

### THE SWEDISH CLUB NEWS

#### The Swedish Club of Houston

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## Christmas Traditions and Luciadagen plans are well underway! by Ingrid Melrose

Santa Lucia day and the procession and ceremony accompanying it, have long been an important pre-Christmas tradition to Swedes around the world. Here in Houston, the Swedish Club tries its' best to bring a little of that special day to the citizens of our community. Every year we select a young lady from our club membership to wear the Lucia crown during our pageant and to represent the club at a heritage festival in Barkeryd, Småland, Sweden in August of the following summer. SAS Airlines co-sponsors our Lucia's trip by providing the club with a reduced fare ticket. This year's Lucia is Sjerrie Colburn, a freshman at Stephen F. Austin University majoring in Childhood Development. She is the daughter of Wayne and Dina Colburn. For more on Sjerrie see Page 3.

Our Christmas Traditions and Lucia procession is scheduled for Saturday, December 13, 2003 from 3:30 PM to 6:00PM at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 306 E. 15<sup>th</sup> St., Houston, TX, 77008. Our event includes a short church service, during which the Lucia leads her procession of female attendants and star boys down the aisle to the musical strains of "Santa Lucia, the Neapolitan Boat Song".

After the service, we will gather in the fellowship hall for some traditional Lucia day refreshments. These will include, but are not limited to, traditional Luciabullar (saffron flavored buns), Pepparkakor (ginger cookies), Lingonsaft (lingonberry flavored punch), and coffee. These goodies are provided by Lynn Mauritzson, owner of Cookie Boxes, Etc. and wife of club President Leif Mauritzson.

During the reception the Scandinavian Folkdancers of Houston (Formerly Gulf Coast) have graciously agreed to perform some traditional Scandinavian folkdances. This is always an enjoyable part of the program, because the audience is invited to join the dancers on the dance floor and they are then taught some simple, yet fun, dance steps.

Our annual Christmas bazaar will be open and operating in the fellowship hall before, during and after the ceremony. Scandinavian gift and folk items will be available for purchase. What a wonderful way to finish (or start!) your Christmas shopping.

The club is looking for girls and boys to participate as attendants and star boys. Female attendants must be between the ages of 5 and 20 and star boys must be between 5 and 15. Attendants wear all white clothing with silver trim and accessories. The club will provide the trim and accessories, and is able to provide some articles of clothing, but anyone having their own outfit is encouraged to wear it. Please contact Ingrid Melrose at (281)579-8143 or e-mail her at <a href="mailto:Glmelrose@aol.com">Glmelrose@aol.com</a> if you would like to participate.

# COME ONE! COME ALL! THIS EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The church is conveniently located in the Heights. See the Swedish Club Website: www.swedishclub.org/events for map and directions.

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#### **Presidents's Corner**

Time has come around for another newsletter and my comments. This will be one of my last columns and I had hoped for it to be more positive than it will be.

We just had our annual smörgåsbord. We thought we should do it a little different this year. We decided to go with authentic Swedish food prepared by Swedes and pay less emphasis on the flare of a country club setting. This way, we were able to offer this year's event at a low price of \$20 per person. Previous years I, over and over again, heard how expensive it was and this prohibited participation for many.

Well, would you believe what I heard this year? "What can you get for \$20 dollars? We might as well not be going:" That is right, someone brought that one, to one of our board members. Personally I feel like a country dog in the city..... and you know the rest of the story. We had about fifty paying guests, plus thirteen folk dancers and musicians. Several of the guests were non-members. This was a very low attendance, pitiful in my eyes.

I thought we came to this event for the food and not the pomp and flare of a country club, it seems that I was wrong. I realize that everybody has a very busy schedule and there is a lot going on, but the Smörgåsbord is one of our primary event and this was one of our lowest attendance ever.

Now let me share some of the comments from some of our guests.

- "Best place ever, let's have all our events here"
- "Best Smörgåsbord we have had since we started"
- "Best food, the desserts were to die for"
- "How did you find this place, this is perfect for this event"
- "Who prepared this food?" (Before I answered that one, I had to ask why she asked)
- "Look at all those beautiful decorations"
- "The dancers and musicians were fantastic"

"Why do we only charge \$20 for this kind of event?"

"Great speaker and great food"
I can go on and on with all the positive comments we got. The ones mentioned here were the comments I got.

So you see, this was after all a very successful event. Sorry you missed it.

Harald Witt from IKEA was the evening's guest speaker. Thank you Harald for a very interesting and informative speech about IKEA and it's growth through the years.

I would like to thank the following members for helping to put this event together and making it so successful: Wayne Colburn and his daughter Sjerrie and Diana Rodionov for helping Lynn Mauritzson in the kitchen. Mary and Jan Dryselius, Knight First Class, for preparing the wonderful Gravad Lax. Gunhild Jansson, Don Jensen, Dina, Wayne and Sjerrie Colburn for decorating. Also a special thank you to two of Lynn's employees, Jeff and Allison, for volunteering their Saturday afternoon and evening to help out, at no charge.

Last but not least a big thank you to all the members that come back year after year to participate in this event, and a special thanks for all of your kind comments

Our next big event is The Christmas Traditions. You will find time and place in this newsletter.

See you there,

Leif Mauritzson

## **Swedish Ministries Links**

**Consulate - Houston** 

www.swedishconsulate.org

**Swedish Embassy - Washington DC (NewURL)** http://www.swedenabroad.se/pages/start 6989.asp

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# Lucia 2003 The Swedish Club of Houston

This greeting comes to you from *Sjerrie Colburn*. My first name is pronounced with the same "sj" sound as Sjolander and hints of my maternal heritage. I am a freshman at Stephen F. Austin State University majoring in Child Development and Business.

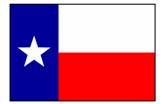


My great-great grandfather, John Peter Sjolander, was born in Hudiksvall, Sweden on March 25, 1851 and arrived in Galveston on his 20<sup>th</sup> birthday. He settled in the Cedar Bayou area

near what is now Baytown, Texas. A farmer by day, he relaxed in the evenings by writing poetry. In 1921, John helped found the Poetry Society of Texas, which is still active today. He was recognized as the Dean of Texas Poets and has been unofficially referred to as "the first Poet Laureate of Texas." Some of his manuscripts are in the Baytown Historical Museum and in the Swedish exhibit at the University of Texas Institute of Texas Cultures in San Antonio.

Although I did not know my great-great grandfather, we share common interests such as: a love of nature's great outdoors, a devout reverence for our Creator, a great respect for the innate good in each human being, and expressing these thoughts and feelings in poems and verses. My mastery of writing skills may never earn such lofty honors as his but my deepest, heart-felt appreciation for all that is good and just and right often seeks to make itself known. Only time and opportunity have kept us apart.

Now, there is a possibility of bridging that gap. Many fine and deserving candidates vie for the recognition of being crowned "Lucia." For me, representing The Swedish Club of Houston is an honor, which I shall carry proudly while serving humbly here and in the "homeland." Only the future knows what greater good may result from such an awesome experience.







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#### Anna Lindh Tribute by Mona Sahlin

#### Speech by Mona Sahlin,

Swedish Minister for Democracy and Integration, at the Tribute to Anna Lindh in Augustana Lutheran Church in Washington, DC on September 23, 2003:

Of all the days of the year, on September 11 there was once again a crack in time. And through that crack Anna Lindh disappeared. Only 46 years old she was murdered by a knife, when going to shop a new jacket. It's so unfair, it's so tragic. I feel emptiness, sadness and anger! I feel anger towards the person who stopped her from being able to fulfill her promise to her sons that she always would come home safely.

A man lost his wife, two small boys lost their mother, the Social democratic party lost a future leader, Sweden lost a foreign minister and I lost my very best friend since 30 years.

Anna Lindh was special – just as all human beings are.

Her international commitment, going all the way back as it did to her youth, made her a much appreciated colleague in international connections. She was known and respected fpr her drive, courage and expertise.

Anna Lindh represented Sweden. Many people, I know, were proud of that fact.

She represented a country that is known for its openess, a country known to be a democratic society where the distance between people and their representatives is small. A tolerant and uniquely cohesive society.

And this is what we want Sweden to continue to be.

We can only defend democracy by really appreciating it. Not by taking it for granted. And Sweden will not turn into an intolerant society. Because of Anna's death, we will defend democracy even more.

Anna was truly Sweden's face in the world – and the world's face in Sweden. And what a face it was! Blond, beautiful, laughing, vibrant, smart and caring.

She was never afraid of speaking out – always true to her ideal. She made a difference and she made an impact.

Colin Powell said he liked three things about Sweden: Abba, Volvo and Anna.

Kofi Annan said: Anna was great, vibrant, modern and progressive. What a loss to the world.

Chris Patten of the EU commission said that Anna represented all the good things about Sweden, and he hoped that Sweden would continue to be Anna.

And we will try. For her sake. And for our own sake.

We do want a society where everyone is safe! What we need to do now is to come together. A democratic society can never be defended in any other way. We must show resolve and unite around the values we want Sweden to embody. This is the only way in which we can honour Anna. It was to democracy and freedom she was committed. It was the cause of peace and solidarity that she made her own. This we must never forget.

And I will never forget my friend. Always sending SMS from boring meetings, always remembering my kids birthdays, always baking bread from countries she visited.

Why do we grief so much? Because life is so marvellous. The death of Anna reminds me of the importance of laughing and living. Too often we forget that.

At last I will read a short poem. A poem Anna Lindh read at the funeral of Olof Palme, the Swedish Prime Minister who was murdered in 1986.

"Speak – you who still have lips.
Words can become suns,
Words can become rivers.
Words can open gates and build bridges.
Words can overthrow tyrants, if enough of us arm ourselves with words.
Speak, speak. It is our duty to those who spoke while they still had lips."

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#### Ann Lindh Tribute by Ambassador Jan Eliason

Dear Friends,

We are here today to remember, honor and pay tribute to Anna Lindh, the Foreign Minister of Sweden, whose life was tragically and violently ended on September 11 in Stockholm, Sweden.

We are grateful that so many of you have come here today to say a last farewell. It is a special consolation and source of strength for us to have among us one of Anna Lindh's government colleagues and best friends, Mona Sahlin.

I am honored to see among us Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage and our friends from State Department and the NSC as well as many other representatives of the Administration, Congress and organizations in the Washington area. I also want to thank my Ambassador colleagues or their deputies for coming here today in honor of Anna Lindh. My friend and colleague from Norway, former Foreign Minister Knut Vollebaek, was particularly close to Anna.

I also want to welcome all Swedes and Swedish-Americans who are here to share our grief and pay tribute to Anna Lindh.

I have just come back from Stockholm and the memorial service last Friday for Anna in the City Hall. 1300 people, coming from all parts of Sweden and all corners of the world, filled the hall.

We were only sorry that extreme weather conditions prevented Secretary of State Colin Powell from leaving Washington Thursday night. I have witnessed the meetings between Colin Powell and Anna Lindh and can only tell you that these were wonderful encounters between political leaders and human beings, friends indeed, driven by passion and compassion. They symbolized to many of us the best of the United States and the best of Sweden.

Sweden and the Swedish people are still in shock and in deep grief. Anna was a bright light and represented the future of Sweden, and I dare say Europe. She was a committed, strong leader of Swedish diplomacy. We remember her lively and energizing embassy staff meetings, always on the programme while she visited Washington.

Anna Lindh was devoted to the fundamental values of liberty, humanity and justice. Human rights, prevention of conflict, integration and enlargement of the EU and a strong United Nations were areas close to her heart.

She was tough, clear and sharp, but also full of humor, and lovingly caring for her family and friends. To her, political and diplomatic life was not the hands she shook – it was the hearts she touched.

Chris Patten said in his eulogy in Stockholm that some of the most beautiful pieces of music are the unfinished symphonies. Anna Lindh was such a symphony. She had already done so much - but had still so much more to give. Her music was harmonious - and yet bold.

We will continue to be inspired by her memory. *Used by permission of Swedish Embassy-Washington DC* 

#### COMING EVENTS and NEEDS Viking Fest 2004

Every two years the Scandinavian Clubs in Texas work together to have a state wide education and fun fest. In 2004, it will be April 17 & 18<sup>th</sup> in Waco. Plan now to attend with your greater family especially the barn and barnbarn, More information is available at <a href="http://www.vikingfest.com/">http://www.vikingfest.com/</a> Don't miss the education page on their website. The Swedish Club NEEDS a volunteer who will serve as our Delegate and maintain contact with the Viking Fest Board of Directors. Contact Arvid Johanson - 281.342.6861 or Leif Mauritzson-281.580.5923.

#### **ANNUAL MEETING**

Watch the Swedish Club Website and your next Newsletter (Jan) for date and place of the Annual Meeting combined with a Pea Soup and Pancake Dinner.

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#### **New Faces of Swedish Cinema – in HOUSTON**

"A new generation of Swedish filmmaking has emerged in recent years, finding new audiences for Swedish films both at home and abroad. Young filmmakers living in Sweden are taking a look around, often with warmth, humor, and irony. Some speak of cultural differences, whereas other directors who have made Sweden their home are simply telling stories without any trace of an outsider's perspective." — Walter Reade Theater, Film Society of Lincoln Center Jalla! Jalla!

Directed by Josef Fares (Sweden, 2000, 88 min., subtitled) *Friday, January 2, 7:00 p.m.* 

This raucous, exuberant comedy was a huge hit at the Swedish box office; its title means Hurry! Hurry! in Arabic. The son of Lebanese immigrants, Roro (Fares Fares) works as a park groundskeeper and is madly in love with his girlfriend (Tuva Novotny). One day Roro's parents announce they have arranged a marriage for him, but the intended bride (Laleh Pourkarim) is as uninterested as Roro. When the wedding day arrives, the stage is set for much confusion and a big family brawl.

#### **Days Like This (Leva livet)**

Directed by Mikael Håfström (Sweden, 2001, 96 min., subtitled) *Friday, January 2, 8:45 p.m.* 

While attending to his dying wife, a vacuum cleaner salesman (Christian Fiedler) makes the rounds of an apartment building and becomes a witness to—and at times a reluctant participant in—the romantic and marital dramas within the building. To cheer up his wife, the husband tells stories about the tenants: one couple worries about their difficulty in conceiving a child; another wonders if their lack of interest in each other means that they have found others. Like Robert Altman did in Short Cuts, the director weaves together several story lines to create a wry look at couples in various states of distress.

#### The Invisible (Den Osynlige)

Directed by Joel Bergval and Simon Sandquist (Sweden, 2002, 95 min., subtitled) Saturday, January 3, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 4, 7:00 p.m.

Nicklas lives with his single mother in a small town. He's a straight-A student with dreams of his own and plans to run away before high-school graduation to enroll in a writing class in London. Fate intervenes,

however, when he is brutally beaten by a gang of thugs (led by Tuva Novotny of Jalla! Jalla!) and left for dead in the woods. When Nicklas "returns" to school the following day, he is invisible to those around him, and he comes to realize that he is suspended between life and death. A massive search for Nicklas is conducted, but if he isn't found quickly, death will win out. Nicklas is the first leading role for Gustaf Skarsgård, son of actor Stellan Skarsgård (Breaking the Waves, Good Will Hunting.)

#### Wings of Glass (Vinar av glas)

Directed by Reza Bagher (Sweden, 2000, 105 min., subtitled) Sunday, January 4, 8:45 p.m.

Iranian sisters Nazli (Sara Sommerfeld) and Mahin (Aminah Al-Fakir) have been raised by their father (Said Oveissi) since their mother died of cancer. Both young women want to assimilate into the culture of Sweden, whereas their father wants to maintain his Muslim roots. When he sets his daughters up with eligible Iranian men for marriage consideration, Mahin is happy with her father's choice, but Nazli objects to marrying her smarmy cousin. Despite her father's disapproval, Nazli finds a Swedish boyfriend named Johan and ends up running away from home. Alexander Skarsgård, eldest son of Stellan (see The Invisible, above) plays Johan, who attempts to reunite Nazli and her father.

#### **Box Office**

General admission is \$6. Matinee admission is \$5. MFAH members, senior adults, and students with ID receive a \$1 discount. Unless otherwise indicated, Film Buffs members are admitted free. Children 5 and under are admitted free.

An MFAH Films discount pass, good for 10 admissions, is on sale for \$50 (\$45 for MFAH members, senior adults, and students with ID).

The MFAH Films box office can accept payment by cash and check only (no credit cards). Tickets cannot be purchased in advance. The box office opens at 5:30 p.m. for weekend evening screenings and 30 minutes before show time for other films.

#### Museum of Fine Arts- Houston Film Information Line 713-639-7515

Go to <a href="https://www.mfah.org">www.mfah.org</a> for updated schedules and additional details.

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#### An International Choir for an **International City**



October 26, 2003, Houston, TX...The United Nations Association (UNA) International Choir, founded in 1999, gives residents of Southeast Texas the opportunity to learn and sing choral music in a friendly and supportive environment that is racially, ethnically and culturally diverse. Choir members perform music from many nations in its original languages. Private vocal assessments for membership in the Choir continue through the end of this calendar year.

Membership is by these assessments only and is open to Houston area residents 16 years and older. People of all faiths and ethnic backgrounds are welcome and encouraged to call Geneva @ 281-498-7562 or to visit the Choir's website at http://www.unahouston.org/unachoir to schedule an individual appointment. Previous choral experience and the ability to read music are desirable, but not required.

Rehearsals are held every Monday evening from 7:30 to 9:30 during the school year, except for the customary vacation periods, at Faith Lutheran Church, 4600 Bellaire Blvd. All rehearsals are conducted in English. Choir dues are \$60.00 per person, \$100.00 per couple or \$135.00 per household of three or more; additionally there is an approximately \$20.00 fee to cover the cost of each singer's music.

Complete information about all aspects of the choir is available on the website. http://www.unahouston.org/unachoir

#### **Folkdancing Update** by Jay Flusche

The Autumn season is normally a time where the folkdancers re-learn all of the dances that they have forgotten over the summer, and where they begin to learn new dances for the busy Springtime performance schedule. This year has been no different.

We began practicing in September, and performed at the Smörgåsbord in October.

In November, we will be hosting 16 dancers from the Dallas branch of the N.S.T. Leikarringen (the folkdance group of the Norwegian Society of Texas). We will have a joint performance at the Christmas Bazaar at the Norwegian Seamen's Church in Pasadena on Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:30. Following the performance, we will have a dance workshop with the Leikarringen dancers. This gives us an opportunity to learn some more Norwegian dances, and it will give the NST dancers an opportunity to learn a couple of Icelandic and Swedish dances.

In December, we will do some informal folk dances at the Christmas traditions program on December 13<sup>th</sup> at Immanuel Lutheran Church. We will also be selling Glögg down at 21st & Strand on December 6 & 7 at Dickens on the Strand. Stop by and say hello if you are down in Galveston for Dickens.

When the Springtime rolls around, we will have a busy schedule with performances at St. Thomas University (tentative), the Danish heritage museum in Danevang, the Houston International Festival, the Texas Folklife festival in San Antonio, and then our summer trip to Iceland and Norway.

This is a fun hobby. If it appeals to you, and you want more information, please contact either Allan Abedor (club president) at 936.449.4721 or Howard Phillips (dance director) at 713.661.5619.

> We would love to have you join The Scandinavian Folkdancers of Houston.

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### Smörgåsbord 2003 By Jay Flusche

The Westador Civic Association Clubhouse was the site of the 2003 Smörgåsbord on Saturday October 18<sup>th</sup>.

The clubhouse setting was convivial, yet intimate. Everyone enjoyed the pleasures of companionship and good food, but it had the feeling of a good old-fashioned holiday dinner at home with friends.

The menu was tremendous: herring, gravad lax, Jansson's Temptation, beets, red cabbage, meatballs, new potatoes, salad, crisp bread, cheese, limpa bread; you name it, we had it.

Lynn Mauritzson did a tremendous job of preparing almost all of the food. The presentation of the food along the line of serving tables was beautiful as well.



In addition to food and fellowship, there was entertainment as well. Harald Witt, who is the manager of the Houston IKEA store, was the after dinner speaker. His presentation was on the history of IKEA, the corporate philosophy of IKEA, and the future plans of IKEA in Houston. He followed up with a question and answer session.

We also announced the selection of our 2003 Lucia, Sjerrie Colburn.





One interesting twist to the evening was a champagne toast and recognition for Jan Dryselius who was awarded Knight 1<sup>st</sup> Class, Royal Order of the Polar Star. This award was originally presented to Jan by the King of Sweden.

The evening ended with a performance by the Scandinavian Folkdancers of Houston followed by dance music provided by the musicians of the folkdance group.

All in all, it was a nice event. It could not have happened without a lot of help, though.

Special thanks go out to Leif & Lynn Mauritzson who put together the menu and the program, and to Gunhild Jansson, Dina Jo Colburn, Sjerrie Colburn, Diana Rodionov, Rod & Jackie Anderson and Jan & Mary Dryselius, all of whom helped with either food preparation or decorating the clubhouse (or both).

But the most important thing to remember is that no matter how good the food is, how beautifully it is presented, how nice the hall looks, it doesn't matter if people are not there to enjoy it. We had around 70 attendees. If you didn't make it this year, be sure not to miss it next year. You won't regret it!



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#### Lucia Ten Years Later – A Bride

Miss Rebecca Elizabeth Cadwallader and Mr. Harold Wagner Kelly were united in marriage on October 18, 2003, at noon at the Terrace Club in Dripping Springs, Texas, overlooking the Texas Hill Country. Mr. Robert Schweter officiated the double-ring ceremony. The bride was escorted by her father and given in marriage by her parents. The groom's father, Mr. Donald Kelly, Sr., shared a scripture reading during the ceremony. A reception hosted by the bride's parents followed indoors at the Terrace Club. On the eve of the ceremony, the groom's parents hosted a rehearsal dinner at the Salt Lick Barbecue in Driftwood, Texas.



The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Cadwallader of Austin, Texas. The bride is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Sellstrom of Austin, Texas, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cadwallader of Austin, Texas. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Kelly, Sr. of Palacios, Texas.

Rebecca wore a white tulle ballgown by Oleg Cassini and a white elbow-length veil accompanied by a gold and pearl Swedish wedding crown, which has also been worn by the bride's mother and aunts. The bride carried a bouquet of fall-colored flowers that included roses, calla lilies, hypericum berries, seeded eucalyptus, and wax flowers.

The maid of honor was Miss Amy Roccaforte of Austin, Texas. The bridesmaids were Miss Jennifer Rodda of Addison, Texas, and Miss Nancy Kehoe of Tulsa, Oklahoma. All three are sorority sisters of the bride. The groom's brother, Mr. Donald Kelly, Jr. of Palacios, Texas, served as best man. The groom's

childhood friends, Mr. Steve Frangullie and Mr. Kenneth Maynard of Palacios, Texas, were groomsmen. The ushers were the bride's brother, Mr. Matthew Cadwallader of Lubbock, Texas, and the groom's friend, Mr. Chad Riggins of Austin, Texas. The house party included the groom's sisters, Ms. Beverly Vacek and Mrs. Stephanie Winfield of Palacios, Texas, and the bride's sorority sister Miss Jami Stigliano of New York, New York.

The bride graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a Bachelor of Arts in linguistics. She is a member of Alpha Xi Delta sorority. Rebecca works as a human resources specialist for the Health and Human Services Commission in Austin, Texas. The groom received an Associate of Science in occupational safety and health from Texas State Technical College and a Bachelor of Science in health and history from Eastern Oregon University. Harold is a marketing representative for ITT Technical Institute in Austin, Texas.

Rebecca and Harold honeymooned on a seven-night Caribbean cruise and reside in Austin, Texas.

Attorney Don Jansen, one of our Swedish Club board members, has been selected for Texas Monthly's Super Lawyers of Texas, 2003.

He is a tax attorney at Fulbright & Jaworkski. See the current Texas Monthly and watch for more on Don in the next Newsletter

#### **CLUB NEEDS OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

The Swedish Club needs nominees for the Officers and Directors to serve in 2004. They will be elected at the January Annual Meeting.

John Stavinoha < John Stavinoha@mhhs.org> and Don Jansen < djansen@fulbright.com > are the nominating committee. Please tell them what you will volunteer to do or who else might be interested in serving.

The list of the Current Officers and Directors are on Page 10. Besides membership in the club, the only office with further qualifications is the President who must have previously served on the board.

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