

Annual Report – Hospitality Committee 2022

As with so many aspects of our lives, 2022 was a year filled with changes for the Hospitality Committee, but we met all the challenges successfully in the pursuit of coffee, baked treats, and fellowship.

SAHSWI's new meeting place, Martin Luther Lutheran Church, was undergoing a major renovation in March, but members adapted easily because we were glad to be back together while we celebrated Marge Jothen's 103rd birthday with a special cake during Fika time. We next enjoyed Fika together at St. Anskar's Episcopal Church in Hartland in May. This was a fitting location because the program featured early Swedish settlers in that area, and the future historical marker will be installed outside the church. Finally, a Fika meeting was inserted into the usual schedule so that we could celebrate the Foods of Sweden at a long-delayed meeting. Six members, Carol Gustafson, Irene Roberts, Fred Sommer, Karin Konrad, Liza Ekstrand, and Jan Ehrengren, prepared elaborate traditional Swedish dishes, and other members provided a bountiful assortment of additional items for all to enjoy.

Thank you to Irene Roberts, Danielle Jackson, and Karin Konrad, who have consistently helped to create a welcoming Fika time from set up through clean up. Many others lent their helping hands as well.

Thank you, also, to all of the members who bring the treats that we all enjoy each time we gather. Relaxing, chatting with friends, and making new acquaintances is an important part of Fika, a Swedish tradition that we are happy to continue.

Respectfully submitted,

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