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Club News Update

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Swedish Club of Houston



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3rd Generation Swede



Our next get together will be at the Teahen Home for the Christmas Craft Workshop & FIKA. Here you will be able to create the candy gifts for our Lucia Celebration!

Get ready for our 2021 Lucia Celebration as we celebrate in a new location and get to gather with our Swedish Friends to celebrate our most favorite Swedish Custom!!

2021 Calendar

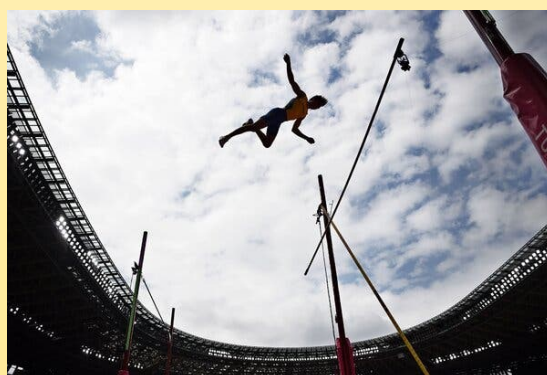
Date	Event	Location	Time
Jan 30th	Annual General Meeting	Bethany Christian Church	1pm
April 24th	Kraftskiva	Monument Inn	6pm
May 1st	Valborgsmassofaften	Winstrom's Ranch	3pm
June 6th	Sweden's National Day	Christ the King	3pm
Aug 1st	Texas Day	Barkeryd, Sweden	
Aug 14th	Summer Fika	World Catering Bakery	1pm
Sept.	Swedish Movie Night	Postponed	6pm
Oct 22nd	Smorgasbord	Postponed	6:30pm
Oct 30th	Sailing	Galveston Bay	
Nov 14th	Christmas Craft Workshop / Fika	Teahen Home	1pm
Dec 11th	Christmas Traditions & Lucia Celebration	TBA	3:30pm

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Armand “Mondo” Duplantis won Gold medal in pole vaulting at the Tokyo Olympics!!! Armand Gustav “Mondo” Duplantis is a Swedish-American pole vaulter and the current WORLD Indoor record holder with a height of 6.18 meters (20.2756 feet). Mondo was born in Lafayette, Louisiana on November 10, 1999. Duplantis was a couple of months from his first international competition, the 2015 world youth championships, when he received a recruiting call from a coach. The twist was that the coach was from the Swedish Athletics Association. “He would call me and my parents every day going, ‘You should compete for Sweden, we’re super well-organized, we’re going to take care of your poles, we’re going to do everything for you,’ ” Duplantis recalled. “It sounded like a pretty good offer.”

Duplantis has since emerged as one of Sweden’s most beloved athletes, endearing himself to a once-skeptical public by speaking Swedish in interviews, driving Swedish cars, buying a place to live in Sweden during the summer and dating a Swedish model, Desiré Inglander. Many Swedes did not realize that his mother, Helena, a former heptathlete, is Swedish, or that he had the option to do so because he has dual citizenship. Duplantis has made an effort to “Swedish-ify” himself by learning and speaking the language. “Survival Swedish” is how Duplantis described his level of proficiency with the language. Today, Duplantis splits his time between Louisiana and Sweden.



TEXAS A&M SWEDISH PLAYER

Swedish TE Theodor Melin Öhrström commits to Texas A&M!



Texas A&M continues to add key pieces to the 2023 recruiting class and went international for the most recent addition! Tight end **Theodor Melin Öhrström** earned an offer from the Aggies after a strong summer camp performance. The 6-foot-6, 245-pound Swedish standout is an all-around weapon at tight end with his size and athleticism. His abilities made him one of the hottest prospects of the summer as he toured the country with Premiere Prospects International (PPI). In addition to Texas A&M, he received offers from Alabama, Oklahoma, Ohio State, LSU, Florida State and others.

To watch the Aggies, here is the rest of the 2021 Football Season schedule:

11/06-Aggies vs Auburn

11/13—Ole Miss vs Aggies

11/20—Aggies vs Prairie View

11/27—LSU vs Aggies

12/4—SEC Championship Game

CELEBRATING OUR LUCIAS

FRIENDS OF LUCIA

The Swedish Club of Houston is soliciting donors to its Friends of Lucia fund in order to continue the tradition of sending our Lucia to Sweden.

The Swedish Club of Houston has been represented by its Lucia at the Texas Day celebration in Barkeryd, Sweden every year since 1988. The Lucia program has provided a wonderful way for the members involved to travel and learn about our Swedish ancestry and our Texas connection with Barkeryd; a complete list of the Swedish Club of Houston's Lucias is available at <http://swedishclub.org/lucia>.

Why is Barkeryd (a small parish near Nässjö in Småland) important to Texans? This small parish had half of its the population emigrate to Texas between 1836 and 1927! The conditions were bad and the opportunity of settling in America was given to the people of Barkeryd. Around 1867 many young people left Barkeryd; S.M. Swenson and Svante Palm paid for their passage to come to work for them in Texas, where workers were needed to help on the farms. The immigrants worked off their passage in about 2 years. After the debt was paid off they were free to live and work for themselves. There are many Swedish communities around Central Texas which were settled by the Barkeryd immigrants. In their honor, the people of Barkeryd Sweden were proclaimed honorary citizens of Texas on May 27, 1975 by Gov. Dolph Briscoe.

If you would like to become a member of the Friends of Lucia and help support this long-standing tradition of the Club, you can either mail a check along with this form, or donate online via the link at <http://swedishclub.org>.

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		<input type="checkbox"/> \$15 – Municipal Commissioner

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Member News & Updates

Any Swedish travels over this year??? Please send several of your favorite photos and information about your travels!!

Member Announcements and Updates that you want to share with the club!—newsletter@swedishclub.org

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