



NORTH STAR NEWS

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

**Chairman: Mary Ethel Pierson – Secretary: Maidie Karling
April, May & June 2017**

TUESDAY APRIL 4 10:30 AM Business Meeting & Catered Lunch; Social: “Welfare made begging forbidden”.

TUESDAY MAY 2 10:30 AM Business Meeting & Catered Lunch; Social: “Fashion”

TUESDAY JUNE 6 10:30 AM Business Meeting & Catered Lunch; Social: “Sad story about popular bronze figure”

JULY - DARK

HAPPENINGS AT YOUR LODGE

The **JANUARY 3rd** meeting was opened by Chairman Mary Ethel at 10:30 AM with 17 Vasa members which included GLD Susan Premo, our DD Kjell-Åke Hellberg and N.S. District Officers DMC Maidie Karling, DC Inga Francis, EBM Valerie Larson, DOG Nathaniel Walker and one guest, Lena Andersson, all the way from Varberg, Sweden. She is the sister of MC Uno Kasperson. Sunshine Chair Jane Sandler was home “feeling cold” according to the report. Cultural Leader Eleonora gave her report on what is celebrated in the world in January. Under reports, Mary Ethel reported that SACA will have their Installation of Officers and Coronation someplace in Monrovia. Eleonora reported that she had looked into Billingsley as a place for our meetings. The place looks better than we saw before, parking is ample, meeting room is airy, however food is high. Maidie gave an update on reservations received for the 110th Anniversary. Valerie said dealings with the Hotel is coming along. As delegates to the District Convention we elected Ingemar Hulthage, Eleonora Nyren, Uno Kasperson & Elliot Coddling. Alternates are: Erik Lindberg and Evelyn Earls. Maidie Karling reminded us that North Star is in charge of the coffee after the closing of the Convention. Maidie has that under control. We took care of paying the “Per Capita” tax, which now is \$25.00 per member. A motion by Evelyn Earls to donate \$1,000.00 to DLPSW15 for use at the Convention was approved. GLD Susan with help from DD Kjell-Åke installed the officers who were present. In new position is Ingemar Hulthage, Treasurer. The lunch consisted of “kalops”, spiced beef stew. For desert we had Marzipan cake that Valerie had arranged on account of Erik turning 90 in January. Happy Birthday and “Ja må han leva” was sung for Erik, Bernadine, Karen and Nathaniel. Lillian won the membership drawing. The planned program by CL Eleonora was cancelled so the Auditors and Treasurer could conduct the yearly audit.

As you know we celebrated our 110th Anniversary on Sunday January 15th at Double Tree Hotel in Culver City. Valerie Larson spearheaded this nice affair with help from Maidie Karling. A total of 72 Vasa members and guests were present. There was pre-luncheon music by harpist Jillian Risigari-Gai, member of Skandia Lodge. The food was great and we cut and eat the delicious anniversary “princess cake”. Chuck Pages served as MC and we had congratulatory speeches by GLD Susan Premo and DM Peter Lindgren. Chairman Mary Ethel also spoke. It was a very pleasant affair and we compliment Valerie and Maidie for coordinating this whole thing.

It was a rainy morning at the **February 7th** meeting when Chairman Mary Ethel opened the meeting and we were only 16 of us assembled, but as the meeting progressed we ended up with 21 Vasa members, and one prospective member. Present were GLD Sue Premo, our DD Kjell-Åke Hellberg, N.S. District officers DMC Maidie Karling, DC Inga Francis, EBM Valerie Larson. Also present was Richard Stephens, from Mayflower Lodge whom Chairman Mary Ethel had recruited to help us set up and take down the meeting room paraphernalia. Chairman Mary Ethel appreciated that so many came to the meeting in spite of the rain. She called the latecomers “rain birds”. The membership application by Melinda Singer (fiancé of our new Treasurer Ingemar) was duly processed and accepted as a member. Under sunshine committee Inga Francis reported that she, Maidie and Sue Premo had recently had a nice visit with Edith Elliot who is doing fairly good. Since CL Eleonora was on a skiing trip, Maidie read the report on what is happening in February. For Vasa Park, Richard reported that the Spring Fest at the Park will be a little bit different this year with some activities to be held at the “old front of the park”. Mary Ethel reported that SACA will have a meeting next Thursday, at which time installation of Officers will take place. GLD Sue Premo installed Officers not installed in January: Jane Sandler, Chaplain, Karen Johns-Assist. MC, Inga Francis-Vice Chair. Prospected member Melinda Singer was duly initiated as a member and was given a hearty welcome. Delegates to VPA and SACA will stay the same. Chuck Pages, Valerie Larson and Linnea Paul for VPA and Lenda Earl, Mary Ethel and Nathaniel Walker for SACA. Under “Good of the Order” DD Kjell-Åke thanked Valerie for a good job at the 110th Anniversary and so did GLD Sue Premo. Chairman Mary Ethel thanked Valerie and Maidie for all the work they did in making it a successful Anniversary. For lunch we had cabbage soup with meatballs, chicken and mashed potatoes etc. followed up with a piece of cake. We sang happy birthday. Ja må hon leva” for Elinore Thornton, and can you believe it, Lillian Hoglund won the membership drawing of \$25 for the second time in a row.

It was a beautiful sunny morning **March 7th** when Chairman Mary Ethel opened the meeting with 18 members including guest DOG Richard Stevens from Mayflower Lodge. The Chairman welcomed GLD Sue Primo to our meeting. Our “outgoing” DD Kjell Åke Hellberg filled in for our new DD Bertil Winther, who had another commitment. North Star District Officer present were DCL Maidie Karling, EBM Inga Francis. As you can see Maidie moved from DMC to Cultural Leader, Inga from DC to EBM.. Under committee reports Richard Stevens, VP of VPA reported they are working on festivities etc. to celebrate VPA’s 70th anniversary this year. Something special with emphasize on more Swedish culture will be presented at the picnics. Mary Ethel informed us that SACA will have the Coronation at Skandia Hall April 13th. There are now only four Lodges active as members of SACA. In order to find young girls wanting to be queens/princesses SACA will accept girls 15 –22 from any Swedish organization.. For reports from the District Convention, see below. The lunch consisted of Corned Beef and Cabbage. For desert we were served Semlor “Fettisdagsbullar”. The attendance award went to Bernadine. Some semlor left over were raffled off and went to: Ingemar, Inga, Kjell-Åke, Edith and Lillian. CL Eleonora gave an interesting talk about “Greyhound bus company founder Eric Wickman from Våmhus in the province of Dalarna, Sweden”. We sang for our birthday kids, Lenda and Maidie.

REPORTS FROM THE DISTRICT CONVENTION

Our Delegates to the 103rd Annual District Convention, held February 24–26, 2017 at Hilton Hotel, Woodland Hills, CA were, Ingemar, Eleonora, Uno and Elliot. Delegate Uno reported Håkan Spaberg is now our new DM, Bertil Winther VDM. Maidie is Cultural Leader, Inga is Chaplain and Nathaniel is Inner Guard. Delegate Eleonora said she enjoyed the welcome ceremony and flag salute but felt the convention proceedings were too long. Maidie also felt that all the discussions covering the many motions took too long. She enjoyed the Saturday Banquet and the Sunday lunch with the Scholarship presentations. This was Ingemar’s first time as a Delegate. He said it was an interesting convention. Inga Francis, DC did a nice job orchestrating the Memorial on Sunday and the Vasa Choir sang some touching songs. Last year we lost only four members in the district. At the Sunday Opportunity drawing, our member Nel won \$100. For the Convention Raffle, North Star had donated “The Murder Express Lunch train trip” which was won by a Golden Valley member. We thank Maidie for handling the “kaffe med dopp” on Sunday after the close of the Convention. She had lots of Swedish “coffee bread” and all sorts of cookies that were consumed fast and all vent home happy and with a good feeling.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE REPORT

CL Eleonora, who contacts members when they have a birthday, talked to Henny Heurberg and found out that Henny has been in the hospital for 8 days with some heart problems.

We have not heard of any other members not feeling well. Contact Inga Francis at 818 894-2836. if you know of someone not doing well..

UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY APRIL 15, Swedish American Central Association (SACA) will hold their **Midsummer Court Selection** at Skandia Hall, 2031 E. Villa St., Pasadena CA 91107 at 11:00 a.m. Cost &18.00 per person. For reservations (due by April 10) contact Kathryn Martin, at 626 914-1622, e-mail: martin.kathryn8@gmail.com or mail to 1148 E. Route 66, Glendora, CA 91740.

SUNDAY APRIL 30, District Lodge PSW #15 will have their **Spring Picnic/Member Appreciation & Swedish Car Exhibit** at Vasa Park, 9 AM – 4 PM. For information contact Haakan Spaberg at 714 892-2605, e-mail: hmspaberg@msn.com.

SUNDAY, JUNE 25, The Swedish American Central Association (SACA) will have the **97th MIDSUMMER CELEBRATION at VASA PARK 8:30 AM – 6:00 PM**. For information, contact LeRoy Anderson at 562 923-5828 or Kristine Hofve at 310 796-6026. .

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Your Editor, Erik would like to thank CL Eleonora Nyren for providing input to “Happenings at the Lodge” and I also want to thank Bob and Nel for proofreading, and Bob for sending the 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.com.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAY TO: 1 Lois Johnson, 5 Loren Glassen, 7 Ulla Herman, 8 John Quist Jr, 12 Warren Pages, Felicity Harper, 17 Tracy Gonzales, 18 Richard Quist.

HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAY TO: 1 Mary Ethel Pierson, Larry Silver, 4 Kimberly Daugherty, 12 Helen Greenlees, 14 Nancy De Martini, 15 Christopher Earl, 31 Gudrun (Nel) Solt.

HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAY TO: 11 Craig Holzhauser, 16 Justine Hydock, 29 Matthew Greenlees, 30 Patricia Vidovich.