

SWEDISH CLUB OF HOUSTON



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Calendar Events For 2022

Date	Event	Location
Saturday Jan 22nd	Semmel Fika / Annual Meeting	First Lutheran Church
Sunday Feb 27th	Conversation Club	Home of Göran Runfeldt
Sunday Mar 25th	Conversation Club	Home of Göran Runfeldt
Saturday April 2nd	Kräftskiva	Monument Inn LaPort TX
Saturday April 30th	Valborgsmässoafton	Winstrom's Ranch, Brenham, TX
Sunday June 5th	Sweden's National Day	Christ the King Lutheran
Sunday Aug 7th	Texas Day	Barkeryd, Sweden
Sunday Aug 14th	Summer Fika	First Lutheran Church
September	Swedish Movie Night	TBD
Saturday Oct 15th	Sailing	Kemah, TX
Saturday Oct 29th	Smörgåsbord	Chef Soren's Houston, TX
Sunday Dec 4th	Julgrans Karamell	Teahen Home
Saturday Dec 10th	Christmas Traditions & Lucia Celebration	First Lutheran Church

New Calendar for 2023 Events
coming soon!

SAILING TRIP

Another great Swedish experience was had by all at the sailing trip in Kemah! New sea captains are being trained!



SMÖRGÅSBORD

A full crowd gathered at Soren's to celebrate another Swedish tradition, Smörgåsbord!



CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS & LUCIA CELEBRATION



The Swedish Club of Houston presents the 2022 Lucia — Sage Butler. The festive event was held at First Lutheran Church on December 10th with dancing, singing, sweet treats and a special visitor!



CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS & LUCIA CELEBRATION



CELEBRATING OUR LUCIA

FRIENDS OF LUCIA

The Swedish Club of Houston is soliciting donors to its Friends of Lucia fund in order to continue the tradition of sending our Lucia to Sweden.

The Swedish Club of Houston has been represented by its Lucia at the Texas Day celebration in Barkeryd, Sweden every year since 1988. The Lucia program has provided a wonderful way for the members involved to travel and learn about our Swedish ancestry and our Texas connection with Barkeryd; a complete list of the Swedish Club of Houston's Lucias is available at <http://swedishclub.org/lucia>.

Why is Barkeryd (a small parish near Nässjö in Småland) important to Texans? This small parish had half of its the population emigrate to Texas between 1836 and 1927! The conditions were bad and the opportunity of settling in America was given to the people of Barkeryd. Around 1867 many young people left Barkeryd; S.M. Swenson and Svante Palm paid for their passage to come to work for them in Texas, where workers were needed to help on the farms. The immigrants worked off their passage in about 2 years. After the debt was paid off they were free to live and work for themselves. There are many Swedish communities around Central Texas which were settled by the Barkeryd immigrants. In their honor, the people of Barkeryd Sweden were proclaimed honorary citizens of Texas on May 27, 1975 by Gov. Dolph Briscoe.

If you would like to become a member of the Friends of Lucia and help support this long-standing tradition of the Club, you can either mail a check along with this form, or donate online via the link at <http://swedishclub.org>.

Sponsorship Level:	☐ \$500 – Speaker of the Riksdag	☐ \$75 – Cabinet Minister
	☐ \$300 – Prime Minister	☐ \$50 – Governor
	☐ \$150 – Deputy Prime Minister	☐ \$30 – County Councilor
		☐ \$15 – Municipal Commissioner

☐ Yes, please list my name as a Friend of Lucia

☐ No, I wish to remain anonymous

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Make check payable to: **The Swedish Club of Houston**

Mail to: Swedish Club of Houston, c/o Karen Wolz, 4526 Waynesboro Dr., Houston, TX 77035

Member News & Updates

Upcoming Events for 2023:

- Swedish Club's Language School is slated to start on January 24th!
- Semor Fika and Annual Meeting on January 28th at First Lutheran Church.
- Want to join the workings of the Swedish Club's Board, consider becoming a board member!
- Annual Dues are due!

My last publication!

I wanted to thank you all for the opportunity to publish the Swedish Club of Houston's quarterly newsletter for the last couple of years! I have thoroughly enjoyed writing about Swedish interests and history and anything else I found interesting regarding Swedish!. I once owned a Volvo 240GL so I published the history of the beginning of Volvo. I have had pleasure of posting family histories of some of our members and board members.

Tack!

Madelyn Mauritz Bosse