

Donald Bruce : alla häls

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Dear Rut

I am writing this letter to you for two reasons: first because you are the main Swedish relative of mine who knew my mother and also because you have such a great interest in Östanbysläkten.

I dearly loved my mother and though I never met my grandmother Margareta Olsson Pallin, I love her too for having brought my mother into this world. In some manner or way, I would now like to establish a continuing memorial endowment in their names for the benefit of our relatives association.

How Östanbysläkten functions is not fully clear to me so I feel limited about what to propose. One thought I've had is for me deposit a fund in Sweden in the name of the association - the amount to be fixed for perhaps 20 or 25 Years and the interest earned to be used toward the operating expenses of our group.

If this fund was for \$10,000., the interest might approximate \$800 to \$1,000 per year. At the end of the 20 or so years, the Board could determine how best to thereafter use the money.

I would be happy to consider any other suggestions from you or others but at this time would prefer to first have your reaction. I do not wish to offend the Board by not writing to them at this early expository time - I'd like to begin with a response from you. Also I am not conversant with Sweden's tax laws which might have some impact on what is best to do.

In our country, we have other methods of utilizing an endowment fund; such as scholarships, financial assistance in needy cases, a \$ gift to each baby born of Östanbysläkten parents. etc. It would be gratifying to me if whatever we decide will serve to help keep the association vibrant and dear to the hearts of all its members.

I hope this finds you in good spirits - I am very glad that our ancestors made possible our long and good friendship.

With best regards, affectionately

Allan

P.S. Also if you will tell me how to obtain a group photograph of the 88 meeting (one where Evelyn and I are recognizable) I will appreciate that information.