



# Swedish Center News

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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, March 2, 2008**

**8:00 am - 1:30 pm**

### **LIVE SCANDINAVIAN FOLK MUSIC**

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and musicians*

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## Nomination for 2008 Officers and Directors

In accordance with the bylaws of the Swedish Cultural Center, the annual election of candidates for the Board of Directors and Officers by the Members, will be held at the April 9th membership meeting.

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 the April 9th membership meeting!

## AYPE Centennial Celebration

In 1909 the Alaska Yukon Pacific Exhibition was held in Seattle. It was a very big celebration for the young city of Seattle and many Scandinavian organizations were involved, both in planning the exposition itself and for special events such as "Swedish Day" and "Norwegian Day." They celebrated their heritage and home countries, and together they looked forward to the promise of the burgeoning Pacific Northwest. The exposition was held on the University of Washington campus (which in 1895 had moved from its original downtown location).

At our March membership meeting, local historian and former Nordic Heritage Museum President Olof Kvamme will make an informal presentation about the AYPE and plans for an exhibit at the Museum next year to commemorate its centennial.

Do you recall any family stories about the AYPE? Do you have souvenirs you might share with the Nordic Heritage Museum for an exhibit in 2009? Can you help us learn more about Swedish Day (July 31, 1909) or Swedish Finn Temperance Day (July 29) at the AYPE?

If you'd like to learn more or get involved in the plans for centennial celebrations, Ballard resident Lucy Baker Johnson is leading this effort. Her e-mail is [ljbaker2@earthlink.net](mailto:ljbaker2@earthlink.net). The Museum contact for artifacts is Kirsten Olsen at (206) 789-5707.

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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

I hope that you have had the opportunity to meet the Swedish Cultural Center's volunteer intern, Johanna Henricsson. She will be around until the end of this month, when she returns to Sweden to resume graduate studies at *Mittuniversitetet* (Mid Sweden University) in Sundsvall. Johanna has been able to provide us with the "Swedish perspective" when we have questions about what is going on in Sweden today. She has been busy helping around the office, sitting in on Swedish language classes offered at the Center, and even served as a greeter at the recent auction. I would like to thank Johanna and all the other volunteers who made the auction a success. Our members donated a lot of time and many products and services in support of the Center. The results of this year's auction were good for the scholarship fund, new chairs for the Crown Room, and cultural programs at the Center. More details in next month's newsletter.

In the past, Nordic groups from this area have rented office space at the Swedish Cultural Center. When Jahn Hedberg was Honorary Consul to Sweden, he had his office in our building. We have also rented office space to the Swedish American Chamber of Commerce. Now the Swedish Finn Historical Society may be joining us at the Swedish Cultural Center. SFHS is losing its present office space in Ballard due to condominium development. This organization is active in genealogy and emigration history. They have a large number of members, although many reside outside the Seattle area, across North America and in other parts of the world. Watch this column next month for more news about this.



Brandon Benson  
*President*

## Fourth Saturday Folkdance night at the Center, March 22

On Saturday, March 22, come enjoy the kind of dancing that put that lilt in Great-Great Grandpa's gait. The Fourth Saturday Scandinavian Folkdance features the trio "Sprida Ut", with nyckelharpa, fiddle and guitar. Waltz, Polka, Schottische and Hambo dances are not as cool as they were a century ago. But they are as much fun as ever.

Live music begins at the Swedish Cultural Center (1920 Dexter North) on the East Side of Queen Anne Hill downhill from Aurora. Cost is \$9.00, but a discount will be offered for SCC members.

For those who want a refresher, a free dance lesson will precede the main even beginning at 7:30 pm. For more information, contact [pat@folkddancing.com](mailto:pat@folkddancing.com).

## Director's notes

I regret that I was unable to report last month and much has happened at the Center since my last message to you. I would like to welcome to our staff Ms. Kristine Leander, our new Cultural Director. Kristine comes to us with a wealth of experience and knowledge of Scandinavia. Kristine has been active in our local Scandinavian community and will be a definite asset to our organization. We also have another new face in the office, that of Ms. Joanna Hendriksson from Sweden. Ms. Hendriksson is taking a leave of absence from her studies in Sweden and volunteering here at the Center. Ms. Hendriksson will only be with us until the end of this month but it is a pleasure to have her here while we can. Several social events have been held since my last report. By all accounts everything was successful. I regret I had to miss some of the events but the ones I could attend went well by my measure.

This year's auction was a success again bringing us revenue beyond our budgeted expectation. I thank all of the volunteers, donors and participants for a job well done not only for the auction but for all of our events. The annual exchange with the Sons of Norway was fun and very well attended, thanks for showing up and representing the Center.

We have had some calls inquiring about the membership cards for 2008 don't worry you will get your cards. It is a time consuming process with an increased degree of difficulty when we don't get the renewal form with the check. Please remember to include that form so we can get everything filed properly and your new cards out to you.

This month Eric, owner of "As You Like It Catering", is planning an event to determine the best meatball recipe; the winning recipe will be used exclusively at the Center. The winner will receive, in addition to bragging rites a large monetary prize. This should prove to be very interesting.

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

R.W. Clay  
*Executive Director*

### *2008 Auction (Cont'd from Page 5)*

Seattle Kids Salon, Seattle Mariners, Seattle Museum of Flight, Seattle Ski, Seattle Symphony, Snoose Junction Pizzeria, Southwest Airlines, Rick Steve's Europe Through the Back Door, Stocka Industries AB, Strictly Scandinavian Gifts, Summit at Snoqualmie, Sunset Bowl, Swanson's Nursery, T. J. Andersen, Architect, Top Ten Toys, Trader Joe's Queen Anne, Transia Services, Tropical Parking, Upper Crust Bakery, Wahlquist Construction, Video Isle Queen Anne, Viking Tavern, Virginia V Foundation

If we have omitted anyone, please forgive our mistake and accept our thanks!

## Membership Dinner



WEDNESDAY,  
March 12, 2008

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

### **PROGRAM:**

"Swedes (and Norwegians)  
at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific  
Exposition"

### **DINNER MENU:**

Rosemary Garlic  
Roasted Chicken

Roasted Sage Potatoes

Apple Cider  
Glazed Carrots

Cinnamon Honey  
Baked Apple

For reservations, please call:  
**206-283-1090**

Have you been to a  
membership meeting lately?

## Night of Zweifacher dance, March 29

The zweifacher is a delightfully tricky dance from the Alps, done to delightfully tricky mixed rhythm tunes played by Chris & Kris. Tricky enough; we don't worry about perfection, as we laugh at our own feet.

Lots of waltz era dances to relax between Zweifachers. Live music at 8:00 pm  
Saturday March 29  
Swedish Cultural Center  
(1920 Dexter North)  
on the East Side of Queen Anne Hill downhill from Aurora with a beautiful; view of Lake Union.

Cost for the evening of dance will be \$8.00, with a discount offered for SCC members. In addition, the festivities will be preceded by a free zweifacher lesson at 7:30  
For more info contact:  
[pat@folkdancing.com](mailto:pat@folkdancing.com)

## 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.

## Kafferep

Do you like cookies? How about seven? And some coffee, and of course the great company of friends at the Swedish Cultural Center!

Every third Wednesday of the month, you are invited to a real Swedish *kafferep*, with home made cookies and *tårta*! The idea started when the new Cultural Director, Kristine Leander, decided to invite a few members to have some coffee.

"I thought to myself," Kristine said, "what great fun this is. We should do this all the time!"

One of the attendees was Birgit Amundson.

"A *kafferep* is a fun way to get to know new people and catch up on what's happening at the Center," says Birgit.

Every third Wednesday of the month there will be a gathering in the Swedish Cultural Center lobby. Kristine Leander explains:

"The idea is just to socialize and come together. The coffee is on us, and everybody who wants to come just brings some of their favorite cookies, and we put them all on plates for anyone to have. Just like the Swedes used to do it!"

The next Kafferep will be held at 1 pm on Wednesday, March 19. We'd love to hear if you plan to come (206-283-1090), but even if you don't call first, you are welcome to come. Don't be a stranger!

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# SCC Auction 2008: thank you!

Our February Mardi Gras Auction Dinner Party was a success! We were treated to welcome cocktails and wonderful music provided by the Garfield High School Jazz Trio. Our guests shopped the silent auctions and enjoyed a delicious dinner from our own, *As You Like It Catering*. Our auctioneer Jerry Toner "lit up" the crowd thanks to his flashing tuxedo jacket. We are already thinking ahead to 2009. Thanks again to all the generous donors and volunteers who made this event possible!

**Individual Donors:** Karin Abraham, Kay Alberg, Kiki Alvord, Birgit Amundson, Tim Andersen, E.M. Anderson, Keith Bacon, Inga Mai Barenthein, David Barker, Brandon Benson, Dana Benson, Garrett Benson, Patti Benson, Connie & Bob Blair, Maxine Bratvold, Sara Brown, Harry Christensen, RW Clay, Ingrid Duch, Paul & Ellen Duernberger, Syrene Forsman, Marianne Forssblad, Ulla Foster, Sue Gregor, Karin Gustafson, Jon & Carina Halgren, Randy Hendrickson, John & Kristia Higgins, Rolf Hokansson, Jeremy Holt, Henning Johnson, Debra Kalin, Karl Larsson, Jim & Jane Lea, Kristine Leander, Margaret Lidberg, Kerstin Liland, Vivi Anne Lindback, Maria Linde, Bertil Lundh, Dick & Betty Lyons, Vince & Pam Madden, Susan McGogney, Margaret Mechaley, Diana Nelson, Randy Nelson, Paul Norlen, Marianne Olsen, Dina Papera, Judy Patterson, Karen Pauley, Eric & Ingrid Pearson, Julie Pheasant Allbright, Anna Powers, John Purvis, Dale Pederson, Susan Ramstead, Ingrid Rasmussen, Gary Rohrback, SCC, Jeffry Scott, Seattle Skandia Spelmanslag, Charles Shannon, Skandia Folkdance Society, Beverly Sperry, Byron & Jessie Strange, Richard Svensson, Birgit & Bill Trygg, Vännerna Ladies Auxillary, Birgitta & Gunnar Wallin, Don & Carolyn Wahlquist, Jerry Walsh, Eric & Barbro Wangsten, Doug Warne, Andy & Grace Warner, Roland Wedenström, Dennis Wermcrantz, Dorothy Wicklund, Rebecka Helen Wilson

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## 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:**

February 1  
February 15

## 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

Rein Attemann, Teresa Bailey, Diane Bjerke, Larry Hohm & Karen Shaw, Ramona Holmes & Justin Hunter, Larry Johnson, Doug Knutson, Katri Konasto, Mark Medlin & William Brodshaw, Tom Napa, Marko Oviir, Kathi Ploeger, Allen Quynn, Tiina Ritval, Mark Sihon, Katrine Veanes, Don Vendetti, Martha Wood

### Deceased

Ruby Bjerke, Carl Nelson

### Memorials

Mary F. Gregory  
**in memory of**  
Beverly Boyd

### Donations

None reported

### Auction Donations

Genevieve Holter\*

*\* Last month the Swedish Cultural Center held its first annual auction. The organizers, on behalf of the Center, would like to thank everyone who participated - in particular, those who donated their time, energy and (of course) money.*

*A complete list of individuals & businesses that contributed to the success of this event appears on Page 5 of this issue of Swedish Center News.*

## Column from Cultural Director

Kristine Leander

A childhood of listening to stories about Sweden and going to the Swedish Club with my parents in the '60s make my new position as SCC's Cultural Director seem like a dream come true. With two years on the SCC Board and over a year leading the SCC's strategic planning committee, I'm armed with lots of ideas for adding new members and planning fun activities.

We've had several fun events in the last few weeks that we plan to continue – such as a packed house for Friday evening Happy Hour and an old-fashioned afternoon *kafferep* – so watch for the announcements. The SCC's Web site ([www.swedishculturalcenter.org](http://www.swedishculturalcenter.org)) is being updated more frequently and we've started a regular e-mail that goes out to announce events. In fact, if you want to make sure that you receive the electronic update, I invite you to e-mail me and I'll add your e-mail address to the list.

I also look forward to hearing your ideas for fun events at the Club, so please e-mail or call me! In the meantime, mark your calendars for:

- Sunday morning, March 2, for the pancake breakfast
- Friday evenings, March 7 and 21, for Happy Hour
- Wednesday evening, March 12, for the members' dinner
- Wednesday afternoon, March 19, for a *kafferep*

I hope to see you at one or all of these events!

## “Drifting Clouds” is March Film from Finland

On March 26, at 7:30 pm, the Finnish Film Series will feature “Drifting Clouds” (Kauas pilvet karkaavat), by the filmmaker Kaurismäki. In 1997, “Drifting Clouds” won five Jussi awards, including best film, best direction, and best screenplay (also by Kaurismäki). Running time is 93 minutes, and the film is suitable for general audiences. It will be presented in Finnish, with English subtitles. A

\$5.00 donation is requested at the door.

The film is part of a trilogy that continues on June 25 with “Man without a Past” (Mies vailla meneisyttä) and on September 24 with “Lights in the Dusk” (Laitakaupungin valot). In the meantime, the April 23 selection is Klaus Härö's 2007 film, “The New Man” (Uusi ihminen).

“Films from Finland,” sponsored by Finlandia Foundation Seattle Chapter, are shown at the Swedish Cultural Center every fourth Wednesday except for July, August and December. A complete schedule is available at [FFSC@finns.org](mailto:FFSC@finns.org).

# 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.*

**Visit:** Prime Minister Fredrik Reinfeldt will visit China in the spring. This is the first time in 12 years that a Swedish prime minister will visit that country. The climate changes will be one of the foremost issues that will be discussed.

**Petrol:** Next year the tax on gasoline will be increased by SEK 1.18/ liter (\$ .18) thus resulting in a gas price of SEK 13.60 / liter (\$ 2.09 or \$ 7.92 / Gal), making the Swedish gas price one of the highest in the World.

**Sit!** A 31 years old man from Arlöv didn't want to sit in the bus – he wanted to stand up and talk to a friend – and was fined. He is probably the first rider to be fined for not using a seat belt in a bus. Police were called and the man was transferred to another bus: a police mini van. Aside from the ride, he also received a SEK 1,500 fine.

**Center o gravity:** The geographic center of Sweden is now German. The family Christman-Holtkamp from Frankfurt have moved to Sweden and taken over the restaurant on top of Flataklocken for a rental period of five years. Flataklocken is located in Medelpad, about 37 miles west of Sundsvall.

**Honors:** Ingmar Bergman, the famous Swedish film director, will have a street and a square named after him as a tribute to his accomplishments, located next to the theater "Dramaten" where he was active for several years. He did his production debut at Dramaten 1951 and was later the director of that theater during 1963 through 1966. Ingmar Bergman was born 1918 in Uppsala and died on July 30 last year in his home at Fårö.

**Speed:** Prince Carl Philip will become a race driver and he is scheduled to Race in the Porsche Carrera Cup, a race circuit ranked as one of the toughest in Sweden. The first race is April 20 when Carl Philip will climb into a Porsche Carrera GT3 RS to race at Knutstorp.

**Pleasant:** Not since the end of the cold war, has a year started this warm. Götaland and Svealand have not have such a mild start since 1989 and Stockholm, January has been the third warmest in history with cowslip already in bloom. New potatoes are a delicacy in Sweden and also in January, Ingrid Arnhult managed to harvest 2 kilo of the heavenly veggies at her garden outside Båstad in Skåne followed by feasting on "nypotatis" both as appetizer and main course.

Submitted by,  
*Gunnar Wallin*

## Vännerna



### NEXT MEETING

#### THIS MONTH

Next Vännerna business and sewing meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 4, 2008

COMING EVENTS  
Vännerna Business & Sewing Meeting  
Tuesday, April 1, 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 - March 2008

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					1	2 Breakfast 8:00 am SSA Children's Swedish School
3	4 Vännerna Meeting SWC/SMC Rehearse	5 SCC Board Meeting 5:30 pm	6	7 Happy Hour, Crown Room Lounge 5:00-7:00 pm	8	9 SSA Children's Swedish School
10	11 SWC/SMC Rehearse	12 Membership Dinner Meeting 6:00 pm	13	14	15	16 SSA Children's Swedish School
17	18 SWC/SMC Rehearse	19 SCC Film Series	20	21 Happy Hour, Crown Room Lounge 5:00-7:00 pm	22 Folkdance	23
24	25 SWC/SMC Rehearse	26 Finnish Film Series	27	28	29 Folkdance	30

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	1 Vännerna Meeting SWC & SMC Rehearse	2 SCC Board Meeting	3	4 Happy Hour, Crown Room Lounge 5:00-7:00 pm	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 Happy Hour, Crown Room Lounge 5:00-7:00 pm	19 SSA 10th Anniversary Party(tentative)	20 SSA Children's Swedish School
21	22 SWC & SMC Rehearse	23	24	25	26 SWC/SMC Concert	27
28	29 SWC & SMC Rehearse	30	31			