

Norden Women's Club 100th Anniversary

The Norden Women's Club will celebrate its 100th anniversary on April 29 with a special luncheon to be held at the Moon Brook Country Club. The Norden Women's Club originated as an auxiliary of the Norden Club in 1916. Its stated purpose was purely social at that time. Banquets hosted by the men in their clubhouse on East Second Street were prepared and served by the auxiliary. During the first World War, the members knit and sewed for patriotic projects; and during the second World War, they also were involved in projects benefiting the soldiers fighting the war.

In 1948, the auxiliary became the independent Norden Women's Club, with their objective enlarged to promote interest in things Scandinavian and to preserve the traditions, customs, and folklore of the Scandinavian countries. Together with the Norden Club, it has hosted many notable Scandinavian visitors and worked to make the Scandinavian Folk Festival a continuing success that invites visitors and speakers from all over the United States.

The Norden Women's Club continues to accept members with a Scandinavian background and to host speakers who talk about many topics of interest. For further information, please contact Yvonne McNallie at ymcnallie@gmail.com or by calling 716-664-2977.

WALPURGIS NIGHT

Thule Lodge's Jamestown Area Scandinavian Cultural Center First Event - Walpurgis Night Dinner, Music and Bonfire



Thule Lodge #127, Vasa Order of America, continues its celebration of the Swedish heritage. A major series of events are planned for 2016 that are all open to the public. The kick-off event will be held Saturday April 30 which is Walpurgis Night. A Swedish dinner will be served from 4 PM to 7 PM which includes yellow pea soup, ham, rotmos, kory, a Swedish dessert, coffee and lingonberry drink. The all inclusive price is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 5-12. Scandinavian music will be provided by Svenska Spelman during the dinner. At 6 PM, the bonfire will begin with the opportunity to sing. The tradition of this evening was to light the bonfire to scare off predators before the cattle and sheep were put out to graze and for many there was a supernatural, magical purpose to also scare away the evil spirits and witches.

Events will be held at Vasa Park's Jamestown Area Scandinavian Cultural Center. This new title emphasizes Thule's commitment to preserve our Scandinavian heritage. Events are not just for members but are open to the public. There will be three additional Swedish dinners with music, as well as a herring breakfast and harvest dinner. Traditional pea soup and Swedish pancakes will be served on four occasions. Instruction for Swedish Folk Dancing for children as well as adults will occur frequently. Three Swedish heritage lectures will be provided as well as two Swedish movie nights. Workshops for making kanelbullar (Swedish Cinnamon Buns), pepparkakor cookies and spritz cookies provide the opportunity to brush up on baking skills as well as to take home a quantity of "goodies." The year closes with a traditional Lucia pageant. Almost all of these events will occur at the Cultural Center, 4123 Pancake Hill Road. The first three months of events are listed in this newsletter. For more information call 716-665-0883. A complete schedule will be posted on Facebook at "Thule Lodge #127 Vasa Order of America" as well as "Scandinavian Jamestown" and the www.scandinavian-jamestown.org website.

In recognition of the 15th anniversary of the Scandinavian Folk Festival, for this year only, gate admission has been reduced to \$5 per person on Friday and Saturday, and \$1 per person on Sunday. The festival will be held on July 15-17 at the Gerry Rodeo Grounds. There are many new events planned for this year, so make every effort to attend! You won't want to miss it!

Address Services Requested

Calendar

- April 30** 4-7 p.m. Walpurgis Night - Swedish dinner with live Swedish music, bonfire, and singing (Reservations to 716-487-1714 or 716-386-4417) - Vasa Park
- May 7** 10 - noon Culture Day at JCC
Swedish children folk dance instruction at JCC
11 a.m. Swedish adult folk dance instruction at JCC
- May 12** 5-6:30 Traditional Swedish pea soup and pancake dinner - \$3.50 - Vasa Park
7 p.m. Swedish adult folk dance instruction - Vasa Park
- May 19** 7 p.m. Lecture by Don Sandy. "Why is this area Swedish?" - Vasa Park
- May 20** 6 p.m. Norwegian Night - ASHF Dinner - Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
- May 24** 7 p.m. Swedish adult folk dance instruction - Vasa Park
- June 9** 7 p.m. Swedish adult folk dance instruction - Vasa Park
- June 18** 8:30 a.m. Midsummer Celebration - ASHF - Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
- June 19** 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Annual Father's Day Herring Breakfast - Vasa Park
- June 28** 7 p.m. Swedish adult folk dance instruction - Vasa Park

Every Sunday at 3:00 a.m. and 7 p.m. is the Swedish Hour on WRFA-LP, 107.9 FM or at www.wrfalp.com
For more information on any event, call 716-665-0883

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2016
15th Anniversary Celebration
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Debut Performance in USA

July 15-17, 2016
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Sample music on YouTube "Donnez Sweden"

Watch for additional Anniversary announcements
For more information, visit www.scandinavianjamestown.org or call 716-665-0883

Internships

The Scandinavian Studies Program continues to cover the costs for JCC students to participate in the local manufacturing internship program, as there are two Sweden-based manufacturers in Jamestown: TitanX and SKF Aeroengine. Internships are still available for the summer of 2016. Interested students should contact Felix Muzza at Jamestown Community College at 716-338-1381.



Maria Malmström and Susanna Ecklof, both Swedish natives, are providing leadership for a new program for children from 0-18. They have developed a workshop that meets at Culture Day, sponsored by the American Scandinavian Studies Program, and have recently been granted a \$1,500 Mona Johnson scholarship from the Swedish Women's Educational Association (SWEA) New York. Maria and Susanna received the award as a recognition for their vision in promoting Swedish culture and language in New York. They are one of two initiatives to receive the award, the other being the Nordic International Film Festival in New York City.

They outline their mission as follows:

Our focus lies on language, traditions, history, geography, nature, literature, and culinary traditions (food and baking).

Our vision is to involve the next generation, to a larger extent, in order to continue the Swedish traditions that have been maintained in the area for over 100 years, while also introducing newer traditions.

Our activities and plans so far in 2016 include:

January: Introduction, baking Swedish Chocolate balls

February: Lent in Sweden, making Semlor (Lenten buns)

March: Easter in Sweden, Easter crafts

April: Swedish and Scandinavian geography and genealogy.

May: Continue to work on Swedish geography and find "our places" on the map. Introduce the concept of Lördagsgodis (Candy on Saturdays only).

June: Participate in the Swedish Midsummer celebrations of ASHF

July: Participate in the Scandinavian Folk Festival with folk dancing and conducting workshops

October: Work more on history and literature, as well as the themes already introduced.

Culture Day meets at Jamestown Community College the first Saturday of each month from October to May in the Hamilton Collegiate Center from 10 AM to noon. All are welcome and there is no admission fee. For more information call 716-665-0883.



Lecture - Why is this Area Swedish?

The first lecture this year at Vasa Park's Jamestown Area Scandinavian Cultural Center, 4123 Pancake Hill Road will be held Thursday May 19th at 7 PM. This year is the 170th anniversary of the southwestern New York and northwestern Pennsylvania area becoming Swedish. Donald Sandy will present recent research that collaborates the traditional stories. Two little girls, unknowingly, began the wave in 1846. Details of their family will be presented through historical documents and a number of photos. The lecture is free and open to the public. For more information call 716-665-0883.