



Swedish American Historical Society of Wisconsin, Inc.



2021 Annual meeting October 21, 2021
(ZOOM) Agenda

Welcome & Announcements

Martin Luther Lutheran Church 2022 meeting place for FIKA meetings

Annual Reports

Secretary, President, Treasurer

Membership, Publicity, Programs, Midsommar, Genealogy, Historical Records, Historical Projects

Election of Directors

Karin Konrad, Janet Taylor

Program - Project updates

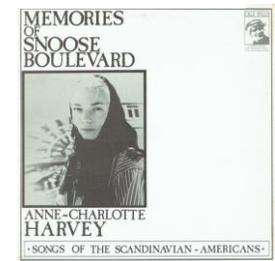
Swedish Genealogy

Update of State Historical Marker project

New Business

Member input

Ideas, questions, comments



A year in review

October 10

SAHSWI 2020 annual meeting held via ZOOM. Program “State Historical Marker Project” introduced by **John Elliott**



December 13

Virtual Lucia celebration via ZOOM. **Karin Konrad** discussed the history of Saint Lucia and Lussekatte. Video of prior year celebration at Whitnall Park Lutheran Church, and a video of Lucia concert from Kungsholm’s Cathedral in Stockholm were shown.



January 16

Virtual meeting via ZOOM. Program **John Elliott** presented “Facts about Swedish traits”



A year in review

March 13

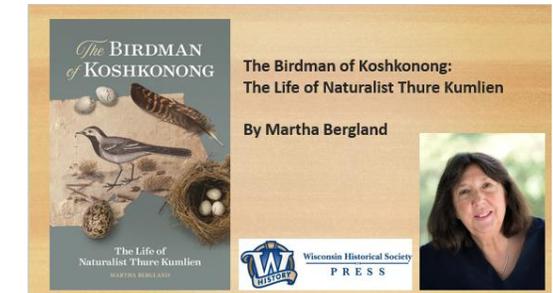


Virtual meeting via ZOOM. Program “Svenska Låtar” **Carol Gustafson** and **Mary Stetson**, artistic name “Goda Vänner”, presenting and performing this program about Swedish Folk Music. In addition **Marge Jothén’s** 102nd birthday was celebrated. **Barbara Froemming** spoke a tribute to Marge.



May 8

Virtual meeting via ZOOM. **Martha Bergland** discussed her newly released book “The Birdman of Koshkonong”, “The life of Naturalist Thure Kumlien”.



June 27

Midsommar celebration in Heidelberg Park. Entertainment by **Lykkeringen Dancers** and **Goda Vänner**.

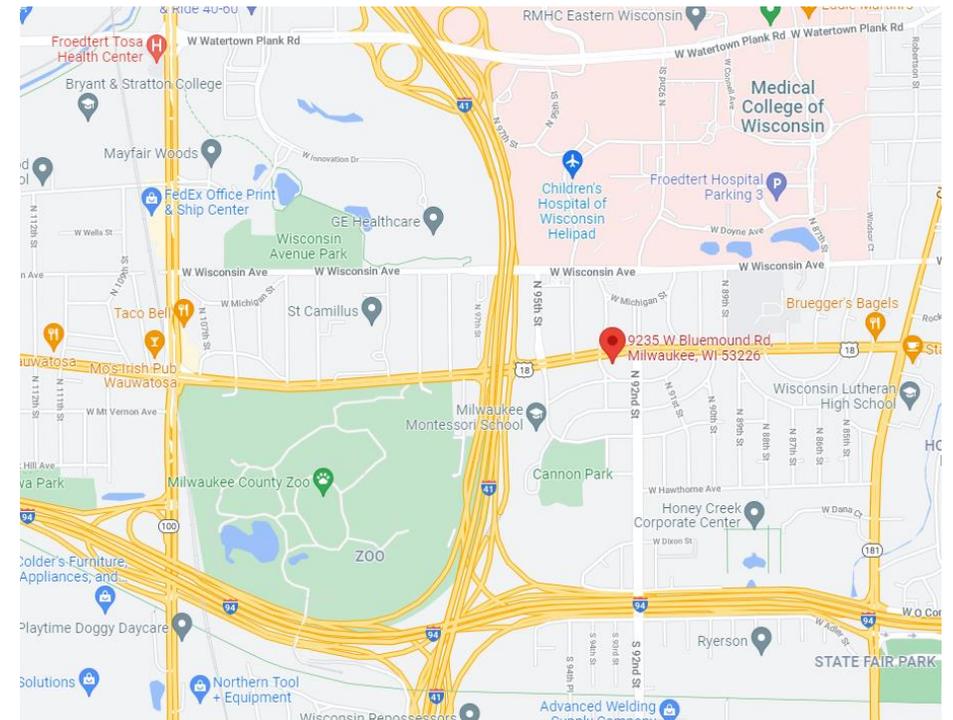
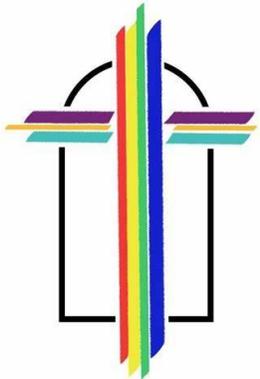


October 2

Scandinavian Festival, Nordic Council, cancelled

New fika meeting place

- Meeting place: **Martin Luther Lutheran Church**
- Location: Just east of the Milwaukee Zoo
- Contacts: Pastor **Ari Mattson**
Administrative assistant **Ronna Paradowski**
- Address: **9235 West Bluemound Road
Milwaukee, WI 53226**
- Meeting hall: **Fellowship Hall seats up 75 people + Kitchen**



Technology

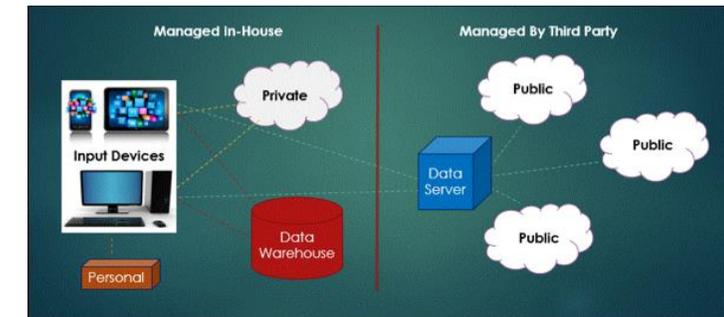
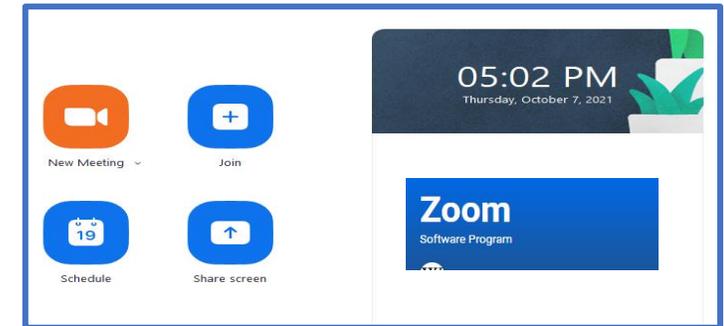
- **ZOOM:** The pandemic drove us to learn how to meet virtually using the ZOOM system application. We are grateful to all presenters and members learning and adjusting to this technology.

Going forward we will have **in-person** meetings; however, we also explore to use virtual meeting technology to further reach out to members and people interested in the history of Swedish immigration and celebration of our Swedish heritage.

- **Cloud data storage:** Cloud computing and cloud data storage are technologies rapidly becoming common place in today's society. SAHSWI has started to use cloud data storage for society documents, currently using Microsoft OneDrive system.

This improves access and saves a lot of traditional filing of physical documents. As an example, the research packet mentioned above is stored in the cloud and will be available to SGRG members.

- **Website, www.sahswi.org:** Our website is evolving slowly, the idea is to grow the content and explore and celebrate the different aspects of Wisconsin's Swedish heritage.
- **Social Media** We have a **Facebook** page, however, we need someone to take ownership to maintain posting our activities.



Membership

- Our membership 111
- No membership fee for 2020.
- 2 new members but sadly 3 long time members Marion Bruce, Birgit Segerdahl and Elaine Jackson passed away. They will be missed, and our condolences to their families.
- 150 prospective members gets invitation twice a year
- To add people to this list contact Bev at wenz113@gmail.com or 262-781-6113.
- SAHSWI general contact email at swedishhistoricalwisc@gmail.com
- Become a follower for our website, www.sahswi.org.

Historical Files

- The reorganization, indexing and proper storage of Society Historical Records was in progress prior to the pandemic.
- Stored at Milwaukee County Historical Society
- New materials of historic value have been directed to us which we will analyze and incorporate into our files.
- If you have any items of interest about our Society, Swedish immigrants to Wisconsin, or Swedish-American contributions, please contact a Society Board member or call Bev at 262-781-6113.
- We welcome your contributions and look forward to properly preserving our Society history and Swedish-American contributions for reference now and for future generations.

Publicity

Zoom meetings mainly published on the website

Midsommar published to

- Other ethnic organizations
- Past attendees
- General Public

Visitors and views of our website sahswi.org are slowly increasing.

Number of followers have increased to 198 from 182 last year.

Website updates

2020

- SAHSWI General Annual Meeting
- The Christina Nilsson Story (from March 2020 Fika meeting)
- 2020 SAHSWI Lucia Celebration
- God Jul, Merry Christmas

2021

- Facts about Swedish Traits
- Marjorie Jothen 102 Years
- The Birdman of Koshkonong & Life of Naturalist Thure Kumlien
- Svenska Lатар (Swedish Songs) recap of March meeting
- Scandinavian Midsommar Celebration
- Swedish Genealogy
- New Upsala Historical Marker is moved

SAHSWI Projects – will be reviewed later in the program

Swedish Genealogy

SAHSWI's Swedish Genealogy Research Group (SGRG) has been collaborating and supporting Swedish Genealogy for many years.

Building on their experience and with the help from member researchers SGRG leader **Marge Jochen and Bev Wenzel** have developed a packet consisting of 7 sections with the first 2 being available on the SAHSWI website. The following sections have been shared with the SGRG member researchers.

New Upsala State Historical Marker

The project to dedicate an official State of Wisconsin Historical Marker honoring Gustaf Unonius, New Upsala settlement and the Scandinavian Parish has been active all year with numerous meetings, starting on ZOOM, and in May 2021 continuing in person.

The project team initially SAHSWI members **Martha Bergland, Tracy Redman, and Jan Ehrengren**, and non-members Chenequa residents **John Yewer and Kirsten Benidt**. As the "story" developed adding members from St. Anskar's Episcopal Church in Hartland, **Meg Haag**, and **Sarah Hintz**. **Cletus Hasslinger** descendent of early settlers Bergwall and Petterson also joined the team adding additional perspective to the project

The team has collected and documented extensive material and had in person meetings with local historians and the village of Chenequa leaders and residents.

The stage one application will soon be submitted to WHS, Wisconsin Historical Society.