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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:

A reminder that the Center's calendars have moved to the back page of the newsletter. We continue to experiment with different formats and sizing in an effort to produce a truly convenient and user-friendly way of keeping track of what's taking place when, at the Center.

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, January 7, 2007
8:00 am - 1:30 pm

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and Northern Spirit*

Adults \$7.00
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SCC Auction Update

Invitations for the first annual SCC Auction should be arriving at your home the first week of this month — please remember the auction is on a “first come, first served” basis due to limited space, so please have your reservation in, as soon as possible.

The Auction will take place on Saturday, February 10, here at the Swedish Cultural Center. We're excited about this new event and want to give all our members an opportunity to participate at some level.

If you haven't donated to the Auction, it isn't too late: simply contact the SCC Office at 206-283-1090 for more information.

We do have one very PARTICULAR request to make: one of the auction items is a luxurious stay in Hawaii — but we haven't had any luck finding a donor for airfare. It occurred to us that one or several member(s) might be willing to donate their frequent flier miles, so that we can make the trip package complete. We could all chip in, under the right circumstances!

We'll be publishing a complete list of Auction donors in the next issue of *Swedish Center News*, so make your donations today so that we can be sure to properly (and publicly) thank you!

Scandinavian antiques and flea market, January 13

Do you love old things? Do you have more than you need? Want an easy way to get rid of stuff?

Or perhaps you are on the lookout for something Scandinavian? We have good news for you! The SCC is sponsoring an antiques sale and flea market. The sale will be held at the Swedish Cultural Center (1920 Dexter Avenue North, Seattle) on Saturday, January 13 between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm. Come by to see interesting old things - or, reserve a table to sell what you no longer need. Admission after 10:00 am is \$1.00. (9:00 am Early Bird admission is \$7.50)

Note: Antique dealers Darlene Peterson Buchanan and Carolyn Wahlquist will have quality antiques for sale. You are welcome to rent a table and sell used and mostly Scandinavian items. Clubs are welcome too! If you need advice on pricing items, pricing advisors will be on hand Friday evening, January 12, during set-up. Get more information by emailing to sverige@speakeasy.net or by calling the SCC Office at 206-283-1090.

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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 ended 2006 with two traditional Swedish events – the Lucia Pageant and the Lutfisk Dinner. The Lucia Pageant was produced jointly by the Swedish Cultural Center and the University of Washington's Swedish Club. This year's event featured performances by the Nordiska Musicians and Dancers. Also, Dråm, a folk duo from Sweden, completed their west coast tour by performing some traditional Swedish music before the pageant. The Lutfisk Dinner, offered by the Svea Male Chorus for many years, became an event sponsored by the Swedish Cultural Center in 2006. Chorus members helped with the event, which led to the dinner's success.

We begin 2007 by looking forward to many events at the Swedish Cultural Center, including the Scandinavian Flea Market and the Swedish Cultural Center Auction. January 13 is the date of the Scandinavian Flea market, which provides members and non-members the opportunity to buy and sell items of Scandinavian origin, though some non-Scandinavian items will be included at the Flea Market. The Swedish Cultural Center Auction will be held on February 10 at the Swedish Cultural Center, with proceeds going toward the Cultural Center's Scholarship program and toward building improvements.

In the December *Swedish Center News*, we tried a new format for the calendar: two months of calendars, on the back page. This month we have kept this new format, this time with larger print.

Brandon Benson
President



SCC Film Series returns on January 7 for new season

The SCC Film Series returns on Sunday, January 7, with a showing of "Jalla! Jalla!". "Jalla!" is a romantic comedy from Swedish director Josef Fares about arranged marriage and cultural clashes.

The film will be shown in Swedish with English subtitles at the Swedish Cultural Center, starting at 1:00 p.m.

Suggested donation is \$5 and refreshments will be served. Contact Randy Nelson at 206-768-6405 for more information.

Each month during its season, the SCC Film Series presents Nordic films – often in their native language (with English subtitles) – as a way of promoting cultural heritage while sharing the artistic works of Scandinavia's best and brightest actors, writers and filmmakers.



Director's notes

December was a fun month here at the Center — what a beautiful Lucia program this year, thanks to all the participants and special thanks to the Ladies providing the refreshments. We had a treat with the performance of Dråm a duo from Sweden, and the Nordiska Musicians and Folkdancers were great as usual. The students from the U.W. Swedish Club sang beautifully in Swedish: it was one of the best events I've experienced here at the Center. Dråm has promised to return this year for another engagement.

With the holidays behind us, it's time to start the New Year with firm resolve. Make one of your resolutions to be good to yourself by taking advantage of your membership at the Center. We have many interesting events planned for 2007, starting with our first Scandinavian Antiques & Flea Market on January 13, right here at the Center (see article for details).

Christmas shopping didn't detour OUR Pancake lovers — great turnout again last month, with close to 900 in attendance; the membership dinner was a hit with the music of Richard Svensson, thanks Richard.

Thanks, again, to all you volunteers for your untold hours of labor: your help is a major component of our success. Having said that, please be advised that I would really, really appreciate a volunteer receptionist for Fridays 10am-3pm; it means answering the phone and sometimes light clerical duties — please — think about it.

That's it for now - hope to see you in the Center, soon!

R.W.

Students bring Scandinavian traditions home for the holidays during Luciafest 2006



Students from the Scandinavian Studies Department at the University of Washington perform at this year's Luciafest

Membership Dinner



WEDNESDAY,
January 10, 2007

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

PROGRAM:

Seattle jewelry artist
Lori Talcott will show
pictures and talk about
her experiences hiking the
"Pilgrim Trail" in Norway

DINNER MENU:

Call for details

Please call the SCC Office
206-283-1090
today, to make your
reservations.

Haven't been to
a meeting a while?

Our monthly meetings are
the best way to stay in touch
with your fellow members and
stay in the loop about all the
many activities going on
around the Center.

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today for this or a future
meeting, today!



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SCANDINAVIAN HOUR

KKNW 1150 AM
with hosts Ron Olson
& Doug Warne

Music and other programming
from the homeland

Swedish language classes return to the Center

Our popular Swedish language classes return to the Swedish Cultural Center the week of January 8, 2007. Classes usually meet weekday evenings. Class sizes are small (under 10 people). Cost for 10 weeks is \$95 plus materials. Instructors are Randy Nelson, MA, and UW Swedish instructor Anna Anderson.

For more info, contact Randy Nelson by telephone at 206-768-6405 or 206-937-0441. You may also email Randy at rnelson900@aol.com.

Films from Finland kicks off new year on January 24

The 2007 "Films from Finland" series begins on January 24 with the hugely successful *Matti* - the bio pic about the always-controversial Finnish ski jumping champion, Matti Nykänen. The entire 2007 schedule is available in the Finlandia Foundation Seattle Chapter Newsletter for December/January, at ffsc@finns.org, or at the Swedish Cultural Center.

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From the Mixing Bowl

Happy New Year to you all! We hope you all enjoyed a wonderful holiday season full of family and friends, and that good things are already coming your way in these first days of 2007.

Now is the time to make resolutions, clean starts and a lot of promises to ourselves and to others. We're no different, here at "As You Like It": we resolve to provide the best service possible to all our guests in 2007; we plan to continue to search out new recipes and create new enticing menus for SCC meetings and other functions; and we promise to be here when you don't feel like cooking. Resolutions like these are easy to make, but – perhaps a little different than that one about being ready for bathing suit season come June – we plan to keep them, too!



We hope we get a chance to prove it to you, personally, over the coming months. If we don't see you at a membership meeting, then we'll look for you at one of our Happy Hours. If you can't make one of those, then we definitely hope to see you one of the special events this year. We just look forward to SEEING you – and we'll be ready. We promise!

Eric DuBois, Owner
As You Like It Catering

Den svenska konsumenten
THE SWEDISH SHOPPER

What could be cozier than an antique shop, a place where you can stroll through aisles, usually narrow and crowded with furniture, past tables covered with items large and small waiting to be discovered?

These days, another cozy place to make antique discoveries is right at home, in front of your computer. The Internet is the place to find Swedish Country Interiors – at www.swedishcountry.com – a business the owners, Darlene Peterson Buchanan and her husband Jim, run out of their home in Kirkland.

Swedish Country Interiors offers a wide range of Swedish-related items. On the website you can choose a category, from "baskets" to "wall cabinets", or by the names of artists and craftsmen such as Carl Larsson and Björn Wiinblad. Then you browse through pictures of available items.

If browsing online is not your cup of tea, you'll have a chance to see some of Swedish Country Interiors' merchandise "in person" at the upcoming Scandinavian Antiques & Flea Market on Saturday, January 13 from 10 am to 4 pm at the Swedish Cultural Center. (Admission is only \$1, although "early bird" admission at 9 am – to get first look at what's being offered – will be \$7.50.)

By the way, Darlene and Jim would like to sell their successful online business to someone with a passion for Sweden and Swedish antiques. If you're interested, please contact them at swedish.art@comcast.net or by phone at (425) 821-1402.



CROWN ROOM

food service by
As You Like It Catering

Eric DuBois, *Owner*

Visit the Crown Room Lounge

PLEASE NOTE

We are currently negotiating a new food service agreement with As You Like It Catering.

A reminder that food service at lunchtime was suspended last November and will remain so, until further notice.

We regret any inconvenience that this may cause.

Happy Hours continue, however, see below for dates and times!

Reservations:
206-523-9570

HAPPY HOURS

On the first and third Friday of each month, between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m., the Crown Room Lounge plays host to a special "Happy Hour" event night. Come join your friends for discount drinks, snacks, games and more.

Happy Hour dates for this month:

January 5
January 19



You can take dance lessons at the Swedish Cultural Center

New class series begins January 7 with classes on Sundays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

6-week class series presented by Northwest Dance Network
In the spirit of Living Traditions Dance

Swing, Salsa, Waltz and more!

Club members receive a 25% discount for their first series, so a 6-week series costs just \$45 per person.
No partner necessary.

Information in the Swedish Cultural Center's lobby or call

Northwest Dance Network
206-781-1238



Give a Gift to a Friend and the Swedish Cultural Center

Bring new members to SCC: encourage a friend to join or give a gift membership. If you enjoy being a member of the Swedish Cultural Center, why not encourage a friend or relative to join for the coming year? Or give a gift of a one year membership!

If this is a gift membership, please mark ____ "Gift" and we'll send the new member a note including your name.

Swedish Cultural Center, Inc. Membership & Renewal Form Membership Year is the Calendar Year This member donation is for 2007

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual or Family (\$60) | <input type="checkbox"/> Contributor (\$100) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting (\$250) | <input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor (\$500) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Three Crowns (\$2,000) | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-resident (\$30)** |
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Please check the appropriate category and mail this form with a check in the appropriate amount, payable to: Swedish Cultural Center.

Name(s): _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

I agree to uphold and support the purpose and principles of the Swedish Cultural Center.

Signature of Applicant: _____

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Place of Employment: _____ Phone: _____

Spouse's Name: _____

I am interested in volunteer opportunities, please call me.

I am interested in a position on the Board or on a committee, please call me.

I/We are of Scandinavian descent, ____ speak Swedish.

PLEASE RETURN ENTIRE FORM WITH PAYMENT TO: Swedish Cultural Center, 1920 Dexter Avenue North, Seattle, WA, 98109. You may also call the Center at 206-283-1090 with any questions.

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.

Nobel: On December 10, persons gathered at the Stockholm Concert Hall to watch seven of the year's Nobel Prize winners receive their medals from the King. The Hall was decorated with 13,000 flowers from San Remo, Italy, but the interest for the flowers could not match the interest for the Royal family and the beautiful dresses worn by the princesses.

Number one: Sweden is the most democratic country in the world according to the respected British magazine, The Economist. The magazine studied 167 countries for their democratic views and then awarded points. Sweden won with 9.88 of 10 possible points, followed by Iceland, The Netherlands, Norway, Denmark and Finland.

Harms way: Sweden is planning to send additional soldiers to some of the most dangerous places in the world. The Defense Department has recruited soldiers for service in Darfur and it will also increase the Swedish forces in Afghanistan.

Salty: In pace with the Finns, who have lowered the intake of salt, the risk of heart attack and stroke have dropped radically, in Sweden. Swedes, who eat about 12-13 gram of salt per day, have been urged through media campaigns to halve their salt intake in order to save lives.

Snuff: The tax on snus (snuff) will increase dramatically after New Year's and the stores are stocking up their supply of the much desired stuff. However, there are some speculations that many users will kick the habit and throw away their snuff boxes rather than pay the high prices.

Royal visit: In the beginning of June, Hindersön, an island outside Luleå with a population of 30 people, will have a visit by the King. The citizens of the island will have Elsa Östling, 89, to thank for the nice visit. A year ago, a local organization printed a newsletter that published the history of the island. Elsa was delighted and sent a copy to the King along with an attached invitation: "If your royal Highness happens to be in the area, you are very welcome stop by and see us." The King has now accepted the invitation!

What a relief: One day in March, 1986, a truck arrived at the police station in Hagfors, Värmland, and offloaded pallets filled with paper towels, toilet paper and other household items. Somebody had mistakenly written an order that should have been for only one box of the stuff. The police chief tried in vain to stop the offloading and after four hours carrying and stowing, large areas of the station, mainly the garage, had been transformed to a storage place. After 20 years, it was finally time to open the last item - a roll of paper towels.

*Submitted by
Gunnar Wallin*

Vännerna



NEXT MEETING

Vännerna Business and
Sewing Meeting

Thursday,
January 4, 2007
10:00 a.m.

Vännerna is open to
both men and women

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your address
or need to
make a
correction?**

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Cultural Center with your
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1920 Dexter Ave N,
Seattle, WA, 98119.

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

The Swedish Cultural Center announces

New Members: Laura Ahans, Helen Anderson, Dana Benson.

Deceased: Hattie Sakrison.

Memorials:

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Warner in memory of Hattie Sakrison, Vännerna in memory of Hattie Sakrison, as well as in memory of Maria Forsgren.

Donations:

Birgit Amundson, Michael Boyd, Anita Cook, Mrs. Betha E. Erickson, James P. Feltrup, Jane Ferrel, Anita Fjortoft, Alice Hanson-Senter, James Hargiss, Carina Helgren, Michelle Keller, Jane Lea, Barbara Lind, B.R. Lindmark, Margaret Lidberg, Dick and Susan Nelson, Marianne Olson, Desiree Omdal, Ralph Ramstad, Carol Rosauer, Kenneth Solders, Azile Swafford, Birgit Trygg, Dorothy Wicklund.

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AUCTION NEWS: A complete list of auction donors will appear in next month's issue of *Swedish Center News*.

Swedish Center Calendar January 2007

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6
	Swedish Women's Chorus Rehearsal	SCC Board Meeting	Vännerna Meeting Svea Male Chorus Rehearsal	Happy Hour, Crown Room Lounge 5:00-7:00 pm	
8	9	10	11	12	13
Swedish Language classes begin	Swedish Women's Chorus Rehearsal	SCC Membership Dinner Meeting	SCC Arts & Crafts Club Meeting Svea Male Chorus Rehearsal		First Annual Scandinavian Swap Meet
15	16	17	18	19	20
	Swedish Women's Chorus Rehearsal		Svea Male Chorus Rehearsal	Happy Hour, Crown Room Lounge 5:00-7:00 pm	
22	23	24	25	26	27
	Swedish Women's Chorus Rehearsal	Finnish Film Series			

Swedish Center Calendar February 2007

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3
				Happy Hour, Crown Room Lounge 5:00-7:00 pm	
5	6	7	8	9	10
	Swedish Women's Chorus Rehearsal	SCC Board Meeting	Svea Male Chorus Rehearsal		First Annual SCC Auction
12	13	14	15	16	17
		SCC Membership Dinner Meeting	Svea Male Chorus Rehearsal	Happy Hour, Crown Room Lounge 5:00-7:00 pm	
19	20	21	22	23	24
	SCC Open House		Svea Male Chorus Rehearsal		