The Last Page
Welcome back!

It seems that some of you were a bit surprised by the new costume for SAG, and maybe you should have had a warning about the intended change in the December issue.

However, the reactions have been very positive, most people like the new bigger pages and the possibilities for more and better pictures.

The intention is also to continue publishing the usual type of articles, lists of church members, etc, but also to publish articles that will directly help the working genealogist. Stories about how to use a certain type of documents, whether successful or not, are always welcome. So are all contributions from the readers, but sometimes they cannot be published for various reasons. If we have had a number of stories on the emigrant and his travel across the North Sea, it might be too much with another one. Stories about strange happenings, serendipity, anything unusual have better chances of being considered for publishing.

Nils William

In this issue a page is devoted to the 95th birthday of Nils William Olsson, Founder and Editor Emeritus of SAG. If someone feels they would like to know more about this remarkable man, I would refer them to SAG 1999:2-3, editor Fritz Erickson’s masterpiece, which contains several articles on Nils William’s life and work. In the Swedish American Historical Quarterly for 1984, p. 322, his bibliography can be found.

What else is there to discuss with you, dear Reader? This issue is a bit late, but efforts will be made so that the next one will come to you during September.

September is a word one does not want to think of in late May, when the summer has finally found its way to Sweden. A recent visit to Värmland showed us that the Lilies of the Valley (liljekonvaljer) were showing their fragrant flowers. By now even the dandelions have been pushed away by the violet Midsommarblomster, and the other flowers young girls are supposed to pick on Midsummer’s Eve and then put under their pillow to dream about a certain young man.

Best wishes for a happy summer!

Elisabeth Thorsell

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