



NORTH STAR NEWS

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

Chairman: Mary Ethel Pierson – Secretary: Maidie Karling
January, February & March 2017

- TUESDAY JAN. 3 10:30 AM Business Meeting, Officers Installations, District Officers Invited, Catered Lunch; Social: "Fashion".
- TUESDAY FEB. 7 10:30 AM Business Meeting & Catered Lunch; Social: Bingo.
- TUESDAY MAR. 7 10:30 AM Business Meeting & Catered Lunch; Social: "Swedish Founder of Greyhound Bus".

SPECIAL EVENT

We will celebrate our 110th Anniversary by having a luncheon at Double Tree Hotel, 6161 Centinella Ave., Culver City, CA 90230. Sunday, January 15, 2017 with Champagne Toast at 1: 00 p.m., and Lunch at 2.00 p.m. You should have received a flyer or notification by now, and if you have not sent in your reservation, give Maidie Karling a call at 818 787 8476 and let her know you are coming. Deadline is January 6th. Note that this is free to North Star members.

HAPPENINGS AT YOUR LODGE

The **OCTOBER** meeting was attended by 20 Vasa members which included GLD Susan Premo, DD Kjell-Åke Hellberg. and N S. District officers EBM Valerie Larson, DMC Maidie Karling, DC Inga Francis. Ingemar Hulthage played the opening and closing songs on his violin. Vice Chairman Jane Sandler reported that Elinore Thornton is coming along fine and will soon have the boot removed from her foot. We were glad to see Inga Francis back after her eye surgery. Earlier in October, we were told (via e-mail) by the Pastor of the Church that they would appreciate if we did not use the so called "wooden floor area" for our meeting setup. So this time we set up our altar etc. on the cement floor at the south end of the hall. We were told the wooden floor area was to be used for "yoga and meditation only and they are trying to protect the floor from scratches". It was decided to start in earnest to look into another place to hold our meetings. Valerie had looked into several places including churches, but found they were not suitable. Eleonora and Maidie with Valerie will be the committee to continue the search for a suitable place and we ask for anyone else to present their ideas on this. The lunch consisted of potato soup and Stuffed Cabbage (kåldolmar) with all the trimmings. Cultural Leader Eleonora had a drawing of a "Booby Prize" and Chaplain Nel Solt was the winner of that. Nel was very happy with all the goodies. The first "Membership Attendance Award" for \$25.00 went to Bob Solt. We sang Happy Birthday and "Ja må hon leva" for GLD Susan Premo.

At the **November** meeting we had 17 Vasa members including GLD Susan Premo, DD Kjell Åke Hellberg, and N.S. District Officers DMC Maide Karling and DC Inga Francis. Vice Chairman Jane Sandler, was happy to see Elinore Thornton back with us again and reported that Greta Croft was going to have Cataract surgery. Helen Greenlees has now moved into an assisted living facility. Upon arrival, to set up for the meeting and lunch we found that the large round tables we use for the lunch had been locked up, so we had to improvise with whatever rectangular tables were available. We have the feeling we are not welcomed renters.. We had several reports from members who volunteered to look into another place to conduct our meetings. Ingemar Hulthage had looked into 4 places on the Internet. Marie Calender's on National Blvd, Pizza House and the Elks Lodge in Culver City. Karen Johns also recommended a place. Unfortunately Valerie Larson was not present to report on what she had investigated but she had also looked into the Elks Lodge in Culver City but was told that their facility was not suitable for our use. The Elks spokesperson recommended we look into the Coffee Co on Sepulveda and La Tijera. Mary Ethel had looked at that place but did not think it is suitable.

The nomination committee consisting of Nel Solt, Lil Høglund and Bernadine Mathewson put in nomination the following: Chairman - Mary Ethel Pierson; Vice Chairman- Inga Francis; Past Chairman- Erik Lindberg; Recording Secretary - Maidie Karling; Asst.Rec.Sec.- Lenda Earl; Financial Secretary- Lillian Høglund; Asst. Fin. Secretary - Bernadine Mathewson; Treasurer - Ingemar Hulthage; Chaplain- Jane Sandler; Mast. of Ceremonies- Uno Kasperson; Asst. Mast. of Ceremonies- Karen Johns; Cultural Leader- Eleonora Nyren; Trustees: 1 year - Nel Solt; 2 years - Erik Lindberg, 3 years - Ingemar Hulthage; Auditors: 1 year- Lenda Earl; 2 years - Caroline Kingston; 3 years - Greta Croft; Historian - Felicity Harper; Guard-Nathaniel Walker. Nominations seconded and approved. For lunch we had turkey with trimmings and several types of pies. Winner of the \$25.00 membership award was Maidie Karling.

The **December** meeting was attended by 19 Vasa members including GLD Susan Premo, DD Kjell Åke Hellberg, and N.S District Officers DMC Maidie Karling, DC Inga Francis and EBM Valerie Larson. It was nice to see members Mons and Anita Bergsten and Felicity Harper whom we had not seen for awhile. Reported on the sick list was Nel Solt home with a cold. Greta Croft doing fine after her eye operation. Maidie reported that two baby girls were born (5 weeks premature but doing OK), December 5th to son Erik and his wife. Election of Officers for 2017 took place. See above. We had a long discussion regarding a new meeting place but none of the suggested places seemed to be suitable. Even the committee had different opinions on the different places. Eventually it was agreed to have the January 2017 meeting at the Church and to notify the Church of this. A more in-dept evaluation needs to be done on the suggested places. The lunch consisted of a typical "Smörgåsbord" with sill, boiled potatoes, "Jansson's Frestelse" ham, meatballs etc. After lunch CL Eleonora talked about "50 Fascinating facts about our Presidents" and quizzed us if we knew which President she was talking about. It was a good presentation, and interesting what shenanigans some presidents engaged in. Winner of the \$25 membership award was Uno Kasperson. We sang Happy Birthday and "Ja må de leva" for Anita Bergsten whose birthday was November 30th and for Edith Mayerson December 1st.

NEWS – ETC.

In case you don't know, our violinist, Ingemar Hulthage also performs at some concerts from time to time. Here is one coming up in February, and the ADMISSION is FREE;

WHAT: Palisades Symphony, Sunday Feb. 12, 2017 at 7:30 PM.

Mendelssohn: "Hebrides" Overture; Mozart: Clarinet Concerto; Tchaikovsky: Symphony No. 2,

WHERE: Palisades Lutheran Church, 15905 Sunset Boulevards, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272.

Our Cultural Leader and Sister Lodge Contact, Eleonora Nyren reports she has received a Christmas Card including a nice letter from our Sister Lodge Småland #618 in Jönköping, Sweden.

Elinore Thornton reports that her granddaughter, and North Star member, Allison (the traveling Registered Nurse) was with a medical team in Nepal. She later traveled to Indonesia. She has traveled to Honduras, Guatemala, Puerto Rico. Costa Rica and Barcelona.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 24 –26, 2017. District Lodge Pacific Southwest No. 15 will hold **THE 103rd DISTRICT CONVENTION** at Hilton Woodland Hills Hotel, 6360 Canoga Ave., Woodland Hills, CA 91367. For information go to www.vasaDL15.com.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE REPORT

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

ADDRESS CHANGES ETC.

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Your editor (Erik) would like to thank CL Eleonora for providing information on what's happening at our meetings, Also I want to thank Bob and Nel Solt for proofreading, and Bob for sending the Newsletter to the e-mail addresses.

For general information and activities of Pacific Southwest District No. 15, go to website www.vasaDL15.com.

Please send information for the next newsletter to Erik Lindberg, 1310 J. Lee Circle, Glendale CA 91208. Ph. 818 249-7867. E-mail: erikilind@aol.com.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAY TO: 1 Chris Succa, 2 Jennifer Larson, 5 Robert Solt, 12 Robert Bergsten, 15 Erik Lindberg, 18 John H. Quist, Frank Corrigan, 19 Kerstin Morgan, 21 Karen Johns, 24 Gerda Styrman, 28 Bernadine Mathewson, Dustin Seberger, 31 Nathaniel Walker.

HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY TO: 2 Jerry Greenlees, 9 Tara Pitts, 10 Trisha Erickson, 11 Shirley Hughes, Elinore Thornton, 13 Katheleen Corrigan, 17 Siri Eliason, 27 Marilyn Daniel.

HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAY TO: 3 Wayne Pages, Johanna Quist-Nelson, 4 Mons Bergsten, 5 Agneta Nilsson, 6 Roy Silver, 11 Caroline Kingston, 13 Tore Knos, 17 Terry Erickson, 20 Lenda Earl, 23 Arthur Quist, Austin Succa, 29 Carol D'Ann Erickson, 29 Henny Heurberg, 30 Maidie Karling.