



NEWSLETTER



UPCOMING EVENTS

Drott Lodge St. Lucia Pageant and Jul Fest, Sunday, December 11, 3:00 pm, St. James' Episcopal Church Sanctuary, 11815 Seven Locks Rd., Potomac, MD

Come join us for our annual Lucia Pageant followed by a festive holiday party that includes dancing around the Christmas tree, a Julbord, craft activities for children, and a visit from the famous Jultomten with his bag of gifts for the young ones.

Children's Pageant

Our Lucia this year will be Ava Birdwell, daughter of member Christine Svevar. In preparation for our lovely Lucia Pageant, we ask that members who have children or grandchildren interested in being part of this wonderful celebration contact Carol Whitley at carol4600@verizon.net or 202-686-6214 by Monday, December 5 to register the children. Younger children dress all in red and play the role of tomtar (elves). Lucia, her attendants, and star boys each wear white gowns. Please include in your

message the name, gender, and age of each child, and whether they have their own white gown or need a gown. For each gown needed, please provide measurement from shoulder to ankle. All children will need to arrive by 2:00 pm (meet in the undercroft, accessible at the rear of St. James' Church). One adult from each family group also must be available to help with the dressing and assist with rehearsal.



Holiday Choir

Our Lodge's holiday adult choir will again be performing during the festivities and welcomes any members or family members who would like to join us! Rehearsal of the traditional Swedish holiday songs will begin in the undercroft at 2:00 pm. Songs will be performed in Swedish and English and the lyrics can be provided via email before the rehearsal.

Julbord

Drott Lodge will provide meatballs, herring, beverages, and desserts. Attendees are asked to bring a side dish or finger foods in an amount sufficient to serve their own family/friends group, plus four others. There will be no charge but donations will be greatly appreciated to subsidize the extra costs.

RSVP

In order for us to plan accordingly, please RSVP for the Pageant & Jul Fest by contacting Carol Whitley at carol4600@verizon.net or 202-686-6214 with the number of guests in your group by December 5. Please include the age and gender of any children so we can relay this to Santa.

We are looking forward to a wonderful celebration!

December 3, Drott Lodge Mini-Bazaar at the House of Sweden, SWEA Christmas Bazaar & Lucia, 11:00 am - 5 pm, 2900 K St., NW, Washington, DC

Again this year Drott members Gerry Schueman (imported foods) and Joann Moretti (imported gifts) are in charge of organizing Drott's sales tables for this event. This is a popular event for the Swedish community in Washington both for the scope of items for sale and the number of people attending. It's a festive event with an impressive variety of vendors of high quality items.

ELECTION OF 2017 DROTT OFFICERS

The Lodge will elect its 2017 Officers at the January 8 meeting. **We need volunteers!** Serving as an officer is a rewarding way to become involved, get to know more members, and put your mark on Lodge activities. Please take a look at the list of positions at the end of this newsletter and contact Carol Whitley to volunteer or obtain more information.

Photos from Drott's November 4 Bazaar



An Imported Foods labeling party gave each item its price sticker many days before the Bazaar took place.



It took 2 U-Hauls and many strong arms to get all the Drott equipment from the storage unit into the Hall.



The hard-working kitchen staff who prepared food for the Smörgåsbord started Friday evening and came in at 7 am on Saturday!



Drink servers and order totalers were only a few of the many workers needed for the popular food line.



Drott's many bakers produced breads and desserts in their homes. There was even a group baking session in the weeks before.

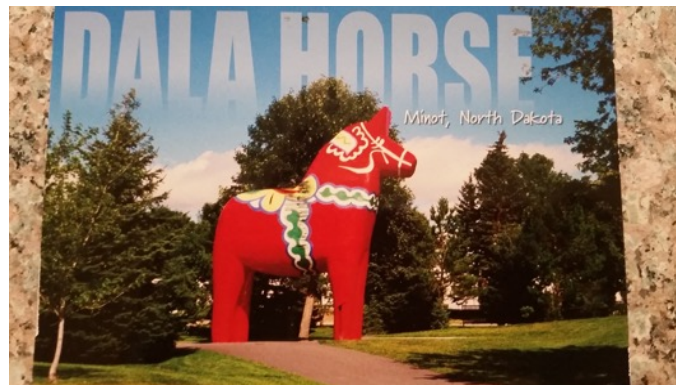


Each imported gift item was purchased, unpackaged, labeled and placed for display by the Imported Gifts workers.

MEMBER NEWS

We received word that member **Erica Kropp** of Pasadena, MD, passed away on November 14, 2016. We do not have information yet about the funeral arrangements.

VASA WAS HERE



Katie Peterson, from North Dakota, will be returning to DC in 2107 and looking forward to Lodge activities!!

EVENTS OF INTEREST

December 11, IKEA Holiday Smorgasbord, seating 7pm-9pm, IKEA Family Members: Adults \$12.99, Children 12 & under \$2.99, Non-Members: Adults \$16.99, Children \$4.99, Tickets on sale now at IKEA Swedish Food Market, seating is limited.

December 19, Scandia DC 3rd Saturday Holiday Dance Party, 7-10pm, Greenbelt Community Center Dance Studio, 15 Crescent Dr., Greenbelt, MD. Wear a folk costume if you have one, bring food to share if you can. No partners necessary. No teaching. \$10

December 10,11,16,17,18, The Christmas Revels, A Nordic Celebration of the Winter Solstice in Music, Dance & Drama, GW Lisner Auditorium, 730 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20052, For tickets, call 1-800-595-4849 (24/7), or visit <http://revelsdc.org>. Tickets now on sale.

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

Your submissions for the January issue of the newsletter will be needed no later than December 20. **Please send them to Linda Smith at leslieandlinda2@comcast.net or call Linda at 301-467-8477.**