

Message from your President - Kristi Gustafson

I hope you are receiving and enjoying your subscription to the Sweden & America magazine. In the recent issue, member Margi Tossi read about Swede Hollow in St. Paul, Minnesota, and contacted a relative in St. Paul, learning he had volunteered when the area had been turned into a park. Margi wanted to pass on the Minnesota Historical Society has a wealth of information available on their website about Swedish immigration to Minnesota.



In February, our Ross Fogelquist was inducted into the Beaverton High School Hall of Achievement for his "contribution to Scandinavian culture". Ross was one of thirty-four inductees including leaders in business, Olympic athletes, educators and philanthropists. Congratulations Ross!

We had record attendance at our annual Membership Appreciation Day meeting. Next year we'll plan to have it in a larger venue if we can match the stunning display of Swedish fare. Your Board worked to put on a wonderful event - special thanks to Gun Marie Rosqvist for creating the smörgåstårta and to Gunilla Rhodin for the prinsesstårta, to Jimmy Granstrom, Anna-Karin Lindbergh-Rednoske and Rhonda Erlandson for their presentations, and Carl Thompson for his technical support.

It was GunMarie Rosqvist's last meeting before she passed the Membership Chair position on to Charles Neiman. GunMarie donated many, many hours to our organization serving as our Treasurer for thirteen years and as the Membership Chair. Additionally, she volunteered at almost every event New Sweden had. Thank you GunMarie!

We are gearing up for some busy months ahead and our Volunteer Coordinator Karin Olson has been hard at work getting volunteers to make these events a success. Please check out the "Upcoming Events" as some of the dates have changed. After our traditional April 30th Walpurgis, we'll join Harmoni Lodge on May 21st, for a presentation by Marianne Bratt about her family's shipping company during WWII. This presentation was done a year ago at the Nordic Northwest Lecture Series and was given such high acclaim we wanted to make sure those who may not have heard it had the opportunity.

Watch your emails for when the tickets for our Kräftskiva party (August 19th) go on sale. Last year we were at maximum capacity and this year expect to sell out early.

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Annual Membership Appreciation Meeting and smörgåstårta recipe

Like last year, the Membership Appreciation Meeting (formerly known as the Annual Meeting) was held in the Forest Room at the West Hills Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Church. Rhonda Erlandsson introduced the new SRIO book “Across Sixteen Countries” and music presentations were given by Jimmy Granström (“The Songs and Musicals of Bo Wastesson and Ture Rangström”) and Anna-Karin Lindbergh Rednoske (“Helena Munktell”). However, the most appreciated part of the meeting was definitely the food, especially the smörgåstårta and prinsesstårta. Below you’ll find the recipe for smörgåstårta.

Smörgåstårta recipe

16 slices of white bread sliced lengthwise

Filling # 1:

3 hardboiled eggs, chopped

1 leek, light colored part, thinly sliced

1 small tube of Kalles Kaviar (can be found at IKEA or Edelweiss Delicatessen)

Filling # 2:

1 can of tuna in water, 185 gram

2-3 tbsp mayo

2 tbsp dill, finely chopped

Salt, pepper to taste

Filling # 3:

200 gram (almost half a pound) soft cheese (for instance Laughing Cow wedges)

1-2 tsp horseradish

¼ lb pastrami or similar meat, sliced into strips or chopped

1-2 tbsp whip-cream if necessary for consistency

Garnish:

1 1/3 cup sour cream (or thick Greek yoghurt)

1 small jar of black caviar

1/3 to ½ lb cooked shrimp

Dill sprigs

Cucumber, lemon, tomatoes sliced

Mix the fillings separately to a spreadable consistency. Taste for seasonings. Cut crust off bread. Butter lightly 12 slices. Put down 4 side by side. Spread one filling on top. Then layer with 4 more slices, and another filling. Repeat once more. Cover with the unbuttered slices of bread. Cover with plastic wrap, and refrigerate over-night. Spread sour cream over the cake and decorate. You can use anything you want as garnish. The above ingredients are only a suggestion.



Warren Aney with Ing. 2 cap



Göta Engineer Regiment Eng. 2 -
"A unit prepared for the future"



Regimental host Major Lööf
with his assistant Kristina Heindorff.

ING 2 cap - A story about an ancestor's military service (by Warren Aney) Part 1/2

I had an interesting experience at the March 2017 New Sweden Member Appreciation Day meeting. I wore a special Swedish cap to this event to see if anyone noticed it. I had been given this blue cap with gold letter unit markings when I visited the Swedish army unit in Eksjö that my morfarsfarsfarsfar (great-great-great grandfather) once served in. Hans Lundin, the gentleman seated next to me at this meeting, did notice the cap's ING 2 marking and asked if that referred to a Swedish army unit. I said it did and told him I got the cap from the unit that my ancestor once served in. He then told me he served in that unit during the 1960s.

Visiting Sweden

The families of my mother's parents emigrated from Sweden in the late 1800s. Her mother's family came from Skåne and her father's family came from Småland. My family and I planned to visit our family heritage locations in 2001 so I did considerable research to learn about our families' histories and where they lived. I learned that one ancestor, Petter Svensson Gamm, had served in the Swedish army's Göta Ingenjörregemente (Göta Engineer Regiment) during the early 1800s. And I found out that the unit he served in was, and still is stationed in Eksjö, not far from my great-grandparents' family home near the town of Lenhovda in the Småland province.

In June 2001 my wife and I visited Lenhovda then drove north to Eksjö. I telephoned the engineer unit, spoke to Major Tomas Lööf, their public information officer, and he invited us to meet with him at the unit compound. Major Lööf provided an orientation on the unit and a tour of the compound. Then he gave each of us a blue cap trimmed with the gold letters ING 2 (2nd Engineers, the current name for the unit my ancestor belonged to). I gave him an insignia patch for Oregon Army National Guard's 162nd Engineer Regiment (a unit I once served in) and a replica Lewis and Clark peace medal. (To be continued in the next newsletter).



2017 New Sweden Walpurgis Celebration

Like last year, Valborgsmässoafton was celebrated on April 30th at the Pope's beautiful residence in Hillsboro. New Sweden provided hot dogs, coffee, tea, juice as well as a variety of cookies, and the Scandinavian Chorus provided performances of traditional Swedish songs to highlight the arrival of spring. Unlike last year, it was a really chilly evening, but soon everybody had a chance to warm up by the bonfire. Many thanks to the organizers for keeping this wonderful tradition alive!

May 21 Joint Meeting with Harmoni Lodge

Marianne Bratt will tell about her family's shipping company in Sweden and the role it played during WWII. While Sweden officially remained neutral, Marianne's father sided with the Allies and used his fleet of ships to deliver food and cargo to Northern Europe. In doing so, his ships were attacked and he lost half his fleet. Marianne gave this talk a year ago at the NNW Friday Lecture series and it was described as one of the best.

Harmoni Lodge has invited New Sweden to join them for this presentation on May 21st, at 4:45pm, at the Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 NE 40th Ave, Portland, 97212. Afterwards, socialize and enjoy pizza, beer, wine or soda (no host tip jar). Some on-street parking available, or paid parking behind the building.



Annual Antique and Garage Sale, Fogelbo, June 2-3

New Sweden Annual Garage and Antique Sale will be held in the garage at Fogelbo. Please park on SW 89th Street and not in the Nordia House parking lot. Please bring your donations to Fogelbo after May 15th. People wanting to rent tables need to contact Ross Fogelquist (503-244-3697). Times are from 10am to 5pm on Friday and Saturday, June 2-3. Members are asked to donate baked goods for the Cafe Stuga at the garage sale. Proceeds from the sale will go to help the Swedish language camp Trollbacken. We need volunteers so please contact Karin Olson (503-646-4108) if you want to help.

Scandinavian Midsummer Festival, June 10

The 89th annual Portland Scandinavian Midsummer Festival will be held at Oaks Park in Sellwood, on Saturday June 10th from 11am to 6pm. The Festival is presented by Nordic Northwest & The League of Swedish Societies.

Meet us there for entertainment and dancing followed by the raising of the Maypole at 1pm. New Sweden will have their traditional booth at the festival. More information about the celebration can be found on the Nordic Northwest website: <https://www.scanheritage.org/midsummer>.



History of an old village, Anna-Karin Lindbergh Rednoske (continued from the November and February Newsletters) Part 3/3 - Midsummer Celebrations

Brevens Bruk is also famous for a traditional Swedish midsummer celebration held every year. Thousands of people from neighboring areas gather and celebrate. The celebration has drawn attention all the way to Germany and hundreds of German tourists share in the celebration. The maypole has a special look; seven garlands made of leaves from the lily of the valley, that has been sliced and shaped into little crowns and decorated with colorful flowers. At the top of the pole there is a rooster, a ball, an arrow and a streamer. By the tradition the girls in Brevens Bruk have the responsibility for making the garlands.

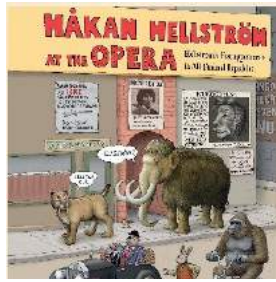
Written by: Anna-Karin (A-K) Lindbergh Rednoske

Sources: Wikipedia.org, Brevens.se

Thank you to Brukskontoret and Brevens Bruk AB for your information



Håkan's debut album and his most recent release



Björn Olsson



"Din tid kommer"



At the three-way junction between euphoria, gratitude and melancholy - From Gothenburg With Love Signed Håkan Hellström and Björn Olsson (By Jimmy Granström)

Håkan Hellström is one of Sweden's most popular singer/songwriters. Born and raised in Gothenburg, Sweden's second biggest city which locals often refer to as "the Swedish front side of the Best Coast (Sveriges framsida på bästkusten)". Gothenburg is often considered to be more laid-back than Stockholm on the East Coast, i.e. comparable to the Pacific West Coast. In 2000, Håkan released his debut album "Känn ingen sorg för mig, Göteborg (Feel no sadness for me, Gothenburg)", which is a working class equivalent of Eva Perón's "Don't Cry For Me, Argentina" from the musical "Evita". Despite some criticism, Håkan's eight solo albums have gained major critical acclaim and commercial success in Sweden during the last 17 years.

Håkan's most recent album "Du gamla, du fria" (also the name of Sweden's national anthem) was released in August 2016. "Din tid kommer (Your time will come)", the first single from the album - also featured on the EP "1974" - was released in April. Håkan wrote the song with fellow Gothenburg songwriter Björn Olsson, and the pair has worked extensively since 2004. In the video for "Din tid kommer", we see an elderly Håkan in a retirement home (a few decades from now) reminiscing his life in the form of cartoons from his childhood and adolescence to euphoric video footage from recent record-setting concerts with around 70.000 spectators at Ullevi in Gothenburg. The video has an uplifting message, based on gratitude and pride, but the melancholy of what life could have been - for example when Håkan's mother tells him to do everything she was never able to do, e.g. "rise up after every punch, there's an angel on your shoulder, your time will come" - is never far away. In the YouTube video "håkan & björn gör musik", Håkan captures this sentiment when he says: "(Björn and I) have nothing better to do (than to make music). What else would we do? We would have to apply for jobs at (the food store) ICA. None of us have an education. We've got no such experiences at all. And now we got the opportunity to make music, so of course we hold on to it for as long as we can. We hold it convulsively in our hands". At the three-way junction between euphoria, gratitude and melancholy, Håkan and Björn have created a musical legacy deeply rooted in their humble Gothenburg beginnings, which have served both as an inspiration and a reminder throughout their careers.



Annual Crayfish Party (Kräftskiva) on August 19th

This year's Crayfish Party will be on Saturday August 19th, on the grounds of Fogelbo. This year's event will be a potluck, where New Sweden will provide the Crayfish, meatballs and potatoes, and some traditional accompanying dishes. Each guest is asked to bring a dish of their choice or a dessert for the dessert table. Guests will select which dish or dessert to bring at the time of registration.

More information will be provided at a later date and in the next Newsletter.

2017 Events Calendar Summary

May 21st: Joint meeting with Harmoni Lodge (Mariann Bratt presentation at 4.45pm)

Also May 21st: Portland Scandinavian Chorus concert at Nordia House at 4pm

June 2nd-3rd, 10am-5pm: Annual Antique and Garage Sale at Fogelbo

June 10th: Saturday 11am-6pm, Scandinavian Midsummer Festival at Oaks Park (Astoria Midsummer Festival June 17-19th)

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

August 19th: Saturday, Annual Kräftskiva Crayfish Party, reservations required

September 22nd: Sofia Talvik concert at Nordia House

October 21st: Nordic Northwest Scanfeast Auction and Gala

December 2nd and 3rd: Saturday and Sunday, Scanfair at Portland's Memorial Coliseum

December 9th: Lucia festival



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2017 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!

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