



NEWSLETTER

COMING EVENTS

DROTT LODGE 37TH ANNUAL SWEDISH BAZAAR

NOVEMBER 5, 11:00 am to 2:30 pm

St. James' Episcopal Church, Parish Hall
11815 Seven Locks Rd., Potomac, MD

If you haven't yet made a commitment to participate, please contact Julie Olson at julie.lynn.olson@gmail.com or (571) 224-6044 to see how you can help. We need the participation of all our members to make this Lodge fundraiser a productive and enjoyable event.

We are in need of workers to help set up on Friday, November 4th, starting about 4 pm. Pizza and beverages will be served for dinner.

Kitchen workers should arrive at 7 am on Saturday. All other workers should arrive at 10 am to be oriented and learn about the payment process.

Many members have been hard at work already. Julie Olson sponsored what has become an annual group baking event. Here with Larilyn André, Eva Dunhem, Carol Whitley and Marit Knollmueller, they produced more than two dozen pans of traditional Swedish buns for the Baked Goods Table. Wow!

If you will be baking something for the Baked Goods Table, remember that the item(s) must be ready for sale in a sealed package (such as a clear zip-lock bag) labeled with its name and ingredients.



Joann Moretti and Susan Remmert have been busy for months shopping for interesting imported gifts. There will be many new items for sale this year, including these very cute gnomes. Pick yours up at the Bazaar or reserve ahead of time by emailing your order to joann.moretti@hotmail.com

Big Sven (16") \$20, Middle Sven (11") \$15, and Little Sven (7.5") \$10.

See you there!



**DROTT LODGE LUCIA CELEBRATION, DECEMBER 11, 3 pm
St. James' Episcopal Church Sanctuary**

The Lucia 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 Marit Knollmueller at mknollmueller@yahoo.com, phone (917) 482-1899. Please cc Carol Whitley at carol4600@verizon.net, phone (202) 686-6214 and Julie Olson at julie.lynn.olson@gmail.com, phone (571) 224-6044.



RECENT DROTT EVENTS

In early October we had a nice crowd for Movie Night to see “Force Majeur”. The event was organized by Cultural Leader Marit Knollmueller who also provided interesting analysis of the dramatic elements that contributed to the story’s impact.

The snacks provided by the moviegoers were not only better quality than the ubiquitous Twizzlers but also cheaper than at the movie theatre!



The initiation of new member Emma Hedges was a highlight of the October meeting. Emma originally lived in Seattle, WA, then Columbus OH, and finally Arlington. Her father’s mother came from Sweden near the Norwegian border, her mother’s heritage is Swede-Finn. She enjoys studying languages (French, Farsi, and Swedish) baking, hiking, and bicycling. Welcome, Emma!



Following Linda Smith's presentation about her grandparents who left Sweden to come to the U.S. and their experiences in the enduring Swedish-American community, many in the audience were eager to share their families' experiences. Much of the information in the presentation was learned from genealogical study and from distant relatives found through genealogy who contributed their photographs and knowledge. It was noted that Donna Clarke, among others in the Lodge, is experienced in how to go about the search process and is willing to help others to get started.



Several members took the opportunity at the House of Sweden's 10th Anniversary celebration to publicize Drott Lodge. Carol Whitley, here with Swedish Ambassador Björn Lyrvall, was only one of the participants. Julie Olson, Larilyn André, and Arne and Eva Dunhem all contributed their time and enthusiasm to the cause. Thank you!



MEMBER NEWS

In case you missed seeing it in the most recent issue of the Vasa Star, **Kevin Shoemaker**, son of member Keith Shoemaker, and **Claire Custer**, granddaughter of Linda and Leslie Smith, both won Grand Lodge 2016 two-week Scholarships to Sjölundén, Concordia's Swedish Language Village near Bimidji, MN. Congratulations to Kevin and Claire!

Funding Opportunity:

American Scandinavian Association (ASA) Grants & Scholarships. Applications are accepted each program year from **September 1st to April 1st**. There are four different categories of '*Grants and Scholarships*' that are administered by ASA. For more information, contact Anne Marie Hvid at 703-241-2053 or annemariehvid@hotmail.com or visit www.scandinavian-dc.org

OTHER COMING ACTIVITIES

"elective jazz", Swedish Jazz Duo of saxophonist Anders Lundegård and guitarist Al Baumann, November 5, 7 pm, The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria, VA, for tickets: visit www.theswedishjazz.com

"Cracking the Runic Code: The Alphabet of Mystery" by Dr. Henrik Williams, Thursday, November 17, 6:45 – 8:45 pm, The Smithsonian Associates After Five, Lectures & Discussions, S. Dillon Ripley Center, 1100 Jefferson Dr SW, Metro: Smithsonian (Mall exit), \$30 Smithsonian Members, \$45 non-members
For tickets, visit www.smithsonianassociates.org.

Henrik Williams, a professor and chair in the department of Scandinavian languages at Uppsala University, shares the stories behind this still-mysterious runic alphabet, providing glimpses of the Viking culture as it was nearly 2,000 years ago. In the telling he uncovers stories of Viking warriors, law makers, and autocrats, and trade correspondence, death poems, and cryptograms.

SWEA Swedish Christmas Bazaar, House of Sweden, December 3, 11 am to 5 pm, Saint Lucia at 5 pm, 2900 K Street NW, Washington, DC, for more information visit sweadcprogram@gmail.com

Woodland Sweden, House of Sweden, Washington, DC, Exhibit ends

December 11. Wooden architecture and design is becoming a new Swedish export item. This exhibition shows the rapid development in Swedish innovative contemporary architecture and tells the story about the different aspects of construction work with wood.

Gender Equality, House of Sweden, Washington, DC, Exhibit ends

December 11 Gender equality - Has come a long way! Sweden's achievements are hailed as inspiring examples. This exhibition aims to inspire and reflect as well as to discuss the changes which have been made and to initiate the changes still needed. Please join the discussion by visiting the exhibition and sharing your comments, ideas and thoughts on the "Wish Tree" or through *#genderequality @SwedeninUSA*

The Christmas Revels, A Nordic Celebration of the Winter Solstice in

Music, Dance & Drama, December 10-11, 16 -18, 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 December issue of the newsletter will be needed no later than November 20. Please send them to Linda Smith at leslieandlinda2@comcast.net and to drott-lodge.org. You may also call Linda at 240-912-7120.