup>th</sup>**. Quite a lady!. At the "Good of the Order" Maidie said she will go to Sweden and then intends to contact CL Maureen Bengtson at Lodge "Småland" in Jönköping. GLD Sue thanked again for being with us and suggested that if we don't have a big Christmas Event we should have a little festive Christmas at our December meeting. The lunch today started with a salad of red beets with trimmings, turkey and two types of potatoes plus sauce, rolls and butter. We celebrated 6<sup>th</sup> of June, the Swedish National Day. Our Caterer, Jane had received a recipe from CL Eleonora of the "Swedish National Bakelse"(Pastry), made with Marzipan and decorated with strawberries and on top a little Swedish flag (handmade by Caterer Jane). After lunch CL Eleonora held a questioning session (trivia) about the Swedish National Day. Then she gave us the history of the famous bronze statue of the "Little Mermaid" in Copenhagen, Denmark. It is not a large statue, only 49 inches, but a very popular tourist attraction. Unfortunately the statue has been vandalized several times. Twice the head disappeared and one time the statue was spray-painted rose. The Membership drawing this time went to Assist. MC Karen Johns.

## RECENT HAPPENINGS

SACA's 97<sup>th</sup> Annual Midsummer Celebration at Vasa Park, Sunday June 25th was probably one of the warmest we have ever had, but again a very nice affair with raising and dancing around the "Midsummer Pole" at noon. The program started with the Vasa Choir, directed by LeRoy Anderson, leading us in singing the national anthems of United States and Sweden. The MC for the day was Nel Solt who did a nice job of introducing and presenting the Midsummer Queen, Columbia, Svea and one Princes. Each girl gave a little talk about themselves. Following this the Swedish Folk Dance Club and Västkustens Spelmanslag, under the leadership of LeRoy Anderson, President of SACA, entertained us with dance and music.

## ROSTER CHANGE

SILVER, ROY, new phone # 702 256-0446 and new e-mail address: [silversix4@gmail.com](mailto:silversix4@gmail.com).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, OCT. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. –HÖSTMARKNAD/ AUTUMN FEST and MEATBALL CONTEST at VASA PARK

For information contact Ann Heinstedt 661 297-3507, e-mail: [ann@vasapark.com](mailto:ann@vasapark.com).

## SUNSHINE COMMITTEE REPORT

As of this writing it appears that our members are feeling fine. Contact Inga Francis at 818 894-2836 if you know of someone not feeling well.

As Editor of this Newspaper I like to thank CL Eleonora for providing some inputs to "Happenings at your Lodge". Nel Solt for proofreading and Bob Solt for sending this Newsletter to our members who have e-mail addresses.

**For general information and activities of Pacific Southwest District No. 15, go to website [www.vasaDL15.org](http://www.vasaDL15.org).**

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAY TO: 6 Michael Daniel; 9 Heather Coddling; 10 Chrissy Loeb; 11 Eleonora Nyren; 12 Evelyn Earls; 18 Inga Francis; 24 Kimberly Dalton; 28 David Seberger; 31 Lillian Hoglund.

HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAY TO: 4 Jocelyn Pages; 8 Melinda Singer; 9 Richard Mudd; 10 Lynne Thornton; 11 Cheryl Seberger; 12 Jane Sandler; 17 Larry Herman; 20 Charles Pages; 21 Jean Quist, Elliott Coddling; 22 Jeanette Engstrom; 24 Ingemar Hulthage, Patricia Succa..

HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY TO: 4 Connie Rinaldi; 8 Uno Kasperson; 9 Gregory Dalton; 11 Lorene Hillman; 12 Marita Pall, Debbie Kingston; 13 Lisa Gonzales; 14 Matthew Earls; 29 Valerie Larson; 20 Diane Conforti.