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## On the WWII draft registration

About *U.S. World War II Draft Registration Cards, 1942*, on *Ancestry.com*: this database is an indexed collection of World War II U.S. draft cards from the Fourth Registration, the only registration currently available to the public (the other registrations are not available due to privacy laws). The Fourth Registration, often referred to as the "old man's registration," was conducted on 27 April 1942 and registered men who were born on or between 28 April 1877 and 16 February 1897 – men who were between 45 and 64 years old – and who were not already in the military. (From *Ancestry's* web site)

## Barbro Osher to receive Great Swedish Heritage Award

Well-known philanthropist *Barbro Osher* from San Francisco will receive the *Great Swedish Heritage Award* at the spring meeting of Swedish Council of America in early April.

Barbro Osher and her husband Bernard have through their foundations donated for instance many millions of SEK to the Karolinska Institutet in Stockholm for a research institution. Barbro Osher is the Swedish Consul General in San Francisco, and a driving force in SWEA (Swedish Women's Educational Association).

(*SCA eUpdate Feb.2008*)

## Zorn in Minneapolis!

Famous Swedish painter *Anders Zorn* (1860–1920) will have some of his work shown at the American Swedish Institute in Minneapolis from February 6 through June 1. Don't miss this unique exhibition!

## The Amandus Johnson Service Award

In September, at the 81<sup>st</sup> Annual meeting of the American Swedish Historical Museum (ASHM) in Philadelphia, the Amandus Johnson Service Award was presented to *Marna Feldt* and Robert E. Savage.

Ms. Feldt has been an assistant director of the ASHM, and later has served on the board in various capacities. She has also been a long-time officer of the Swedish Information Service in New York. She has received the Swedish Order of the Polar Star (*Nordstjärneorden*).

Mr. Savage, a professor emeritus of biology from Swarthmore College, has also served on the ASHM board, as Chair 2000–2004, and joined again in 2006. He was involved in the planning of the Linnaeus Exhibition, and has also been one of the Pea soup chefs, member of the Swedish Museum Singers, etc.

Congratulations to the awardees from SAG!

(*ASHM Newsletter*, vol. 26, No 2)

## Homecoming Year 2008 – Dalsland emigrants in focus!

*Homecoming Year 2008* is a time to celebrate and enhance the connections and family bonds between the U.S.A. and Sweden. Many people will come together to enjoy the actual places where our ancestors used to live, the rich culture, and the beautiful nature of Dalsland.

Take part in this celebration of the bonds between the U.S.A. and Sweden and join us in Dalsland, Sweden, August 14-17, 2008. There will be many interesting workshops to participate in, and beautiful sites to visit, and many exciting daytrips to enjoy. *Link on page 38.*

## Chicago vital records

As we mentioned in SAG 3/07 the Cook county vital records were supposed to be available online in the early part of the year 2008.

Now we have received information that the launch of the web site will be delayed until June-July of this year.

Well, there is a Swedish saying: *Den som väntar på något gott, väntar aldrig för länge* (He who waits for something good, can never wait too long).

## New director in Växjö

Since January 1st 2008 *Lars Hansson*, Ph.D., is the new temporary director of the Swedish Emigrant Institute (SEI) in Växjö. Dr. Hansson comes from Växjö University, where he has been a teacher of history. His appointment is only for 6 months, but he hopes during this time to vitalize the cooperation efforts with other archives, museums, and institutions.

The next project at the SEI is an exhibition about the forgotten migration from southern Sweden to Germany. Germany was often called "Poor man's America," as the labor recruiters paid for the fare to the work places.

(*SmålandsPosten* 2007 Dec. 21)



*Nordstjernan* in New York, founded in 1872, and *Vestkusten*, founded in 1886, have joined forces.

See [www.nordstjernan.com](http://www.nordstjernan.com)