

## Swedish American Historical Society of Wisconsin, Inc. 2025 Annual Presidents report.

The SAHSWI 2025 season, starting with **Lucia** celebration in December 2024, was a successful year. We were able to complete all events without any major issues. Overall attendance was good. The format for the Lucia celebration was changed to focus on the program with Fika, vs previous years Smorgasbord. The programs at the Fika meetings very interesting and well received by participants. The **Fika** is much appreciated by all, a credit to our Hospitality team led by **Janet Taylor**.

**The Genealogy Research Group** is growing currently with 55 members, and the meetings help participants to progress their ancestor research. The group meets 4 times a year at Martin Luther Lutheran Church. **John Engel** provides excellent information on different methods of Genealogy research and addresses questions from the membership.

The Official State of Wisconsin Historical marker, **Gustaf Unonius, New Upsala, and the Scandinavian Parish** was installed and dedicated in 2024. The project team decided to create an annual event which for 2025 was held at St. Anskar's on September 13 together with the celebration of SAHSWI 50 year anniversary. About 60 people attended the event.

Midsommar celebration was again a successful event even with extremely hot weather. This year the **Lykkeringen Dancers** were back performing folkdances originating in Scandinavia. **Gods Vänner** played with invited Nyckelharpa player **Gene Carlson**

The membership decreased a little, still over a hundred. Membership secretary **Bev Wenzel** keep up records of membership, welcomes new members, and in addition keeps records of potential new members from the public that are attending SAHSWI events. Three long time members passed away, **Sylvia Blomgren Kreutzmann** on April 21, **Nancy Moberg Foss** on June 16, and **Marjorie Warmie Jothen** on October 1. They are dearly missed.

Our balance sheet is healthy with income exceeding expenses, which can be explained by specific donations for the Historical marker. All financial processes are in good shape, managed by Treasurer **Irene Roberts**.

The 2025 Annual Meeting presentation describes the activities and programs conducted during the past year and will not be repeated here. The presentation also includes submitted annual committee reports.

I would like to thank everyone that has made this past year a successful year for the organization. Our members and other meeting participants, all volunteers at our meetings and celebration events, our Board, Officers and Committee members, our Historical Project Team members, all successfully overcoming any challenges presented.

We can now look forward to a new year of exploring and celebrating our Swedish heritage and advancing our Swedish American agenda in Wisconsin. For more information, review the 2025 SAHSWI Annual General Meeting presentation.

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