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## Dear Friends,

This issue concludes the 25th year of publishing the *Swedish American Genealogist*, and we are happy to see that this little baby has grown up to an eager youth, ready for new directions as new technology offers new challenges.

SAG was founded by my dear old friend Nils William Olsson, and it is a pleasure for me to present yet another article from his hand in this issue.

When going through all the articles and other things found in the Index, that starts on the next page, it was impressive to see the width and breadth of Nils William's writings. But for that matter, during the years many valuable articles have been found on the SAG pages, for instance by Erik Wikén, former

editor James "Fritz" Erickson, John Norton, Peter Stebbins Craig, just to mention a few.

New writers, both from "Amerika" and Sweden are most welcome. Stories about working life, doing household chores in new, unknown surroundings, working in factories in New England, etc. are most welcome.

We also want your old pictures, not just Grandpa and Grandma's wedding, but also Grandpa changing a tire on his new car, and Grandma working on that magnificent quilt, that is now a prized heirloom in the family. Stories and pictures about all aspects of life in the New World. At the same time we welcome stories about those that stayed at home, and kept Sweden going.

In my vision SAG helps us to understand the conditions of life that more or less forced many to leave their homes, to start a new life in the new country, and how they adjusted.

But it is also important to understand and know more about the old country, how that changed with the times and became the country it is these days.

I have good hopes for the future of SAG, and I hope you will keep me company forwards, and perhaps even help to increase the number of SAG readers. We are just about 1.100, and there are almost 4 million in the U.S. that claim Swedish heritage – what a challenge to get those to subscribe!

*Elisabeth Thorsell*

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