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THE 30TH ANNUAL LUCIA GALA - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4TH

Thank You For Celebrating Lucia With Us!

SACC-Georgia hosted its 30th Lucia Gala at Druid Hills Golf Club on December 4th. The guests enjoyed great food, entertainment, and a pleasant Christmas atmosphere.

The guests were moved by our Lucia singer, **Emily Tepe**, aka IVA, who did a wonderful performance together with the maidens "tärnor". We sincerely thank Emily and the maidens for sharing their amazing talent with us. We also want to thank our photographer **Randolph McDow** who did a wonderful job capturing the magical moments of the evening.

After enjoying the Swedish Smorgosbord the guests danced the night away to **Francisco Vidal Band**.

On behalf of SACC-Georgia, we want to send a very warm thank you for attending our 30th Annual Lucia Gala. To view pictures from the event, please visit SACC-Georgia's website and navigate to past events or click [here](#).

Finally, many congratulations to our Swedish Excellence Award Winner, **Mikael Norin**, Director and Corporate Advisor in Atlanta/Honorary Consul of Sweden in Georgia, you are truly inspirational.

Happy Holidays!

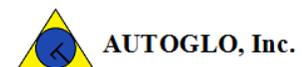


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Lucia in Sweden - The Origins

You might wonder why our Gala is called the Lucia Gala? Well, the annual candlelit Lucia procession on 13 December is perhaps one of the more exotic-looking Swedish customs, with girls and boys clad in white full-length gowns singing songs together. Lucia is an ancient mythical figure with an abiding role as a bearer of light in the dark Swedish winters. Tradition has it that Lucia is to wear 'light in her hair'. Alongside Midsummer, the Lucia celebrations represent one of the foremost cultural traditions in Sweden, with their clear reference to life in the peasant communities of old: darkness and light, cold and warmth.

The Lucia tradition can be traced back both to St Lucia of Syracuse, a martyr who died in 304, and to the Swedish legend of Lucia as Adam's first wife. It is said that she consorted with the Devil and that her children were invisible infernals. Thus the name may be associated with both lux (light) and Lucifer (Satan), and its origins are difficult to determine. The present custom appears to be a blend of traditions.

In the old almanac, Lucia Night was the longest of the year. It was a dangerous night when supernatural beings were abroad and all animals could speak. By morning, the livestock needed extra feed. People, too, needed extra nourishment and were urged to eat seven or nine hearty breakfasts. This kind of feasting presaged the Christmas fast, which began on Lucia Day.

Source: Sweden.se

HOLIDAY GREETINGS FROM SACC-GA



EVENTS 2016

- February 18th - Event at Atlanta Hartsfield Jackson International Airport
- March - SACC GA's Member Appreciation Reception and Annual meeting
- Late March/April - Company Tour at Member Regal Lager
- April/May - Inaugural Golf Tournament
- June 6 - Sweden Day 2016
- September - Industry Day
- October - SACC Summit 2015, Washington D.C.
- December - 31st Annual Lucia Gala

Other programs to look forward to:
New member drinks, Delegation to Sweden, Community involvement, Jeffersonian member lunch/dinner, Company tours



Picture: Sweden Day 2015

SACC-GA presents Swedish Christmas at event for children

SACC-GA was one of the guest speakers at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport's childrens event "Toyland" on December 2nd. The crowd was filled with about 400 first grade students and the chamber had the honor to enlighten the kids about how the Christmas Holiday is celebrated in Sweden. Donald Duck, Swedish Christmas food, Santa bringing Christmas gifts on Christmas Eve and white winter snow was some of the subjects SACC-GA touched upon.



LOOKING FOR A NEW CAREER?

Assistent till Svenska Skolan sökes

Gillar du barn? Att prata svenska? Sjunga och spela spel? Eller känner du någon som du tror skulle vilja hjälpa till? Vi behöver en assistent till Svenska Skolan på Kindergarten, Igelkottarna. Arbetet medför ingen planering utan bara att vara stöd för barnen i gruppen, vid skrivarbete, spela spel etc.

Tider 13:30-16:30 varannan söndag med start i januari 2016.
Ersättning utgår.

Hör av er till Lisa Boland på 3039128377 eller thelisaboland@gmail.com.

SWEDISH TALENT FOR U.S BUSINESS

Thirty Chalmers Engineering Students Available for Internships

Want a bright engineering intern? Chalmers University of Technology has 30 engineering students who are looking for an internship lasting between 3 and 12 months to begin in June 2016. Chalmers University of Technology is one of Sweden's most prestigious schools, and has partnered with SACC-USA for years to provide access to highly competitive engineering students who are eager to come to the U.S. to gain practical and cultural experience. Participating students have completed at least three years of a five-year master's program.

Chalmers students can assist with projects and bring new ideas to your business. These students specialize in various engineering-related fields, from Chemical Engineering to Industrial Design. SACC-USA is an official J-1 visa sponsor designated by the U.S. Department of State and will assist with the visa application. The host company only needs to create a training plan to detail what the intern will learn through the experience. Trainees are not subject to Social Security or Medicare tax and are required to have their own health insurance before coming to the U.S.

Learn more at sacc-usa.org/trainee.

BUSINESS NEWS

> [7 Things You Probably Didn't Know About Sweden's Forest Economy](#)

Not surprisingly, the huge swaths of forest in Sweden are central to the culture and economy, both of which have lofty reputations globally for sustainability.

[Read more >](#)

> [98th Finnish Independence Day Reception in Atlanta](#)

Finnish-American Chambers of Commerce, play an important role in promoting trade and investment, and cultural exchange between Finland and the United States. In this article Georgia Attorney, John D. Saunders, is presented the insignia of Knight, First Class, of the Order of the Lion of Finland. Also, read the remarks by Jukka Pietikainen, Ambassador, Consul General of Finland in New York.

[Read more >](#)

> [Taking Care of Business in Sweden](#)

Swedish business culture can be quite different from the business customs of other countries. Here are some good things to know before you seal your first Swedish business deal.

[Read more >](#)

> [Elekta raises more than \\$28,000 to support women with cancer](#)

Elekta activities at the 57th Annual Meeting of the American Society for Radiation Oncology (ASTRO) raised \$28,495 for Texas WINGS (Women Involved in Nurturing, Giving, Sharing), an organization that provides comprehensive breast cancer treatment and follow up care at no cost to the patient.

[Read more >](#)

> [Arnall Golden Gregory Named One of Georgia's Best Economic Development Law Firms](#)

Southern Business & Development magazine has named Arnall Golden Gregory one of the top four economic development law firms in Georgia.

[Read more >](#)

> [Ballard Spahr Named National Law Firm of the Year for Real Estate](#)

Ballard Spahr has been named national Law Firm of the Year for Real Estate in the U.S. News-Best Lawyers "Best Law Firms" rankings for 2016, in recognition of the firm's overall performance in real estate law.

[Read more >](#)

SPOTLIGHT OF THE MONTH

Start the New Year as a Member of SACC-Georgia!

SACC-Georgia Membership Levels 2016

Corporate Membership

\$650 - For our mid to large sized companies over 50 employees

Business Membership

\$275 - For smaller companies under 50 employees

Individual Membership

\$100 - For individual members, not companies

1+1 Individual Membership

\$150 - For 2 related individual members, not from the same company

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](#).

MEMBER NEWS

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 opportunity to showcase your company's culture, environment, values and priorities. SACC-Georgia will provide assistance as necessary to promote your event among our members.

Send us your proposal today at:

info@sacc-georgia.org

SACC-USA'S TRAINEE PROGRAM



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](#).

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:
Sweden Day 2016

Click on the links below to read more about our sponsorship packages:
[Sweden Day 2016 Sponsorship Package](#)

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

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