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Dear friends,

The SAG Workshop was successful as usual, several of the participants advanced backwards and found new ancestors. Some moved forward and found leads to living cousins in Sweden. It is not too early to sign up for the next one.

In Sweden the best thing that happened during the last part of 2008 was the release of the new CD database *Begravda i Sverige* (Burials in Sweden), which has information about millions of dead Swedes. It will be presented in the next issue.

The situation for the House of Emigrants in Växjö (Svenska Emigrantinstitutet [SEI]) is still not very clear. When the board of the SEI declined to give up their indepen-

dence, the county government of Kronoberg and the city council of Växjö withdrew their annual grants, which made the economy of the SEI very doubtful. Luckily two huge grants from the Swedish *Riksbank* (National Bank) and the Pro Suecia Foundation, headed by Barbro Osher, Swedish American of the Year 2008, made the situation more hopeful.

The Kinship Center in Karlstad has thoughts of expanding their activities and is now moving to new quarters in the middle of Karlstad. The new location will make it possible to show exhibitions about the immigrant experience and many other related things.

The Kinship Center and the SEI

are both partners in the new web site *Emiweb*, which was released in late August of 2008. The listings of emigrants has just been upgraded with some 11,000 people leaving from Västernorrland län (Medelpad and Ångermanland), and in the not too distant future they will add a nice collection of pictures, and other tempting items.

The winter here in Sweden has mostly been wet and dark, right now it is just cold and dark, but every day there is more daylight, and spring is on its way. But genealogy is the perfect thing to do at this time of the year, don't you agree?

Till next time!

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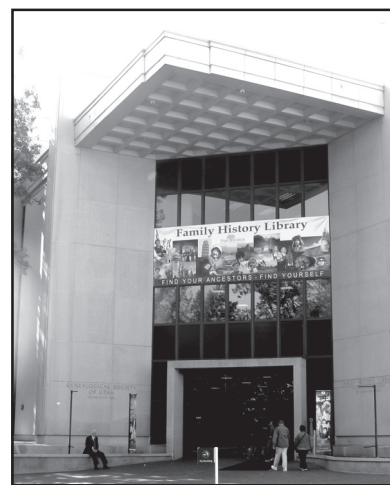
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