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A home for the Nordic-American community

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.

No Place Like Home

What's the news at the Club? Not much. We love the calls and e-mails from you, checking in on us. This newsletter makes a pitch about donating to the Swedish Club and supporting the small businesses that help support the Nordic community—as much as possible under stay-at-home orders.

We've followed Gov. Inslee's directive and closed our building until Apr. 6, pending further instructions. It's hard for us to think of the Swedish Club as a "non-essential" business—it certainly doesn't feel non-essential to us—but we understand that this step is necessary for the health and safety of our members and the community. We have managed to do some much-needed deep cleaning and take care of delayed maintenance, and we'll assess how to best care for our clubhouse while complying with the new rules.

These are our cancellations to date:

- ABBA Night (Mar. 27). Rescheduled for June 26.
- *Påskris och semlor* (Mar. 29). Canceled.
- Spring language classes (first week of April). Rescheduled; will begin the first week of June.
- Annual Meeting (Apr. 15). Postponed to May 20, but subject to rescheduling.
- Landmark hearing with City of Seattle (Apr. 15). We do not know of any revisions to the schedule.
- *Kvinnor Kan* dinner (Apr. 22). Canceled but not yet rescheduled.
- Back to Our Roots gala (May 16). Canceled; tentatively rescheduled for October.

We did not get enough interest in takeout Swedish meals, so we hope you patronize your own kitchen or your local eatery. We are taking one day at a time and working to stay abreast of recommendations. We hope you are too. If, like us, you miss gathering at the Club and would like to let us know what you think about our programs, please visit swedishclubnw.org/Membership/survey.htm to complete our online survey.

In the meantime, take it easy and stay home! *Ta det lugnt och stanna hemma!*



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LUGNT
OCH
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Well Done, Donors!

Thank you to the following members for your gifts in a time of great uncertainty. There's room for you on this list—visit swedishclubnw.org to learn more.

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Deadline for material for the next issue is Apr. 15.

Bring articles into the office or fax to 206-283-2970. You may also e-mail articles to kristine@swedishclubnw.org.

Club Notes

I grew up on a farm. One indelible image from my childhood was every spring when my father let the heifers out into the field for the first time. They were demonstrably happy, jumping around and enjoying new freedom, new grass and sunshine. I remember thinking that those bovines were actually frolicking in the field.

That's my image of how we'll all feel when our community life resumes. We'll be happy to be together again, happy to have the freedom to visit the Swedish Club and all our regular and familiar places, such as libraries, churches, movies and even, for some, our workplaces.

In the meantime, the financial situation at the Club is severe. We have no Club events, no rental events and no restaurant or bar to bring in income. Our staff have pitched in with deep cleaning and painting, but now that the building is closed,

even maintenance work may have to be suspended, and we might eventually have to resort to layoffs. All the other expenses of our clubhouse continue: insurance, utilities, etc.

I am writing today to ask you to support the Swedish Club now and in the future. There are three ways.

One: Right now, we need financial support.

An outright gift is tax deductible (check with your tax advisor for details). If you can donate, we will be deeply grateful. To those of you who have already sent a donation without being asked, we are humbled by your support. Thank you.

Two: You can also help by renewing your membership early. If you renew, we'll add it to your current membership and

extend you a year—or whatever you pay for.

To make a gift and/or renew your membership, visit swedishclubnw.org, use the form on p. 4

**"This crisis will go down in history as the year we could not go to the Swedish Club."
—Board Member Ib Odderson**

President's Message

It's important that we all do what we can to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. At our house we are essentially staying home—and when we do go out, we wear gloves, wipe down purchases with a disinfectant, all the CDC recommendations. In fact, my wife, **Vinda**, is making us masks as I am writing this.

Since I am retired, one would think I'd be used to spending more time at home. But I'm the stereotypical retired person who's so busy now, he wonders how ever found time to work. Perhaps I want to go out because I shouldn't, or perhaps it's the nice weather. If you're trying to work at home, or your kids are attending school online, you may be tempted to seek a break from the routine.

Whatever's on your mind, the Swedish Club has a suggestion. The economic impact

of this pandemic is incredible, especially for small businesses and their employees—and that includes Nordic businesses. Following are a few that are good friends to the Club and need our support to stay afloat. All of them offer essential services in one way or another, so they're all trying to do business during the crisis. (For the state government's long and very detailed list of which businesses are

"essential," visit bit.ly/3aipclD. No, the Swedish Club isn't on the list, no matter how much you or I think it should be.) These businesses could use your help if you're able.

Scandinavian Specialties

Since 1962, Scandinavian Specialties has provided food items and gifts to the Nordic



of this newsletter or just send in a check with a note about whether it's a gift or an extension of your membership. (Don't call; we're not here to answer the phone while the building is closed.)

Three: In the future, when life resumes at the Club, we'll continue to need your support. When health advisors tell us the time is right, please plan to attend our annual dinner gala and auction (now tentatively rescheduled for October), our Swedish pancake breakfasts, our Friday *Kafé*, Wednesday and

Friday Happy Hours, and so on. We don't know when we will open again, but whenever it is, we look forward to seeing you back at the Club.

We will get through this time. I am working to make sure that our wonderful clubhouse and the staff who keep it going can continue during the coronavirus upheaval. Thank you for helping me.

Kristine Leander, Executive Director
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community in the Pacific Northwest. Let's not let a virus shut down the last remaining Scandinavian store in Seattle! The retail store and café are closed, but the shop is taking orders by phone and online. If you've ever been to Scandinavian Specialties—or even if you haven't—and you want it to be there in the future, please order at least *one thing* right now. Get online and visit scanspecialties.com or call 206-784-7020. To pick up at the store, the address is 6719 15th Ave. NW, Seattle.

Skål Beer Hall

Like all restaurants and bars in the area, Skål is closed, but thank goodness, the kitchen's delicious food is available for pickup and delivery. Favorites include popcorn cod, roast lamb ribs, grilled *gjetost* sandwiches and Nordic sausages. You can also grab a Viking feast (feeds two to four) to go—including a full roast chicken, or even pheasant or rabbit—and typical Viking drinks such as mead or cider, or Nordic inspired beer and wine such as Gård Wine. Buying a membership in the Beerhalla mug club also supports Skål Beer Hall now. Visit www.skallballard.com to order. For pickup, Skål's address is 5429 Ballard Ave. NW, Seattle.

Byen Bakeri

Located on the north end of Queen Anne Hill, Byen Bakeri is dedicated to serving fresh bread, Scandinavian pastries, cookies, cakes, sandwiches, quiches, coffee, etc., to the community. The owners are particularly partial to the Nordic community and always say yes when asked to support an

event or help one of the clubs with baked goods. Currently, the bakery is open only for pickup or takeout. Check the menu at byenbakeri.com and call 206-218-1000 to order. For pickup, the address is 15 Nicker-son St., Seattle. You can also use the Postmates app to order for home delivery.

The Norwegian American

North America's only Norwegian-American news magazine actually covers all the clubs in the Nordic community, even the Swedish Club! This biweekly depends on advertising, particularly advertising about events—so with nothing happening, revenue is down precipitously. Treat yourself to a subscription, either on paper for \$70 a year or digital for \$30. Please reach across the Swedish-Norwegian border and lend a hand. You'll find numerous ways to subscribe at norwegianamerican.com/subscribe.

P.S. Swedish Club pancake breakfasts will be up and running as soon as we get the green light from the state. If you patronize any of these businesses from now until the crisis is over, **Kristine** will send you a ticket for a free Swedish pancake breakfast. E-mail her at kristine@swedishclubnw.org and tell her which business you supported, and she'll mail you a pancake ticket. It's a win-win—I can almost taste the lingonberries now.

That's it! Let's pull together.

Vi ses på klubben (soon, I hope).

Gary Sund
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SC Announces

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

The Swedish Club announces 1,385 member households, including 87 Lifetime members and 162 Social members. Our members' names appear in **boldface** in *Swedish Club News*.

Due to privacy concerns, the names of new members are redacted from the online edition of *Swedish Club News*.

Corporate Members

Columbia Lutheran Home
Magnolia Physical Therapy
Nelson Boyd Attorneys
National Nordic Museum
Seattle Counselors Association
Skål Beer Hall
Vasa Park

Pancake Guests

Mar. 1: 613

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Or you can e-mail to info@swedishclubnw.org.

Let us know if we left out your information by mistake.



Swedish Club

Help the Swedish Club during our temporary closure with your donation or membership renewal—or why not both?

Please accept my donation

- Contributor \$100
- Supporter \$250
- Patron \$500
- Benefactor \$1,000
- Three Crowns Circle \$5,000
- Name your amount \$ _____

- Direct your gift:**
- General fund
 - Building renovations
 - Swedish Club Foundation

Renew my membership

Name _____ Today's date _____

Street address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Annual membership categories (Choose one.)

Regular Membership

- \$100 Individual (2 yrs. \$190, 3 yrs. \$280)
- \$130 Household (2 yrs. \$250, 3 yrs. \$375)*
Spouse/Partner _____
Additional household cards: _____
- \$50 Non-resident (50 miles from Club)
- \$55 Viking (29 & younger) _____
(date of birth)
- \$35 Social (Dining, bar and newsletter only)
- \$40 Invitational Membership Gift*
Recipient: _____
Recipient's address: _____

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- The Swedish Club is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and gifts are tax deductible.
- \$150 Contributing (2 yrs. \$295)
 - \$250 Supporting
 - \$500 Patron
 - \$1,000 Benefactor
 - \$2,000 Lifetime (Individual)
 - \$2,500 Lifetime (Couple)
 - \$1,500 Lifetime over 80 (Individual or couple)
 - \$5,000 Three Crowns Circle
- Corporate Memberships**
- \$100 Nonprofit
 - \$200 Supporting
 - \$500 Patron

Payment information

\$ _____ Membership renewal \$ _____ Donation

Visa/MasterCard: Card # _____ Exp. ____ / ____ Code _____

Signature for credit card: _____ Check enclosed _____

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