



HERITAGE

Swedish Heritage & Cultural Center

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Swedish School, June 10-14, 2019

Pictured above, left to right, are: (first row) Yvonne Johnson - administrator/instructor, Gabrielle Engler, Brody Hart, Bristol Johnson, Brody Kirchert, Cole Buttercase, Isaac Goodemote, Brett Hart, Beverly Goodemote. Second row: Nolan Case, Kyla Hart, Britney Silva, Mitchell Stoakes, Anna Peterson, Mariska Kirchert, Alisha Buttercase. Third row, Jonas Borg -instructor, Jon Mainquist—instructor, Sheila Mainquist—instructor. Not pictured are Gabi Brebin, Thomas Engler, Ryan Grebin and Addy Gettler.

Swedish school took place with 19 students who learned about Swedish culture and traditions as well as some Swedish phrases and words. At the Midsummer celebration on June 15th, they sang songs and performed dances they had learned during the week. Thanks to the volunteers who provided support and most importantly, food!

Ett Tusen Tack to last year's 5th grade class and their teacher John Mainquist! In May they planted flowering plants near our front door. Your help is appreciated!

Swedish Supper - Nov. 16, 5-7 pm (Sat.)

This is a meal known at times as the Lutfisk Supper or Swedish Smorgasbord. There will be several choices of food so come choose what you'd like! The meal begins at the Heritage Center with Swedish meatballs, pickled herring, cheese, crisp bread, lingonberries and glogg. The main course will be served at the Senior Citizens' Center downtown (ham, creamed lutfisk over mashed potatoes, rye bread, ostkaka) prepared by Cathy Hart. Cost of the meal is just \$12. Don't miss this opportunity to usher in the Holiday Season with these Swedish foods!

Santa Lucia Festival - Saturday, Dec. 14, Stanton High School gymnasium, 7 pm. All you Skona Maj singers, please come to the music room by 6:45 pm for rehearsal.

Landscaping Project - This project is almost complete as the concrete work was done this summer for the ramp and stairs. We still need to add hand-rails. Over a year's time there are many visitors who come to investigate our Swedish history. Those who don't do stairs will be able to use the ramp to view the "World's Largest Swedish Coffee Pot" up close. The SHCC board wants to thank you for your generous gifts that made this project possible.





Forgotten or unknown Stanton history:

Music is an important part of Stanton's history. On August 25th of this year, John Schultz retired as the organist at Mamrelund Lutheran Church. He was the organist for 30 years. John and family came to Stanton in the Summer of 1967 after he was hired to be the new music (vocal and band) teacher for the high school and junior high. After teaching for many years he retired in 2000. He's been connected with music in Stanton for a third of its history. This led to the question, "When did music education begin in Stanton?"

In the April 23, 1874 (p. 2) Red Oak Express, the "From Stanton" column read, "Our pleasant and attractive school house on the hill (this was a country school built in town for the town's pupils) will be occupied to its fullest capacity" ... "and will include a music class..."

In 1893, teacher Miss Grace Beymer wrote about the "Purpose of Music in Public Schools" (Red Oak Express, Dec. 8, 1893, p. 1.) "Music opens the child's nature and makes it receptive. People are growing to realize this more and more as is shown by so much singing being introduced in the latest methods of primary and kindergarten work. It makes the child's school life beautiful and homelike." "This means an entire revolution in ten or fifteen years. It means good singing in our churches and Sunday schools. It means good orchestras and good bands. It means that everyone will have a taste for good music and will be able to appreciate it. So music must not be treated as a useless fad for time has proven it to be of great value."

During those first 50 years (1870-1920) music became a part of the formula that made up Stanton. Music appreciation was lived out over the years through adult music groups: Women's Chorus, Men's Glee Club, Silver Cornet Band, Concert Band, Marching Society, Oratorio Society. The leader of these groups was often the organist at the Swedish Lutheran Church.

In May of 1924, the Stanton Orchestra and Aprri male octet gave a program over the radio from Omaha. (Stanton Call, May 29th, 1934, p.1.) "E.E. Larson, president of the local Community Club, gave a talk during the program in which he told the outside world about

our little white city. We think his talk will be appreciated by our readers, so we are publishing it as follows:

'Ladies and Gentlemen, Boys and Girls, and all lovers of good music in the radio world. GREETINGS from Stanton, Iowa.

Stanton, Iowa is located about 60 miles east of Omaha, on the Burlington Railway and on the Iowa State Primary Road No. 120.

Stanton has a population of 750 people of which 95 per cent are Scandinavian or close descendants thereof. Our people are very industrious and love their homes and everything pertaining thereto. Every able-bodied man has a desire to work, and we have had no use of our jail for several years. 98 percent of our people own their homes and are known for their finial hospitality.

Our citizens are great lovers of good music. We have at present time several good musical organizations in good standing. These organizations are supported loyally by the citizens in general. The Oratorio Society has rendered Handel's Messiah for six consecutive years and are planning on giving it again next year. Our audiences have often included music lovers from far distances. We also have the Community Orchestra and the Arpe Male Octette, composed entirely of home talent and who speak for themselves here this evening. We have a high school Girls Glee Club and a High School Orchestra of 30 pieces, besides two well trained Church Choirs. With only one exception, these organizations are all under the direct leadership of Professor A. W. Anderson, which speaks very highly for him as a man of outstanding musical ability. We have two churches, with a total membership of 1520 and a Sunday school enrollment of 400.



Stanton has an accredited school with an enrollment of 320 pupils. We are erecting a new brick gymnasium and auditorium. We have about 50 of our high school graduates attending universities or other high institutions of learning, which speaks highly for our schools.

Stanton is generally known as the "Leading Town in Southwestern Iowa" a slogan for which we are indebted to Colonel H. L. Nelson. We extend to you a most hearty welcome to come to Stanton. I thank you."

Over the years Stanton has had many accomplished musicians. Some were here only briefly, some stayed for many years. Those who taught imprinted their musical abilities on their students. This continues with present teachers and students. Mr. Schultz is one of those teachers.

At the end of the service on Mr. Schultz's retirement Sunday, his adult children invited those of us who had their dad as a teacher to come forward to sing "The Benediction" with their dad conducting. 40-45 of us responded. Some of us needed music, some didn't. For those of us who had sung with Mr. Schultz years ago, this was personalized music therapy. The music briefly transported us back to a time when we were younger and carefree. As we sang John proudly centered us again through music. (ml)

Save the date Don't forget the Stanton Homecoming 2020 dates are set, July 9th—12th, 2020. We will be celebrating 150years! The Swedish Heritage & Cultural Center will be hosting a "Downtown Walk" instead of a "Cemetery Walk." If you have any history information regarding the Stanton downtown, please contact Carroll Peterson, (712) 313-8522. (Jenna Ramsey, Stanton Community Development Director, (712) 829-7340. www.stantoniowa.com)

Remember 49-50 years ago?



Swedish Proverb: Those who wish to sing always find a song.

2019 Closing - The History Center's regular open hours are Wednesday thru Saturday, 1- 4 pm. The last regular day to be open for 2019 will be Thursday, October 31st. We will reopen again in April 2020. If you would like to visit during November—March, please call # (712) 313-8522.

We need your info!

We can reduce some of our mailing expenses by sending newsletters to you by email. An added benefit is that it would be in color! May we have your email? If you're willing, please include your email address when you send in your yearly membership contribution, or send a separate email to shcc@myfmtc.com with your name and info.

Memberships!

If you have not paid your 2019 membership, now is the time! Memberships and donations pay the maintenance, utility and project expenses. Thanks!

Yes! I support the Swedish Heritage and Cultural Center with my 2019 membership contributions!.

Individual membership \$10
Individual and spouse membership \$20
Bronze contributing membership \$50
Silver contributing membership \$100
Gold contributing membership \$200
Platinum contributing membership \$500
Benefactor contributing membership \$1000
Corporate contributing membership \$5000

Amount: _____

Names to be listed as members: _____

Another option: Donation, Memorial or Endowment in memory of: _____

Amount: _____

Memberships and Donations (Jan.-Sept. 2019)

Individual - Robert Bergstrom, Beverly Dean Byrd, Wanda Cooper, Venita Edie, Ronald Erickson, Sarah Hite, Allen Hall, Relda Hultquist, Ruth Larson, Rogene LeNeveu, Kenneth Lindell, Phil Lofgren, Jean Nelson, Dan & Jo Peterson, Jeannie Peterson, Mons Roll, Carlyle Smith, Stephen Selligren, Charlotte Stasko, Dale & Margaret Vanderholm, Mary Ann Vanderholm, Wendell Westenburg. **Individual and spouse** - Robert & Carol Ammerman, Helen (Lantz) Beasom, Terry & Peggy Christie, Gregory Fisher, Kent & Sharon Goldsmith, Knute & Denise Hallquist, Gary & Rhoda Hartstack, Steve & Arlene Johnson, James & Linda Landerdahl, Charles & Patricia Lundquist, Keith Magnuson, Neil & Marilyn Matthewson, Terry & Bonnie Miller, Nancy Olson, Carolyn Quist, Harold & Ladonna Rossander, Jack & Sue (Honetie) Shuckhart, Larry & Dorothy Watson. **Bronze** - Carl Anderson, Brian & Jacqueline Bates, Jonas & Sandy Borg, Jim & Sheryl (Olenius) Bowen, Mr & Mrs Bruce Coulman, Chuck & Pat Eklof, Don & Shirley Ellingson, Bob & Martha Estes, Barbara Frank, Bob & Karen Henderson, Howard Honett, John & Carol Jansson, Tom & Donna Johnson, Diana & Manson Kia, Barbara & Frederick Koval, Linda Landers, Paul & Kathryn Lass, Michael Lawson, Richard & Judy Lovitt, Dan & Gerry Lundgren, Peter Lundholm, Kris & Dave McAninch, Fred & Sandie Nelson, Richard & Pat Olenius, John Olson, Monte Peterson & Donna Epstein, Jim & Helen Petto, Bob & Carolyn Ragan, Charles & Reta Ralph, Kirk & Garnet Requist, Robert Schenck, Steve & Stephanie Schaben, John Selligren, Bill & Faith Sherman, Penny Smith, Stanton 5th Grade Class (John Mainquist-teacher). **Silver** - Bob & Maurine Allen, Paula & Eugene Anderson, Nancy Art, Martha Beveridge, Mrs Cameron Brown, Dennis & Jennifer Burke, Class of 1969, Duane Falk, John Gabrielson, Rod & Patricia Goodemote, Daryl & Anne Hallquist, Jim Hicks, Dick & Marlene Kennon, Mike & Julie Kennon, MaryLee & Dennis Killion, David & Sandy Lantz, Sheila Mainquist, John & Greta McCarthy, Chris & Barb Nelson, Paul & Harriet Olson, Beverly Palmquist, Ken & Sue Peterson, Kyle & Jenna Ramsey, Harry & Victoria Rossander, Robert & Sandy Rossander, John Schultz, John & Dorothy Sholeen, Jan (Lundgren) Stanley, Dwayne & Terri Vennerberg. **Gold** - Sharon & Greg Freeman, Delaine & Evie Hanson, Karen Kilzer, Don & Carolyn Lantz, Michael & Gaye Lundgren, Leigh & David Mollenhoff, Daryl & Velma Peterson. **Platinum** - Anonymous, Bonnie Hanson. **Benefactor** - Brian Peterson & Neil Peterson.

Memorials (Jan.-Sept. 2019): Bob & Carol Ammerman in memory of Dave & Dorothy Sholeen, Venita Edie and Daryl Anderson in memory of Clayton Johnson, Sharon & Greg Freeman in memory of Harlan Quist, John Gabrielson in memory of Mabel Marie (Burke) Gabrielson, Kent & Sharon Goldsmith in memory of Lawrence & Lillian Lewis, Robert & Bonnie Hanson in memory of Gladys & Wesley Erickson and Daryl Erickson, John & Carol Jansson, Karen Kilzer in memory of Mrs Donald (Fran) Ossian, Don and Carolyn Lantz in memory of Leonard Rossander & Homer Focht, Dan & Gerry Lundgren in memory of Jean (Bergren) Anderson, Sandie & Fred Nelson in memory of Cleone Nelson, Paul & Harriet Olson in memory of Cal Hultman & Ned Eastlack Jr, Brian Peterson & Neil Peterson in memory of Rudolph & Hazel Peterson, Monte Peterson & Donna Epstein in memory of Alvin & Marviline Peterson, Jim & Helen Petto in memory of Dale & Marilyn Lindner, Charles & Reta Ralph in memory of Anders Magnus Swanson & Anna Louise (Magnuson) Swanson, Robert Schenck in memory of Clayton Johnson, John & Dorothy Sholeen in memory of Dave & Dorothy Sholeen, Penny Smith in memory of Elva (Ossian) Smith.

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