



## **NORTH STAR NEWS**

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

**Chairman: Erik Lindberg – Secretary: Felicity Harper**  
**February, March, and April 2012**

TUE FEB. 7 Business Meeting – 10:30 AM – Catered Lunch, Social: Valentine’s Party.

TUE MAR. 6 Business Meeting - 10:30 AM – Catered Lunch. Social: Sentimental Treasures.

TUE APR. 3 Business Meeting – 10:30 AM – Catered Lunch. Social: Easter Surprise.

### **HAPPENINGS AT YOUR LODGE**

At our November meeting we had 20 North Star members plus LeRoy Anderson from Nordic Lodge and Harry Rekefors of Mayflower Lodge and Sweden. He carried 25 Goody Bags with him, all the way from Sweden, to be used for the children at Christmas. All enjoyed Jane Hendricks lunch with Pumpkin Pie as close as we could get to a Thanksgiving lunch. Mons Bergsten won the “Booby Prize” and Anita Bergsten won a jar of Lingonberries.

On the program for the December meeting was election of officers. The nominating committee consisting of Lil, Peggy and Elinore had at the November meeting recommended and nominated that the officers for 2012 remain the same as for 2011 except Ingemar Hulthage who will serve as auditor. Bob Solt, Trustee and Nel Solt, Chaplain, who at midterm were elected to fill slots in place of Dolly Johansson, will also remain the same. This slate of officers was duly elected.

Delegates elected to attend the District Convention were: Evelyn, Felicity, Erik, and Jane, as primary, with Peggy and Birgit as alternates. 18 members and guest Harry Rekefors, of

Mayflower and Sweden, attended the meeting and our CL Eleonora surprised us with “Julkappar”/Christmas gifts if we answered questions correct. There were musical tapes, tooth paste etc. Jane S. received a Magnet with photo of Crown Princess Victoria and Prince Daniel, Uno a Christmas card list book for 5 years, Caroline, our Pianist, received “Classic Coffee”, and Evelyn a Home Office/Budget Book. Secretary Felicity won the “Booby Prize”.

Our Christmas Dinner and Lucia Celebration December 11<sup>th</sup> with about 70 members and friends attending was a festive occasion. Jane Hendricks put on a fantastic “Smörgåsbord” with all the trimmings. Carolina Pall, daughter of Marita Pall served as Lucia. Heather Codding was in charge of the Lucia pageant, with Caroline Kingston and Wayne Pages supplying the music. We were short of Star Boys, so Uno Kasperson, Elliott Codding, Gregory Pages and Chuck Pages stepped in and they were a hit and did a fine job..

The District Master Susan Premo and her Corps of Officer attended the January meeting, with DM Sue presiding. Christine (Crissy) Leobs was duly initiated as a new member. Crissy is the daughter of Mons Bergsten. GLD Thomas Jahn conducted the installation of our Officers with gusto. We thank Jane Hendricks for a very tasty lunch.

The Scholarship Committee consisting of Peggy (chair), Jane S. and Elinore presented and recommended that the scholarship applicants be awarded \$1,000 each. In alphabetical order they are: Elliott Codding, attending Cal State University, Fullerton to obtain a Masters of Science in Education; Heather Codding, attending Azusa Pacific University to obtain a Masters in College Counseling and Student Development; Tracy Gonzales, attending Concorde Career College in North Hollywood to become an Accredited Physical Therapist Assistant; Jennifer Larson, attending Orange Coast College taking general educational courses, and is looking to go into a university for a Speech Pathology Program; Austin Succa, working on an Associate Degree at Moorpark College with intent to become a firefighter. It was voted that certificates be given to them at our 105<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

Our 105<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on January 15, 2012 at DoubleTree by Hilton in Culver City was attended by close to 80 Vasa members and friends. It was especially nice that our PDM (1979) Clarence Bergquist with Terri and Craig could attend. The food and the service was excellent and everyone enjoyed the afternoon. Membership Awards/Jewels were given to: Elinore Thornton 70 years, Clarence Bergquist 65 years, Roy Silver 65 years and Johnnie Quist 65 years. The Scholarship Committee presented certificates to the five Scholarship recipients and each one of them gave us a little insight in their educational plans. Congratulatory messages were received from Grand Master William Lundquist in the form of a Grand Lodge Telegram and letters/cards of congratulations from District 15, Golden Valley, Nordic Heritage, Mayflower, Skandia and Viking Lodges.

LeRoy Anderson and Wayne Pages played music in the foyer during the social hour and then played several tunes during the luncheon including songs by Uno. The North Star “talent group” consisting of Anita Bergsten, Marita Pall, Chuck and Cheryl Pages were accompanied on guitar by Bittan Sixtenson (Swedish Church – San Pedro), with LeRoy and Wayne filling in as needed. They presented a skit depicting a lonely Swedish immigrant longing for his sweetheart; he wrote a letter for her to come “over” and when she arrived they happily danced away.

## **NEWS – OLD AND NEW**

We sadly report that our long time member and friend Arline Erickson passed away January 11, 2012 at the age of 94 years. She would have been 95 in September this year. She joined our Lodge Jan. 15, 1935 and was our oldest, in time, member and also our oldest member. Arline has been living close to her daughter Florale Williams in Santa Cruz for over 12 years. Besides her daughter, Florale, she leaves son Kenneth Albert Erickson living in Ankara, Turkey and four grandchildren living in four different US states. Arline attended Valhalla Scandinavians Lodge #746 in Santa Cruz a few times. When the Family gets together in the Spring, Florale has informed us that Arline's ashes will be scattered in the Monterrey Bay according to her wishes.

We are happy to report that our 2005 scholarship recipient Johanna Quist, now Quist-Nelson gave birth to Leif Richard Nelson Jan. 19th. Johanna is currently studying at USC Medical School. Johanna is the great grand daughter of John and Margot Quist, very active in our Lodge in the late fifties and on.

New member Chrissy Loeb's address is: 22532 Gaycrest Ave., Torrance, CA 90505. Ph. # 310 316-6748.

## **OTHER EVENTS**

FEBRUARY 10 & 11 – Nordic Spirit Symposium by Scandinavian American Cultural and Historical Foundation, California Lutheran University, Thousand Oaks CA. For information contact C. Allan Carlson, (805) 778-0162 or email [seeallan@hotmail.com](mailto:seeallan@hotmail.com)

FEBRUARY 24 – 26 – District Lodge Pacific Southwest No 15, V.O.A., 98<sup>th</sup> District Convention, Hilton Woodlands Hotel, 6360 Canoga Ave., Woodland Hills, CA 91367. For information contact Thomas Jahn, Convention Hotel Liaison, (714) 378-9821 or email [iccarus2007@gmail.com](mailto:iccarus2007@gmail.com)

## **SUNSHINE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Greta Croft is coming along after her aorta valve replacement, but needs therapy to build up her stamina.

Lil Høglund took a fall a couple of months ago and fractured her tailbone but has now traded the walker for a cane and is doing much better.

## **ADDRESS CHANGES, ETC.**

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## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:**

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

**HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAY TO:** 3 Wayne Pages, Johanna Quist, 4 Mons Bergsten, 5 Agneta Nilsson, 6 Roy Silver, 10 Karen Chorney, 11 Caroline Kingston, 17 Terry Erickson, 20 Lenda Earl, 23 Arthur Quist, Austin Succa, 29 Carol D'Ann Erickson, 29 Henny Huerberg..

**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, 23 Gota Holma..