



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.

St. Lucia: It's a Family Affair

Oh yes! The roots of our St. Lucia celebrations are very deep! The legend of Lucia, the Italian young woman who—with a torch strapped to her head for light—brought food to Christians hiding in caves dates from the fourth century. The tradition of Swedish girls in long white nightgowns who bring coffee and pastries to family members on Dec. 13 started in the late 18th century. The song “Santa Lucia” was transcribed in the mid-1800s. The tradition has deep roots in Sweden, and it also goes back many years at the Center.

In the handwritten *Supplementary History of the Swedish Club of Seattle, Wash., 1944–1960*, the first mention of a Lucia festival is in 1952. In the brisk style of the book, the December entry for that year states only the following: “Dec. 13. Lucia Fest. Masonic Temple. A large crowd. Fine program. Lucia Bride Ruby Lundquist. Net went to the Booster Club.” Our reporting may be more expressive these days, but the Lucia tradition remains, and last year’s Lucia bride was none other than Ruby’s granddaughter; **Annalisa Brombach**.

These days, the club celebrates Lucia in two programs: the Lucia *bal* (dance) on Friday evening, Dec. 10, and a Lucia *tog* (pageant) with musical entertainment on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 12. SCC member **Marci Larsson** is organizing the pageant for the Dec. 10 program with the help of a group of Swedish au pairs staying with local families. The *bal* will include a smorgasbord dinner and dancing around the Christmas tree with music by **Richard Svensson**, followed by dance music from Sylvia Jorgensen and her band. The Dec 12 pageant is organized by students at the UW’s Scandinavian Studies Department. It will also feature holiday songs by the Swedish Women’s Chorus, dancing around the Christmas tree, and a coffee and cookies reception. For other details about each presentation, such as times, costs, and



Last year’s Lucia at the SCC was Annalisa Brombach. Here she gets accustomed to her candle crown with a little coaching from Ruby Lundquist Johnston, her grandmother—who was the Center’s Lucia back in 1952.

reservation requirements, please see the calendar on page 8 of the newsletter. Please join us for this annual treat.

Get On Board for Julbord

Julbord is serious business in Sweden. It literally means “Christmas table,” but the roots are even more ancient than a simple Christmas meal. *Jul* is the word for the old midwinter pagan festival celebrating the return of the sun (perhaps *jul* is related to “wheel” in a reference to the turning of

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President's Notes

Christmas in Sweden is a special time of year, with millions of lights aglow and festivities planned for a full month-long celebration to help dispel an otherwise dark and gloomy winter. As this wonderful holiday season fast approaches, there are many ways to celebrate the beauty and meaning right here at the Swedish Cultural Center.

- Dec. 3 and 17: Our Swedish chefs, **Ann-Margret Lightle** and **Malin Jonsson**, will offer the traditional *Julbord* (Christmas table) during Friday Kafe and Happy Hour.
- Dec. 10: The *Lucia Bal* will feature a *Lucia tog*, a delicious smorgasbord, and dancing around the Christmas tree.
- Dec. 12: The Lucia Fest will feature a *Lucia tog* by UW students, along with *lussekatter* (saffron buns), coffee, and a splendid array of Christmas cookies.
- Dec. 15: *Kafferep*, a traditional Swedish coffee party, will more than likely feature a wonderful assortment of Christmas cookies baked with love by our Swedish bakers.

The Swedish Cultural Center welcomes

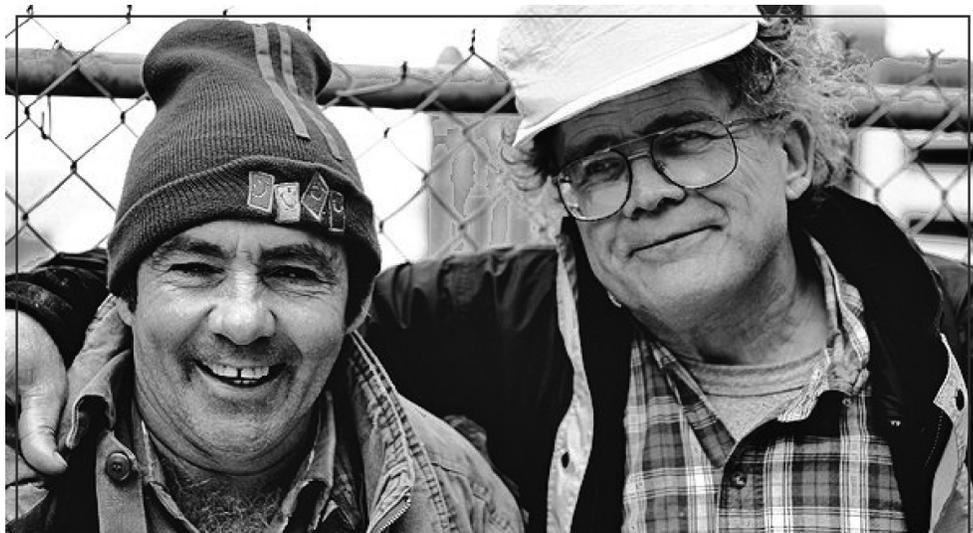
all of you to experience these traditions in true Swedish style.

And, speaking of tradition, you will soon be receiving the Swedish Cultural Center's annual appeal letter. Please take a moment to review it and carefully consider a monetary contribution to support this wonderful organization. It is through your generosity that we're able to realize the SCC vision:

The iconic Swedish Cultural Center, overlooking Lake Union, provides a link between generations of Scandinavians here and abroad and has become a "third place" for members of the community. Known for the quality of its varied programs, it provides an opportunity to socialize, learn about and experience all aspects of Swedish culture.

Thank you all for your support! To all our members and friends, *God Jul* and *Gott Nytt Ar!*

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Cultural Director's Notes

I'll be home for lefse! If Christmas in Sweden is the antidote to darkness, it's also the antidote to hunger. Every culture celebrates its holidays with traditional food, but the Swedes do it up right with very special seasonal foods and even various foods that match milestones in the holiday season. From the Nobel Peace Prize five-course banquet on Dec. 10, to St. Lucia's Day with *pepparkakor* and the special saffron-flavored buns *lussekatter* on Dec. 13, to the numerous multi-course *julbord* buffets that one can enjoy with coworkers, family, etc., in restaurants all over Sweden throughout December, the Swedish Christmas season is a time for cooking, baking, and eating! Oh, I didn't even mention lutefisk, or whatever your family traditionally eats on Christmas Eve. The Swedish Cultural Center can do no less than honor the holiday food traditions of

Sweden, even if in some cases (lutefisk, for example) they're hundreds of years old and bespeak the history of a rural and often poverty-stricken culture. A pig motif on the Christmas card and a Christmas ham on the table,



after all, hark back to a farming tradition. In the cold Swedish climate, the typical farm couldn't sustain all the animals over the winter, so small animals such as pigs were slaughtered in the fall. The family prepared most of it as salt pork to last all winter but reprieved a couple of pigs for the Christmas table. And today, when you come to the Center's *julbord* on either Dec. 3 or Dec. 17, you'll be served Christmas ham, prepared the Swedish way.

We're able to keep to tradition and offer all these very special celebrations that you'll read about on the back page of the newsletter because we have high-quality and dedicated volunteers and staff. A flock of volunteers have offered to decorate the Christmas trees and swap out the display cases for Christmas decorations. A handful of volunteers have been planning the food and dancing for the *Lucia Bal* since last year. A group of Swedish au pairs and their leader, Marci Larsson, are preparing the *Luciatog* (pageant) for the ball. Ann-Margret and Malin have been planning the *julbord* buffets for months now, and Ann-Margret and her daughter **Sara Lightle** are planning New Year's Eve. And so it goes. At our recent Volunteer Appreciation Dinner we reviewed our monthly reports of volunteer hours and calculated that our volunteers have worked the equivalent of two full-time employees. (You volunteers are consistently reporting your hours, aren't you?) And the best part is that most of what you're doing is also fun!

I hope you will have a chance to meet **Sharon Lucas**, our interim executive director. She has been hired for three months to manage the operations of the facility and help the Board prepare a business plan for the club. Some of you may remember that Sharon also had the role of interim executive director for the Nordic Heritage Museum some years back. Her policy is "open door," so please stop by. We also hope you'll participate in some of the holiday events around the Center. *God jul*, everyone!

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SCC Announces

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

The Swedish Cultural Center announces 995 member households.

New Members

Caroline Bakketun
Nicola, Kevin, Benjamin and
Nicholas Crowe
Britt and John Dennon
Lars Eggehorn
Tommy and Pria Fortes
Lisa, Bill and Darcy Gustaveson
Dr. Belinda J. Gustafson, Dr. David
B. Rowlett III, Kristina Rowlett,
and David B. Rowlett IV
Brent, Kathryn, Riley, Dylan, and
Annika Gustafson
Dr. Thomas, Terri, Drew, Abby and
Lily Gustafson
Ian Goodhew
Judy and Rollie Grams
Blaine Hammond
Fredrik Hedman
Edward and Donna Johnson
Laurie Johnson
Rick and Peggy Johnson
Vernette Johnson
Ernest and Marilyn Karlstrom
Per Kimblad
Edward and Patricia Kloth
Henry Lingat
Sharon Lucas
Catharina Lundin
Marlys McDonald
Caitlin McMahon
Alan Randall
Louise Riley
Norma Jean Sands
Dan Satterberg
Jodie Sharp
Ryan Storkman
John and Lauren Wiley-Greenland

Deaths

Lucille Lundstrom
Lloyd Summerhays

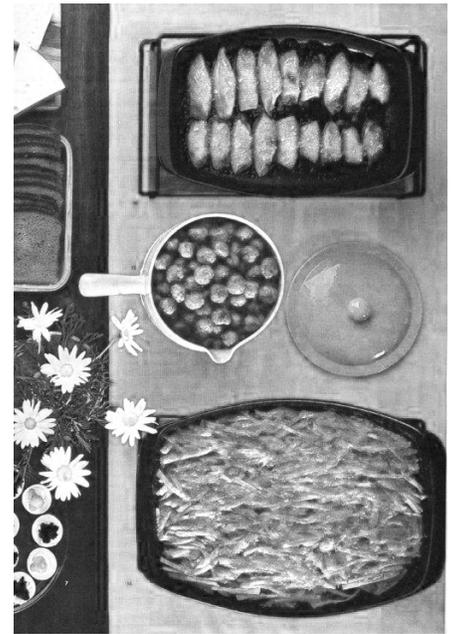
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information by mistake.



JULBORD *Continued from p. 1*

the season). *Bord* means table in Swedish and refers to olden times when in lieu of a table, guests balanced boards on their laps to hold their food.

Everyone in Sweden eats at least one *julbord* during the season—so Ann-Margret and Malin are preparing us a delicious and typical *julbord* for Friday Happy Hours on Dec. 3 and 17. They're not holding anything back, either. You'll feast on *inkokt lax* (poached salmon), *gravad lax* (cured salmon), *ägg* (egg), *inlagd sill* (pickled herring), *citrus sill* (citrus herring), *ostbricka* (cheese tray), *sillsallad* (herring and beet salad), *skinka* (ham), *köttbullar* (meatballs), *prinskorv* (sausage), *revbensspjäll* (ribs), *rödkål* (red cabbage), *brunkål* (brown cabbage), *Jansons Frestelse* (Janson's Temptation), and *svenskt bröd* (Swedish bread). For dessert, you'll enjoy *ris a la Malta* (rice pudding), *småkakor* (Swedish cookies), *marsipan godis* (marzipan candy), and *kaffe* (you guessed it, coffee).

Left: A *julbord* can be a little intimidating, but you don't have to eat everything on the table. **Center:** The first course is always the cold fish and meat selections. **Right:** Then grab a clean plate for the warm food, such as meatballs, ham, and potatoes.

The cost is \$25 for a prepaid reservation two days in advance and \$30 without a reservation. Children 12 and under are \$14. Even with a paid reservation, you'll need to arrive between 6 and 7 p.m. Depending on interest, we may have a second seating at 8 p.m. on Dec. 17.

To make a prepaid reservation, call with your credit card number (206-283-1090) or send your check in to the office (1920 Dexter Ave. N., Seattle, WA 98109). Our chefs will also prepare a light *julbord* for lunch on both Dec. 3 and 17, for \$14. No need to reserve in advance for the lunch *julbord*.

Holiday Hint for Members!

Want to give a gift that can be enjoyed for the entire year? A gift that tells your loved ones what's important to you and, you hope, will become important to them? That supports the club and helps us introduce your family and friends to the cool stuff going on? Give a gift of membership in the Swedish Cultural Center. If you contact us at least five business days before you need them, we'll send you the new membership cards, so you have something to wrap up for the Christmas tree! Visit www.swedishculturalcenter.org or call 206-283-1090 to purchase a membership for your friends and family. Thanks to **Karin Gustafson** for adding her entire family as members!

Beginning Swedish for Children

Aoften-requested opportunity is finally here! We are starting a Swedish beginner class for children between the ages of 6 and 11. This is for children who are interested in learning (or improving) their Swedish in a fun and easy way. The class will focus on basic vocabulary and simple phrases, such as greetings, common questions and answers, and everyday vocabulary, so children can start expressing themselves in Swedish.

Julbord Survival Guide

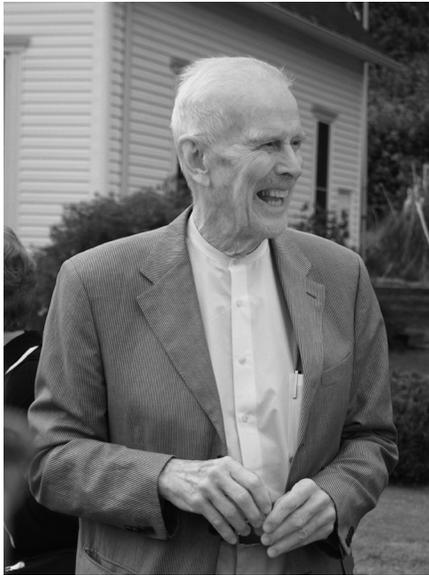
What's the best way to eat *julbord*? To help you enjoy the typical three-course extravaganza of homemade dishes, Ann-Margret and Malin offer the following instructions:

- Start with a cup or glass of *glögg* in the bar. Also, buy a beer and some *snaps* (aquavit) for your dinner.
- Find your table and ogle all the dishes on the *julbord*. Remember: you don't have to eat it all, but eat what you like and try something new for fun.
- Eat the fish first and use a separate plate for it.
- Continue with cold meat and the warm dishes.
- Finish with a cup of "Santa's porridge" (rice pudding) and a plate of sweet treats.
- Enjoy!

We'll mainly work with spoken Swedish, but we will use some written language too, so children can learn the strange vowels with dots and circles: ä, å, ö. The class will incorporate songs, games, drama, and other fun language activities to provide an excellent environment for child learners. The instructor is Pia Nyström from Sweden.

The cost for the eight-class series is \$100 for members and \$150 for the public. Siblings will get a substantial price break. Classes will meet Saturdays from 9:30 to 12 noon, Jan. 15 to Mar. 5. And for parents and other adults who want to learn Swedish, **Laura Wideburg** will also offer a beginning Swedish class next door in the same Saturday morning time slot.

Bidding Farewell to Baird



The community lost a friend this past month with the passing of **Baird Bardarson, M.D.** Baird's father was Icelandic, and Baird was a leader in the local Icelandic community, serving as President of the Icelandic Club of Seattle and traveling often to Iceland. Baird was also a member of the Swedish Cultural Center, a nod to his mother's Swedish heritage. His Scandina-

vian roots showed themselves throughout his life. As a physician practicing in Renton, he believed that women should have reproductive choice, which led to his becoming a pioneer in the state in providing safe and legal abortions. He also raced sailing dinghies until his mid-70s, and his and his wife Peggy retired to beach property on Whidbey Island. In addition to his prizes for winning sailboat races and his national role among abortion providers and pro-choice organizations, Baird was also instrumental in getting the Whidbey Island Unitarian Church built. According to his family, he always hoped it would be finished in time for his memorial service. And it was! No matter how brief one's interaction was with Baird, he was always full of life and had a twinkle in his eye for everyone in his path. He will be missed.

Opening a New Door

Many thanks to SCC member **Al Thorslund** for his leadership in providing the club with its new sliding door from the bar to the outside deck. Al, who works for Schultz Miller Construction, teamed with Craig Lundgren, son of a past Board member and owner of Lundgren Enterprises, to supply and install the new door. Al and Craig have worked together on many stylish new and remodeled

homes in the area.

Lundgren Enterprises supplies premium sliding doors, windows, and skylights—and our door is as premium as they get! The door has made access to the deck much easier and provides fresh air on hot evenings. More and more guests are now sitting outside, visiting with friends, and watching sailboat races on the lake or the magical lights of the city come on. We are pleased and thankful for their generous gift—and now we need to add outside chairs and tables to the scene. If you'd like to donate, send a check to the club and mark it for "Outside Tables and Chairs by Next Summer."

Thanks again, Al and Craig. Oh, and if you need a home builder or windows, doors, and skylights, here's the contact information for their companies: www.schultzmiller.com and lundgrenenterprises.com. We recommend them!



Al Thorslund checks out the new sliding glass door that he and Craig Lundgren helped the club to have installed from the Crown Room lounge out to the deck.



Sandra Ohlsson, SCC's intern from Sweden, and SCC members **Alice Anderson** and **Jane Isakson Lea** enjoy a cup of coffee at a recent third Wednesday *Kafferep* at the Center. The art by Elisabet Persson will be on display and for sale through Jan. 7. If our bakers don't want to bring shame on their kitchens, our *Kafferep* in December will feature at least seven kinds of Christmas cookies. It's free to members and everyone is invited to join the fun. Join us at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 15.

Talent Show Shout-Out!

Start preparing your musical numbers or other acts for the Swedish club's annual talent show on Friday, Jan. 21. The holidays will be over and you'll be rested up, so you'll be in fine form to help defend our reputation for wonderful Swedish talent against those Norwegians who invaded from Ballard last year. We've decided to add a bit of extra fun (and fundraising) to the competition this year and ask you to vote for your favorite talent with your kronor ... er, your dollars. Start practicing if you'll be performing, and if you're not performing, start rounding up your posse to vote for your favorite talent. The registration form for the talent show will be on the home page at www.swedishculturalcenter.org. Come one, come all!



Mark Your Calendars

Sunday, Jan. 2. Pancake Breakfast. Volunteers needed.

Wednesday, Jan. 5. Members & Friends Dinner: Landscape architect Guy Michaelsen will talk about the project of converting Sand Point Naval Air Station's 10 acres of concrete into Magnuson Park, the city's newest and largest park.

Friday, Jan. 21. Talent Show for members and friends.

Wednesday, Feb. 2. Members & Friends Dinner: "Swedish Massage—What Is It Anyway?" A masseuse and several practitioners will talk about Swedish massage and do hand massage at the table.

Sunday, Feb. 6. Pancake Breakfast.

Wednesday, Mar. 2. Members & Friends Dinner: Sunnie Empie, local author of *The Legacy of Ida Lillbroända: Finnish Emigrant to America 1893*.

Sunday, Mar. 6. Pancake Breakfast.

Friday, Mar. 11. 50th anniversary party for the building.

April. Pea Soup Challenge.

Saturday, June 4. Sweden Day Dinner & Car Show.



ABBA? No, Arrival!

Do your eyes—and ears—deceive you? Well, yes and no. It's not ABBA, but the next best thing. Arrival is an ABBA tribute band founded by Vicky Zetterberg in 1995 in Gothenburg.

This goes way beyond karaoke night. While they'll probably never be a rival to their muses, Arrival is possibly the most popular and best-selling ABBA tribute band. They've toured over 35 nations and appeared on TV and radio all over the world.

The Pacific Northwest will get a little taste of Sweden when Arrival brings its touring show, "THE MUSIC OF ABBA" (backed by musicians from the original band!) to the Snoqualmie Casino on Jan. 6, 2011. Visit snocasino.com/events/the-music-of-abba to learn more.

Blue + Yellow = Green

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Members & Friends: Lapland on Two Wheels

He's been howled at by wolves, stared at by reindeer, and stuck in a women's shower. It was all part of the journey for Robert Goldstein, who stepped out of his job as chief financial officer of Seattle's public library system and into a 2,200-mile Arctic journey. On a folding bicycle.

"Thank God for the reindeer. At least I had living objects I could talk to," said Goldstein, who has chronicled his adventures in his new book, *Riding with Reindeer: A Bicycle Odyssey through Finland, Lapland and Arctic Norway*. Goldstein's quest took him through areas of historical and cultural significance, as well as through vast herds of reindeer kept by Sami tribesmen. He'll be our guest at the Members & Friends Dinner on Wednesday, Dec. 1. Three-course meal for \$18. RSVP by Tuesday, Nov. 30. Late RSVPs and walk-ins \$22. RSVP to 206-283-1090 or rsvp@swedishculturalcenter.org. Social hour 5:30, dinner 6:30, program 7:30.



Hemlandsnytt

News from the homeland

A column of current Swedish news topics, taken from Swedish news media.

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Deal? Zhejiang Geely Holding Group signed a binding deal recently to buy Ford Motor Company's Volvo Cars Unit for \$1.8 billion, representing a coup for the independent Chinese automaker, which is aiming to expand in Europe. The price, including a \$200 million note with the remainder to be paid out in cash, is far less than the \$6.45 billion Ford paid for the Swedish automaker in 1999. Ford has been trying to sell Volvo since late 2008 to focus its resources on managing its core Ford, Lincoln, and Mercury brands.

More China: Chinese Vice President Xi Jinping met with visiting King Carl XVI Gustaf on Nov. 8, and the two sides vowed to advance bilateral relations to a higher level, especially in technological innovation. Xi extended his welcome to the King, applauding the Swedish royal family for its role in promoting the development of China-Sweden relations. He also commented that Sweden was the first Western country to forge diplomatic ties with the new China.

Ouch: Scandinavian Airlines (SAS) has reported a steep loss for the third quarter—mainly due to one-time charges, including a 660 million kronor (\$164 million) price-fixing fine by the European Union. The Stockholm-headquartered group posted a net loss of 1.1 billion kronor (\$164 million) in the quarter, compared with a profit of 152 million kronor a year earlier.

Partnership: Ghana is currently Sweden's third largest trade partner in sub-Saharan Africa. Dr. Ewa Björling, Swedish minister of trade, announced recently at a press conference in Accra. She noted that trade

relations between the two countries had steadily increased over the years, indicating increased interest among Swedish companies in strengthening business relations with Ghana. Dr. Björling also described Ghana as a country with impressive growth and fortunes, rich in history and culture.

Crook: Julian Assange, the elusive Australian behind the biggest leak of U.S. war documents in history, is wanted by Sweden in a drawn-out rape probe and could soon face an international arrest warrant curtailing his ability to jump from one country to another. A Swedish court has approved a motion to bring Assange, the 39-year-old founder of WikiLeaks, into custody for questioning. The decision paves the way for prosecutors to seek his arrest abroad through Interpol. Assange, whose whereabouts are unknown, is suspected of rape, sexual molestation, and unlawful coercion. He has denied the allegations, which stem from his encounters with two women during a visit to Sweden in August.

Out: The head of Sweden's main center-left opposition party, the Social Democrats, has resigned, two months after a disastrous election result confirmed a swing to the right. The resignation of Mona Sahlin paves the way for a power struggle within the party, which once dominated Swedish politics and created the so called Swedish model of cradle-to-grave welfare.

How Swede it is: Anyone who longs for a real aesthetic experience should consider travelling to Brazil. According to a poll by the search engine Skyscanner, that's where the most beautiful people in the world live. But for Swedes who may not have the time or money to travel to Brazil, then it is wiser to stay home—because in the same survey, Sweden came in second among the countries with the most beautiful people.

Opinions expressed are not those of the Swedish Cultural Center.

Members & Friends Dinner

WEDNESDAY,
Dec. 1, 2010

Social 5:30 p.m.

Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Cost \$18

RSVP by noon Nov. 30. Late RSVPs and walk-ins: \$22.

First course

Limpa med smör

Limpa bread and butter
Inlagd sill och rödbets och löksallad

Pickled herring, beet and onion salad

Second course



Fiskgratäng

Fish au gratin

Gröna bönor med smör och rostad mandel

Buttered green beans with toasted almonds
Hasselbackspotatis
Hasselback potatoes

Dessert

Pocherade päron i vin/lingonsås med vispgrädd
Poached pears in wine/lingonberry sauce with whipped cream

Jan. 5 Menu:

Limpa bread and butter
Leek and potato soup
Cardamom rubbed pork chops with apples and sauteed onions
Braised red cabbage
Creamed potatoes with parsley
Swedish nutcake served with whipped cream



Julfest

Everyone is welcome! Seattle First Covenant Church's 52nd Annual Julfest is Sunday, Dec. 5, at 4 p.m. Julfest is a Scandinavian Advent service, featuring a traditional St. Lucia procession. The program in Swedish and English is easy to follow and includes lessons and carols in both languages. A candlelight reception follows, with coffee and Scandinavian refreshments. Admission is free. Call 206-322-7411 or visit www.seattlefirstcovenant.org for more information.

Coming Events at the Swedish Cultural Center

Every Friday. Swedish Kafé & Happy Hour!

Smörgås sandwiches by **Svedala Bakery**, Swedish meatballs, homemade pastries. *Kafé* starting 12 noon. Ann-Margret's and Malin's food starts at 6 p.m. Weekly menu: www.swedishculturalcenter.org

Every Friday. Library & Genealogy.

Our Friday librarian and genealogist will guide your research or help you find a book. 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Every Friday. Viking Series.

Our Viking DVD series with Professor Harl from Tulane University. 5:30 p.m. in the library. Start anywhere in the series. Free.

Every Friday. Matinee.

Scandinavian films with English subtitles. \$5 donation. 2 p.m. Come early for a sandwich in our Friday Kafé.

- Dec. 3. Swedish film: *Winter Light* by Ingmar Bergman.
- Dec. 10. Danish film: *The Celebration*.
- Dec. 17. English-language film: *Aberdeen*.

Wednesday, Dec. 1.

Members & Friends Dinner!

Riding with Reindeer by local author Bob Goldberg. The book's subtitle is "A Bicycle Odyssey through Finland, Lapland and Arctic Norway." Bob will describe his journey and provide historical and cultural anecdotes about the regions he traveled through. Three-course meal for \$18. RSVP by Tuesday, Nov. 30. Late RSVPs and walk-ins \$22. RSVP to 206-283-1090 or rsvp@swedishculturalcenter.org. Social hour 5:30, dinner 6:30, program 7:30.

Fridays, Dec. 3 & 17. Julbord.

Our Friday Kafé lunch and dinner will include a real *julbord* with all the authentic Swedish Christmas food. Lunch at 12 noon: \$14; dinner at 6 p.m.: \$25 prepaid two days in advance, or \$30 for walk-ins.

Sunday, Dec. 5. Swedish Pancakes.

Music and dancing make it the best food and entertainment in town. Music by Richard Svensson & Bjarne Jacobsen, Katrilli & Folk Voice Band, and Swedish Women's Chorus & Svea Male Chorus. Authentic Swedish pancakes and all the right fixin's. \$9 guests, \$6 SCC members, \$5 children 5–12. 8 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 10.

Lucia Bal.

Smörgåsbord and dancing. Starts at 6 p.m. with *glögg* and social hour, 7 p.m. pageant by young members, and 7:45 dinner. Dancing afterward to the music of Sylvia Jorgensen's band. \$35 members, \$45 guests. Please reserve your place: rsvp@swedishculturalcenter.org or call 206-283-1090.

Sunday, Dec. 12.

Lucia Celebration.

Students from the UW's Scandinavian Studies Department perform a Lucia *tog* plus traditional music and dancing around the Christmas tree, cookies and coffee. 3 p.m. \$5 donation.

Wednesday, Dec. 15. Kafferep.

Our monthly coffee party is always special, thanks to Seattle's best Swedish bakers! We often have live music too. All are invited. Bring some baked goods for the table. Free. 2 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 15. English Film.

Aberdeen with Swedish actor Stellan Skarsgård. \$5 donation. 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 17.

Live Music for Happy Hour.

The fabulous duo of Elsa Nilsson and Alex Olesen performing jazz, Swedish, and Brazilian music from 7 to 9 p.m. And, at 6 p.m., it's the *julbord* too! Happy Hour doesn't get any better than this!

Friday, Dec. 24.

The Center will be closed.

Friday, Dec. 31.

New Year's Eve Happy Hour.

Come for a festive dinner, or just for drinks and the view. \$10 cover charge includes DJ music, a glass of champagne and a light meal at 12 midnight. Happy Hour opens at 6 p.m. Ann-Margret will serve us a delicious dinner at 8 p.m. RSVP for dinner and pay two days in advance for \$25. Without advance payment, it's \$30. RSVP: 206-283-1090 or rsvp@swedishculturalcenter.org.

Thursday, Jan. 6. ABBA Tribute Band.

Snoqualmie Casino will be the setting for a program of ABBA music by Swedish band Arrival. 7 p.m. Visit snocasino.com/events/the-music-of-abba for more information.

Volunteers?

We need volunteer help cashiering at various special events, including Friday

Happy Hours. We always need help with **pancake breakfasts.** To lend a hand on any of these projects, e-mail info@swedishculturalcenter.org or call 206-283-1090.

Rentals available at

Swedish Cultural Center:
1920 Dexter Ave N., Seattle.
Call 206-283-1078 or visit www.swedishculturalcenter.org/Venues/venues.htm. If you've been a member for at least a year, you get a discount.