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THE ANNUAL ELECTION APPROACHES!

Friday, February 5th
Swedish American Hall, San Francisco

It is once again time to fulfill our civic duty as members of the YSC. Yes, indeed, the Annual Meeting of the voting membership approaches. Please attend this important event!

This year may prove to be a little different and exciting! The membership will vote on a new set of bylaws at this year's annual meeting. We will also elect new board members and officers. Everyone who has an interest in getting involved

in the leadership and/or activities of the club is encouraged to attend.

The fun begins at the Swedish American Hall at 2174 Market Street at 6:30pm with refreshments (beer, wine & munchies). The meeting will be called to order at 7:30pm. Parking can be difficult, so try to come early if you can. Your membership must be current in order to vote. Be sure to renew your membership ahead of time, or simply bring the renewal form and fee to the meeting. Dues are \$40 for singles and \$50 for families.

MEMBERSHIP TO VOTE ON NEW BYLAWS AT ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATIONAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON JAN. 13TH

Over the years, it has become increasingly apparent that our current bylaws are insufficient to meet the current operating needs of an active and dynamic club like the Young Scandinavians Club. Because of this concern, the Board of Trustees asked a group of people from the Board, EC and general membership to form a subcommittee to review the current bylaws and make recommendations about how the Club could improve the bylaws.

The subcommittee began its work by conducting a top to bottom review of the current bylaws. Following this review, the subcommittee consulted with Norman Ronneberg, a local attorney of Norwegian heritage who has been involved with updating the bylaws of other Scandinavian organizations. With this professional and personal background, he is uniquely qualified to understand the strong role that tradition plays in a club like the YSC as well as the legal and operational challenges that we face in current times. After meeting with him, the subcommittee identified two principal deficiencies in the current bylaws.

First, the current bylaws are insufficient to protect volunteers who serve on the Executive Committee, The Board of Trustees, and the YSC

as a whole. As it currently stands, individuals are likely not insulated from lawsuits and may be held personally liable for lawsuits arising from Club events and activities. This creates unacceptable risks for both individuals and the Club. The new bylaws address this and help to ensure that the Club and those who generously give their time to put on Club events are provided with the maximum protection by the corporate form.

Second, the current bylaws create an unusual governance structure that does not conform with California corporate law and makes it challenging for the Club to address procedural inefficiencies or respond to needs as they arise. The new bylaws create a flexible framework that will allow the Club to confront issues as they arise. Essentially, the EC of 11 and the Board of Trustees of 6 will merge into a Board of Directors of 9-12, a governance structure commonly used by organizations like ours. The Board of Directors will select/appoint officers from the Board, working committees and general membership to manage the club's operations. This new framework should also create more opportunities for meaningful participation by members by
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- January 13th
Informational Bylaws Meeting
 - January 22nd
Happy Hour at Cafe Prague
 - January 24th
De Young Tutankhamun Exhibit Tour
 - February 5th
Annual Elections
 - February 7th
Asian Art Museum Tour
- For the most current list of events and activities visit the YSC website at www.ysc.org



VOTE ON NEW BYLAWS CONTINUED

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allowing people to serve in an area of interest without having to drive to San Francisco for monthly meetings.

To address these and other glaring deficiencies, and to conform with California law, the working subcommittee will deliver a new set of bylaws for vote at the annual meeting. The proposed bylaws were developed after hours of review and discussion. While the working subcommittee has done the bulk of the drafting, there is still room for comments and suggestions because we want to pass the best set of bylaws possible. You can review

the proposed bylaws at http://www.ysc.org/about/proposed_bylaws.php

Additionally, the sub-committee will host an evening of conversation on Wednesday, January 13th, 2010 at the Swedish American Hall where the process will be explained of how we got here and what we need to do to execute these new By-Laws for this year's Annual Meeting. Members unable to attend the informational meeting on the 13th are asked to submit their comments, questions or concerns in writing prior to the Annual Meeting in February to: yscbylaws@gmail.com.

ANNUAL ELECTION MEETING AGENDA-FEB 5TH

1. Call to order by the President
2. Nomination and election of Meeting Chairperson
3. Nomination and election of Meeting Secretary
4. Reading of minutes from previous annual meeting
5. Reading of the annual report
6. New YSC Bylaws Submitted to a Vote
7. Nomination and election of Ballot Officials
8. Nomination and election of Board and Officers
9. Miscellaneous items

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

A new year has begun and it is time for many members to renew their memberships! For memberships starting in January payment of the dues is required to receive the printed newsletters and to allow your participation in any functions as a member. Please be aware that membership dues have increased as of July 1, 2009 making individual dues \$35 and family dues \$50.

Join the many members who renew their memberships online by credit card. It is a great convenience for you, and cuts down on precious YSC volunteer time. If you don't receive occasional YSC emails with your personalized login key, please supply your current email address at: <http://www.ysc.org/login.php>

Otherwise you can mail a check to the club's P.O. box address listed on the front page. Please note "Attn: Renewal" to ensure faster processing.

HAPPY HOUR: CAFE PRAGUE SAN FRANCISCO, CA

Date: Friday January 22, 2010

Time: 5:00 pm

Place: Café Prague, San Francisco, Financial District, 424 Merchant St. (between Battery St & Sansome St)

Come join other YSC members and guests for the first happy hour of 2010. Café Prague has a great happy hour with international award winning Czech beers on tap including Pilsner. During happy hour, beers and Wine are \$4. The owner of Café Prague is extending happy hour for another hour for YSC until 8 pm on January 22nd. In addition to extending happy hour (4pm to 8 pm), the owner will also provide free appetizers (meatballs and pizza) to YSC members and their guests. Let's get 2010 off to a great start! So please join us for some good conversation and good cheer among YSC members and guests.



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THE YSC IS VISITING THE ASIAN ART MUSEUM!

Date: Sunday, February 7th

Time: 10:30 am

Location: Asian Art Museum, San Francisco, CA

China: 5,000 Years of Tradition and Innovation (Tour 45 minutes) - Asian Art Museum, Sunday, February 7, 2010 (Target Free First Sunday) 11:00 am

On Target First Free Sundays general admission to the Asian Art Museum is free as are the guided tours. The YSC will meet at 10:30 in front of the Asian Art Museum. Once we have assembled, we will go into the museum and proceed to the Information Desk, where the guided tours meet. Upon entering the museum, please turn off all cell phones and be prepared to have your bags inspected. Our tour will start at 11:00.

After the guided tour, we will take some time to explore the rest of the vast museum either as a group or individually. This is a chance to explore the cultural

heritage of Asia comfortably in San Francisco. For those needing a break, we will meet at the Information Desk again 1:30 pm and proceed to the Hayes Valley for lunch and refreshments.

Asian Art Museum
200 Larkin Street
San Francisco, CA 94102
Tel. 415-581-3500
www.asianart.org

Public Transportation: BART & MUNI
(Civic Center Station)

For more information, please contact Niels Nielsen at 925-708-6417 or nbn Nielsen@hotmail.com.



LUCIA RECAP!

Lucia was a great success! We had over 240 people attend this year. Guests enjoyed the singing, the glogg, and refreshments. Guests also enjoyed meeting old friends. Santa Claus made an appearance and all the kids enjoyed meeting Santa as well as singing around the Christmas Tree. Many thanks to go out to Karin Gaensler who lead the singers through all the rehearsals at the Norwegians Church and the performance at the American Swedish Hall. A special thanks to Jen Arton for organizing Lucia! Thanks

to all who attended, and to those who helped clean up afterwards! The YSC hopes you all enjoyed the performance and we look forward to seeing you next year!



PHOTOS FROM THE YSC CHRISTMAS DINNER

The YSC Annual Christmas Dinner was a great success again this year. Everyone enjoyed a delicious Scandinavian dinner, singing Christmas carols, and dancing and singing around the Christmas tree. Thanks so much to Signe Vik for organizing this great event and Renee Heresson for managing the reservations. There is no question as to why this event sells out every year!



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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN TAHOE THIS MONTH....

Jan 9, 2010 (Sat)

50th Anniversary Olympic Heritage Celebration: TBA Public Reception Village at Squaw Valley Opening Celebration and Fireworks KT22 Sun Deck Squaw Valley 1960 Olympians Reception Squaw Valley USA..

Jan 16, 2010 (Sat)

TOCCATA "BAROCCO con COCOA" Performance, Cal Neva Resort
7:30 pm Join James Rawie Artistic Director/Conductor and The Tahoe Symphony Orchestra for BAROCCO con COCOA Ruth Lenz and Andrew Sords on Violin. Bach.

Jan 16, 2010 (Sat)

Burton Jiblet Stop #1 at Diamond Peak All Day Skiers and snowboarders can showcase their most awesome trick on our feature in a jam-style format. Win Cash and other great prizes.

COME SEE THE DE YOUNG'S TUTANKHAMUN EXHIBIT WITH THE YSC

Date: Sunday Jan. 24th

Time: Around lunch- exact time T.B.D.

Place: de Young Museum,
Golden Gate Park
50 Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive
San Francisco, CA 94118

Join the YSC as we visit the de Young's exhibition of over 130 outstanding works from the tomb of Tutankhamun, as well as those of his royal predecessors, his family, and court officials. Bring yourself, a friend, and/or your family to take advantage of this rare opportunity to see priceless pieces of history!

Price for tickets will be as follows:

Adults	\$32.50
Youth 6-17	\$16.50
Seniors	\$30.50
Children 5 and under	are free

Tickets must be paid for prior to our visit. So if your are interested in attending,

please email the editor@ysc.org by January 6th to reserve your tickets. Please list the number of people coming and their age group. With the group reservations we will receive pre ordered box lunches as well as priority entrance to the exhibit. Money for your ticket will be collected prior to entering the museum- no refunds will be available.

At this time I am intending to reserve a time between 10am and noon, but will have to see what is available when I make the reservation. I look forward to seeing you there!

For more museum/exhibit information visit: <http://www.tutsanfrancisco.org/>



The Young Scandinavians Club, YSC, is a nonprofit social club assembled by and for Scandinavians of Northern California. Attendance at any activity is strictly voluntary and the YSC assumes no liability for incidents occurring at or as a result of attending a club event or activity.

