

# Skandia Ny99

SKANDIA LODGE #247, VASA ORDER OF AMERICA

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## Chairman's Message

The January meeting was a busy one as delegates were elected to the District Convention. Installation of Officers was conducted by Past District Master Jackie Ahlen. I was so pleased that Skandia had all offices filled.

The 99th anniversary dinner is planned to be held at the Oaks in Pasadena on the 4th Thursday in March. Skandia is adding membership: let us keep it up in 2012.

May the new year be fulfilling and healthy see you at the February meeting.

Jane Hendricks, Chairman

## 2012 District Convention

The annual Convention is coming up at the end of February. Lori Wennbo, Betsy Cepielik and Rudy Roodsari are going as our delegates. Birgitta Roodsari, Jackie Ahlen and Jane Hendricks will also attend but as Past District Masters. Mary Ethel is also a PDM but she really represents North Star Lodge. Our Treasurer Bob will be there as District Treasurer and so will I as Assistant District Secretary. So Skandia will have a good group there. I am looking forward to see the other Lodges' "good groups".

The Convention is a family reunion with  
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## Skandia Establishes Scholarship Program

Skandia members, at their January business meeting, voted to establish a scholarship program for its members. They also voted to offer three \$1,500 scholarships to be awarded at our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration in March 2013.

The program will be finalized during February's business meeting and the rules and conditions for the scholarship will be printed in an upcoming Skandia Nytt. Conditions will include membership and participation requirements needed to qualify and the deadline for submission of applications.

## Skandia Ny99

is On-Line!!

See what's going on in the District

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*Member News*

On the weekend of December 3rd, Patrick McGinley, Skandia Lodge No 247 Member competed in the Southwest Regional swim meet in Long Beach, California. He competed in 11 races over the 3 day event. Highlights of the 3 day meets were three personal best times , two team records and the crowning achievement of becoming the new Southwest Regional champion. in the 50 meter Backstroke,. With the addition of his points in this, and his other events, he helped push the Rose Bowl Team to their absolute highest ranking in a Regional Meet yet! The team placed 4<sup>th</sup> out of the 88 teams present, putting them in the top five for the entire Southwest Region. This level of dedication and commitment to his team is what makes Patrick stand out as a key member of the Rose Bowl's team.



Patrick McGinley, real estate agent, husband, father, and now, State Champion.

Later in December, Patrick and his wife, Kathleen , traveled to Phoenix, Arizona to compete in the State Championship Swim Meet. In a surprise turn of event, Patrick, who has already held Team, and World records, and multiple National rankings was able to add one more title to the mix, that of "State Champion". What makes this feat even more impressive though, is WHAT he got the titles for. Most swimmers have a stroke that is their specialty, and for Patrick, that specialty is Backstroke. Yet that was not the stroke he medaled in. Instead, he took home medals in his very worst stroke, Breaststroke, coming in first in both the 50 and 100 meter swims. It just goes to show you what you can do when you put your mind to it.



*February Happenings*

**Birthdays:**

- 3 Jane Hendricks
- 4 Steve Rose
- 8 Kathleen Demarjian
- 9 Anne-Marie Stockdale
- 9 Phyllis Cozad
- 11 Richard Eckfield
- 11 Scott Shelley
- 17 Lee Johnson
- 18 Eva Bergdahl Hunter
- 24 Betty Holm
- 28 Beau Stocking

**Business Meeting:**  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday)

- February 9
- 7 pm Swedish Pea Soup Dinner
- 8 pm Meeting

**Host / Hostess:**  
Nel Solt  
Betty Holm  
Jeanne Reiber

*Coming: A Big Event*

*Smiles***MURDER AT WALMART**

Tired of constantly being broke & stuck in an unhappy marriage, a young husband decided to solve both problems by taking out a large insurance policy on his wife with himself as the beneficiary, and then arranging to have her killed. A 'friend of a friend' put him in touch with a nefarious dark-side underworld figure who went by the name of 'Artie.' Artie explained to the husband that his going price for snuffing out a spouse was \$5,000.

The husband said he was willing to pay that amount, but that he wouldn't have any cash on hand until he could collect his wife's insurance money. Artie insisted on being paid at least something up front, so the man opened his wallet, displaying the single dollar bill that rested inside.

Artie sighed, rolled his eyes, & reluctantly agreed to accept the dollar as down payment for the dirty deed.

A few days later, Artie followed the man's wife to the local Super Wal-Mart store. There, he surprised her in the produce department & proceeded to strangle her with his gloved hands. As the poor unsuspecting woman drew her last breath & slumped to the floor, the manager of the produce department stumbled unexpectedly onto the murder scene. Unwilling to leave any living witnesses behind, ol' Artie had no choice but to strangle the produce manager as well.

However, unknown to Artie, the entire proceedings were captured by the hidden security cameras & observed by the store's security guard, who immediately called the police. Artie was caught and arrested before he could even leave the store. Under intense questioning at the police station, Artie revealed the whole sordid plan, including his unusual financial arrangements with the hapless husband who was also quickly arrested.

The next day in the newspaper, the headline declared...

*(You're going to hate me for this...)*

**“ARTIE CHOKES 2 for \$1.00 @ WAL-MART!”**

*Submitted by several readers*

**Perks of being over 60**

01. Kidnappers are not very interested in you.
02. In a hostage situation you are likely to be released first.
03. No one expects you to run--anywhere.
04. People call at 9 PM and ask, "did I wake you?"
05. People no longer view you as a hypochondriac.
06. There is nothing left to learn the hard way.
07. Things you buy now won't wear out.
08. You can eat supper at 4 PM.
09. You can live without sex but not your glasses.
10. You get into heated arguments about pension plans.
11. You no longer think of speed limits as a challenge.
12. You quit trying to hold your stomach in no matter who walks into the room.
13. You sing along with elevator music.
14. Your eyes won't get much worse.
15. Your investment in health insurance is finally beginning to pay off.
16. Your joints are more accurate meteorologists than the national weather service.
17. Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them either.
18. Your supply of brain cells is finally down to manageable size.

*Submitted by Jackie Ahlen*

## Memory Test

NO Cheating - don't look at the answers until you take the test!!!!

### History Exam ...

Everyone over 40 should have a pretty easy time at this exam. If you are under 40 you can claim a handicap.

This is a History Exam for those who don't mind seeing how much they really remember about what went on in their life..

**1. In the 1940s, where were automobile headlight dimmer switches located?**

- a. On the floor shift knob.
- b. On the floor board, to the left of the clutch...
- c. Next to the horn.

**2. The bottle top of a Royal Crown Cola bottle had holes in it.. For what was it used?**

- a. Capture lightning bugs.
- b. To sprinkle clothes before ironing.
- c. Large salt shaker.

**3. Why was having milk delivered a problem in northern winters?**

- a. Cows got cold and wouldn't produce milk.
- b. Ice on highways forced delivery by dog sled.
- c.. Milkmen left deliveries outside of front doors and milk would freeze, expanding and pushing up the cardboard bottle top.

**4.. What was the popular chewing gum named for a game of chance?**

- a.. Blackjack
- b. Gin
- c. Craps

**5. What method did women use to look as if they were wearing stockings when none were available due to rationing during WW II.**

- a. Suntan
- b. Leg painting
- c. Wearing slacks

**6. What postwar car turned automotive design on its ear when you couldn't tell whether it was coming or going?**

- a. Studebaker

b. Nash Metro

c. Tucker

**7. Which was a popular candy when you were a kid?**

- a. Strips of dried peanut butter.
- b. Chocolate licorice bars.
- c. Wax coke-shaped bottles with colored sugar water inside.

**8. How was Butch wax used?**

- a. To stiffen a flat-top haircut so it stood up.
- b. To make floors shiny and prevent scuffing.
- c On the wheels of roller skates to prevent rust.

**9. Before inline skates, how did you keep your roller skates attached to your shoes?**

- a. With clamps, tightened by a skate key.
- b. Woven straps that crossed the foot.
- c. Long pieces of twine.

**10. As a kid, what was considered the best way to reach a decision?**

- a. Consider all the facts.
- b. Ask Mom.
- c. Eeny-meeny-miney-mo.

**11. What was the most dreaded disease in the 1940s and 1950s?**

- a. Smallpox
- b. AIDS
- c. Polio

**12. 'I'll be down to get you in a \_\_\_\_\_, Honey'**

- a. SUV
- b. Taxi
- c. Streetcar

**13. What was the name of Caroline Kennedy's pony?**

- a. Old Blue
- b. Paint
- c Macaroni

**14. What was a Duck-and-Cover Drill?**

- a. Part of the game of hide and seek.
- b. What you did when your Mom called you in to do chores.
- c. Hiding under your desk, and covering your head with your

arms in an A-bomb drill.

**15 . What was the name of the Indian Princess in the Howdy Doody Show?**

- a. Princess Summerfallwinterspring
- b. Princess Sacajawea
- c Princess Moonshadow

**16. What did all the really savvy students do when mimeographed tests were handed out in school?**

- a. Immediately sniffed the purple ink, as this was believed to get you high.
- b. Made paper airplanes to see who could sail theirs out the window.
- c. Wrote another pupil's name on the top, to avoid their failure.

**17. Why did your Mom shop in stores that gave Green Stamps with purchases?**

- a.. To keep you out of mischief by licking the backs, which tasted like bubble gum.
- b. They could be put in special books and redeemed for various household items.
- c. They were given to the kids to be used as stick-on tattoos..

**18. Praise the Lord , & pass the \_\_\_\_\_?**

- a.. Meatballs
- b. Dames
- c. Ammunition

**19. What was the name of the singing group that made the song 'Cabdriver' a hit?**

- a. The Ink Spots
- b. The Supremes
- c. The Esquires

**20. Who left his heart in San Francisco ?**

- a. Tony Bennett
- b. Xavier Cugat
- c. George Gershwin

*Answers: see pg 5*

*submitted by Jackie Ahlen*

## Memory Test Answers

(Test on page 4)

1. (b) On the floor, to the left of the clutch. Hand controls, popular in Europe , took till the late '60's to catch on.
2. (b) To sprinkle clothes before ironing.. Who had a steam iron?
- 3.. (c) Cold weather caused the milk to freeze and expand, popping the bottle top....
- 4 . (a) Blackjack Gum.
5. (b) Special makeup was applied, followed by drawing a seam down the back of the leg with eyebrow pencil.
6. (a) 1946 Studebaker.
7. (c) Wax coke bottles containing super-sweet colored water.
8. (a) Wax for your flat top (butch) haircut.
9. (a) With clamps , tightened by a skate key, which you wore on a shoestring around your neck.
- 10.. (c) Eeny-meeny-miney-mo.
11. (c) Polio. In beginning of August, swimming pools were closed, movies and other public gathering places were closed to try to prevent spread of the disease.
12. (b) Taxi , Better be ready by half-past eight!
- 13.. (c) Macaroni ....
- 14 (c) Hiding under your desk, and covering your head with your arms in an A-bomb drill.
15. (a) Princess Summerfallwinterspring. She was another puppet.
- 16... (a) Immediately sniffed the purple ink to get a high.
17. (b) Put in a special stamp book, they could be traded for household items at the Green Stamp store.
- 18.. (c) Ammunition, and we'll all be free.
19. (a) The widely famous 50's group: The Inkspots.
20. (a) Tony Bennett, and he sounds just as good today.

### SCORING

- 17- 20 correct : You are older than dirt, and obviously gifted with mental abilities. Now if you could only find your glasses. Definitely someone who should share your wisdom!
- 12 -16 correct : Not quite dirt yet, but you're getting there.
- 0 -11 correct : You are not old enough to share the wisdom of your experiences.

## Lodge News

### Skandia's Officers for 2012:

- Chairman: Jane Hendricks  
 Vice Chairman: Jackie Ahlen  
 Past Chairman: Nel Solt  
 Secretary: Betsy Cepielik  
 Assistant Secretary: Birgitta Roodsari  
 Financial Secretary: Lori Wennbo  
 Treasurer: Bob Solt  
 Chaplain: Reuben Merchant  
 Master of Ceremonies: Nel Solt  
 Assistant MC: Alma Marie Nordquist  
 Inner Guard: Ernie Mauritson  
 Outer Guard: Patrick McGinley  
 Standard Bearers: Violet and Reuben Merchant  
 Historian: Susan Rose  
 Trustees: 1 year: Birgitta Roodsari  
 2 years: Patrick McGinley  
 3 years Jackie Ahlen  
 Auditors: 1 year Mary Ethel Pierson  
 2 years: Birgitta Roodsari  
 3 years: Ernie Mauritson

### 2012 District Convention (con't)

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lots of opportunity to visit with old friends and to make new ones. My personal favorite planned event is Sunday luncheon. It is light and fluffy and a very nice event to be following the Memorial service, which of course is a more somber program. It is not aimed to make you cry but certainly to reflect over passed times.

I hope many Delegates will run for office. Enjoy the weekend!

**Nel**

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## *Around the District*

### **Other Local Lodge Anniversaries, Activities, etc.**

The 98th District Convention, hosted by **District Lodge Pacific Southwest No. 15**, will be held February 24th thru the 26th at the Hilton Hotel in Woodland Hills.

All Vasa members are invited to the seminars and events held throughout the weekend. All details, including events, times, prices, etc. were included along with the Opportunity Drawing tickets in a mailing several weeks ago. .

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### **Skandia to Celebrate their 99th Anniversary in March**

Skandia will be ninety-nine years young this year and the Lodge plans on having a big party on March 22nd to celebrate. We want to encourage all Skandia members as well as all our friends from other local lodges to participate. More information will be forthcoming in next month's Skandia Nytt.