



# THE AMERICAN CLUB OF SWEDEN NEWS BULLETIN

September 2001

## WELCOME BACK!

As we go to press, I am writing from America, not far from Martha's Vineyard, where former first canine Buddy and family recently took their annual Cape Cod vacation.

After last summer's political heat wave, the weather report in America now is decidedly cooler.

Compared to Europe, on the surface things are fine, with unemployment steady at 4.5% nationally (3.8% in Boston!) in a country with a minimal social service safety net.

Yet, because of poor economic conditions abroad and the strong dollar, the U.S. trade deficit is increasing, the stock market is down, and massive job layoffs in the automotive and IT sectors have just been announced—a far cry from America's "state of the nation" when I arrived in Sweden 7 ½ years ago and the crown was around 5:1.

The vacation's over. Now, stay tuned to President Bush's request for unilateral authority to negotiate trade agreements, something Congress denied former President Clinton. (Sorry, Buddy, but "W" is expected to encounter opposition, too.)

Like it or not, the bear in one country affects the bull in the other, and the survivors will be those who learn how to re-invent themselves.

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## AN EVENING AT THE EMBASSY Thursday, September 20

THE AMERICAN CLUB OF SWEDEN cordially invites you to:

### Networking Cocktail Party

Join us on Thursday, September 20th at the U.S. Embassy for a repeat performance of our "standing room only" Networking Cocktail Party, done in that tried-and-true, friendly American fashion—business cards, handshakes, and a smile.

The party starts after work at 6 p.m., with music provided by the renowned Ronnie Gardner Trio.

Catering is under the able auspices of the Embassy's chef, Claude, with plenty of light hors d'oeuvres and your choice of beverages—wine, beer, soft drinks.

*Enjoy the sounds of the Ronnie Gardner Trio and a delicious light buffet, while meeting members of Stockholm's American Clubs at this fourth annual cocktail party.*

Club presidents from the American Women's Club, American Citizens Abroad, AmCham, and the American Club of Sweden will be on hand to introduce their organizations.

You'll also have a chance to meet members of the Embassy's diplomatic corps and learn more about our new ambassador.

If you're looking for new contacts in the Stockholm area, either social or professional, this is one event you won't want to miss!

### RESERVE NOW!

Tickets are limited to 120 people. Due to limited space, reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis and are limited to one couple and two guests from any of the participating member organizations (American Club, ACA, American Women's Club, AmCham.) Priority will be given to American Club members, who are hosting the evening.

Please make your reservations by remitting SEK 225:- per person to **Postgiro 53795-1** (Account name/"Kontohavare": American Club of Sweden.) Mark the giro stub "**September 20**" and in **very legible block letters**, write the **names of the participants**.

**DATE:** Thursday, September 20, 2001

**TIME:** 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

**Positive photo ID required.**

*Note: Please arrive early so as to clear security. The guest list will be taken directly from the postgiro list. If your name is not on the postgiro form, you will be unable to clear security at the Embassy.*

**LOCATION:** U.S. Embassy, Dag Hammarskjölds Väg 31, Stockholm

**PRICE:** SEK 225:- per person

**DRESS:** Business attire.

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**RESERVATIONS:** By Friday, September 14

## Events Calendar

Information on the events below can also be found on our website at [www.amclubsweden.org](http://www.amclubsweden.org)

- September 20, 2001    Networking Cocktail Party  
U.S. Embassy  
6 – 8:30 p.m.
- October 2001            Luncheon  
Sergel Plaza Hotel
- November 24, 2001    Thanksgiving Dinner Dance  
U.S. Embassy
- December 13, 2001    Lucia Celebration  
Grand Hotel Hall of Mirrors  
11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

## The New Board

At the Annual General Meeting of the American Club of Sweden this past May, a new board was elected for 2001-2002. They are:

### Officers:

**President - Charlotte J. DeWitt**

*International Events, LTD*

**First Vice President - Sven Holm**

*Alliant Tech*

**Second Vice President - Jan Björkman**

*Beijerinvest AB*

**Secretary - Catharina Kronström**

*U.S. Embassy*

**Treasurer - Svante P. A. Nyman**

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### Board of Governors:

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**Christer Holm, *Advokatfirman Delphi***

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**Rebecca Cassel Persson**

**Ulf Ryde, *Fecum International***

**Tom Kelsey, *U.S. Embassy***

**Gillian Milovanovic, *U.S. Embassy***

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