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WHAT IS THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SWEDISH ENGINEERS ?

The society was founded in February 1888 by an energetic group of young Swedish engineers, who came to America to complete their education or to seek new opportunities. It is the oldest professional society in the United States focusing on Swedish industry and has, over the years, provided an important link in the exchange of information and good will between the two countries. The society has had long standing relationships with the Royal Academy of Engineering Sciences in Sweden, the Swedish Association of Engineers and Architects, the Swedish American Chamber of Commerce and many other organizations in the USA and Sweden, His Majesty, King Carl XVI Gustav of Sweden honored the society of becoming its patron in 1982.

The society has a national membership in both USA and Sweden. The annual meeting is in the beginning of each calendar year and board meetings are held monthly. Recent professional and social events have included AAB, IBM, Volvo, SAS, ITT Flygt, Siemens-Rolm, Con-Ed and World Yacht cruise lines and others.

ULF HAMMARSKJÖLD TAKES OVER THE PRESIDENCY OF ASSE.

The board of directors of ASSE has received the following letter dated September 9, 1997 from Dr. Gunnar Hovstadius, past president of ASSE:

I have had the honor to serve as president of the American society of Swedish engineers since 1994. Now I find that I have become increasingly more involved in travel and the many time consuming business activities for ITT Flygt and ITT fluid technology corporation, which impede my ability to spend the proper amount of time in serving as president of ASSE.

It is therefore with regret that I tender my resignation as president and director of ASSE. Effective immediately.

Ulf Hammar skjöld, who presently serves as vice president and treasurer, has graciously consented to serve as president of ASSE. At least until the annual meeting in 1998.

I wish Ulf well as he assumes the presidency and I feel certain he would welcome suggestions from the membership for the success of ASSE.

Thank you for your support in the past and best wishes for the future.

Sincerely

Gunnar Hovstadius

The John Ericsson gold medal, what is it and how is it awarded?

The John Ericsson medal, which is awarded by the American society of Swedish engineers, was established in 1926. It was named "the John Ericsson medal" to honor the great Swedish born American engineering genius, who designed and built the "monitor", a low profile steel warship, which saved fort Monroe at Hampton roads for the union during the American civil war in 1862. The medal is awarded every other year to a Swedish or American or Canadian citizen of Swedish extraction in recognition of extraordinary achievements in the fields of science and technology. To date, the John Ericsson medal has been awarded 36 times. Among the recipients are several Nobel Prize winners including our member, Dr. Glenn Seaborg.

Dr. Edward J. Lofgren – our latest John Ericsson medal recipient

Dr. Edward Lofgren, senior staff scientist, emeritus, at the Lawrence Berkley national laboratory, university of California, Berkley, California, was awarded the John Ericsson medal recently.

The award was given in recognition of a lifetime of achievements by Dr. Lofgren at the university in the fields of high-energy physics and accelerator development. Dr. Lofgren has served on the advisory panel on high-energy accelerators for the national science foundation, the atomic energy Corporation, the review committees for the Brookhaven and Argonne national laboratories also the laboratory of nuclear science at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

A highlight was a reception on June 4, 1997 for Dr. Lofgren in the residence of the honorable Swedish consul general, Madame Siri Eliason.

Project "OMFORM" at the Chalmers Institute of Technology

The students at the mechanical and transportation engineering department. At Chalmers Institute of Technology are engaged in an interesting project, rather than calling in outside architectural firms. They intend to present a student designed plan for a novel entrance hall to their department building. The students have asked ASSE. To endorse the project.

ASSE. Has so far responded as stated below:

The idea to create an inviting pleasing entrance hall, where not only students, but also professors, corporate executives, government officials and even tourists will feel welcome to visit and to exchange ideas and to relax is appealing.

ASSE endorses this idea and may sponsor the project (as discussed) when we know a little more and with the aim to:

1. Assist you with review of proposal and plans.
2. Possibly actively make suggestions and/or recommendations.
3. With time also assist with some funds.

Please contact Ulf Hammarskjöld if any company or individual is interested in actively participating in this project even at this preliminary stage.

Swedish history comes alive in Wilmington, Delaware on September 28, 1997

The Kalmar Nyckel Foundation invites you to the launching of the replica of the Swedish ship "Kalmar Nyckel" on Sunday September 28, 1997 at the Kalmar Nyckel shipyard in Wilmington, Delaware on the Christina River. Kalmar Nyckel was the larger of two ships, which brought the first Swedish settlers to America.

For more information call: 302-429-7447 or fax 302-429-0350. The address is: **Kalmar Nyckel foundation, Kalmar Nyckel shipyard, 1124 east seventh street, Wilmington, Delaware.**

How will y2k (=year 2000) affect your computer ?

The alumni association of the royal institute of technology is holding a breakfast meeting on Thursday October 2, 1997 at Hyllan, restaurant quantum, Oskuldsgårdsgatan 4, which is located 400m from "Östra station", Stockholm. Just follow Drottning Christinas Väg. If you are in Stockholm and want to attend you must register by telephone before September 26, Tel: 08-411-1348 or E-mail M94holst@mtek.chalmers.se.

The subject is what, does the turn of the century 2000 mean for our computers?

If you cannot attend, you may call KTH alumni or request a copy of the discussion after the meeting by e-mail.

More sailing adventures.

ASSE. Vice president Axel Rosenblad, wife Hanko and crew won the Newport to Bermuda race in their class and was also first boat to arrive in Bermuda. They sailed Axel's newly acquired 61-foot aluminum hull sloop. President Ulf Hammarskjöld and ASSE. Board member Eric Halleus sailed recently with friends from Newport to Block Island and back. Your editor Gunnar Asker, wife Louise, son Robert and a friend recently sailed the middle Chesapeake Bay in a 43-foot bare boat chartered sloop during one week and had a marvelous time.

Suggestions for the preparation of a lecture.

KTH alumni has the following suggestions for how to prepare your lecture, when you are asked to speak.

How to prepare yourself. How to structure the material. How do you start? What to do if you lose your thread. What to do if you are nervous. How do you allocate the time? How to handle disturbances. How to use key words.

And please, please remember that the speaker should preferably check the public address system himself before the meeting or at least assure himself that the system is volume controllable from a dependable person.

We have seen too many embarrassing disasters in that respect.

ASSE. News needs news

Your editor wants to hear from the membership regarding personal news, corporate developments, suggestions for officers and directors and suggestions for speakers and plant visits. Below are the addresses to the president, the secretary and the editor.

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Let us all decide to get fair winds to fill the sails of ASSE.!

