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REPORT FROM AGM 2023



From the President's Report

Niklas Kviselius, President

2022 was a year when we came back in earnest to meeting face-to-face over coffee and Swedish delicacies, and finally could hold hands again when dancing around both Christmas trees and Midsummer poles.

Interactions in the Swedish community have managed to stay strong during the period of physical distancing needed to curb the 2019 pandemic. Members of all ages have learned to even better use new technology to stay in touch.

We have refreshed our website to make it easier to navigate, enhance readability and added content relevant to our members.

[Check it out here!](#)

The Swedish Cultural Society had a total of 327 memberships at the end of 2022. Of those, 119 were family memberships and 89 single memberships.

The following regular activities and events took place during the year:

- Monthly SCS Board meetings
- SCS Newsletter for Members
- Swedish School Board Meetings
- Swedish School Classes
- North Book Club and South Book Club meetings
- Adult Education Classes (multiple courses)

- Various Committee Meetings: SCS, SHS, Scandinavian Community Centre Society, Midsummer Festival, Lucia

Special Acknowledgements

- We congratulated *Irène Howard*, who turned 100 years old in 2022! Irène was born as one of five siblings in Prince Rupert and had a Norwegian mother and a Swedish father.
- Congratulations also to our new consul (and current SCS Board Director) *Carina Spencer*! In 2022, Carina took over as the new Honorary Consul for British Columbia and Yukon.
- We were sad to hear that our longtime member *Peter Stenberg* passed away, and our thoughts go out to his family.
- This year's Lucia was *Elsy Rytter*, our second second-generation Lucia. Elsy has been active throughout her life in the Swedish community and is currently studying at King's College University in Halifax, NS.



Thanks to *Sandra Benholm* for making 'Semlor' for all of us who attended the AGM

Special thanks to *Åsa Eidelöf*, *Jonas Edenvik* and *Christel Lindström* who will leave the Board in 2023. Åsa is a long standing board-member, who held many board positions and has been active in all our all events. She will be dearly missed!

We have all admired Jonas' amazing Newsletters throughout the years making us look really good and keeping all members informed about activities. Christel has done similar magic with numbers in that she has put in place several accounting and budget processes which we will benefit for many years to come.

Thanks to you both!

Finally, a huge thanks to those who volunteer for the numerous events, activities and projects through the year! Together we celebrate and share our love for all things Swedish!

Respectfully submitted,
Niklas Z Kviselius, President

Calendar Feb-March

Unless otherwise noted, all activities and events will take place at the Scandinavian Community Centre, 6540 Thomas Street, Burnaby.

February

28 South Book Club meeting, 12pm

March

5 Cross-country ski-meet
6 Nordic baking, Oscar II Cake.
6 North Book Club meeting, 12:30 pm
21 Sweden House AGM
28 South Book Club meeting
31 Pickleball, free drop in event

For more information & events, please visit swedishculturalsociety.com and Scancentre.org

The New Board

- President: Niklas Kviselius
- V. President: Karmen Blackwood
- Treasurer: Kristin Josefsson
- V. Treasurer: Riitta Huttunen
- Secretary: Monica Severinson
- V. Secretary: Pia Hilton
- Ombudsman: Carina Spencer
- Memberships: Monica Olofsson/Riitta Huttunen
- Members at Large: Roland Strong, Linda Olofsson, Lana Löfgren

Thank you to our previous board members!

Jonas Edenvik: V. President and Newsletter Editor
Asa Eidelof : V. Secretary
Christel Lindstrom: Treasurer

New Honorary Members

The following members have received the honorary member status for their outstanding dedication and long time membership in our Society, the Sweden House Society and for being involved in the creation of the Scandinavian Centre.

- Laila Axen
- Birgit Cook
- Agneta and Peter Eineigel
- Gunnel and Bertil Eriksson
- Irene Henriksson
- Kerstin and Ingvar Jonsson
- Solveig Karlgren

Several of them are now involved in the Swedish Heritage Society. Please visit their website Swedishheritage.org

Sweden House Society Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Sweden House Society Annual General Meeting will be held by Zoom video conferencing call on Tuesday, March 21th, 2023 at 7:00 pm to:

1. Consider the Reports of the Directors and of the member organizations.
2. Consider the Financial Statement of the year ending December 31, 2022.
3. Elect Directors for the coming year.
4. Transact such other business as may properly come before the Board.

The meeting is open to all active members in good standing. **If you would like to attend the meeting, please register by email to swedenhousechair@gmail.com by March 16th** and include your first and last name and the name of the member organization that you belong to.

All meeting documentation will be sent out to all registered attendees on March 12th.

Dated February 21, 2023 by order of the Board of Directors of the Sweden House Society.
Carina Spencer, President

Scandinavian Community Centre Society Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Scandinavian Community Centre Society will be held at the Scandinavian Centre on Thursday April 6th, 2023 at 7:00 pm to:

1. Consider the reports of the Directors.
2. Consider the Financial Statement for the year ended December 31, 2022.
3. Resolutions.
4. Elect Directors for the coming year.
5. Transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Agenda for the Annual General Meeting will be posted at the Scandinavian Centre 30 days before the Meeting.

Dated February 9, 2023 by order of the Board of Directors of the Scandinavian Community Centre Society.
AnnaKarin Tornqvist, President

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Membership Fees 2023

Thanks to all of you that have already paid the member dues for 2023.

For the rest of you, please pay by **e-transfer** to **scstresury@gmail.com**. \$30 for family, \$25 for single. Make sure to include your name and email in the transaction.

Our Swedish Library

A huge thank you to Kee Kimmel and Astrid Switzer who have taken care of our library for over 8 years. They have recorded 1500 books and 150 DVDs on our website, swedishculturalsociety.com. All members can search for book titles there. To borrow books or DVDs please visit the Swedish room at the Scandinavian Centre.

Pia Hilton is now taking over this position. She can be contacted at piachilton@gmail.com.

March 5 Cross Country Skiing



Cross Country Ski

Sunday March 5, 2023 at 11.00
Cypress Mountain Nordic area

purchase trail tickets in advance at
cypressmountain.com

contact: Kathy 604-788-9185
stenfors@shaw.ca



SCS Board Contact Information

Chair: Niklas Kviselius,

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Secretary: Monica Severinson,

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All members are welcome to attend the Swedish Cultural Society's monthly meetings held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at the Scandinavian Community Centre, 6540 Thomas Street, Burnaby BC.

For more information see our website(s)
swedishculturalsociety.com and scancentre.org

March 31 Pickleball



ScanSports presents:

PICKLEBALL

FRIDAY MARCH 31st, 2023

Scandinavian Centre - 6540 Thomas St, Burnaby

Free, drop-in event!

Equipment and 1 indoor court will be available

Instructions will be provided!

Doors & bar open at 6:30 pm

Pickleball starts at 7:00 pm

contact Kathy: 604-788-9185
stenfors@shaw.ca

The most current information is available on-line at
swedishculturalsociety.com

The Real Group - March 2 & 3



Sweden's world-renowned singers The Real Group return to Vancouver!
The Real Group, Quayside Voices, and Magee Chamber choirs perform.

Location: Magee Secondary School @ 6360 Maple Street, Vancouver, BC V6M 4M2

Doors open at 6:30pm - shows start at 7:00pm

To listen to their music and order tickets please visit

swedishculturalsociety.com

Linköping Brass Band April 4th @ 7PM, Free Concert!



A brass band from Ryttagårdskyrkan in Linköping Sweden. This band has been in existence for over 60 years and has members of all ages.

We will have an opportunity to hear them playing

at **Connaught Heights Church, 2201 8th Ave, New Westminster, BC V3M 2T9** at
7pm on April 4.