

Swedish American Historical Society of Wisconsin, Inc. 2022 Annual Presidents report.

After dealing with challenges caused by the Covid-19 pandemic we were able to re-establish primarily face-to-face meetings and events in 2022. After much discussion the 2021 Lucia celebration was held at Whitnall Park Lutheran Church adopting the CDC and Milwaukee County guidelines to protect participants from further spread of the virus, and the event was very well attended. However, with the new Omicron variant of the virus the January Fika meeting had to be cancelled.

In the beginning of 2022, we were also dealing with meeting facility challenge as the upgrade of Martin Luther church fellowship hall and kitchen was delayed due to supply chain issues caused by the pandemic. Still with the support from Martin Luther Church the March Fika meeting could be held using the Sanctuary for Martha Bergland presentation of her newly released book about Ornithologist Thure Kumlien. The hallways were used for the fika. This represented the first face-to-face Fika meeting in 2 years.

The 2022 Annual Meeting presentation describes the activities and programs conducted during the past year and will not be repeated here. Also included are main points from annual committee reports.

We are happy with the good attendance for all the Fika meetings, Lucia and Midsommar and for the resuming of the Swedish Genealogy Research Group (SGRG) meetings.

Our membership increased during the year and is now at 125, with 17 new memberships added. Sadly, we lost 3 long time contributors and members: Barbara Froemming, our then treasurer and past president, Eva Katsekas, and Les Touve.

I like to thank everyone that has made this past year a successful year for the organization. Our members and other meeting participants, all volunteers at our meetings and celebration events, our Board and Committee members, our Historical Project Team members, all successfully overcoming any challenges presented. We can now look forward to a new year of exploring and celebrating our Swedish heritage and advancing our Swedish American agenda in Wisconsin.

[2022 SAHSWI Annual General Meeting presentation](#)

Respectfully submitted

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