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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.

Please note that many of the groups which call the Center home take a hiatus from meeting during the summer months of July and August. Normal meeting activity will begin again in September.

Pancake Breakfast

There will be no Pancake Breakfasts in July or August

Look for a return of this monthly event on Sunday, September 9, 2007.

Fourth of July Celebration returns to the Swedish Center

Our traditional Fourth of July Celebration returns to the Swedish Center on July 4 with a fun-filled evening consisting of a cocktail hour, buffet dinner, music and one of the best views in the entire city for the fireworks display on Lake Union.

The evening kicks off when the bar opens at 6:00 pm, followed by a buffet dinner at 7:00 pm, seated family style at big tables. After dinner, upstairs seating will be made available on a first come basis.

There will be movies for the kids until the fireworks start (no minors will be allowed in the bar). On the top floor, a DJ will be spinning rock-and-roll music, while the main floor will feature "softer" music; dancing will be held on both floors.

Guests are encouraged to plan their fireworks viewing spots carefully - there is no guarantee you will be able to see from your table inside, although the main floor will have cordoned off seating for those wishing to sit while watching the display (no one will be on the balcony in front of these seats).

Cost for the evening is \$32.00 for adults, \$13.00 for children under 12 (babes in arms, free) - the price includes parking, dinner, music, dancing and late night dessert. And fireworks, of course!

Call the Center Office today at 206-523-9570 to make your reservations!



Summer at the Center

During the summer months, activities around the Center slow and many of the groups who call the Center home take a hiatus from meeting and other normal activities. Groups such as Vännerna and events like the monthly Pancake Breakfast and the SCC Film Series will not be active during July and August, but will return in September. The Center will continue hosting monthly meetings and our semi-monthly Happy Hours, however - continue to look for those events on the SCC Calendar, featured on the back page of this newsletter.

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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

On June 6, the Swedish Cultural Center celebrated Sweden's National Day with a dinner and a musical performance by students from the Swedish School. The Swedish School holds classes at the SCC three Sundays a month during the school year; June 10 was their last class meeting until autumn. Consul of Sweden Lars Jonsson also attended the event and spoke about National Day in Sweden. I would like to thank Consul Jonsson, parents and children from the Swedish School, and the volunteers who prepared the dinner for helping with this event.



On the following day, Paul Norlen and I presented the Swedish Cultural Center's scholarship to the parents of Amanda Larsson, who is this year's recipient. Amanda is a student in the University of Washington's Scandinavian Department.

There have been some changes on the Swedish Cultural Center's Board of Directors. Two members, Eileen Little and Anna Anderson, have stepped down due to family commitments. The Board took this opportunity to review the roles of its members. Vice President Karl Larsson has also held a second position as Vice President of Properties. The board felt that Paul Norlen, who is serving the final year of his three-year term, could take the office of Vice President of Properties. With three positions open, the board invited Tim Andersen, Bob Blair, and Pam Madden to join the board. Tim and Bob will serve one-year terms left open by Eileen and Paul, while Pam will serve the two years left of Anna's term. The board appreciates the contributions made by Eileen and Anna and wishes them well.

Future events at the Center to watch for include the Fourth of July celebration, a crayfish dinner put on by the Swedish-American Chamber of Commerce and the SCC in September, and the auction to support the Cultural Center's scholarship program scheduled for February of 2008.

Brandon Benson
President

Save the date!

The Swedish-American Chamber of Commerce (SACC) is once again planning a crayfish dinner (*kräfts-kiva*). This year's event is scheduled for Friday, September 7, and will be co-sponsored by (and held at) the Swedish Cultural Center.

Final plans are still being made, but this event will feature the traditional dinner of crayfish, as well as other entrees (for the those who prefer something less...traditional). A silent auction to benefit SACC activities will be featured along with music and dancing. Doors to the event will open at 6:30 p.m. and advance reservations will be required.

Watch next month's *Swedish Center News* for more details!

Director's notes

As we head into summer, we experience the usual slow down of events at the Center — but one of our biggest events of the year is this month: the 4th of July Celebration. Reservations for this event are being taken at 206-523-9570.

Your board of Directors is working very hard to make improvements to the Center — both physical and operational — and I would like to thank them for their diligence. I would also like to thank everyone that volunteered at the Center in the past 12 months in various capacities. Before I name them all, I would like stress that their help is extremely important in the operation of this organization. You should thank them when you see them and join with them, when you can.

The volunteers are: Julie Albright, Cave Clint, Kimberly Couret, Patricia Czekaj, Bettie Dunbar, Jim Feltrup, Karin Gustafsson, Bill & Barbara Lindow, Patrick McMonagle, Don Milsted, Claude Nelson, Dick Peterson, Spencer Lennox-Purcell, Richard Svensson, Shelby Thurman, Hans & Janet Tofting, Rudy Weinhandle, Judy Womack, Iela Viitaniemi, Marianne Olson, Birgit Amundson, Ellen Anderson, Paul Anderson, Inga-Mai Barentheim, Connie & Bob Blair, Danielle Butz, Kristin Dahlquist, Paul & Ellen Duernberger, Desiree Goble, Carina & Jon Halgren, Nga La, David Kuchler, Bert Larsson, Karl Larsson, Susie Larsson Martin & Flo Larsson, Margret Lidberg, Tom Marcinek, Jim Roach, Geoff Schemmel, Beverly Sperry, Birget & Bill Trygg, Erich Vike, Eric & Barbro Wangsten, Sarah Waterman, Maggie Berthiaume, Mary Emerson, Maxine Bratvold, Ulla Foster, Sara Fowler, Lola Gracey, Lena Hauser, Annelie Ingvarsson, Janet Liein, Jannike Lindberg, Marge Morris Desiree Omdal, Marion Peterson, June Peterson, Sue & Alyssa & Jenna Gregor, Davie & Sue & Bryan & Ian & Logan Absher, Joan Armitage, Grace Bauman, Jody Ritson, Ritzi Wentworth, Cheryl & Kirk Sundberg, Carin Steckler, Helen Fosberg, Eileen Little, Ron Souttie, Tom Swim, Berit Lehner, Jeremy Holt, Bette Dunlap, June Anderson Evanoff, Jahn Hedberg, Sophie Hingegten, Janet Lidin, Diana Nelson, Vicki & Arne Nelson, Stella Primon, Beth Schlansky, Mary Sims, Gunnar & Birgita Wallin, Dorothy May Johnson, Amanda Brandt, Sara Brinks, Edla Dettman, Members of the Swedish Women's Chorus and some of their family members, Members of the Swedish Club of the UofW and Members of the Scandinavian Club Ballard High School.

Thanks to each of you for a job well done. I apologize if I missed someone, if you call the office with your name I'll make sure you are in the next edition.

If you are curious about ways you can help at the Center well...

- Volunteer your time.
- Donate money or stock.
- Make a planned gift through your will.

For more information, to donate or volunteer call us at the Center at (206) 283 1078.

That's it for now. Things get a little quiet around the Center this time of year, but I do hope to see you in the Center soon.

R.W.

Membership Dinner



WEDNESDAY,
July 11, 2007

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

PROGRAM:

Music by Bart Brashers
and friends featuring the
Swedish *nyckelharpa*

DINNER MENU:

Summer greens with bay
shrimp and dill vinaigrette
*Sommar grönt med räkor
och dillvinägrettsås*

Aquavit pork chops
with apples
Akvavitkotletter med äpplen

Green beans with
bacon and onions
*Gröna bönor med
bacon och lök*

Wild rice pilaf
Rispilaf

Wine poached pears with
caramel glaze
*Päron kokta i vin med
karamellglasyr*

For reservations, please call:
206-283-1090

Museum sends out request

The Jussi Bjorling Museum in Dalarna is searching for missing information about a possible concert or visit by the Bjorling Quartet which, at the time, consisted of 9-year old Jussi Bjorling, his father and two brothers. It is believe they visited the Pacific Coast of the United States sometime during the period from mid-November, 1920, to mid-January, 1921.

The quartet sang in many places in California but might also have visited outside that state – perhaps in Seattle or Bellingham.

If you have any information regarding such a visit, the museum would be grateful to hear from you – please send an email to the director of the Jussi Bjorling Museum at harald.henrysson@borlange.se.

Locally, you may also contact June Anderson Evanoff at 206-232-3646 with any information.

Moving or 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.

FIUTS Seeks Hosts for UW International Students

Do you have space and time for a new friend? FIUTS is actively recruiting volunteer homestay hosts for this fall! We are expecting more than 800 international students from over 150 countries to join the University of Washington this fall, and many of them would love an opportunity to learn about American culture from a welcoming host family. There are many opportunities to get involved – if you can't join us this year, please pass this on to anyone you think might be interested.

Hosting opportunities include the Welcome Week Program, Weekend Hospitality Program, and Friendship Connection Program. To receive more information, please call (206) 616-7025 or e-mail homestay@fiuts.org. For a direct link to the Hosting and Friendship Program description and online application, visit <http://www.fiuts.org/forCommunity/homestayFC/>

The Foundation for International Understanding Through Students (FIUTS) is a community nonprofit established at the University of Washington with more than 58 years experience enhancing international exchange and global understanding through friendship. The mission of FIUTS is to inspire lifelong engagement in experiences that build global understanding.

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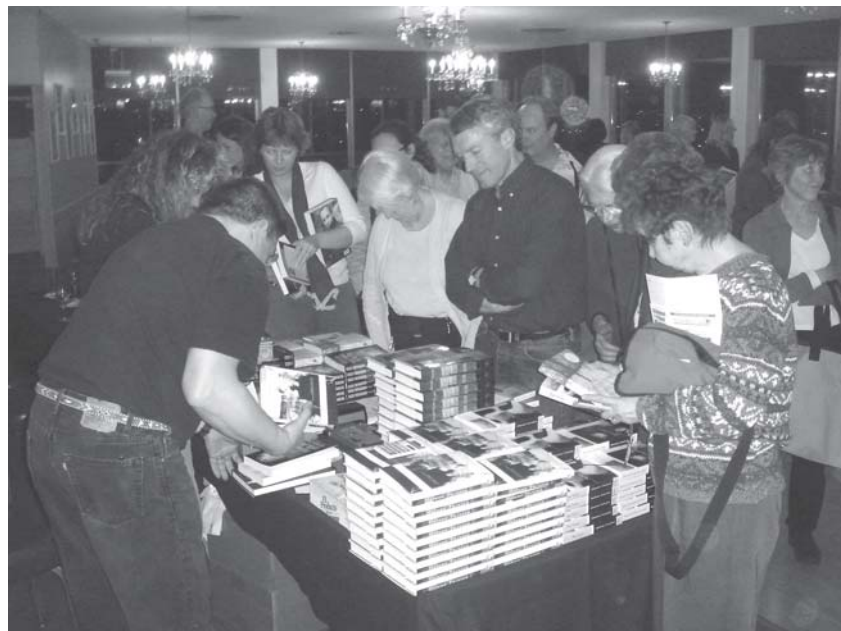
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Crowd turns out for May Swedish Crime Writers event



A good crowd was in attendance for the Swedish crime writers event on May 3. The authors, from left to right, were Håkan Nesser, Helene Turstén, Kjell Eriksson and Inger Frimansson. (Photo by Jan Frimansson.)



Books by each of the four authors (in English translation) were available for sale at the event, provided by Seattle Mystery Bookshop. Interest in the authors and their books was strong, and sales were brisk! (Photo by Jan Frimansson.)



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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:

July 6
July 20

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

Julie Pheasant-Albright and Allan Albright, Bill and Sandra Arrendale, Douglas and Jody Gerber, Jon M. and Teri S. Newton, Rachel Norwick, Jeff and Karen Sweeney

Deceased

Thomas A. Alberg

Memorials

Carol Rosauer in memory of Bill Epperson.

Carolyn M. Myhre in memory of Sven Franzon.

Donations

Julie Pheasant-Albright and Allan Albright, Bob and Connie Blair, The Estate of Sven Franzon, Douglas Gerber, Florence Johnson, Rachel Norwick.

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SCC members march as part of annual 17th of May celebration



A group of SCC members, including Eileen Little, Tim Andersen and Brandon Benson, marched in this year's 17th of May parade in Ballard. The experience was so much fun that the group plans to do it again next year. (Photo by Bob Blair.)



In tribute to Norway's Constitution Day, pancake flippers Marci Larsson and Susie Larsson led a flag-bearing group of SCC members along Market Street in the annual 17th of May parade. Leif Erikson can be glimpsed in the background. (Photo by Bob Blair.)

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.

Graduation: Crown Princess Victoria can put the study books away now, with the arrival of summer break. She was among 19 students from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs' diplomatic education classes who recently passed their exams.

Happy birthday: Sweden's youngest princess is now a little older. On June 10, she turned 25 and was royally celebrated by hundreds of well-wishers at the Royal Castle in Stockholm.

Crack down: Swedes will no longer be able to snoop through each others' finances anonymously, after a popular web site agreed to tighten the rules on its credit information services. The site, ratsit.se, allows users to browse the income and other personal information on all Swedes, free of charge. Now, after pressure from the national tax authority, it will impose new restrictions.

Rock 'n roll: The Swedish National Tax Board rejected a couple's application to name their 6 month-old daughter "Metallica", explaining that the name's association with the download-hating rock 'n roll storm troopers and "metal" were unacceptable. Still faced with the task of naming their little Iron Maiden, the parents may consider the name of some other rock act.

RIP: One of Swedish most popular artists, Povel Ramel, passed away recently in his home. He was born in Stockholm in 1922 and acted as composer, pianist, revue star and author. Among many other awards, he became honorary doctor at the University of Stockholm in 1998.

Another first: Sweden became the first country to open an embassy in the virtual world. "Second Life", an Internet based world where users create characters known as avatars, is run by Linden Lab, based in San Francisco. Created to promote the Swedish state's image and culture, the embassy does not offer any real or virtual consular services but does provide information on its real world counterparts

Trapped: A driver on his way home found that the motor was difficult to shift. He pulled up to a service station in Örebro and when he opened the hood he realized what the problem was – a cat was stuck in the engine compartment. When he couldn't get the cat out, the rescue corps was called. The rescue operation was a complicated history as only one paw and the tip of the tail were visible. In the beginning, the cat did not cooperate with the rescue folks – but, after the removal of some hardware and receiving some calming medication, the cat agreed to be rescued.

*Submitted by
Gunnar Wallin*

Vännerna



NEXT MEETING

There will be no meetings of Vännerna in July or August

COMING EVENTS

Vännerna Business and Sewing Meeting will return in September.

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.

Look for more information about Vännerna in future issues of *Swedish Center News*.

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2	3	4 Fourth of July Celebration	5	6 Happy Hour, Crown Room Lounge 5:00-7:00 pm	7	8 AYLI Sunday Brunch, 3 Crowns Dining Room
9	10	11 Membership Dinner Meeting	12	13	14	15 AYLI Sunday Brunch, 3 Crowns Dining Room
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