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Dear Members,

I am humbled and proud when the Scandinavian Cultural Center Council members share what they are doing with their life's time during the pandemic. What an inspiring group to be working with! You are volunteering at food banks, instructing your children and grandchildren, helping friends and neighbors with whatever they might need, attending to dear ones at the end stages of their lives, maintaining the work of historical and genealogical societies, planning and producing a Sankta Lucia event, caring for yourselves safely after surgery, and just being prudently mindful to stay safe for the sake of others as well as yourselves. I am sure this is the same for all our members as well. What an inspiring and resilient group to work with! May you all continue in your good works of service with the best of health!

God Jul! Buorit Juovllat! Gledileg Jol!
Hyvaa Joulua! And a very Merry Christmas
Time to you and a healthy New Year for all!

Beste Hilsener fra Judy Scott
(*Scandinavian Council President*)



Dear Members,

It has been a rough year. Since March 2020, almost all of the SCC's traditional events has been cancelled. No Norwegian Heritage Festival, no 17. Mai, no Docent Luncheon, no Thor Heyerdahl lecture. We are not holding the Sweater Exchange or the Christmas Banquet. And holding 2021 Spring events seem unlikely as well.

I have been reflecting on the idea of tradition. I think about the traditions of Rosemaling – it died out, But the artifacts remained in people's homes and lives and inspired them to revive it and continue to revive it. Before I started studying to become a folklorist, I thought of

tradition as something that reaches from the distant past, as an unbroken continuity, to the present moment. But as the history of Rosemaling and other practices demonstrate, traditions are discontinuous as much as they are continuous. People are the key part of continuing and discontinuing traditions. Human beings decide what to pass on, what to take on, what to stop doing, what in the past they want to bring back. Tradition as a word falls back to a Latin word suggesting the idea of handing over, delivering, passing on. We decide what to hand over and what not to hand over to the next generation and they decide what to accept and what not to accept from us. As some of you know, I am very fond of citing Swedish folklorist, Barbro Klein, who wrote that "All tradition is change" and "All tradition involves change." I reflect on tradition because we are laying aside some SCC traditions during this pandemic. But the memories and artifacts remain and we will return to them.

But we did not want to do absolutely nothing. I feel it is vitally important to observe at least one of the SCC holiday traditions. So we decided to make the 2020 Lucia Celebration as a video, combining video footage from previous Lucia Celebrations with new footage of this year's Lucia candidates, attendants, junior Lucias, etc. With the help of PLU students, the Lucia Committee (Jeanette Wiggins & Kim Kittelsby) developed a script and we have been recording and filming all through November. The video will premier on PLU's YouTube channel:

Scenes from the 2019 Scandinavian Cultural Center LUCIA CELEBRATION



We thought we would share some photographs of this year's Lucia candidates and attendants, both acting seriously and silly. Given the real economic concerns of many in the community, the candidates decided to raise money this year for local food banks. They have sent out letters to businesses and are asking people in their own networks to give as they are able to those in need, as an act of service and solidarity. They asked that I tell you that they are raising money for Parkland's own Trinity Lutheran Church's Feeding Ministry and for the Emergency Food Network. If you are able and moved, any amount helps these organizations fulfill their missions to feed our community.



 TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH giving page:
<https://trinitylutheranparkland.org/give>
(select Feeding Ministry)

 EMERGENCY FOOD NETWORK:
<https://efoodnet.org/>

2020 LUCIA CELEBRATION

Sunday, December 13, 2020
2:00 p.m. Pacific Time

The link is: www.plu.edu/scancenter/sankta-lucia/

It will be accessible on PLU's YouTube channel afterwards too.

 YouTube Premier Link:
<https://youtu.be/TT5zd2x1iG4>

 PLU's YouTube Channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/user/PacificLutheranUniv>

In addition, the some SCC Council members are hard at work to produce an online Norwegian Language Christmas Service, so watch the SCC's website in December for an announcement and a link.

So we here wish you all "God jul och gott nytt år!" and up to Epiphany "god fortsättning!" Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, Happy Continuation.

med vänliga hälsningar,
Jason (*Director of Scandinavian Cultural Center*)