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# Swedish Cultural Society's Newsletter





#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

All events take place at the Scandinavian Community Centre, 6540 Thomas Street, Burnaby if no other location is listed

### May

23 South Book Club at Laila Axén @ 7:30pm

**27-28** European Festival, Swangard, Burnaby

## June

3 Celebration of Sweden National Day13 SCS Board Meeting @7:00pm16-18 Midsummer Festival



# Walpurgis Celebration April 30th

About 30 people attended the annual Walpurgis celebration. We had wonderful weather and the sun was shining. The spring was welcomed by traditional song led by Christer Hållberg, who also held a speech. The attendees barbequed hotdogs over the open fire, socialized with old and newfound friends while enjoying the beautiful sunset over the ocean at Ambleside Beach in West Vancouver.

# **European Festival 2017**

Finland is the host nation for the annual European Festival held at Swangard Stadium in Burnaby May 27-28. SCS will be

there as per ususal, representing Sweden. We are looking for volunteers like yourself to make this a successful event. If you have time and interest to volunteer at the event please sign up <a href="here">here</a>. A separate invitation to sign up will also be emailed out in the coming few days.

# **Sweden National Day**

We will be celebrating Sweden National Day Saturday June 3rd, 11:00am – 2:00pm at the Scandinavian Community Centre. The students at the Swedish School will be performing; we'll have singalong and the SWEA scholarship with be handed out along with other fun activities. A free lunch and "fika" will be served to all attending SCS members. The bar will be open as well. Please RSVP by May 31st to Linda Seminara (Olofsson) 604-418-7703, <a href="mailto:lindapseminara@gmail.com">lindapseminara@gmail.com</a> or through the Evite invitation that will be sent out by email in the coming days.

# **Swedish Passport**

If your Swedish passport is about to expire you'll have the opportunity to renew it at the mobile passport office which will be in Seattle, WA October 24-26 this year. Please contact the <a href="Swedish consulate in Seattle">Swedish consulate in Seattle</a> for more information.

## Swedish School 207/2018

The Swedish School is currently in need of teachers for the 2017/2018 school year. There is also availability for 2 more preschool children (age 3-5 years old). Please contact Sandra Benholm-Cheung at <a href="mailto:svenskaskolanvancouver@gmail.com">svenskaskolanvancouver@gmail.com</a> or 604-790-5685 if you have any questions or would like to register.



#### **Midsummer Festival June 16-18**

The Scandinavian Community Centre is hosting its 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Midsummer Festival June 16-18.

This year we will be celebrating the Finland 100 years anniversary and Canada 150 years anniversary.

The Midsummer Festival is by far the largest fundrasing event hosted by the Centre and many volunteers are needed to make this possible.

Sign up to volunteer in the Swedish tent here.

Sign up to volunteer in the kitchen or to do indoor sales here.

You can also contact Robert Öberg directly at <a href="mailto:roberg@telus.net">roberg@telus.net</a> if you have any questions or are unsure about what position fits you.

#### New rules for Swedish driver's license

Starting May 1, 2017, Swedes have to be permanently living in Sweden to get, or renew, a Swedish driver's license. Your current Swedish license is valid until its expiry date. You can read more about the rule changes on the <a href="Swedish Ministry of Transportation webpage">Swedish Ministry of Transportation webpage</a>.

# **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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All members are welcome to attend the Swedish Cultural Society's meetings every second Tuesday of the month at 7 PM at the Scandinavian Community Centre, 6540 Thomas Street, Burnaby BC. For more information, please visit <a href="https://www.swedishculturalsociety.ca">www.swedishculturalsociety.ca</a>.

For more information about the Scandinavian Community Centre, please visit the website <a href="http://scandinaviancentre.org">http://scandinaviancentre.org</a>.

