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Pages Two  
and Three  
for Our  
Upcoming  
Events!*

Vasa Order of America  
Nobel-Monitor Lodge No. 130  
August, 2023

*Swedish Immigration to America*  
SWEDISH LANGUAGE NEWSPAPERS



**Peace  
Lutheran Church  
3740 Mayfield Rd.  
Cleveland Hts.  
just east of  
Severance Center**

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Almost from the beginning of their immigration to America, the Swedes depended on newspapers to help preserve their culture. These Swedish-language newspapers published letters from newly settled immigrants who sang the praises of America. They became important, too, as forums for rallying fellow Swedish-Americans to the cause of preserving their native language and heritage. During the years of mass immigration in the late 1800s, over 1,000 different Swedish-American newspapers were published in 30 states across America. They not only reported the news, but also announced and advertised social and political events that unified Swedish Americans and kept their native identity alive.

The first of these newspapers was published in 1851 and named the *Skandinavien*. It did not live a long life but was the start of a long line of Swedish-American papers. The *Hemlandet Det Gamla och Det Nya* (*The Old and the New Homeland*) began publication in Galesburg, Illinois, in 1855. T. N. Hasselquist, A Swedish Lutheran pastor from the Augustana Synod, published this paper. It served as a forum for the American-Swedish Lutheran churches.

In 1866, the first liberal alternative to the religious newspapers, the *Svenska Amerikanaren* was published in Chicago. The publishers of the secular papers, revolting against the social constraints that bound them in Sweden, pressed for a Swedish-American, rather than a Swedish, identity for their people. They resisted the desire of many Swedish Americans to set themselves apart from other ethnic groups. Preserving every aspect of their Swedish heritage did not make sense to these publishers. The secular papers competed fiercely against the *Hemlandet* and other church-sponsored papers.

The secular and church-sponsored Swedish-language papers suffered negatively in the years leading up to and after World War I. The pressure across the United States to Americanize led to the loss of subscriptions and in some cases to business failures. By the end of the mass emigration in 1930, most of these papers were extinct. Although first-generation Swedish Americans continued to look to the Swedish-language papers for news of their native country, second- and third-generation Swedish Americans were less interested and were unskilled in reading Swedish. The more the Swedish immigrants and their descendants blended into America society, the less need they had for the Swedish-language papers. Today, only a handful survive.

*(Continued next month)*





## Mark Your Calendar Save the Date

- August 12**      **Kräftskiva**  
**Arrive at 2**      at Lorraine Johnson's home  
**Eat at 3**        2212 Hare Rd., Waterford, PA  
                          16441 - Phone: 814-796-4069
- August 13**      **Picnic in the Park**  
**2:30 p.m.**        Sunnybrook Preserve  
                          12474 Heath Road  
                          Chesterland, OH
- August 16**      **Annual Luncheon River**  
**Note Date**      **Cruise aboard Goodtime III**  
**Change**         **Arrive at 10:00 a.m.**



Park behind the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame - \$11.00 (so carpool if you can). The ship is nearby. **Board at 10:30 with wristbands received dockside before boarding.** 2-hour cruise. Delicious buffet catered by The Normandy Party Center.

**\$30 and RSVP required by August 9 to Carolyn Anderson, 17830 Landseer Road, Cleveland, OH 44119. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

## Smörgåsbord in The Park



**Sunday, August 13, 2023**

**Lunch at 2:30 p.m.**

**Sunnybrook Preserve in Chesterland**

**12474 Heath Road**

**midway between Rte. 306 and Rte. 44**

**Turn North off Mayfield Road or**

**South off Wilson Mills Road**

**onto Heath Road**

**Easy Handicap Accessibility**

***Bring a Swedish dish to share***

Snacks, water, pop and beer to start followed by picnic smörgåsbord, desserts and coffee. Tableware will be provided. Top it off by a hike in the woods or just engaging in friendly conversation in the pavilion.



*Join Lorraine Johnson and the Svea Group for the annual Kräftskiva Festival*

*August 12, 2023*

*Arrive at 2:00 - Eat at 3:00*



Bring a chair and a dish to share. No need to bring beverages unless you have something special you like. Coffee, water and iced tea will be provided.

Entertainment will be provided by friends of Gary Larson who are a part of a dulcimer group from Philadelphia!

**Directions to 2212 Hare Rd., Waterford, PA:**

I-90 east to Waterford exit, then south on Route 19 to Waterford. Go through town to roundabout, then take 2nd turn off which is Route 97 South towards Union City. 3.5 miles, then turn left onto Hare Road (there is a storage building on the corner). Lorraine's house is about 1/4 mile on left, long row of pines along driveway and a gas well in the field. Anyone gets lost, call 814-796-4069 or 814-873-1973.



*Report on Lodge Finances*

Rolf Bergman, Treasurer for Nobel-Monitor Lodge #130, reported that our lodge investments grew by \$8,051.33 in the second quarter of 2023 for a total of \$105,432.11 invested. This growth was on top of a growth of \$6,164.23 in the first quarter of 2023. The lodge is in excellent financial shape.



Join your Swedish brothers and sisters at Bob Evans for breakfast at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday mornings at 1437 Golden Gate Blvd. Mayfield Heights



*Swedish Proverb*

*Döm ej allt du ser, Tro ej allt du hör, Gör ej allt du kan, Säg ej allt du vet, Förtär ej allt du har, Låt ingen veta vad du har i hjärtat eller pungen.*

Do not judge all you see, do not believe all you hear, do not do all you can, do not say all you know, do not eat all you have, let no one know what you have in your heart or in your wallet.

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**CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED**



*Grattis På Födelsedagen!*

**August**

- 1 Glenda Carlsson
- 3 Annika Enflo
- 9 Julian Fossen
- 20 May Bana
- 30 Mark Duffy

**September**

- 9 Diane Forsmark
- 10 Merryl Carlsson
- 12 Dana Elfvn
- 17 Neal Perrine
- 25 Ellana Miklos

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Ole was at the rodeo watching his friend, Tex, bulldog a steer. When Tex got bowled over by the critter, Ole rushed over sympathetically, exclaiming, “You hurt BAD, Tex?” To which Tex replied between groans, “You ever heard of anybody getting hurt GOOD?”

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Ole’s boss had been invited to Ole and Lena’s for supper. As Lena was setting the table, Ole’s boss casually asked Little Ole what was being served for supper. Little Ole said, “I tink it is buzzard...because dis morning, Mama said to Papa, “If ve are going to have dat old buzzard for supper, it might as vell be tonight.”

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Lena said she doesn’t figure Einstein was so smart. He apparently didn’t know the spelling rule of “I before E except after C”, cause he did it TVICE in his name.