



NEWSLETTER

We Need Your Help!

Sisters and Brothers:

Our annual Swedish Bazaar is just around the corner on Saturday, November 7 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and we need your help to make the day a success. We are seeking volunteers from our membership to support all selling areas and the kitchen. Whether an hour or from start to finish, your help would be greatly appreciated! Please reach out to one of the bazaar leads or to the Lodge's email to sign-up! We can also use help setting up the Parish Hall the day prior from 3 p.m. until completed; please contact Julie Olson if you can help Friday afternoon/evening.

Area Leads:

Kitchen - Margaret Schueman, margaret@schueman.com (703) 734-0319
Smörgåsbord/Café - Carol Whitley, carol4600@verizon.net (202) 686-6214
Baked Goods - Linda Smith, leslieandlinda2@comcast.net (240) 912-7120
Imported Gifts - Joann Moretti, joann.moretti@hotmail.com (301) 438-1940
Imported Foods - Gerry Schueman, gerry@schueman.com (703) 734-0319
Friday & Saturday Set Up/Clean Up - julie.lynn.olson@gmail.com

In last month's newsletter, I discussed a proposal by the Officers and Board to adjust our membership dues. The proposal was presented at our October business meeting and received a favorable vote. The matter was discussed at length by those members present and I believe we had an open and candid conversation not only about the dues, but the future of our Lodge. The new membership rates will help position the Lodge for the future enabling us to continue to offer the cultural and educational programs that make us an exemplary Lodge.

The new membership dues rates will go into effect January 1, 2016:

Regular Membership	\$50.00 per year
Life & Youth Membership	\$24.75 per year

The adjusted dues will include free admission to our annual Pea Soup Dinner in March and our annual Crayfish Festival & Welcome Back in September for all paid members. In subsequent years, Life & Youth membership rates will adjust as needed to match the assessment rates established by the Grand Lodge.

If you have any questions, please refer to the October 2015 newsletter and feel free to contact me via email at eric.randolph@me.com or at (202) 558-0175.

In Truth and Unity,

Eric Randolph
Chairman

UPCOMING EVENTS

ADDITIONAL BAZAAR DETAILS

We desperately need people to work in the kitchen and food line! All volunteers working the day of the bazaar will receive a \$5 coupon valid throughout the bazaar and smörgåsbord.

Homemade baked goods are popular items at the bazaar. If you can provide any Scandinavian baked goods, each item (e.g. cake/package) must be labeled with product name and list of ingredients and have a transparent covering. Please bring your baked goods before the Bazaar opens. Once open, we won't have time to accept your items.

Volunteers for the Kitchen should contact Margaret Schueman to let her know that you are coming and for what time period. All kitchen workers will need to have hair nets or baseball caps. Aprons will be provided.

Bazaar Public Hours are 11:00 am to 2:30 pm. Kitchen volunteers are requested to arrive as early as 7:30 am; volunteers in all other areas are requested to arrive no later than 9:30 am. Volunteers will be given shopping time before we open the doors to the public.

December 5, Drott Lodge Mini-Bazaar at the House of Sweden, SWEA Christmas Bazaar & Lucia

Members Gerry Schueman (imported foods) and Joann Moretti (imported gifts) will be in charge of organizing 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. Our hard-working Table Heads are badly in need of sales assistants, also for set-up and take-down help. Call Gerry or Joann (contact info above) if you can help, even for a couple of hours.

December 13, Drott Lodge Lucia Celebration, 3 pm, St. James' Episcopal Church

The procession will be in the Sanctuary starting at 3 pm, followed by a party in the undercroft. Those who want their children, grandchildren or neighbor children to participate should notify Julie Olson at 571-224-6044, julie.lynn.olson@gmail.com or Marit Knollmueller at 917-482-1899, mknollmueller@yahoo.com.

EVENTS YOU MIGHT HAVE MISSED

Recognition of Drott's 2015 Special Goals Activity

On September 16th, His Excellency Björn Lyrvall and Mrs. Madeleine Lyrvall hosted a luncheon at the Ambassador's Residence to honor Ms. Emily Iva Samson Tepe, the 2015 Swedish American of the Year, a distinction awarded by the Vasa Order of America since 1960. Eric Randolph, Emily Tepe, and Ambassador Lyrvall are shown in front of the Rambo Apple Tree on the grounds of the Ambassador's Residence. Drott Lodge No. 168 and its members have been instrumental in preserving this

young tree from insect and deer damage over the summer. Rambo Apple Trees date back to the New Sweden Colony and Peter Gunnarsson Rambo, an immigrant who arrived on the Kalmar Kyckel and brought apple seeds with him on the voyage from Sweden. Our very own Larilyn André, Press Officer at the Embassy, also participated in the event.

Photo by Larilyn André



Baking with Eva



Eva Dunhem again this year organized two days of group baking at her home, producing large number of buns and other goodies for the Bazaar.

During the second baking session we had the pleasure of meeting Ellie McCabe who will be our 2015 Lucia. Ellie wanted to learn how to bake and she showed great promise for the future of Drott baking.

Baking Photos by Arne Dunhem



October Lodge Meeting

Members Martha Wolf and Donna Clarke, two of Drott's experienced genealogists, presented a well-thought-out session on Swedish resources



that are now readily available on-line to research your ancestors. It was a valuable session whether you had already done some research or were just getting started.. Photo by Gerry Schueman

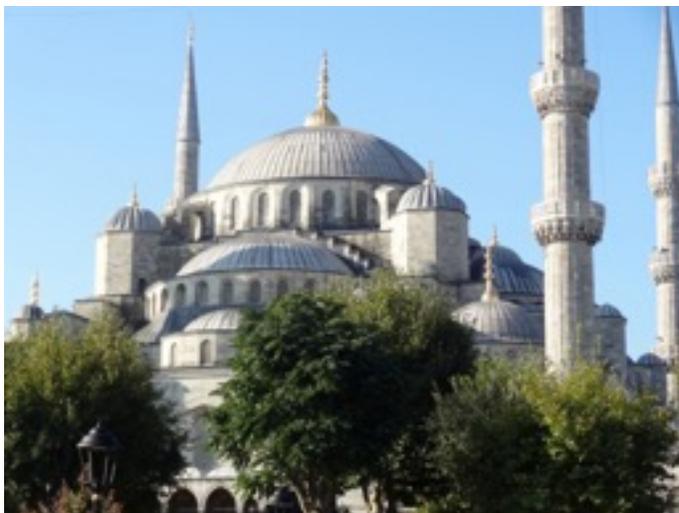
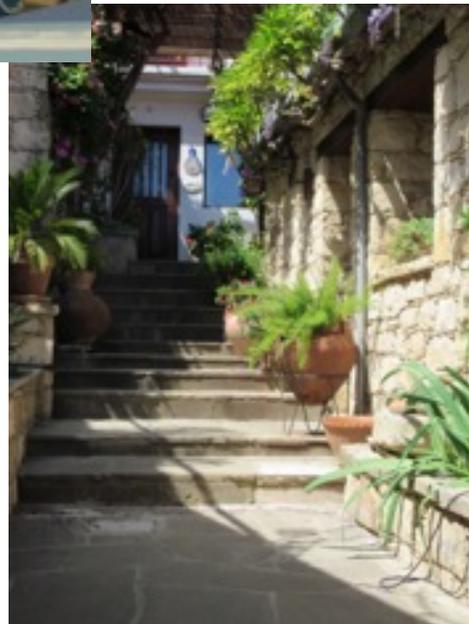


Drott is pleased to welcome two new members, Marianne Enger and Katrin Kuntze. Both were initiated at the October meeting.

Drott Was Here!

Old Priest's House, Kalo Chorio (Limassol District), Cyprus
The name means "Good Village".

Carol Whitley stayed here on her trip to Cyprus this spring.
Photo by Carol Whitley



Istanbul's Sultan Ahmet Camii, known as the Blue Mosque, and one of the largest in the world, built about 1610.

Visited by Leslie and Linda Smith.
Photo by Leslie Smith

EVENTS OF INTEREST

“ **Ingrid Bergman in Sweden**”, House of Sweden, until February 14, celebrates her life and legacy, including her early years. Open Saturdays 11 am to 4 pm and Sundays noon to 5 pm.

“**Rymd - a Swedish Space Odyssey**”, House of Sweden, until December 6, an exhibit on Sweden’s contribution to space research-the smallest space rocket engine, a sustainable propulsion system, and comet chaser Rosetta. Also a chance to WIN a space adventure in Abisko, Sweden, north of the Arctic Circle. Open Saturdays 11 am to 4 pm and Sundays noon to 5 pm.

Swedish Song Group, November 4, 7 pm, for everyone interested in singing in Swedish. Includes ballads, hymns, folk songs. Meets the 1st Wednesday of every month in Greenbelt, MD. Contact kerstinhend@gmail.com or 240-463-3148.

Upscale Jazz,, November 14, 7 pm, **Anders Lundegård**, Swedish classical saxophonist, Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria, VA, \$25 at the door, \$20 at www.theswedishjazz.com.

Scandia DC 3rd Saturday Dance, Nov 21, Teaching 7-8pm: POLSKA från AMOT/POLSKA från BINGSJO (SWEDEN), no partner necessary. Andrea Hoag & the Scandia DC Spelmannslag. Open Dance 8-10 pm: couples dancing, Greenbelt Community Center Dance Studio, 15 Crescent Dr., Greenbelt, MD, \$10, www.scandiadc.org

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

We need your ideas for activities or excursions for 2016. What events would you like to have? Are there any excursions you would find interesting? A learning experience? A speaker? A fun excursion? A day trip? An overnight? Let us know what you think. It doesn’t have to be planned out in detail. We want to make the Lodge an interesting experience for everyone. Throw in your ideas. You can send them to the general lodge

address at drott-lodge.org, call 202-558-0175 and leave a message, or contact Linda Smith or one of the other officers.

And last, but not least, don't forget we would like to hear your news. News items, family events, or travels are always welcome and will be included as space is available.

Your submissions for the December issue of the newsletter will be needed no later than November 22. Please send them to Linda Smith at leslieandlinda2@comcast.net or call Linda at 240-912-7120.

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