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Swedish-American Archives of Greater Chicago
Manuscript Collection #25
Central Swedish Committee of Chicago Records, 1945-1993

Boxes: 7

HISTORY:

The Central Swedish Committee of Chicago was founded to "further develop and to perpetuate Swedish culture" in the Chicago area (including Rockford, Illinois). The Central Swedish Committee has served as an umbrella group and coordinating body for the various Swedish-American organizations in this area, helping to organize those activities of a city-wide nature - banquets for visiting dignitaries, concerts by touring groups, Swedish Flag Day in June, and the Chicago Santa Lucia pageant in December. The Committee has also helped to publicize the events of various groups, particularly since 1981 with the publication of a quarterly "Calendar of Events".

There are two classes of members within the Central Swedish Committee, annual and permanent. Permanent membership is conferred upon long-standing members of the Swedish-American community, whereas annual membership is on a short-term basis. Each organization ideally sends two representatives to become annual members of the Committee.

DESCRIPTION OF RECORDS:

The records of the Central Swedish Committee occupy 6 1/2 boxes and span the years 1960-1985. They are arranged into six categories: Administration, Finance, Membership, Correspondence, Programs, and Clippings.

Records within the Administration category occupy box 1. Bylaws for the organization from 1971 occupy the first folder. Minutes, reports, and correspondence for the Executive Committee, 1961-1981, are housed in folders 2-4, while those from the General Committee, 1961-1981, occupy folders 5-9.

Records within the Finance category occupy two folders in box 2 and are comprised of bank statements for the years 1969-1980 from Citizens Bank and First State Bank, both of Park Ridge, Illinois, and miscellaneous financial records. The miscellaneous records include lists of membership dues, and expenditures for 1974, donors to the Florence Ahlm Memorial Fund, undated, a Himlaspelet financial report, 1980, and a ledger of membership dues, 1981. Much of the financial records for the committee have not been transferred to this archives.

Records within the Membership category occupy folders 3 and 4 of box 2 and include membership dues forms from 1975 as well as various membership lists for the years 1964-1979.

Records within the Correspondence category occupy the remainder of box 2 and the first six folders of box 3. All but two of these folders house general correspondence, chronologically arranged for the years 1960-1981. Included among these correspondence are references and miscellaneous material on programs sponsored by the Committee. However, programs material is primarily housed later in the series. Folder 5 of box 3 contains correspondence with the Emigrant Institute in Växjö, Sweden during four months of 1967. Folder 6 contains file material from Karl Bengtsson, who served as publicity coordinator in 1974.

Records within the Programs category occupies the remainder of box 3, and boxes 4-6. The records are arranged chronologically, by event, and include correspondence and miscellaneous material. Box 3, folder 7 houses the Calendar of Events published by the Committee. Programs organized by the Committee, with the exception of Santa Lucia and Swedish Flag Day, are housed from box 3, folder 8, to box 5, folder 6. Swedish Flag Day records, 1960-1981, occupy box 5, folder 7 through box 6, folder 2. Santa Lucia Day records, 1964-1984, occupy the remainder of box 6. Included are various versions of the Lucia story (folder 3) and the Lucia song (folder 4). Folder 9 contains material concerning the visit of the Lucia queen of Malmo, Sweden.

Records within the Clippings category occupy box 7 and are separated into four folders, one each for the C.S.C. Lucia programs, the 1968 Visiting Lucia/Dream Trip to Sweden program, Non-C.S.C. Lucia programs, and miscellaneous C.S.C. programs.

PROVENANCE: The records of the Central Swedish Committee have been donated over a period of time, primarily by Selma Jacobson, who served as president for many years.

RESTRICTIONS: None

PROCESSOR:

SEPARATION RECORD: Photographs are listed and stored separately in the Photograph Collection.

CONTAINER LIST:

BOX	FOLDER	FOLDER TITLE	SPAN DATES
ADMINISTRATION			
1	1	Bylaws	1971
ADMINISTRATION: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE			
1	2	Minutes	1961-1981
1	3	Annual Reports	1964, 1971
1	4	Correspondence and Notices	1962-1977
ADMINISTRATION: GENERAL COMMITTEE			
1	5	Minutes	1961-1971
1	6	Minutes	1972-1975

1	7	Minutes	1976-1983
1	8	Correspondence and Notices	1962-1980
1	9	Correspondence Elections	1964-1975
FINANCE			
2	1	Bank Statements First State Bank of Park Ridge 1970-1980 ; Citizens Bank 1969-1970	1969-1980
2	2	Miscellaneous	1980-1981
MEMBERSHIP			
2	3	Dues	1975
2	4	Lists	1964-1979
CORRESPONDENCE			
2	5	General	1960-1962
2	6	General	1963
2	7	General	1964
2	8	General	1965
2	9	General	1966
2	10	General	1967
2	11	General	1968
2	12	General	1969
2	13	General	1970-1972
2	14	General	1973-1974
3	1	General	1975
3	2	General	1976
3	3	General	1977
3	4	General	1978-1981
3	5	Emigrant Institute	1967
3	6	Karl Bengtsson Files (Swedish and English)	c1974
PROGRAMS			
3	7	Calendar of Events	1971, 1981-1982
PROGRAMS: CORRESPONDENCE AND MISCELLANEOUS			
3	8	Fiftieth Anniversary Banquet For Consul General Bo Jarnstedt	1961
3	9	Norrland Males Chorus Tour	1962
3	10	King Gustav VI Adolf's 80th Birthday	1962
3	11	Bernadotte Fund Drive	1962
3	12	Banquet for Prince Bertil	1963
4	1	Banquet for Prince Bertil	1963
4	2	Banquet for Gunnar Jarring	1963
4	3	S.A.S.: Initiation of Air Service to Chicago	1964
4	4	Jönköping String Band Concerts	1964
4	5	Prince Bertil of Sweden: Visit	1965
4	6	Midwest Meets Modern Sweden	1965

4	7	Dream Trip to Sweden: Applications Accepted	1968
4	8	Dream Trip to Sweden: Applications Disqualified	1968
4	9	Dream Trip to Sweden: Applications and Correspondence	1968
4	10	Dream Trip to Sweden: Application Requests	1968
4	11	Dream Trip to Sweden: Correspondence	1968
4	12	Visit of Princess Christina of Sweden	1972
4	13	Deaths of Swedish Royalty: Queen Louise 1965; King Gustav VI Adolf 1973	1965, 1973
5	1	Touring Groups	1974-1975
5	2	U.S. Bicentennial Celebrations	1974-1976
5	3	Visit of King Carl XVI Gustav of Sweden	1976
5	4	Stockholm Police Choir Tour	1979
5	5	Farewell to Arne Thoren	1983
5	6	Miscellaneous Press Releases and Flyers	c1964-1977
SWEDISH FLAG DAY			
5	7	Proclamations from the Mayor's Office	1970-1978
5	8	Bulletins	1960, 1962-1981
5	9	Publicity	c1966-1985
5	10	Correspondence	1960-1962
5	11	Correspondence	1963
5	12	Correspondence	1964
5	13	Correspondence	1965, 1966
5	14	Correspondence	1967
5	15	Correspondence	1968, 1969
6	1	Correspondence	1970, 1971
6	2	Correspondence	1972-1979
SANTA LUCIA DAY			
6	3	Story of Santa Lucia	n.d.
6	4	Song: “Santa Lucia”	n.d.
6	5	Correspondence and List	1964
6	6	Correspondence and Lists	1966
6	7	Correspondence and Lists	1967
6	8	Correspondence and Lists	1968
6	9	Visiting Lucia from Malmo, Sweden	1968
6	10	Correspondence and Lists	1969
6	11	Correspondence and Lists	1970
6	12	Correspondence and Lists	1971
6	13	Correspondence and Lists	1972
6	14	Correspondence and Lists	1973
6	15	Correspondence and Lists	1974
6	16	Correspondence and Lists	1975

6	17	Correspondence and Lists	1976
6	18	Correspondence and Lists	1977
6	19	Correspondence and Lists	1978
6	20	Correspondence and Lists	1979
6	21	Correspondence and Lists	1980
6	22	Correspondence and Lists	1981-1984
6	23	Non-Central Swedish Committee Programs	1952-1983
CLIPPINGS			
7	1	Lucia Programs	1964-1984
7	2	Visiting Lucia and Dream Trip	1968
7	3	Miscellaneous C.S.C.	1960-1985
7	4	Non-Central Swedish Committee Lucia Festivals	1945-1985, 1960-1985

Carl A. Carlson Presidential Records,

BOX	FOLDER	FOLDER TITLE	SPAN DATES
1	1	Central Swedish Committee (1 of 2)	1976-1981
1	2	Central Swedish Committee (2 of 2)	1976-1981
1	3	Central Swedish Committee (1 of 2)	1982
1	4	Central Swedish Committee (2 of 2)	1982
1	5	Central Swedish Committee (1 of 2)	1982
1	6	Central Swedish Committee (2 of 2)	1982
1	7	Central Swedish Committee (1 of 3)	1983
1	8	Central Swedish Committee (2 of 3)	1983
1	9	Central Swedish Committee (3 of 3)	1983
1	10	Central Swedish Committee (1 of 2)	1983
1	11	Central Swedish Committee (2 of 2)	1983
1	12	Central Swedish Committee (1 of 2)	1984
1	13	Central Swedish Committee (2 of 2)	1984
1	14	Central Swedish Committee (1 of 3)	1984-1988
1	15	Central Swedish Committee (2 of 3)	1984-1988
1	16	Central Swedish Committee (3 of 3)	1984-1988
1	17	Central Swedish Committee (1 of 4)	1985
1	18	Central Swedish Committee (2 of 4)	1985
1	19	Central Swedish Committee (3 of 4)	1985
1	20	Central Swedish Committee (4 of 4)	1985
1	21	Central Swedish Committee (1 of 2)	1986
1	22	Central Swedish Committee (2 of 2)	1986
1	23	Central Swedish Committee (1 of 3)	Jan-Jul 1986
1	24	Central Swedish Committee (2 of 3)	Jan-Jul 1986
1	25	Central Swedish Committee (3 of 3)	Jan-Jul 1986

1	26	Central Swedish Committee (1 of 2)	1987
1	27	Central Swedish Committee (2 of 2)	1987
2	1	Central Swedish Committee	1989-1991
2	2	Central Swedish Committee (1 of 2)	1988-1991
2	3	Central Swedish Committee (2 of 2)	1988-1991
2	4	Central Swedish Committee; Miscellaneous	Jun-Dec 1986
2	5	Central Swedish Committee "After Me"	1992-1993
2	6	Calendars of Events	1982-1992
2	7	Dues and Financial Information	1981-1983
2	8	"Past Pres. Club" including dissolution and by-laws	1974-1990
2	9	Arne Thorén Dinner Photos	Aug. 26, 1983
2	10	Carl Von Linné Day	1976-1991
2	11	Lucia (1 of 2)	1987-1989
2	12	Lucia (2 of 2)	1987-1989
2	13	Swedish Festival	1990
2	14	Swedish Festival—Botanical Gardens (1 of 2)	1987-1989
2	15	Swedish Festival—Botanical Gardens (2 of 2)	1987-1989
2	16	Swedish Festival—Botanical Gardens (1 of 2)	1988-1991
2	17	Swedish Festival—Botanical Gardens (2 of 2)	1988-1991
2	18	Swedish Flag Day (1 of 2)	1982-1984
2	19	Swedish Flag Day (2 of 2)	1982-1984
2	20	Swedish Flag Day (1 of 2)	1985
2	21	Swedish Flag Day (2 of 2)	1985
2	22	Swedish Flag Day (1 of 2)	1986
2	23	Swedish Flag Day (2 of 2)	1986
2	24	Swedish Flag Day	1988
2	25	Swedish Flag Day Programs	1965-1991