



THE SWEDISH CLUB NEWS

The Swedish Club of Houston

Preserving Swedish Heritage on the Texas Gulf Coast Since 1986

Club Updates



- Pancakes, pea soup, and punsch! Don't miss it! January 25 during the Annual Meeting. Details on page 2.
- Check out some pictures from the Christmas Traditions program on page 4. More photos can be found on Facebook: <http://bit.ly/SCHgroup>
- The new year is here! Happy 2014! If you haven't updated your membership yet, now is a good time to do so. Check page 6 for details.

In the News



- If you find yourself in San Antonio, stop by Royal Pizza where you can get authentic Swedish pizza and kebabs: http://bit.ly/royal_pizza
- Low-cost air carrier Norwegian is opening new US non-stop routes to Stockholm, Copenhagen, and Oslo: http://bit.ly/norwegian_air
- This year's SXSW festival lineup in Austin includes more than 10 Swedish indie bands. They will also host the world premiere of a film on Swedish House Mafia: sxsw.com

Pea Soup, Pancakes, and Punsch



Join us for the 2014 dinner and Annual Meeting!

6:30 PM Mingle

7:00 PM Dinner

8:00 PM Meeting (including door prizes)

Saturday, January 25, 2014 at 6:00 PM

Christ the King Lutheran Church

2353 Rice Blvd. Houston, TX

Members: \$15 / Non-Members: \$20 / Youth (12 and under): \$5

You can pre-pay online at <http://bit.ly/SCH2014> or pay at the door on January 25th.



For more information, contact annualmeeting@swedishclub.org

Historic Events *January and February*



January

On January 1, 1995, Sweden joined the European Union. A vote was held earlier in November to decide whether the country would join the EU. The results were close with 52.3% of voters saying yes to EU membership and 46.8% voting no. Turnout was high - 83.3% of the population voted. Swedes were skeptical toward the EU currency, the euro. The political parties agreed they would not switch to the euro unless a referendum showed the majority of Swedes wanted to use the new currency. A referendum was held in 2003 where 55.9% of voters rejected the idea. Recent poll results indicate that 78% of Swedes would vote no today.



February

On February 30, 1712, the Swedish calendar, which had been in use since March 1700 was abolished. In 1711, King Charles XII decided that Sweden would switch from using the Swedish calendar to the Julian calendar. To do so, days had to be added to the end of some months. This necessary modification gave February 1712 a total of 30 days. Sweden would switch to the Gregorian calendar later in 1753, one year after England. This switch would require the country to leap from February 17 to March 1 that year. Read more here:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Swedish_calendar

Info summarized from wikipedia.org

SCH Christmas Traditions photos

from Karen Wolz (via Facebook)



Sarah Garde, Lucia 2013



Lucia and her attendants during the program



Marie Teahen, who worked hard to make the Christmas Traditions program a success!



Families dancing around the tree



The craft table was a popular spot for the kids



Jultomten pays a visit to the party

Sweden at the Olympics



Winter sports fanatics rejoice! The Olympics are back! This year, nearly 100 Swedish athletes will compete in 9 different sports during the 2014 Olympics in Sochi, Russia.

Sweden's athletes will compete in Alpine Skiing, Biathlon, Cross-Country Skiing, Curling, Figure Skating, Freestyle Skiing, Ice Hockey, Snowboarding, and Speed Skating.

You can catch the games on NBC from February 7th to the 23rd and online via <http://www.nbcolympics.com/>

Membership Renewal for 2014

Thank you for being a part of SCH! We look forward to the year ahead!



Family - \$35

Individual - \$25

Student / Aupair - \$10

Associate (>100 miles from Houston) - \$10

Renewals can be paid online: <http://bit.ly/2014SCH>
or by check. Make checks payable to the Swedish Club of Houston and mail to:

Swedish Club of Houston

c/o Karen Wolz

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Membership can also be renewed or completed at the Annual Meeting on January 25th. Just bring the dues to the door and you'll be set for another year.



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The Swedish Club News is published 6 times a year by the Swedish Club of Houston.

Articles, photos, etc., are welcome.

We would especially like personal news of our members, explanation of family traditions and Swedish culture, news of Swedes and of Sweden, and your favorite Swedish shops, products or resources.

Please send your news to newsletter@swedishclub.org or by post to the return address below.

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SCH Events:

Annual Meeting
January 25, 2014

Crayfish Party
April 2014