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Our Mission

To promote better understanding between the United States and the Nordic countries, with emphasis on Sweden, and to perpetuate Nordic culture and traditions through the teaching, observance, practice and celebration of this culture and its traditions.

The SCC Calendar:

Looking for the monthly calendar of events? Check out the calendar found on the back page of the newsletter.



Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, December 2, 2007
8:00 am - 1:30 pm

LIVE SCANDINAVIAN FOLK MUSIC

*Richard Svensson & Bjarne
Jacobsen, Folk Voice Band,
Skandia Kapelle*

Adults \$7.00
SCC members: \$6.00
Children 5-12 \$4.00
Children under 4 free

“Natten går tunga fjät” — Lucia Procession, December 9

Once again Lucia and her candle-bearing attendants will bring us light and festivity at the annual Lucia pageant. The Swedish Cultural Center and the University of Washington Swedish Club co-sponsor Lucia 2007. Held on Sunday, December 9, this annual event marks the traditional beginning of the Swedish Christmas season.



Along with the traditional pageant, the evening will feature dance and music performances.

Doors open at 3:30 p.m. and the pageant will begin at 4:00 p.m. Refreshments will be provided courtesy of the women of Swedish Cultural Center. A donation of \$6 is suggested for adults; children 10 and under are free and encouraged to attend.

Mark your calendars today. Please let us know if you're coming no later than December 6 with the Swedish Center office.

It's Lutfisk Time Again!

Yes, once again it's time to roll out the much talked about (but often avoided) dried cod at the annual Lutfisk Dinner. This year's event will be held on Tuesday, December 18 in the Stockholm Hall.

Doors for social hour will open at 5:30 pm, followed by dinner at 6:15 p.m.

For those who may not care for lutfisk, baked ham will also be served. The bar will be open, and serving *glögg*. One drink will be included in the admission price of \$18 per person. Space is limited, so please make your reservation as soon as possible (and indicate whether you'll be enjoying lutfisk or ham) by calling the Center office at (206) 283-1090.

We're also in need of volunteers to help prepare and serve the dinner; please call the office if you'd like to help.

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Deadline for material for the next issue is the date of the next dinner meeting (see calendar). Bring in or fax (206-283-2970) typewritten articles to the Swedish Center Office.

President's message

The Swedish Cultural Center's Strategic Planning Committee began meeting more than a year ago, and through the process of considering the Cultural Center of the past and the committee's vision of the Center's future, it became clear that the Center needs to change in order to thrive and grow. With this in mind, the Executive Committee is developing a new marketing position for the Center with the title of Marketing Director. The general duties of the Marketing Director will include responsibility for membership, marketing, and volunteer coordination.



The Strategic Planning Committee recognizes that our Executive Director has done an admirable job managing the Cultural Center, not least in running a tight financial ship. The committee recommended creating this position after researching other non-profit organizations similar to the Swedish Cultural Center. The committee found several thriving organizations that had a strong membership and volunteer base. These organizations had a high level of activity, which is one of the committee's goals for the Cultural Center. We hope to fill this position by the first of the year.

Speaking of that, in this final month of 2007 there is lots going on at SCC. We hope you'll find time to enjoy the pancake breakfast on Dec. 2, the annual Lucia procession (with UW students) on Sunday, Dec. 9, or the *lutfisk* dinner on Tuesday, Dec. 18. As You Like It Catering is serving a *julbord* on Sunday, Dec. 23, and to top off the year there will be a New Year's Eve party at the Center. *God jul!*

Brandon Benson
President

Nordic New Year's Eve at SCC

Join us for a Nordic New Year's party! Other Scandinavian friends are coming too, to ring in the New Year with dancing to music by Richard Svensson and his trio, not to mention games, movies (in Norwegian and Swedish, with English subtitles, of course!) and the best view in town.

We'll start the evening with a *smörgåsbord* at 8:00 p.m. and end it with breakfast, just after midnight. The cost is \$45 for couples or \$25 for singles. We need your RSVP by December 21. Please call the office at 206-283-1090 to make your reservation. There will be something for everyone and we hope you'll be there for a very fun evening!

(This is also a good deal: the price of admission is the same as the New Year's Eve party at the Swedish Club in 1991!)

Director's notes

I hope you all enjoyed a tranquil and festive Thanksgiving. November was a good month for us, which we started off by serving just over 1,100 at the Pancake Breakfast. Good to see some new volunteer faces, as well as many of the "veterans." My thanks go out to everyone, for pitching in. We can always use more volunteers at these pancake breakfasts, so don't be shy – come out and join us!

As always, December is a busy time at the Center. Lucia, which is coming up on December 9, is always something to look forward to. At the monthly membership dinner, Richard Svensson will be leading us in song. So, if you've got a favorite you'd like us to sing, why not call the office and let us know?

The annual Lutfisk Dinner returns on Tuesday, December 18. We learned some lessons from last year's event and will stock up on the *glögg* this year. Eric Dubois and his crew from *As You Like It Catering* are planning a very special *julbord* on Sunday, December 23 – what a great way to start celebrating Christmas.

It's great to see all the energy around the Center these days. If you haven't been in for awhile, stop by and say hello. For those we don't see this month, I wish you a Merry Christmas and *god jul!*

R.W.

In Memorium: June Peterson

R.W. Clay

I am sorry to have to announce the passing of one of my dear friends and a longtime devoted member of the Swedish Club/Center, June Peterson. For many years, June volunteered at the Center, acting as receptionist and providing valuable clerical support. June was always very supportive of the Club: she was proud of her Swedish heritage and proud to be a member of the Swedish Cultural Center – she will be missed. A Celebration of Life is currently planned for December 1, 2007. Please call the office for more details.

Bake Sale at Pancake Breakfast December 2

We will be having a bake sale on Sunday, December 2, in conjunction with the December pancake breakfast. Breads, cookies and other baked goods will be available for purchase as you enter. Proceeds benefit Swedish Cultural Center.

If you'd like to bake something for the sale, please call Birgid Amundson at (425) 868-4323, or just bring it to the Center that day.

This will be a good opportunity to stock up for December holiday gatherings!

Membership Dinner



WEDNESDAY,
December 13, 2007

Social 6:00 pm
Dinner 6:30 pm
Cost: \$15.00

PROGRAM:

Richard Svensson will lead "Allsång" (sing-along) of holiday songs

DINNER MENU:

Roasted Beets and Onion
Salad with citrus vinaigrette
*Rostad rödbets och löksallad
med citrusvinägrett*

Herb Crusted Salmon with Dill
Cream Sauce
Kryddad lax med dillsås

Cornbread and wild rice
dressing
Kornbröd med risdressing

Glazed Carrots
Glaserade morötter

Wine Poached pears with red
wine sauce
Vinkokta päron med rödvinsså

For reservations, please call:
206-283-1090

SCC Flea Market, January 26

Sellers and buyers, start planning now for the Swedish Club's annual Antiques & Flea Market Sale on Saturday, January 26, 2008! Sellers, please call to reserve a table, 206-283-1090. Buyers, plan now to be there! We also need a few day-of-event volunteers. See you there!

Choruses present Winter Choir Festival

On Saturday, December 8, the Swedish Women's Chorus and the SVEA Male Chorus, along with the Arion Gesangverein Mixed Chorus, are pleased to present a Winter Choir Festival. The concert will be held at Ballard First Lutheran Church (2006 NW 65th, Seattle) beginning at 3:00 p.m. and will feature guest choirs from Snohomish High School.

Scandinavian Film Series

The Scandinavian film series usually held on the first Sunday of the month will be held on Wednesday January 30th. At 7:30pm at the Center.

Join the bandwagon!

The Board of the SCC is discovering that the energy to revitalize the Swedish Cultural Center is contagious. We love your questions about how members can participate in making the club more fun, more participatory, and just a more vital community.

To bring together those who are wondering how to help or have already offered to be on a committee, the board is hosting a dinner on Wednesday, January 16. It's free. You don't have to know which committee you want to serve on; just come and hear what we're doing. You'll hear presentations by each of our committees: Building, Commercial Opportunities, Decorations & Exhibits, Education & Library, Fundraising, and Promotion & Marketing. Maybe you have an idea that you'd like to see the Club do.

Now's your chance to come and give your idea and learn which committee you might join to make it happen. Please RSVP to the office at 206-283-1090 by January 11.

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SCC hosts authentic Julbord dinner, December 23

On Sunday, December 23, the Three Crowns Dining Room at the Swedish Cultural Center will play host to an authentic Julbord dinner. Featuring three courses plus dessert, the menu will include: cold fish and potatoes, cold meats and cheese, hot dishes such as meatballs, Christmas ham and vegetables, along with various salads and breads.

There will be two seatings for this special traditional dinner celebration – one at 5:00 p.m. and another at 8:00 p.m. A added bonus to the evening is that the annual parade of Christmas Ships will end their season in Lake Union on this night at about 9:45 p.m.

Please reserve your seat today by calling 206-523-9570. Cost is \$35.00 per adult or \$15.00 for children 12 and under.

Auction 2008 News Update

Thank you! We have had more volunteers sign up and the auction committee is very appreciative! Tack så mycket!! There are still volunteers needed so please give us a call.

We've received some early donations from businesses. We'd like to thank:

- Hotel Ändra
- Pacific Science Center
- Seattle Art Museum
- Ivar's/Kidd Valley
- Duke's Chowder House
- The Scandinavian Hour
- All Volvo
- Aquavit Restaurant, NY
- The Clog Factory
- Cascade Acupuncture & Herbal Medicine

Please remember to patronize these businesses and thank them for their support!

Thank you to all of you members who have also made early donations. – we rely on your generosity!

We are actively seeking donated new/unused items for the auction. Please drop them at SCC on your next visit. Remember to fill out a donor receipt form to include with each of your donations. We have more forms available in the business office.

Merry Christmas and God Jul!

The Swedish Center's Auction will be held Saturday, February 9, 2008 at the Swedish Cultural Center (1920 Dexter Avenue North, Seattle, WA, 98109). For more information about the event or to make a donation, please contact Pam Madden at pammadden4@aol.com or call 206-285-0623.



CROWN ROOM

food service by
As You Like It Catering

Eric DuBois, Owner

Visit the Crown Room Lounge

HAPPY HOURS

Held the first and third Friday of each month
5:00 and 7:00 pm

Come join your friends for discount drinks, snacks, games and more.

Happy Hour dates for this month:

December 7
December 21

SCANDINAVIAN HOUR



KKNW 1150 AM

Hosts Ron Olson & Doug Warne

Saturday mornings
9:00-10:00 a.m.

Music & other programming from the homeland

News about, or in the interest of, our members...

The Swedish Cultural Center announces

New Members

Don and Birgitta Asher, Mary Dragovich, Sam and Heather Engman, Dana and Pamela Harmon, Linda Norlen and Andrew Davidson.

Deceased

June Peterson, Anna Marie Portin, Dorothy Ronningen, Lena Warne.

Memorials

None reported

Donations

Paul and Barbara Heneghan, Curtis and Shirley Jacobs, Eckhard Schipull.

Auction Donations

Harry and Ruth Christensen, John and Kristia Higgins, Dick and Elizabeth Lyons, John Purvis, Byron Strange, J. Dennis Wermcrantz.

Changing address?

Want to let us know about a recent or upcoming move or change of address? Simply send your address changes or corrections to: Swedish Cultural Center, Attn: Address Change, 1920 Dexter Ave N, Seattle, WA, 98119.

Ingmar Bergman Tribute continues

The Swedish Cultural Center monthly film series will continue its fall tribute to the late director Ingmar Bergman with a showing of a popular favorite from 1957, *Wild Strawberries* (*Smultronstället*). This classic "road movie" (featuring silent film director Victor Sjöström in his final role, along with Bergman regulars Bibi Andersson, Gunnar Björnstrand, and Ingrid Thulin) will be shown Sunday, December 2, at 1:00 p.m.

The film, which will be shown on DVD, is in Swedish with English subtitles. Refreshments are served, and a \$5 donation is suggested. For more information, contact Randy Nelson at (206) 937-0441 or rnelson900@aol.com.

Learn Swedish in 2008

Maybe 2008 will be the year you finally start learning Swedish, or maybe it's time to brush up your skills for a summer trip to Sweden. Whatever your motivation, Swedish language classes begin the week of January 7, 2008. Class sizes are small. Classes usually meet weekday evenings.

The cost for 10 weeks is only \$95 (\$85 for members) plus materials. The instructors are: Karin Hedström, Mark Säfström and Randy Nelson. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Randy at (206)768-6405 or (206) 937-0441, or by email at rnelson900@aol.com.

Swedish Book Club, anyone?

The new Swedish book club at SCC held an organizational meeting on November 10. The group will next meet on Wednesday, January 9th at 5:30 pm (before the monthly membership dinner) to select a book to read. The group plans to meet every other month.



The group has also decided to read in Swedish, but discuss in English. Laura Wideburg, who is the Secretary/Treasurer of STINA (Swedish Translators in North America), will recommend a few fiction works currently available in paperback. The members will select a book and we will order them together from the Swedish online book distributor Bokus. For more info, contact Laura at wideburg@ix.netcom.com or 206-523-1670

Hemlandsnytt

News from the homeland

A column of current Swedish news topics, taken from Swedish news media. They do not reflect the opinions of the Swedish Cultural Center.

Big: Swedish construction company Skanska is expected to be awarded a contract for building an extension to the subway in New York City. The order is worth \$400 million, according to a press release.

No deal: Ford is now in reverse as CEO Alan Mulally has announced that, contrary to initial beliefs: "Volvo is not for sale". Ford is presently negotiating the sales of Jaguar and Landrover. Mr. Mulally said that Ford really could have sold Volvo, but that they decided to keep it.

Accepted: Astra Zeneka has received a green light to introduce the cholesterol lowering drug Crestor in the USA. This will give Crestor an advantage over Liptor and Vytorin. FDA approved Crestor to help curb the development of Atherosclerosis (hardening of the arteries) in adults.

Victory: The oyster chucking champion of the World lives in Göteborg. Chef Hasse Johannesson recently won the gold at the World Oyster Chucking Championships before more than 10,000 spectators at the city of Galway, Ireland. Johannesson opened 30 oysters in two minutes and 41 seconds. The silver medal went to a Canadian who was 13 seconds behind Johannesson and the bronze went to Norway.

Moose story: Moose hunter Sven-Erik Rådlund, from Ljusdal, was looking for the moose he just had shot and wounded. He found the big bull lying down and felt it would be safe to move closer to him. About ten feet from the moose, the hunter began to leash his dog when the moose rose and charged, pinning the helpless hunter to the ground. During the hullabaloo, the hunter's shotgun ended up beside him, however, and when one of the bull's hooves landed on the gun a shot went off, scaring away the animal, who soon died from the wounds. This story could have ended with "Moose shooting hunter".

More moose: Another moose, a cow, wanted to get clean and she managed to get into a swimming pool filled with water. Sadly she couldn't get back out so the pool owner called the rescue patrol who, after draining out the water, built wooden steps for the moose to climb on and get out. Didn't work so she was tranquilized and lifted out.

Speeding: An off-duty cop was met by a somewhat strange sight on State Road 50 going south towards Örebro. While a car towing another car is not so unusual, the speed at which these two cars were moving was a different story. As the policeman followed the cars, he clocked their speed at about 100 kmh (60 mph) – the speed limit for towing is 30 kmh (19 mph). Once stopped, the two drivers lost their licenses on the spot. Ironically, both will also be charged with reckless driving.

Submitted by
Gunnar Wallin

Vännerna



NEXT MEETING

Vännerna Business &
Sewing Meeting
Tuesday, December 4
11:00 a.m.
Three Crowns
Dining Room

COMING EVENTS

No Vännerna business
and sewing meeting in
January 2008

Vännerna is open to
both men and women

The purpose of Vännerna
is to promote fellowship
among members of the
Swedish Cultural Center.

We also seek to provide
a format of varied programs
encouraging discussions
and sharing of ideas and
work with and support the
Center through service and
financial support.

Swedish Center Calendar - December 2007

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					1	2 Pancake Breakfast 8:00 SCC Film Series 1:00 pm
3	4 Yammema Holiday Party 10:00 am SWC & SMC Rehearse 7:00 pm	5 SCC Board Meeting 5:30 pm	6	7 Happy Hour, Crown Room Lounge 5:00-7:00 pm	8	9 St. Lucia Celebration 3:00 pm
10	11 SWC & SMC Rehearse 7:00 pm	12 Membership Dinner Meeting 6:00 pm	13	14	15	16
17	18 SWC & SMC Rehearse 7:00 pm Lutfisk Dinner 6:00 pm	19	20	21 Happy Hour, Crown Room Lounge 5:00-7:00 pm	22 Folkdance 7:30 pm	23 Julbord Dinner 5:00 & 8:00 pm
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31 SCC New Year's Party						

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14	15 SWC & SMC Rehearse 7:00 pm	16 SCC Committee Members Dinner	17	18 Happy Hour, Crown Room Lounge 5:00-7:00 pm	19 Skandia Folk Dance Society Event	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Scandinavian Antique & Flea Market	27 SSA Children's Swedish School
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