

## Swedish Royal Wedding



On June 19, 2010, Victoria, Crown Princess of Sweden married Daniel Westling. Victoria is the oldest child of the current King of Sweden and is next in line for the throne. This wedding, costing over \$10,000,000 was the biggest European royal wedding since Prince Charles married Lady Diana Spencer.

The Scandinavian Studies Program has obtained a video copy of the wedding ceremony and all the celebrations around Stockholm. This is a feature film prepared by Swedish Television lasting just over 2.5 hours although the ceremony itself is less than one hour. "The Royal Wedding" will be presented at the Jackson Center on April 15 beginning at 8 PM. The film is in Swedish with English subtitles. Admission is free but donations will be accepted to defray the cost of refreshments and as a contribution to the Jackson Center, 305 E. Fourth Street, Jamestown, NY.

This well done documentary is a very colorful presentation of the arrival of the European royalty, the wedding ceremony with fabulous music, the carriage and royal barge ride around Stockholm, Crown Princes Victoria and King Carl XVI Gustaf's greetings to the world, and the wedding banquet as well as the festivities around the wedding cake and dancing.

## Swedish Ambassador Attends Norden Club's Tjugonedag Knut

The Norden Club recently held the traditional last celebration of Christmas - Tjugonedag Knut - and their guest was H. E. Jonas Hafstrom, the Swedish Ambassador to the United States. Norden Club President Chip Johnson noted the diplomat's service record, which has taken him from Stockholm to Iran and Thailand and now to his current position.

Commenting on the visit, Hafstrom stated, "We have certainly had a most stimulating and impressive day of orientation about Swedish heritage here in Jamestown in different forms. Industry, culture, civic life and a visit to the Swedish consulate of course, Jamestown Community College and the Roger Tory Peterson Institute among other things. I am as you can all understand, tremendously glad and impressed to see that it is so alive up here still today."

Hafstrom was presented with an honorary life membership to the Norden Club of Jamestown. Acknowledging that a one-day visit was not enough, Hafstrom pledged to return to the city - specifically for a midsummer celebration soon. Perhaps this will be to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Norden Club or to attend the Tenth Annual Scandinavian Folk Festival. No matter when he returns, it will be the community's privilege to welcome him back to Jamestown.



*The Swedish Ambassador to the United States,  
H. E. Jones Hafstrom*

## JCC Has New Agreement With Sweden



*JCC President Gregory T. DeCinque is shown with Barbara and Hans Bergstrom*

A new partnership between Jamestown Community College and a Swedish-based organization operating 17 independent schools is expected to bring nearly 200 international visitors to the Jamestown area this summer.

According to Grant Umberger, director of continuing education for JCC's Jamestown Campus, the college has been collaborating with Internationella Engelski Skolan (IES) to create a comprehensive

two-week program allowing visiting students between the ages of 12 and 18 to be immersed in the English language, American culture, nature, sports, and diverse interactive hands-on educational activities.

"We are enthused about this opportunity to move toward enhancing global perspectives, which is one of the college's five strategic priorities," said Dr. Gregory T. DeCinque, JCC president. "This collaboration will enrich both the college and the community. We are committed to preparing all members of the broad college community to understand and function within a global context."

Founded in Sweden in 1993 by Barbara Bergstrom, an American who was teaching science in Sweden at the time, IES is based on the conviction that commanding the English language is imperative for youngsters everywhere to be able to realize their full potential in the modern world. Half of the instruction in IES schools in Sweden is provided in English by native English-speaking teachers. According to Ms. Bergstrom, while the majority of IES students are Swedish, they represent a vast diversity of cultures and interests. IES schools enroll over

9,000 students in Sweden, mainly in the Stockholm region, but also in towns like Jonkoping and Smaland, from which many people emigrated to the Jamestown area a century ago.

Ms. Bergstrom and her husband, Dr. Hans Bergstrom, former editor of the leading newspaper in Sweden, are part-time residents of Chautauqua County, and Dr. Bergstrom is a member of the Norden Club. "This region has so much to offer, particularly during the summer," Ms. Bergstrom said. "The strong Swedish heritage of Jamestown makes it extra exciting to arrange the summer program at JCC and to have Swedish students meet, communicate with, and make friends with students their own ages from Jamestown."

The IES English summer program at JCC will run between June 20 and August 8 with seven groups of up to 30 students each enrolled on an overlapping two-week schedule. Following a camp format, morning presentations in English will focus on various American themes, culture, and local history. During afternoon sessions, students will experience American culture, and at the same time develop their English, through a number of JCC's community partners including the Roger Tory Peterson Institute, the YMCA's Camp Onyahsa, and the Infinity Visual and Performing Arts Program. Field trips to Niagara Falls, Allegany State Park, and the Seneca Nation Museum will also be featured.

Visiting students will stay in JCC's suite-style residence halls. JCC teacher education majors may have opportunities to serve as interns for the summer program.

JCC is also assisting IES in recruiting teachers for academic year instruction in Sweden by coordinating recruitment fairs later this semester on JCC's Jamestown Campus and at Edinboro University and the State University of New York at Fredonia. Students interested in exploring teaching opportunities in Sweden at IES may apply at [www.englishka.se/careers](http://www.englishka.se/careers) or contact Victoria Peterson, JCC's international outreach coordinator, at 716-338-1291.

## Tenth Annual Scandinavian Folk Festival

The 2011 Scandinavian Folk Festival will be held July 15-17, 2011 as we return to the Gerry Rodeo Grounds. Plans are being completed to make this the best Festival ever. Featured performers include The Rockridge Brothers - a bluegrass/hillbilly band from Stockholm, world champion nyckelharpa player Peter Puma Hedlund also from Sweden, a trio from Finland will perform classical music, and the Swedish Folk Dance Team and Singers from Toronto, Canada. Additional entertainment is pending. Area bands Svenska Spelman and Nordanvind will offer additional gammeldans music.

Workshops and lectures are being finalized but will include dance instruction by a person from Stockholm and a genealogy expert from Sweden to work along with Karen Livsey from the Fenton Historical Society. The Viking theme area will be back including the Viking Ship from Philadelphia. Korv and Swedish meatball dinners, Norm's korv burgers and many other foods will make this a weekend to remember. Save the dates, details will be included in the next newsletter. The Festival is not possible without volunteers. If interested call Don Sandy at 716-665-0883. Get in on the fun and be Nordic for the weekend.



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## Magnus Martensson in Concert

Magnus Martensson will return to Jamestown for an intimate concert at Sheldon House on April 1, 2011 at 8 PM. His concert will consist of two parts. The first part will include piano selections from Nordic composers such as Grieg and Stenhammar. The second half will be a tribute in the style of Danish humorist Victor Borge who was also known as the "Clown Prince of Denmark."

Mr. Martensson began his musical training in his hometown Malmo, Sweden studying piano, viola, voice, guitar, and conducting. He completed his conducting studies at The Cleveland Institute of Music, where he received the Darius Milhaud Award for outstanding musicianship. He is the Music Director of the Scandinavian Chamber Orchestra of New York. Martensson's unique blend of music and comedy was born several years ago at a concert in New York City, in front of an audience that included members of the late Victor Borge's family.

The concert is sponsored by the Scandinavian Studies Program and is free and open to the public. Donations will be accepted to defray the cost of the concert and refreshments. Sheldon House is managed by Jamestown Community College and is located at 9 Falconer St., Jamestown, NY 14701. Seating is limited so first come, first served.



## Lutheran Social Services 125th Anniversary

Lutheran Social Services is celebrating its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. A special re-dedication ceremony was held on January 26 and told through the lives of Doris Berg and Hazel Peterson. Their lifetimes were captured on the Wall of History, which not only details landmark moments of the past 125 years, but shows Hazel's and Doris' lifetimes as well.

In 1926, 7-year-old Doris Bragg and her 5-year-old sister, Hazel, came to live at the Gustavus Adolphus Children's Home, now part of the Lutheran Social Services campus.

After living at the home until their late teens, Doris and Hazel went on to live rich and fulfilling lives in the Jamestown area. And when old age set in, they found their way back to the same campus on which they'd grown up - Doris first at Carlson Tower and Hazel at the Lindgren Apartments, and later at the Lutheran Home and Rehabilitation Center.

The compassionate women spent much of their later years volunteering throughout the city, including at Lutheran Social Services. In 2003, they were chosen by Chautauqua County RSVP as Volunteers of the Year for the United Way of Southern Chautauqua County, and they were inducted into the Gustavus Adolphus Wall of Fame in 2007 for their lifetime achievements.

The lives of Doris and Hazel were entwined with LSS for many years. Hazel passed away in 2008 and Doris in 2010.

Gustavus Adolphus Children's Home opened in 1886, after orphaned children had become a great concern to the leaders of First

Lutheran Church. The GA Home became the first united effort of the New York Conference of the Augustana Lutheran Church, with the support of 43 congregations of the conference.

When work began to build the home in 1884, the Rev. Daniel Rumpfelt said during the Rite of Dedication at Wednesday's ceremony, Gov. Reuben Fenton said, "The foundation is well-placed. ... Let the further work go on."

That "further work" has continued with the addition of housing for the aging, the opening of independent senior housing, the construction of the Gustavus Adolphus Learning Center, the formation of Grace Lutheran home for the developmentally disabled, and the expansion to assisted-living and adult daycare facilities, among other landmarks in time.

Looking forward to the next piece of history, Lutheran Social Services is continuing to realign its service model as it strives to do an even better job serving the community.

Stated Tom Holt, LSS President/CEO, "We have a project under construction right now, we are renovating a unit to create 46 more assisted-living beds, and we're going to be building a 14-unit apartment building that has 'smart house' technology," he said. "The whole notion is to try to provide services to keep people as independent as we can for as long as we can."

As summarized by Board Chair, Dean Weaver, "Our founding fathers had a vision, and today we continue their mission and that vision," Weaver said. "Our buildings and services may change over the years, but our love and passion never wavers."

### 70th Anniversary of the Children's Club

Thule will be celebrating the 70th anniversary of having a Children's Club. A reunion will be held following the Pancake Breakfast on April 10 from 9 am to 1 pm at Vasa Park, Pancake Hill Road. All former members of the children's club will be treated to a free breakfast. A celebration will be held at 1 pm with a performance by the current children's dance team and a brief program, with special recognition of charter members and past Lucia's.

### VIKING CALENDAR

**March 27th** Herring Breakfast from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Tickets must be reserved by calling 487-9305 or the Lake Park. Herring is \$7 and ham/eggs are \$6.

**May 15** Herring Breakfast from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Tickets must be reserved by calling 487-9305 or the Lake Park. Herring is \$7 and ham/eggs are \$6.

### THULE CALENDAR

(all events at Thule Lodge on Pancake Hill Road)

**April 10th** - Pancake Breakfast 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**May 6th** - Friday Night Fish Fry plus one special 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

**May 22nd** - Meatball Dinner 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.

**June 3rd** - Friday Night Fish Fry plus one special 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

**June 19th** - Father's Day Herring Breakfast; also ham & eggs 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**July 8th** - Friday Night Fish Fry plus one special 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

### ASHF CALENDAR

**April 1st** - Lunch and Program with Magnus Martensson at Sheldon House

**April 2nd** - Culture Day

**May 7th** - Culture Day

**May 20th** - Norwegian Night at Holy Trinity

**June 25th** - Midsummer at Holy Trinity

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