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Swedish Genealogical Society of Minnesota

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The Swedish Genealogical Society of Minnesota (SGSM) started in 1983, and can thus in a few years celebrate its 30th anniversary. The society has a close connection to the American Swedish Institute, but moved last year for various reasons to the localities of the Minnesota Genealogical Society in South St. Paul.

SGSM has their library there, as well as the microfilms for the Swedish-American churches of Minnesota.

SGSM has meetings four times a year, and also publishes a quarterly newsletter, *Tidningen*, which has many useful articles. A past president was the late Phyllis Pladsen, well known for her *Genealogical Dictionary*.

The present president is Virginia Taylor, who has many dedicated volunteers, including Dee and Ray Kleinow, who work with the website and the program planning.

Last October SGSM organized a well-attended research seminar with lectures and one-on-one help from no less than 7 visiting Swedish genealogists on their premises.

October 2009 Research Seminar, from left: Dee Kleinow, Fran Hillier, Elisabeth Thorsell, Anna-Lena Hultman, Jan Eurenius, Charlotte Börjesson, Kathy Meade, Anneli Andersson, Virginia Taylor, and Olof Cronberg. Photo: Ray Kleinow.