



THE SWEDISH CLUB NEWS

The Swedish Club of Houston

Preserving Swedish Heritage on the Texas Gulf Coast Since 1986

Membership Dues

A gentle reminder to pay your membership dues for 2011. Rates are as follows:

- Family \$35
- Individual \$25
- Student / Au pair \$10 (fall-spring)

Please make checks payable to: **The Swedish Club of Houston** c/o John Stavinoha

807 Mulberry Lane / Bellaire, TX 77401

or pay online

www.swedishclub.org

Board Meetings

Board meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every Month at IKEA in Katy. Anyone is welcome to visit and hear about the latest club updates. If you'd like to have dinner, join us at 7 pm in the café.

The meeting itself begins around 7:30 pm and lasts about an hour.

Upcoming Events

Kräftskiva - Crayfish Party

Saturday, March 26
6 pm at the Monument Inn
4406 Independence Parkway South
LaPorte, near the San Jacinto Battleground

The menu includes crayfish with the traditional Swedish seasoning of sea salt and dill, fried fish, fried chicken, potatoes and corn.

Tickets: \$20 member adults, \$25 non-member adult guests, \$10 children 12 and under. **Reservation deadline: Wednesday, March 23.**

Reserve online at www.swedishclub.org or by mail with the included form. Seating is limited, so make your reservations early. Reservations are not confirmed until payment is received.

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Scandinavian Family Fun Day

Work off those extra calories from the Crayfish party during this event on March 27th at the Norwegian Seaman's Church in Pasadena. There will be games and fun for all ages.

Sunday, March 27
11 am at the Norwegian Seaman's Church
4309 Young Street
Pasadena
(281) 998-8366

Church service begins at 11 am. The children's soccer game begins at 12:15 pm, while the adults will put their skills to the test at 1 pm. Do you want to play in the tournament? Contact the church no later than Friday March 25th.

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Annual Meeting

The annual meeting was held on January 22, 2011. Pea soup and pancakes were served in abundance and a fun time was had by all. The new board was elected and you'll find out more about them in the next newsletter.

Casting Call

Meter Television, the producers of the Swedish version of *American Idol* and *Minute To Win It*, are looking for Americans with Swedish ancestry for a new reality-TV show. Find more information at this website:

www.greatswedishadventure.com

Swedish Recipes

Looking for a good source of Swedish recipes created with American measurements in mind? Try these websites:

www.cooks.com
www.allrecipes.com
www.recipesource.com

A New Look

Laura Millikan has been an incredible editor for the past five years and has now decided to pass on the reigns. As a result, the newsletter format is a bit smaller this time around and a bit different than previous editions. I am currently tweaking the template to find the optimal format. I would love to hear your comments, questions, and suggestions. Please send an email to Sara West at ataswe@gmail.com.

Valborgmässoafton Bonfire and BBQ

**Saturday, April 30
3 pm at Dr. Margit Winström's ranch
3383 Peters Ln
Brenham, TX**

Join us as we welcome spring with fun, fellowship, food and games. There will be a hayride, followed by bonfire and singing of traditional spring songs. We'll also play games like frisbee, volleyball, badminton, croquet and typical Swedish games too.

Don't forget to bring: Hot dogs, hamburgers or something else to grill for yourself and your family, plus one side dish to share (preferably Swedish), a beverage of choice, one's own table service, lawn chairs, mosquito repellent, a flashlight (to take to the bonfire), and a musical instrument to play (optional!).

Local Happenings

---The SXSW Festival in Austin will host several Swedish bands this year. **Sweden Does SXSW** is arranged by the **Swedish American Chamber of Commerce** and will take place on March 17th at the Boundless Network office patio on 200 E. 6th Street, Suite 300 in Austin. Doors open at 6 p.m. To purchase tix, go to <http://www.sacctx.com/> and look under upcoming events.

---**The Scandinavian Folk Dancers of Houston** are performing at the Tomball German Heritage Festival on March 26th. The festival runs March 25, 26, & 27. If you can't make it to the festival, you can always join them for practice most Monday nights from 7 - 9 at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Rice Village. Please stop by and see if it is something you might be interested in. It's a great way to connect with your Scandinavian roots. Questions? Call Kathy at 713-870-3543.

Kräftskiva Reservations - Due before March 24, 2011. Please make checks payable to: The Swedish Club of Houston c/o John Stavinoha / 807 Mulberry Lane / Bellaire, TX 77401

Name:	Phone:
Name of others attending:	
Adults	@ \$20 each
Children (12 and under)	@ \$10 each
Check total:	

Membership Application/Renewal

Membership Type:

- Application
 Renewal

Annual Dues:

- \$35 Family Membership
 \$25 Individual Membership
 \$10 Student Membership

Name(s): _____ Date: _____

Name(s) and birth year(s) of child(ren) living at home: _____

Street: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Phone Number: Home (____) _____

Work (____) _____

E-mail Address: Home _____

Work _____

Please e-mail my newsletters to:

- Home Work Both Neither; I prefer hard copy

The following optional information would help us plan club activities:

Occupation: _____ Spouse's Name: _____

Hobbies: _____ Spouse's Occupation: _____

- Single Married

Spouse's Hobbies: _____

Yes! I would like to serve on the Board:

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|------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Swedish School | <input type="checkbox"/> Programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity | <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor Relations | <input type="checkbox"/> Webmaster |

Yes! I can help chair/co-chair an event:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pea Soup/Pancake Supper | <input type="checkbox"/> Kräftskiva (Crayfish) | <input type="checkbox"/> Valborgsmässoafton (Bonfire) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Smörgåsbord | <input type="checkbox"/> Lucia | <input type="checkbox"/> I have another idea! |

I prefer to help "behind the scenes" with an event:

- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Make baked goods | <input type="checkbox"/> Make craft items | <input type="checkbox"/> Take reservations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help with decorations | <input type="checkbox"/> Set up/clean up | <input type="checkbox"/> Greeter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reporter/Photographer | <input type="checkbox"/> Serve refreshments | <input type="checkbox"/> Sell raffle tickets |

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The Swedish Club News is published 6 times a year by the Swedish Club of Houston. Articles, photos, etc., are welcome. We would especially like personal news of our members, explanation of family traditions and Swedish culture, news of Swedes and of Sweden, and your favorite Swedish shops, products or resources.

Please send news to newsletter@swedishclub.org or by post to the return address on the flipside.

Calendar of Events

Saturday March 26 - Kräftskiva

Sunday March 27 - Nordic Soccer Game

Saturday April 30 - Valborg

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