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FROM THE SCS BOARD



*Christmas greetings
from the SCS Board
and our Chairman
Niklas.*

**Dear Wonderful (present and
future) Members,**

As we eagerly approach the moment to light up the fourth and final candle in our traditional Swedish Christmas countdown, we can't help but reflect on the joyous events that have filled the Centre with laughter and warmth throughout 2023. A massive thank you to everyone who joined in, lent a helping hand, and contributed to making this year truly special!

In the spirit of a Swedish 1980s pop song lyrics, recently expertly performed by our talented Adult Education students and teachers: "Tänd ett ljus och låt det brinna. Låt aldrig hoppet försvinna" (Light a candle and let it burn. May the flame of hope never fade.)

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Swedish Cultural Society!
Niklas Z Kviselius, Chairman

Membership for 2024

Time to renew your membership, \$30 for family and \$25 for single. e-transfer to scstreasury@gmail.com.
Thank you!

Discussion/Update:
Membership:



- We are saddened by the loss of our Member Christer Waara, his obituary was in the Vancouver Sun, [you can read it here](#)

The **Swedish School** is starting to contact alumni to keep them connected to the Swedish community.

Adult Education: Classes resume in January. For information please go to our website swedishculturalsociety.com



1st of Advent Service at the Danish church, Dec 3, 6pm was a well attended event. It was arranged by Swedish School and SCS volunteers. We enjoyed a lovely service and yummy "fika" afterwards.

Calendar Nov-December

Unless otherwise noted, all activities and events will take place at the Scandinavian Community Centre, 6540 Thomas Street, Burnaby.

January

- Jan 21, Raoul Wallenberg event
- Jan 23, South book club.
- Jan 28, Volunteer lunch. 11am Lunch at 12

February

- Feb 5, North book club.
- Feb 14, Annual General Meeting.

SHS SCCS (Carina Spencer):

- The Centre needs fundraising! Please contact Carina (majoshspencer@gmail.com) with your ideas.
- SHS needs new board members for next year. Please contact Carina majoshspencer@gmail.com.



Signe Burgstaller is our new Ambassador of Sweden to Canada. She started in september this year.

For more information & events, please visit swedishculturalsociety.com and Scancentre.org

December 9: Lucia Celebration

On December 9th we had our annual Lucia Celebration!

There were two well attended performances, one at 1pm and one at 6pm. The students from the Swedish School performed at the 1pm event where coffee and Swedish pastries was served. Östen Landberg performed and played the piano.

We danced around the Christmas tree and did a singalong. Dinner was served in the evening. Here is a collage of pictures taken at the event. Thanks Karmen and Carina for the nice photos.

Thanks to the Lucia committee and the Lucia participants for a fantastic event.



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Jan. 21, Raoul Wallenberg Event

Civil Courage Society
in honour of Wallenberg and Sugihara

Vancouver
Nineteenth Annual

RAOUL WALLENBERG DAY

Sunday, January 21, 2024
1:30 p.m.

Congregation Beth Israel
989 W 28th Ave (at Oak St)

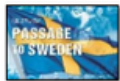
Wartime Civil Courage in Scandinavia

During World War Two, in German-occupied Denmark and Norway, dramatic events demanded that people exhibit **Civil Courage** to defy Nazi policies that threatened the human rights of their countrymen.

GUEST SPEAKERS -

- Local researcher and author **Tore Jørgensen** will tell the story of hundreds of Norwegian policemen who refused to collaborate with the occupiers.

- Norman Gladstone**, long-serving volunteer leader of the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre, will speak about the inspiring rescue of Denmark's Jewish population from the Holocaust.



FILM - Passage to Sweden tells the story of diplomats who saved Jews in Scandinavia and the rest of Europe.



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Doors open 1:00 p.m. • Donations are appreciated (at door or wsccs.ca)
Parking underground (limited) & on Oak St

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Jan. 28 Volunteer Luncheon



If you've volunteered with the Swedish Cultural Society during 2023, please join us for this volunteer appreciation lunch!

When: Jan. 28, 2024, 11am Lunch at 12.

Where: Scandinavian Centre; 6540 Thomas Street, Burnaby

Register: email swedishculturalsociety.ca@gmail.com;
reserve your spot!

Thank you volunteers - we look forward to seeing you there!!

SCS Board Contact Information

Chair: Niklas Kviselius,
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Secretary: Monica Severinson,
secretary@swedishculturalsociety.com

All members are welcome to attend the Swedish Cultural Society's monthly meetings held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at the Scandinavian Community Centre, 6540 Thomas Street, Burnaby (option to attend virtually).

For more information see our website(s)
swedishculturalsociety.com and scancentre.org

2024 SCS Board Members Needed!

If you are interested in getting involved in our society, please contact Niklas Kviselius,
niklas.kviselius@gmail.com.

A great way to connect with our organization is to volunteer at one of our many events or join our work party! Please check out our website for events and more:

<https://swedishculturalsociety.com>

Our Swedish Library

We have recorded 1,500 books and 150 DVDs on our website, swedishculturalsociety.com. All members can search for book titles there. To borrow books or DVDs please visit the Swedish room at the Scandinavian Centre.

Please do NOT leave books to donate, at the centre, without first contacting Pia Hilton.

Pia Hilton is our Librarian. She can be contacted at piachilton@gmail.com. Thank you!

The most current information is available on-line at
swedishculturalsociety.com