



SACC
GEORGIA



Upcoming Events

May 12
Social European Mixer
presented by the European
Chambers of Atlanta

*Expand your international network
and unwind with drinks & panoramic
city views.*

May 19
**Inaugural Chambers of
Commerce Golf Championship**

*SACC-Georgia - is inviting 2-person
teams to an 18-hole round of golf in a
best-ball competition based on HCP.*

June 6th
SACC-Georgia's Annual

SWEDEN DAY

Come celebrate the National day of

Sweden with us!



June 18
**International Night at IMC
Georgia**

*Meet Atlanta's International
Business Community and join a
gathering of diverse professionals!*

For more information about the upcoming events please visit <http://www.sacc-georgia.org/events/upcoming-events/>

SACC-Georgia presents the **Inaugural Chambers of Commerce Golf Championship**

SACC-Georgia is pleased to announce the
Inaugural Chambers of Commerce Golf Tournament.

The golf tournament is open to all Chambers of Commerce and will be held at the prestigious Berkeley Hills Country Club on Tuesday, May 19, 2015.

The golf tournament is a great opportunity to further promote friendship and networking opportunities between members.

We are also excited to announce that professional Swedish golfer Arvid Bengtsson will be there to give pre-tournament clinic/lesson on the range.

We are thankful to our SACC-GA golf committee including Jan Meijer, Jonas Jarvholm, Hans Olof Lofstrand and Sara Henriksson, and to our Chairman Christina Searles Tai, for taking the initiative and making this possible!

Come join us for this great event for some friendly competition and good networking!

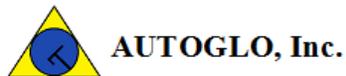
Register today! We have limited space and registrations are due May 12.
To read more about the event and how to register, click [here](#).





News

Thank you Sweden Day Silver Sponsors!



Want to sponsor Sweden Day 2015 too? Click [here](#).

The Swedish Mobile Passport Station Coming To Atlanta

The Embassy of Sweden offers a special consular service by using a mobile passport station that enables Swedish citizens to apply for regular passports at a number of Swedish Consulates in the U.S. This mobile passport station will visit Atlanta, GA on September 16-17, 2015. In order to apply for a new passport you have to book an appointment at the Consulate of Atlanta.

You can get more information about how to book an appointment [here](#).

Atlanta's Fifth Annual Swedish Schnapps Song Contest

It's that time again! This is the fifth time that Atlanta's Nordic Lodge # 708 announces this cheerful song contest. Write your own Swedish "snapsvisa" in English and send them your entry to win great prizes. The theme for the year is crawfish.

The result will be revealed at the Nordic Lodge Crawfish party on August 22nd, 2015, in Atlanta.

For more information and rules, click [here](#).

Member News

Thank you Sweden Day Silver Sponsors!



Membership Directory 2015

The new and updated Membership Directory 2015 is now available on the website. Read it [here](#).

Host a corporate tour at your company!

As a corporate member of SACC-Georgia you have the exclusive opportunity to host a corporate tour at your company. Hosting a corporate tour is a good

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Business News

> Georgia home to Volvo's new \$500 million plant?



The race to land Volvo's first U.S. auto plant is heating up as the Swedish-based manufacturer nears its decision. Volvo is scouting Georgia for a site to build a sprawling factory that would employ thousands. Beyond demographics (the South has younger, growing populations) and market realities (auto manufacturing, especially for the imports, has coalesced in the union-free South), is the issue of soaring taxes in the Northeast hubs. Landing Volvo would be a landmark victory for Georgia, though it would come with a price. The automaker would likely require a bounty of incentives, including grants, tax credits, infrastructure improvements and job training assistance.

[Read more >](#)

> IKEA provides refugee shelters

The United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR) has for several years been working with IKEA and designers to create temporary shelters for refugees. The homes have been tested on refugees in Ethiopia, Iraq and Lebanon, and now UNHCR has purchased 10,000 of the Ikea Foundation's temporary flat-pack shelters. Each shelter can be assembled on site in about four hours and without special tools.

[Read more >](#)

> Spotify chief unveils Sweden innovation bash

Spotify founder Daniel Ek and Avicii's manager Ash Pournouri are set to launch a major new tech and music event to reflect Stockholm's status as a lucrative hive of start-up activity, Billboard reports.

[Read more >](#)

> Swedish retail giant H&M to grow as profits soar

Swedish fashion giant H&M pledged to open 400 new stores in 2015 as the company announced on Tuesday that its rising profits had exceeded expectations in the face of increasing pressure from an ever-stronger dollar.

[Read more >](#)

> Americans trust Swedish companies

Sweden is hot right now, according to a new survey of The Local's US-based readers. When asked to agree or disagree with the statement "I can trust Swedish companies", two-thirds of the respondents agreed, while only 6 percent disagreed.

The results can be seen as even more remarkable in light of evidence suggesting that Americans aren't in the habit of trusting business. Indeed, reports over the past few years have shown that fewer than one in five Americans trust business leaders, and trust in major corporations declined last year. So why are Swedes so trustworthy?

[Read more >](#)

SWEDISH HOLIDAYS

The National Day of Sweden

Since 1983, Sweden has celebrated its National Day on June 6th. This is the date on which Gustav Vasa was crowned king in 1523, which laid the foundation of Sweden as an independent state, and on which a new, important constitution was adopted in 1809.

Every year, the King and Queen of Sweden take part in a ceremony at Skansen, Stockholm's open-air museum, where the yellow and blue Swedish flag is run up the mast, and children in traditional peasant costume present the royal couple with bouquets of summer flowers.

These days, special ceremonies welcoming new Swedish citizens are held around the country on National Day.

You can celebrate the National Day of Sweden with us on Sweden Day, June 6th!

Read more about the Sweden Day event on our [Facebook](#) or [Website](#).



Photo: Marie Andersson/Skansen

Become a member of SACC-Georgia 2015

SACC-Georgia offers its members business services, events, develops and cultivates business opportunities and relationships through a unique international business community. A new year calls for new opportunities, and we welcome You to join our chamber and be a part of an exciting and growing international organization.

In order to fit your specific need, we have 3 different membership options to chose from:

Corporate - \$500

Individual - \$150

Young Professional - \$50

Please contact us at info@sacc-georgia.org. Let us know about you or your organization, and we will tell you more about SACC-Georgia and what we can do for you.

Apply for a membership with SACC-Georgia [here](#).

Past Events

Swedish Semlor to SACC-Georgia's Signature Sponsors Elekta





On the April 23rd, the SACC-Georgia staff treated Elekta, our signature sponsors, with some Swedish semlor. Yummy!
Thank you Elekta for all that you do!

Do you want to bake your own semlor? Try [this](#) recipe!

SACC-USA Trainee Program provide Swedish talent for U.S Business



Please view the short video to learn more about [SACC-USA Trainee Program](#).

TOO MANY PROJECTS AND NOT ENOUGH TIME?

As a SACC member, your company has the exclusive opportunity to participate in the SACC-USA Trainee Program which enables people from Sweden to come to the U.S. on a J-1 visa. You get access to SACC-USA's database with qualified, bilingual trainee candidates educated within the highly regarded Swedish educational system. SACC-USA will assist with the evaluation of candidates as requested. Your company may also use the SACC-USA J-1 visa service if you have already identified a trainee candidate or for employees in internal training or rotation programs.

For more information, click [here](#).



**SWEDISH
WORD OF
THE DAY**

Swedish word:
slump (noun)

Swedish example:
Jag låter inte min framtid avgöras av slump.

English translation:
chance

English example:
I will not leave my future up to chance.

Event Sponsorship Opportunities

Is your company looking for a great opportunity to get good exposure?
Take the opportunity to sponsor one of our upcoming events!

We are currently looking for sponsors to:
The Sweden Day 2015 and **The 30th Annual Lucia Gala 2015**.

Click on the links below to read more about our sponsorship packages:

[Sponsorship Package for The Sweden Day 2015](#)

[Sponsorship Package for The 30th Annual Lucia Gala 2015](#)

Please contact our Business Development Coordinator Frida at frida.akerberg@sacc-georgia.org if you have any questions about our sponsorship packages.

SACC-Georgia's Signature Sponsors



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Do you as a member of SACC-Georgia have any news or information you would like us to share or promote in our newsletter or on our website? If you do, feel free to contact SACC-Georgia's marketing coordinator at julia.dang@sacc-georgia.org to discuss what we can do to help you and/or your company.

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