

SCANDINAVIAN CONTACT

Newsletter of the American Scandinavian Society of New York, Inc.

And So They Danced Into The Night...

As beautifully dressed Society members and guests entered the festive Starlight Roof at the Waldorf-Astoria it was to Walter Eriksson orchestra's welcoming tunes.

Harriet Nilsen, Chairperson of the Program Committee, and Michael Carey, Society's President welcomed the guests who enjoyed a delicious dinner.

Scandinavia was represented by our Consuls General: Hon. Leif Donde of Denmark; Hon. and Mrs. Antti Lassila of Finland; Hon. Helgi Gislason of Iceland; Deputy Consul General and Mrs. Thormod Eriksen of Norway, and Hon. and Mrs. Arne Thoren of Sweden.

Prizes of a round trip to each of their countries were donated by the three Scandinavian airlines, Finnair, Icelandair and Scandinavian Airlines.

Ted Michaelsen was honored for all his years of service to the Scandinavian community. Because of illness, Mr. Michaelsen could not be present, and Consul General Donde accepted his award of a Life Membership in the Society.

As the Lucia, Ingrid Olsen Feingold, followed by her assistants, wound her way around the room, stillness reigned. Candles flickered on her head and in the hands of her small maidens as Christmas carols rang through the room. Guests sang and danced and soon the last tunes bid us good night.



The Lassilas and Careys enjoying their dinner



Michael Halpern and William Viklund



The Mironovitch Family with friend



From left: Aase Holby, Eidth Warner and Harriet Nilsen



J. and J. Magnusson and Lars Nilsen



Consul General Leif Donde accepts award for Ted Michaelson



And So They Danced and Sang The Evening Away

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The Christmas Gala Journal

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Five Artists from Scandinavia

When the exhibit opened in January Privatbanken Gallery was filled to capacity. Ambassadors and Consul Generals along with Society members and friends admired the work of our talented countrymen. The artists have all worked or studied in New York, and all are highly acclaimed internationally.

Mette Petri from Denmark, Kari Walden from Finland, Vignir Johansson from Iceland, Thor Furulund from Norway and Peter Astrom from Sweden represent a powerful vision that reflects the Nordic mood.

The exhibit will be at Privatbanken Gallery, 20 West 55th St, NY until February 28th and it is well worth taking a look at.

Changes in U.S. Tax Laws

The law no longer permits a marital deduction for transfers to non-U.S. citizen spouses, and there have been significant changes in tax rates on the estates of non-resident aliens. Contact your attorney for additional information.



Stig Ramel, right, with Nobel Peace laureate Elie Wiesel and his wife. Photo: Alvalene Karlsson

A Celebration of the Nobel Foundation

The Society, along with other Scandinavian organizations, was a sponsor of the dinner reception at The School of International and Public Affairs of Columbia University. The evening was organized by The American Society of Swedish Engineers.

Baron Stig Ramel, executive director of the Nobel Foundation was the speaker. He said there would be no new Nobel Prizes established in the foreseeable future. He also talked about Nobel's life and original ideal to give prizes to outstanding persons in their field.

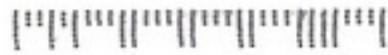
The dinner was well attended by both the Society and the Foundation. Michael Carey, president of the Society, and Øivind Lorentzen, Chairman of the Foundation and acting president Lynn Carter, were also there.

Present at the celebration were five Nobel laureates. Dr. Gerald Edelman received the prize for medicine in 1972, Dr. Leo Esaki for physics in 1973, Prof. Vassily Leontief for economics in 1973, Dr. Rosalyn Yalow for medicine in 1977 and Elie Wiesel was the winner of the peace prize in 1986.

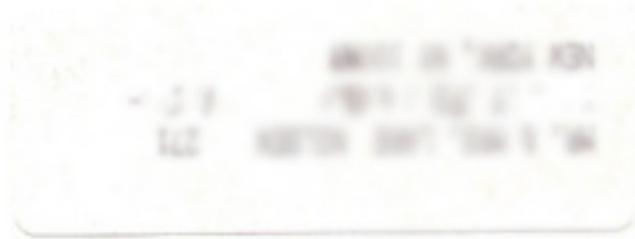
Members of the Society's Program Committee, Gunda Brakas, Bente Connell and Harriet Nilsen helped with the arrangements.

FinnFest Usa '89

The seventh annual celebration is in Seattle from June 13 - 16. The program will include lectures, dances, crafts, exhibits and sports. For more information Contact FinnFest USA '89, 201 Elliott Avenue W., Ste. 110 Seattle, WA 98119. (206)283-7273.



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New York Chamber Players at Merkin
Concert Hall, 129 West 67th St. NY
\$10. (212)362-8719.

March 5
Bergen Wind Quintet at Weill Recital
Hall at Carnegie Hall. Reception fol-
lowing the concert. For info.: Aase
Holby
(914)834-3346

March 12 - 4:00 PM
A Voyage in Music, devoted to Norwe-
gian and American music, performed
by The Vinland Duo at Plymouth
Church of the Pilgrims, Orange and
Hicks Streets, Brooklyn Heights, NY.
Adm. free. For info.: (201)592-1298

Through April 2
The use and impact of wood in Finnish
design, sculpture and architecture at the
American Craft Museum, 40 West 53rd
St., NY. (212)956-3535.

Lucia on "Good Morning America"

Millions of Americans were greeted by
Lucia and her maidens on ABC TV. Top
Swedish models took part in the short
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