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2014 Event Schedule

| Date | Event | Location | Contact |
|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| 10/25/2014, 7 p.m. | Fall Banquet | Spindletop Hall | Jenny Berens |
| 12/7/2014, 3-5 p.m | Lucia Rehearsal | Gethsemane Lutheran Church | Jenny Berens |
| 12/13/2014, 7 p.m | Lucia | Gethsemane Lutheran Church | Jenny Berens |

Fall 2014

Greetings to everyone! I hope your summer has been pleasant. Soon we will begin our fall calendar. Our next scheduled event will be the Fall Harvest Dinner at Spindletop Hall on Saturday, October 25. We gather at 6:30 for socializing and dinner will be served at 7 pm. The program this year will be given by you, dear SHKY member. Please share a favorite Scandinavian tradition or two that you have adopted or experienced. It would be interesting to hear which special Nordic customs we have taken a liking to.



According to *Of Swedish Ways* by Lilly Lorenzen and articles on Wikipedia, in earlier times, people celebrated the arrival of summer as a time of fertility and sometimes placed ferns and other greenery around their houses, farm tools and persons. Bonfires began around the 6th century. They erected Maypoles beginning around the 1500s, decorating it with greenery and flowers. Gradually, businesses took up the celebration, and gave employees a feast of herring, beer and schnapps. Lorenzen mentions the shock and disappointment of a Swedish immigrant who had to work on Midsummer in this country! Midsummer night has long been considered a magical night.. After the celebration, as they went home through the fields, unmarried girls gathered seven kinds of flowers to put under the pillow with the hope they would dream of their future husband.

Our society is missing a celebration that is coming up: the eating of crayfish. This occurs in August when crayfish are cooked in a brine with lots of dill, accompanied by beer, schnapps (or other fare) and drinking songs. Crayfish are caught at night and cooked like lobsters. They are eaten outside on paper plates with bibs to match. There is a Cajun gathering in the

Syttende Mai

By Anne Keating

Our society celebrated Syttende Mai with a picnic at the Immanuel Baptist Church Picnic Shelter this year. Everyone brought their own main course, but the contribution of cupcakes, ice cream and an almond cake, along with lemonade and coffee, were great hits. The weather was fine and it was good to have a chance to visit. This newsletter will post several photos of our recent gatherings.



Midsummer

By Anne Keating

Twenty members and guests of the SHSKY met at the home of Anne Keating on June 28 to celebrate Midsummer. After a rainy morning, the weather cleared up and brought cool sunshine in the afternoon. In keeping with tradition, we all sat on the deck at small tables with table cloths, and enjoyed among other favorites, a variety of gravlox, herring, red cabbage, coleslaw, vegetables and dip, fresh fruit and an amazing variety of desserts: cream puffs, angel food cake, strawberries and cream, ice cream cake, pound cake, cookies and coconut cream pie, along with lemonade, tea and coffee. New and old members visited and got acquainted. Our group knows how to enjoy life!



Member News

By Anne Keating

Shirley Moser passed away in Richmond, Ky. on June 22 at the age of 92. For years, Shirley played the organ for Luciafest, and shared her music at two Fall Festival Banquets. We all appreciated her expertise, support and membership so very much. Born in Chicago, IL, of Swedish parents (both sets of grandparents immigrated to the United States in the late 1800's from Sweden; some trace back to Varmland), she grew up in a home speaking Swedish and English, as her Swedish grandmother lived with her family. Shirley was in Swedish Covenant Church in Chicago as a child, and always looked fondly on those roots no matter where she served as a musician. Shirley earned an Associate Degree of Arts at Palomar college in San Marcos, Ca, a degree in Christian Education from Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, a Bachelor's Degree in Piano from Northwestern University and at 64, a Master's Degree in Organ from ECU. Shirley served as a church organist and performed many concerts and recitals in other musical events, was a staff accompanist and commencement organist at ECU and taught music at the University of the Cumberlands. Shirley was married and had 3 children. Her daughter, Marcia has played the flute and sung for SHSKY at Luciafests as well. Marcia lives in Somerset.



The memorial service will be September 21, at 3pm, at White Oak Pond Christian Church in Richmond. We were fortunate to know Shirley and will miss her. The full obituary, a source of much of this information, is listed in The Richmond Register on June 30, 2014. The family suggest that any contribution be to the White Oak Pond Christian Church Building Fund, PO Box 2167, Richmond, KY 40476.

Bill Hedberg has been in the hospital for hip surgery and is home and doing well. He would enjoy hearing from you.

Marion Soule's brother passed away this summer. Also, John Soule has been suffering from double pneumonia and also would enjoy cards.