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Dear friends,

Time passes quickly, and summer is just a distant memory. I and my colleague and longtime friend Ingrid Nilsson spent 3 weeks in the U.S. in September and early October. First came the SAG Workshop in Salt Lake City, which was fun as usual with many new and old friends. Personally I also met with a long-lost relative on my *farmors* side, who suddenly popped up on Ancestry. I just wish my Dad had still been around, so he would have known this.

For the first time we had a lecture at our farewell party about Jussi Björling, by Walter Rudolph, president of the U.S. Jussi Björling Society. We also heard some excerpts from Jussi's recordings; very nice. Someone wondered about his unusual first name, so he has now been checked

in the Stora Tuna birth records, where he was found as being born on 1911 Feb. 2 and named *Johan Jonathan*, so Jussi is just a nickname, which he evidently liked.

Next we went to Burnsville, MN, where our friends, Dee and Ray Kleinow, took us for a tour to admire the new extensions to the American Swedish Institute. The new premises looks very good and will give space for many new programs and events.

The last stop in the U.S. was Sturbridge, MA, where the local Swedish Ancestry Research Association (SARA) had organized a two-day Swedish research conference, with lectures, one-on-ones, and a nice banquet. The SwedGen Group (Anneli Andersson, Anna-Lena Hultman, Charlotte Börjesson, and Olof Cron-

berg held a number of lectures, as well as Ingrid and I. We hope that the participants heard some new things and learnt a bit more about Swedish genealogy.

Before we left the area we also toured Old Sturbridge Village, the Skansen of Massachusetts!

Back home life has been as usual, with a few lectures at places like Sol-lentuna and Fagersta, SAG work, but also making jars and jars of apple sauce, as we have three trees in our yard, and they produce a lot of apples. It is good to have with the traditional ham at Christmas.

And as Christmas is getting close, I take the opportunity to wish you all a ***God Jul and Gott Nytt År!***

Till next time!
Elisabeth Thorsell

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