

Message from your President - Carol Tripp

The start of a new year finds New Sweden eager to make this a most exciting year. We have two officers who have volunteered with dedication for some time who are retiring from serving as officers of the Board. GunMarie Rosqvist, our wonderful treasurer for so many years, is turning this responsibility over to Pam Martin. GunMarie's detailed records are invaluable for reference for New Sweden's activities. I, as president, am delighted to have a devoted, enthusiastic replacement in Kristi Gustafson. The Board will be moving into 2016 by carrying on New Sweden's mission to have as many cultural activities as possible available for all the members to enjoy



Carol Tripp

Outgoing President

Message from your new President - Kristi Gustafson

As your new president, I would like to thank outgoing president Carol Tripp for her dedication and commitment to our organization. Carol not only was present and working hard at every New Sweden activity, she spent many hours before events coordinating needs, and organizing supplies, equipment and storage. The last two years have been challenging to our organization due to changes in the Scandinavian Heritage Foundation, the opening of the Nordia House, and the change of status of Fogelbo. Carol guided our organization through these changes and is passing on a strong board and healthy organization. Our sincere thanks to Carol.



Kristi Gustafson

Incoming President

As we begin a new year, knowing how full our schedules can become,

I hope each member marks the dates of our upcoming events on their calendar. While events like the annual meeting are mainly social, other events like the Mid Summer Festival, Kräftskiva, Lucia Fest and the Yard Sale, require a number of volunteers to make them successful.

This past year, I took the opportunity to phone many of our members asking for volunteers at events. I learned we have a wide variety of members from various age groups, and a variety of connections to Sweden. In the coming year we can explore what activities interest our members and what else we might do to enjoy and promote our Swedish connection. Your suggestions and ideas are welcome.

One of our first events of the year is our annual membership meeting on March 6, 2016. The business meeting is brief and this year Board Member Jimmy Granstrom is going to give a presentation on modern Swedish music, and Carl Thompson will show a short video on the Swedish colony in Delaware, while members enjoy Swedish culinary delights. All members are welcome, there is no charge, and it's a wonderful, relaxed opportunity to meet other members of our organization. I hope to see you there.



New Sweden had a wonderful time at 2015 Scandinavian Christmas Festival.

We celebrated the sights, sounds, tastes and traditions of Swedish Christmas, with record attendance and sales. We also saw the 2016 Oregon Lucia, Linnea Adler-Ashkar, crowned together with her court. They will entertain us during the year at various events.



Oregon Lucia
Linnea Adler-Ashkar
with Ross Fogelquist

New Sweden Annual Lucia Fest

We celebrated on Saturday, December 12th, 2015 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 7810 SE 15th Avenue in Sellwood. The ceremony was followed by a reception with Swedish baked treats, coffee and glögg, ring dances around the Christmas tree and a visit by the Tomten!



Oregon Lucia and court



Tomten



Swedish School Lucia with court

Swedish Julotta at First Immanuel Church

The gathering opened with the Scandinavian Chorus singing the Anthem followed by singing during the procession of the Lucia court.

The sermon was lead by Gunilla Bradshaw (in Swedish), visiting pastor from the Church of Sweden.

The highlight of the sermon was a traditional Swedish song. The first verse: "När Juldags morgon glimmar".

När juldagsmorgon glimmar, jag vill till stallet gå.
Guds Son i nattens timmar där vilar uppå strå.
Guds Son i nattens timmar där vilar uppå strå.

When Christmas morning is dawning I wish that I could be
There in the manger cradle God's Son, newborn, to see.
There in the manger cradle God's Son, newborn, to see.

Appreciation is going to: Melinda Wagner, Pastor
Gunilla Bradshaw, Preacher & Liturgist, Pastor of the Church of Sweden
Scandinavian Chorus of Portland, Vance Sele, Conductor
Ralph Nelson, Organist
Lucia Court, SHF



Big Success!

Come and Taste traditional Scandinavian Food at Nordia House - Broder Söder Café

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Portland, OR 97223

Open: Tuesday - Sunday: 9am - 3pm

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FRUKOST / BREAKFAST	BORDS	MIDDAG / LUNCH
<p>ÄRLESKIVER (DANISH PANCAKE) - 10 served w/ homemade lemon curd & lingonberry jam</p> <p>PYTT I PANNA (SWEDISH HASH) small cubed potatoes cooked w/ bell peppers & onions, topped w/ a soft baked egg & pickled beets served w/ walnut toast</p> <p>smoked trout - 11 port steaks - 12 ham & smoked red cream - 13 seasonal vegetables - 11</p> <p>LERSE - 13 Norwegian potato crepes filled w/ ham, farmers' cheese, & cherry tomatoes, topped w/ a soft baked egg & greens</p> <p>FÖRLORADE ÄGG (LOST EGGS) - 13 1 egg on a bed of sliced ham & spinach, baked under broiler/grill in a cast iron skillet</p> <p>SEASONAL GRIDDLE-CAKES - 12 w/ chicken apple sausage, a soft baked egg, sour cream & syrup</p> <p>BREAKFAST SANDWICH - 11 bacon, Swedish farmers' cheese, spinach, a soft baked egg, pickled vegetables, & herbbed cream</p> <p>BAKED EGG SCRAMBLES - 12 served w/ walnut toast & a choice of side choose a side & select one of the following combinations: <i>ham & farmers' cheese</i> <i>sausage, chives, & smoked onion</i> <i>seasonal vegetables</i></p> <p>TOASTED PORK SHOULDER CONFIT - 13 served w/ a soft baked egg, still soft & a choice of side</p>	<p>SÖDER - 13 smoked trout, gravlax*, thick ham, roasted beets, taste of soup, fruit, house bread, rye cracker, & Skånead</p> <p>PIKARRÖD - 7 a selection of fresh pastries from our bake shop, pair it w/ coffee for a Swedish tradition</p> <p>SIDES</p> <p>DAILY SOUP</p> <p>POTATO PANCAKE</p> <p>FIELD GREEN SALAD w/ our seasonal vinaigrette</p> <p>SEASONAL GRIDDLE-CAKE</p> <p>CHICKEN APPLE SAUSAGE w/ pickled onion & mustard</p> <p>BACON</p> <p>CREAM HERRING SALAD w/ herbs</p> <p>2 BAKED EGGS</p> <p>(ALL SIDES 4-5 À LA CARTE)</p> <p>FULL MENU SERVED 9-3 LUNCH TIME EVERY DAY FROM 11AM-3PM <small>*gravlax is cured, uncooked salmon, most eggs are served as preparation of raw eggs, containing eggs or unshelled cracked or eggs may increase the risk of food-borne illness.</small></p>	<p>KÖTTBULLAR (SWEDISH MEATBALLS) - 12 cherry cream sauce, walnut toast, & lingonberry jam served w/ your choice of side</p> <p>TUNNBRÖDSKULLA (HOT DOG) - 11 a beef frank w/ a potato pancake, sautéed shrimp salad, pickled onion, & house roasted wrapped in house bread served w/ your choice of side</p> <p>SÖDER HAMBURGARE - 14 a seasoned beef burger on a ketchup bun w/ farmers' cheese, house pickles, smoked onion, dill salad, bacon, & green. served w/ your choice of side</p> <p>-OPEN-FACED SANDWICHES-</p> <p>BRODER CLUB - 12 gravlax, avocado, tomato, bacon & horseradish cream served on rye/coriander, a whole grain wheat bread served w/ your choice of side</p> <p>SMÖRBRÖD - 12 a trio of small open-faced sandwiches "gravlax", farmers' cheese, & sautéed shrimp salad served on rye/coriander, a whole grain wheat bread served w/ your choice of side</p> <p>TOAST SKAGEN (shrimp sandwich) - 12 creamy dill shrimp salad, tomatoes, herbbed cream & tosses on sourdough served w/ your choice of side</p> <p>SALLADER/SALADS</p> <p>WINE ROASTED BEETS - 11 w/ fresh greens, nuts & chives all tossed in an orange herb vinaigrette</p> <p>STUFFED AVOCADO - 12 w/ sautéed shrimp salad, tomatoes, fresh greens & a vinaigrette</p> <p>CURRY CHICKEN & APPLE - 12 w/ candied onion, fresh greens & our seasonal vinaigrette</p>



Chef's
Corner

Outstanding winter food - Cabbage Rolls !

During dark winter days munch on Cabbage Rolls stuffed with ground beef, onions and rice, covered in a sweet and tangy sauce and cooked in a slow cooker, and you will forget that the summer is not here yet.



Ingredients:

12 leaves cabbage	1 1/4 tsp salt
1 cup cooked white rice	1 1/4 tsp black pepper
1 egg, beaten	1 (8 ounce) can tomato sauce
1/4 cup milk	1 Tsp brown sugar
1/4 cup minced onions	1 Tsp lemon juice
1 pound extra-lean ground beef	1 tsp Worcestershire sauce

Directions:

1. Bring a large pot of water to a boil. Boil cabbage leaves for 2 minutes and drain
2. In a large bowl, combine 1 cup cooked rice, egg, milk, onions, ground beef, salt and pepper. Place about 1/4 cup of meat mixture in center of each cabbage leaf, and roll up, tucking in ends. Place rolls in slow cooker.
3. In a small bowl, mix together tomato sauce, brown sugar, lemon juice, and Worcestershire sauce. Pour over cabbage rolls.
4. Cover, and cook on low 8 to 9 hours.

Source: Allrecipes.com

Celebrate Walpurgis with New Sweden

Join in as we celebrate Walpurgis on April 30th at the home of Connie and Morgan Pope, at 33411 S.W Laurel Rd. Hillsboro, OR 97123. There will be a bonfire, singing, snacks and hot drinks.

We'll gather at 7:00 p.m. and light the bonfire at dusk.





Jordbro



The band Panetoz



Annual soccer tournament



Birger Jensen

From a Stockholm “garden suburb” to the biggest stages in Sweden – The story of the Jordbro band Panetoz (By J. Granstrom)

Following World War II, Sweden enjoyed several decades of unprecedented growth, largely thanks to intact infrastructure and industry, much like the United States. This provided the country with an economical head start compared with most other European countries. In 1965, the government made a decision to build 100.000 new apartments per year during a 10-year period, in order to address a housing crisis and improve the standard of living for a growing and increasingly wealthy population. From 1965 to 1974, one million apartments were built as part of “Miljonprogrammet” in areas that can be characterized as “garden suburbs”. Although these areas have often (and especially recently) been criticized, their residents often enjoy the freedom, independence and car-free spaces enabled by city planning creating separation between cars and people. My childhood in the Stockholm suburb Jordbro offered walking distance to diverse activities and experiences, e.g. forests, meadows, parks, schools, shops, restaurants, sports facilities, tennis courts and a public pool, creating a “public backyard” that was much greater than the balconies and backyards of the apartments in the area.

Many Swedish artists and songwriters have their roots in Miljonprogrammet. In 2012, the Jordbro band Panetoz got their first #1 hit with the upbeat song “Dansa pausa”. Prior to “Dansa pausa”, Panetoz’s positive hip-hop was often met with record company skepticism, as dark-skinned artists and bands from the suburbs were expected to focus on drugs and social struggles. Nonetheless, Panetoz have performed in the most popular TV shows and biggest stages all over Sweden - even in front of the Royal Family. In the TV program “Doreen kommer hem”, the host meets founding Panetoz member Pa Modou in Jordbro, and he tells her that he used to joke that he’d stop making music once he’d met the King of Sweden. However, after performing in front of the Royal Family, he had to retract his statement, claiming “I cannot stop now – I’ve just started!” Despite Panetoz’s success, Pa Modou and the rest of Panetoz still have a great commitment to Jordbro, e.g. co-arranging an annual soccer tournament in Jordbro in honor of the late youth recreation leader Birger Jensen, who supported the band a lot in the early stages of their career. This kind of commitment and “common bond” is often shared by people who grew up in Miljonprogrammet, who – regardless of criticism from “outsiders” – still feel a strong connection to the area that played a big role in defining their identity.

New Sweden Annual Membership Meeting

The annual meeting will be held at the West Hills Unitarian Fellowship Church, in the Forest Room in the basement area. Walk down the driveway on the left side of the main entrance, which leads to the basement area. Do not enter the main entrance. The room is where we had our Garage and Antiques sale last year. There is plenty of parking in the front of the church.

See you all there!



West Hills Unitarian Fellowship Church,
8470 S.W Oleson Rd, Portland

Join us for a Medicare 101

Next to buying a house, choosing the right Medicare Plan is one of the most important decisions an individual can make. Trying to decide which plan works best for you and your loved one, can seem overwhelming.

New Sweden and Harmoni Lodge join together to bring Medicare specialist Mara Woloshin to explain the Medicare system and how to advocate for your Medicare rights. Learn what questions to ask about a plan and what benefits an individual is entitled to.

The meeting will take place on Tuesday March 15th, from 10:00am to Noon, in the conference room, at Nordia House on Oleson Road.

Enjoy a cup of coffee, have a refreshment and learn how to best utilize Medicare. No charge.



Sample Medicare Card

Our sister organization SRIO have some lovely Swedish immigrant stories on their web-site

These are real immigrant stories that will provide us with information that would die-out if not documented - congratulation to the SRIO staff.

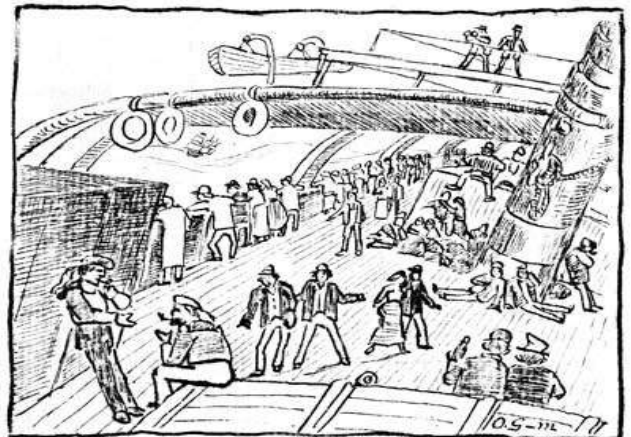
Cherry Grove, Oregon, A Swedish Community
By Jerry C. Olson, A Second and Third Generation Swede

Mr. Rolf Erlandson and the Sweden he left
Edited by Ingeborg Dean

Rötter i Vindeln möts 2009 i Palm Springs, Kalifornien
(in Swedish)

By Catarina (Nygren) Martin

See them at www.swedishrootsinoregon.org



Immigrant ship ink drawing by Swedish artist Olof Grafström, ca 1885

Do You Need to Renew Your Swedish Passport?

Lars Jonsson and staff at the consulate are happy to announce that the Mobile Passport Station will visit the Swedish Consulate in Kirkland, May 9-12th 2016!

The mobile passport station enables Swedish citizens to apply for passports. However, the number of applications is limited so make sure to book an appointment as soon as possible.

You find the web-address; seattle@consulateofsweden.org where all instructions are available.

Note: Last year the consulate arranged pick up of passports in Portland, Oregon.



Lars Jonsson
Consul - State of
Washington and
Oregon

2016 Events Calendar summary

February 11-28th: Portland International Film Festival.

March 6th: Sunday, New Sweden Annual Meeting, 3 pm, at West Hills Unitarian Fellowship Church, at 8470 S. W Oleson Rd, Portland, OR 97223

March 15th: Medicare Joint meeting with Harmoni, 10:00am - Noon in Nordia House.

April 30th: Walpurgis Celebration at the home of Connie and Morgan Pope, at 33411 S. W Laurel Rd. Hillsboro, OR 97123. Starts at 7:00pm.

June 6th: Saturday, Sweden National Day

June 11 or 25th: Scandinavian Midsummer Festival at Oaks Park date and time TBD
(Astoria Midsummer on June 17, 18, & 19)

August 6: Saturday, annual Kräftskiva Crayfish Party , reservations required

August 15-20th: Trollbacken, Swedish Language and Culture Camp for children ages 7-13

September, Date TBD: Annual Antique and Garage sale at the West Hills Unitarian Church

October 1st: SHF ScanFeast Auction and gala.

December 3 & 4th: Saturday and Sunday, ScanFair at Portland's Memorial Coliseum

December 10th: Lucia Festival.

New Sweden Cultural Heritage Society
2845 NW Circle A Drive
Portland, OR 97229

2016 Membership Renewals and New Memberships!

Memberships are renewed each year and run from January through December. Please use this form to renew now and save the cost of mailing a separate membership renewal request! You may also renew for multiple years by multiplying the annual dues amount by the number of years desired and indicating your intention on the form.

Thanks for supporting New Sweden with your dues!

Membership Renewal or New Member Form

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Email: _____

Single \$20.00 Family \$35.00 Patron \$50

Scholarship Fund donation (\$_____)

Make checks payable to "New Sweden" and send to
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