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The new Swedish ambassador to the U.S.



In late August 2017 Ms. *Karin Olofsdotter* was appointed as the new Swedish ambassador to the U.S. Ms Olofsdotter was born in 1966 in Halmstad, county seat for Hallands *län*. She has been working for the Swedish Foreign Office for more than 20 years. Among other posts she has been the Swedish ambassador to Hungary, and also worked at the Swedish Embassy in Washington, D.C., so she is no stranger to American ways.

The Swedish American Museum of Chicago is expanding!

The Swedish American Museum has officially acquired the three-story building to its north at 5217 N. Clark, adding 20 percent more street level presence for the museum. With the addition, they plan to expand upon their mission and programming to further enhance the Scandinavian character of the neighborhood.

“We are excited with this chance to help continue the work of making Andersonville a wonderful neighborhood with a significant history,” said Executive Director Karin Moen Abercrombie in an emailed statement. (*The Edgeville Buzz 12 Sep.2017*).

“Allt för Sverige 2016” wins award

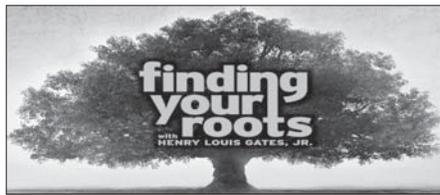
The reality show *Allt för Sverige 2016* recently won the Swedish TV award *Kristallen* (The Crystal) as the best docudrama show of the year 2016.

The 2017 version has been filmed, and will air in Sweden on 22 October 2017. The participants were named in SAG 2017/2.

Finding your rootsoots has a Swedish connection!

This genealogy show with Henry Louis Gates, Jr., premieres on Tuesday 3 October on PBS.

Among the many shows there is one that has a Swedish interest. It is about film star *Scarlett Johansson*, who has many Danish roots, but further back the lines go to Småland and then to the iron works area of Värmland. See it on **31 October!**



Blue Eyed Blondes duo performs at ASI October 11, 2017, 6:30 p.m.

Lina Lönnberg and *Kristoffer Emanuelsson*, making their first visit to the Midwest, founded Blue Eyed Blondes in 2008.

They seek to explore common factors between the past and the present and tell stories about Swedish immigrants’ life-changing journeys.

Their music expresses restlessness, a longing for a home, and the courage to follow a dream of a new life lived somewhere else.

(*ASI web site*).

A new Swedish prince

Meet H.R.H. Prince *Gabriel* Carl Walther, Duke of Dalarna, who was born on 31 Aug. 2017.



This picture of the week-old prince was taken by his father, H.R.H. Prince Carl Philip. The mother of the little one is H.R.H. Princess Sofia, who has her roots in Älvdalen in Dalarna, which probably is why the new prince was given the title Duke of Dalarna. The name Walther is for Queen Silvia’s father Walther Sommerlath.

The Water Tower is back!



The iconic blue and yellow water tower is back at the Swedish American Museum in Chicago.

On 8 Aug. we welcomed back our community’s landmark. Thank you to everyone who helped us restore the Andersonville skyline to its former glory!

(*SAM Web site, Aug. 2017*).