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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, April 6, 2008
8:00 am - 1:30 pm

**LIVE SCANDINAVIAN
FOLK MUSIC**
*Speldosan, Folk Voice Band,
NW Pellamanit*

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

Election of officers at April meeting

At this month's member's dinner — held on Wednesday, April 9 — the Swedish Cultural Center will hold its annual election of officers. At this meeting, in accordance with the bylaws of the Swedish Cultural Center, candidates for the Board of Directors and Officers will be voted on by the Members and elected into office.

All attending members in good standing will have the opportunity to participate in electing those who will help determine the leadership direction of the Center in the coming year.

Karl Larsson will run for the President's office, Don Wahlquist will stay on as Treasurer, Bob Blair will run again as Director and Paul Norlen will run for the office of VP of Properties. Michael Korn is also a candidate for the Board. The election will take place at the April 2008 membership dinner.

As stated in the bylaws, a quorum of fifty (50) members is required for the election — so please be sure to attend this important meeting!

Barbara Heneghan Receives Accendo Award

On March 6, Dr. Barbara Brady Heneghan received the first "Accendo Award" from Seattle University. Barbara was recognized for her accomplishments as an educator and her contributions as a volunteer in the community. The award was presented by Stephen Sundborg, S.J., President of Seattle University.

Barbara received her EDD from Seattle University in 1985. She has had a distinguished career as an educator, serving as a principal in public, private and parochial (Catholic and Jewish) schools over the years. For over twenty years she has been on the Board of the Friends of Alzheimer's Research at the University of Washington. Now retired, she is still active in many volunteer efforts.

The Accendo Award recognizes SU alumni who have a distinguished record of achievement and service in their specialized area of endeavor.

Barbara is the wife of former Swedish Cultural Center Vice President Paul Heneghan. We at SCC extend our warmest congratulations to Barbara for this well-deserved recognition.

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VP/Properties	Paul Norlen
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	Bob Blair
	Jeremy Holt
	Pam Madden
	Randy Nelson
	Susan Ramstead

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Vännerna

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Deadline for material for the next issue is the date of the next dinner meeting (see calendar). Bring articles into the office or fax to: 206-283-2970. You may also email articles to : kristine@swedishculturalcenter.org.

President's message

In next month's Swedish Center News, there will be a new signature on the President's Message. At the April 9 membership meeting, an election will be held to select new officers and directors for the Swedish Cultural Center. My new role will be that of Immediate Past President and my task will be to support the new team. This final article provides me with an opportunity to thank some of the many individuals who have helped me over the past two years.



I truly appreciate the efforts of the staff at the Swedish Cultural Center. Our sixteen-year veteran, Executive Director R. W. Clay, has now been joined by former Board of Directors Secretary Kristine Leander, who has taken on the job of Cultural Director. I've also benefited from the support of administrative staff member Desiree Miglino and our custodian, Rudy, who takes care of the building and grounds. I feel fortunate to have worked with a strong set of Directors – Karl Larsson, Don Wahlquist, Paul Norlen, Tim Andersen, Bob Blair, Jeremy Holt, Pam Madden, Randy Nelson, and Susan Ramstead. I would also like to thank two former Directors – Anna Anderson and Eileen Little – for their contributions. Finally, I wish to thank the Swedish Cultural Center members for their support. The Swedish Cultural Center has received so much in the way of member contributions. These contributions take the form of money donated to the Center, volunteer hours at the pancake breakfasts and other events, and donated items and services for our auction. The members of this organization continue to show that they care about the Swedish Cultural Center and that they are willing to make the effort to keep it going.

Brandon Benson
President

Swedish Women's Chorus annual Spring Concert and Dessert Café, April 19th

The Swedish Women's Chorus invites you to an afternoon of music, fellowship, hot coffee and sweets as they hold their annual Spring Concert and Dessert Café on Saturday, April 19.

The show starts at 1:00 p.m. in the Stockholm Room. Suggested donation is \$10 per person.

This year's program will feature songs in Swedish and English and will include performances by Svea Male Chorus and Jerrod Wendland our accompanist. For more information, please call Candace Mauer at 206-409-2183.

We look forward to seeing you on April 19!

Director's notes

As the first quarter of the year draws to a close we are greeted by April showers (like we didn't get enough rain already), as well as the April election of Board members at the Center. Our bylaws require 50 members present at the meeting to hold the election. Please try to attend, make sure your dues are current and make your reservation for the membership meeting on April 9, 2008. I can't over-emphasize how important it is that your membership is current in order to vote. The close of the quarter also brings to an end the terms of some of our officers and directors. I wish to thank each of them for serving and for their support and guidance. Our president, Brandon Benson, has done a great job of organizing and leading the Board: it has been a pleasure working with you Brandon! Of course, Brandon isn't off the hook yet - he is still on board as Immediate Past President. Speaking of past presidents, I recently spoke to Past President Dr. Gene Nystrom and he sends regards to all, from his new home in Portland.

This year's auction brought us twice the net of last year and some donations are still rolling in: that puts us in the upper \$20K neighborhood, so thanks again to all for volunteering, attending, having a good time and spending money. Sorry for any inconveniences - we are working on making the next auction even more fun. While I'm at it, I want to say 'thank you' to Birgit Amundson and Inga Mai Berenthian for preparing the food for the happy hours last month, they did a great job. The raffle is being revived with a new twist, so look for more information and tickets soon.

If you are curious about how you can become more involved at the Center give us a call at (206) 283-1090.

That's it for this month hope to see you in the Center soon.

R.W. Clay
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From the Cultural Director

How does a Cultural Director dispense culture? When Doug Warne, the host of the Saturday morning radio show, Scandinavian Hour (KKNW 1150 AM, Saturdays at 9 am), asked me that in an interview, I had a ready response: at the Swedish Cultural Center, we try to incorporate Swedish culture in everything we do.

For instance, if you come to our *Kafferep* on the third Wednesday afternoon of the month, you'll be served Swedish coffee and delicacies. If you volunteer for the pancake breakfast, you can eat your fill of the best Swedish pancakes in town. If you come to Happy Hour on the first and third Fridays, you'll get a bit of Swedish "soul food." (And doesn't the knock-out water and city view remind you just a little of Stockholm?) You can take classes in speaking Swedish, or come for our Swedish

Members' Dinner



WEDNESDAY,
April 9, 2008

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

PROGRAM:

Richard Svensson
will demonstrate his
state-of-the-art Paolo
Soprani accordion

DINNER MENU:

Summer greens with
pickled herring
*Sommargrönsaker med
inlagd sill*

Apricot-sundried tomato
stuffed pork loin
*Fläskfile fylld med aprikoser
och saltorkade tomater*

Dill and cream mashed potato
Gräddmosad potatis med dill

Vegetable medley saute
Grönsakssaute-blandning

Rice pudding with
lingonberry sauce
Rispudding med lingonsås

For reservations, please call
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Swedish Book Club

The Swedish book club at SCC continues its meetings at the Swedish Cultural Center. Since forming in December of last year, the group has continued to meet every other month.

The group reads its selections in Swedish, but holds discussion in English. The group has been led by Laura Wideburg, who is the Secretary and Treasurer of STiNA (Swedish Translators in North America) and who recommends a few fiction works currently available in paperback. Then, members select a book and order them together from the Swedish online book distributor Bokus.

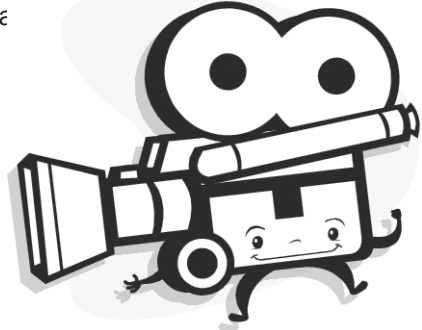
For more information about the club please contact Laura at wideburg@ix.netcom.com or 206-523-1670

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, or e-mail info@swedishculturalcenter.org.

SCC Film Series Presents “Arm-Wrestler from Solitude” April 16

This month’s film is an entertaining documentary about an unusual sport (arm-wrestling) and a young woman who excels in it. *The Arm-Wrestler from Solitude* (*Armbryterskan från Ensamheten*) – “Solitude” is the name of the village in northern Sweden where world champion arm wrestler Heidi Andersson grew up – will be shown on Wednesday, April 16 at 7:30 p.m.



The film is in Swedish with English subtitles. A \$5 donation is requested, and refreshments will be served. For more information, please contact film host Randy Nelson at (206) 768-6405 or by email at rnelson900@aol.com.

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book discussion or watch a film in Swedish. We're even planning to change our signage within the building to be in English and Swedish! In all these ways, we're working to make the Swedish Cultural Center a very special place for our members and friends.

But all this Swedishness doesn't mean that we forget the other Nordic countries. You'll have a chance to learn more about any Nordic art you own at our event in April, co-sponsored by the Nordic Heritage Museum. "Nordic Art: More than Munch" is about Nordic art and how it reflects the landscape, folk art and mythology of Scandinavia. A highlight of the presentation at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 10, is the opportunity to hear the lecturer, Margaret Davidson, instructor in art history at Seattle's Gage Academy of Art, discuss any artwork you bring in. Maybe it's something you found in your grandparents' attic or a copy of a famous piece. Bring it to the lecture and she'll tell you how it fits into the genre of Nordic art. I look forward to seeing you there!

Kristine Leander
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Swedish girl faces difficult decision in "The New Man" - Finnish film series offering

For those who have seen and enjoyed "Mother of Mine" and "Invisible Elina" in the "Films from Finland" series, the April 23 showing of the newest Klaus Härö film, "The New Man" (*Uusi ihminen*) will be a cause for rejoicing. Those who will be experiencing the work of this Finnish director for the first time are not likely to be disappointed either.

Härö has specialized in films about children in difficult circumstances. In the case of "Invisible Elina," it is a ten-year-old Finnish girl living in northern Sweden who runs afoul of a teacher determined to require her and her classmates to speak Swedish. "Mother of Mine" tells the story of a Finnish boy of about the same age who must adjust to life in Sweden during the Continuation War as one of the *sotalapset* (children displaced by war). Gertrud, in "The New Man," is a seventeen-year-old Swedish girl whose predicament is even more dire. Taken into a poor house when her mother dies, she discovers that the way out is to submit to sterilization. Viewers may be surprised that the film takes place in Sweden in the 1950's.

Like all films in the "Films from Finland" series, "The New Man" will be shown at the Swedish Cultural Center at 7:30 p.m. Unlike other films in the series, it is in Swedish with English sub-titles. Its running time is 101 minutes, and its rating is K11. A \$5.00 donation is requested at the door.

"Films from Finland" is a fourth Wednesday presentation of Finlandia Foundation Seattle Chapter. For an annual calendar of films, see FFSC@finns.org.



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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:

April 4
April 18

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

Robert Bamford, Gunnar Damstrom, Ross Fogelquist, Anna and Kristian Hasselqvist, Gustaf Karlholm, Alan and Louise Thorslund, Cassandra Williams, Spencer Williams

Deceased

Donna Henry

Memorials

None reported

Donations

Birgit Amundson, Carol Arends, Anne Blair in honor of Bob Blair, Gunnar Damstrom, James and Sandra Eckstrom, James and Helen Hargiss, Lillian V. Swenson

Been to a meeting lately?

Have you been to a general meeting of the membership lately? Meetings are a great time to mingle with your fellow Swedes, hear about what's new at the Center and have a great time.

For information or to make your reservations for the next meeting, contact the Center Office at 206-283-1090.

2007-08 Pancake Breakfast Musicians' Schedule

DATE	8:00-9:30 AM	10:00-11:30 AM	11:45 AM-1:30 PM
4/06/08	Speldosan	Folk Voice Band	NW Pelimmanit
5/04/08	Richard Svensson & Bjarne Jacobsen	Skandia Kapell	Nordic Reflections
6/01/08	Speldosan	Folk Voice Band	Nordic Reflections

Nordic Art: More Than Munch

The Swedish Cultural Center is joining with *Nordic Heritage Museum* to present a delightful evening on Nordic art. The art of Scandinavia is wonderful and magical, shaped by folk art and stunning landscape. Margaret Davidson, who teaches art history at Gage Academy of Art in Seattle, will present a slide show and lecture on Thursday, April 10. After refreshments, she'll lead a show-and-tell discussion of the audiences' art pieces. 7 pm. Members of SCC and NHM are free, guests \$5. For more info, contact info@swedishculturalcenter.org or call our office.

Happy Hour with a twist!

A great place to have a good time on the first and third Friday evening is at our Happy Hour. Last month we had a "Goldilocks Evening" when over 70 people came to help us try out new chairs for the bar and find the one that's "just right." The results were inconclusive so we may be trying out others in the future. At another recent Happy Hour, close to Sweden's Waffle Day, we served *svenska våfflor* in the bar, along with more regular bar fare. Since you just don't know what'll be happening at Happy Hour, please join us for the fun. The bar's open all evening for the first and third Friday evening from 5 pm until closing.

Nordic dancing!

On Saturday evening, April 24, you can meet new people, have fun, and get your exercise by dancing the waltz, polka, schottische and hambo! Free dance lesson at 7:30 with live music starting later. Your donation helps pay for the band. Info: pat@folk dancing.com.

The Swedish Cultural Center regularly holds evenings of dance, including Swedish folkdances - check the calendar on the back of this issue of the newsletter for dates!

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.

Joint effort: A military co-operation between the Nordic countries is getting closer. The Swedish Department of Defense has been appointed by the government to analyze how Sweden, Norway and Finland will be able to co-operate. Denmark and Iceland are also interested.

Fats away: A team of researchers in Sweden has discovered a protein that stimulates the formation of fat cells, a finding that could potentially be used to treat obesity, according to the Karolinska Institutet in Stockholm. The protein, called TRAP (tartrate-resistant acid phosphatase), "stimulates the formation of new fat cells and can thus precipitate the development of obesity" according to the Institute.

No booze: A tee-total group of Swedish lawmakers have stated that alcohol-free drinks should be served at official parliamentary functions because alcohol prevents some MPs from fulfilling their duties. "We want official functions in parliament to be alcohol free by default," Egon Frid, a member of the opposition party said.

SAAB: The Croatian defense department has presented a request for proposal to SAAB Aircraft, for possible purchase of 12 Jas 39 Gripen multi-purpose aircraft. SAAB will respond to Croatia by the end of March. The deal is worth about SEK 6 bil. (about \$ 1 bil.).

Return: The community of Flen is tired of the growing paper mountain. In the struggle against the high consumption of paper in the city, the community will try another trick. Unwanted mail like advertisements will now be sent back to the senders. This attempt will only apply to material sent to the city hall where it will be collected, weight and returned to the senders including a letter to each sender explaining environmental policy of the city.

Spill: A man drove up to the pump at a gas station in Rottneros in Värmland and filled his car with 50 liters of gasoline: not a very good move, as he was driving a diesel powered car. He got mad when he realized his mistake, borrowed a wrench from the station, loosened the plug at the bottom of the tank and let the mix of gasoline and diesel out forming a big puddle on the ground. Then he proceeded to the right pump, filled with diesel, paid and drove off while the manager called the police. But this was not all - when the fire department started cleaning up the mess they found a glowing cigarette butt 6 inches from the gasoline spill. Luckily there was no explosion. The driver was arrested.

Submitted by,
Gunnar Wallin

Vännerna



NEXT MEETING

THIS MONTH

Next Vännerna business and sewing meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 1, 2008

COMING EVENTS
Vännerna Business & Sewing Meeting
Tuesday, May 6, 2008
10:00 a.m.

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 - April 2008

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1 Vännerna Meeting SWC & SMC Rehearse	2 SCC Board Meeting	3	4 Nordic Happy Hour	5	6 Pancake Breakfast SSA Children's Swedish School
7	8 SWC & SMC Rehearse	9 SCC Membership Dinner Meeting	10 Nordic Art Show/Lecture	11	12	13 SSA Children's Swedish School
14	15 SWC & SMC Rehearse	16 SCC Film Series	17	18 Nordic Happy Hour	19 SSA 10th Anniversary Party SWC & SMC Concert	20 SSA Children's Swedish School
21	22 SWC & SMC Rehearse	23 Finnish Film Series	24	25	26 SCC Folkdance	27
28	29 SWC & SMC Rehearse	30				

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			1	2 Nordic Happy Hour Glutarne Concert	3	4 Pancake Breakfast SSA Children's Swedish School
5	6 Vännerna Meeting SWC & SMC Rehearse	7 SCC Board Meeting 5:30 pm	8	9	10	11 SSA Children's Swedish School
12	13 SWC & SMC Rehearse	14 Membership Dinner Meeting 6:00 pm	15	16 Nordic Happy Hour	17 SSCS Scholarship Interviews	18 SSA Children's Swedish School
19	20 SWC & SMC Rehearse	21 SCC Film Series	22	23	24 SCC Folk Dance	25
26	27 SWC & SMC Rehearse	28 Finnish Film Series	29	30		