

August 2020

Golden Valley Lodge #616 Newsletter



Stockholm's Metro Art



Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I hope this newsletter finds you all well and managing your new way of living. GVL Financial Committee held a meeting August 6th by Zoom and hosted by Hubert. We discussed the possible Covid-19 friendly meetings for the remainder of this year. We decided to have the September 10th meeting by Zoom and have it start at 7pm. If you are interested, please ask Hubert to send you a link. We would like to have our October 8th meeting on our patio at the church for those who wish to come and have zoom set up for those who still are not ready to join us. Wenche is checking with Chuck to make sure the church will allow this. We would distance, wear masks and take temperatures. Meeting would have to be by reservation, and we would offer takeout type dinner and bar table. Chairs would be separated, and we would use the mic.

We will cancel Christmas dinner and Lucia for this year, but we still may want to get together, so we are open to suggestions on how we want to do this. Scholarship applications are due October 1, 2020.

In peace and unity,

Delphine

Next meeting is TBD

If you have not paid your membership dues, they are past due.

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GVL Happenings

Happy Birthday!!!

AUGUST

Christer Olin	6
Maria Jacobs	8
Gunilla DePaoli	8
Elisabet Perez	10
Evelyn Weare-Linfors	12
Gertie Lindstrom	20
Marie Mickelson	21
William Liljeberg	27
Sayd Birgitta Sidenius	29
Chelsea Rhoades Osman	30



Ha en trevlig födelsedag!

2020 Golden Valley Lodge Board & Service Positions

Chair: Delphine Trowbridge
Vice Chair: Chase Dodd
Past Chair: Inga Francis
Corresponding Secretary: Dorothy Burns
Assistant Secretary: Mona Steffen
Financial Secretary: Maidie Karling
Treasurer: Birgitta Clark
Chaplain: Andrea Tabanelli
Master of Ceremonies: Lucas Taylor
Assistant MoC: Dylan Olson
Cultural: Laurie Taylor (Temp)
Chaplain: Andrea Tabanelli
Chairman of Trustees: Kerstin Wendt
Trustee -3: Maria Jacobs
Trustee -1: Bertil Winther
Chairman of Auditors: Maidie Karling
Auditor #2: Britt Marie Potter
Membership Chair: Maidie Karling
Events Co-Chair: Maggie Connelly
& Delphine Trowbridge
Scholarship Chair: Beth Bunnell
Financial Chair: Hubert Pitters
Historian: Laurie Taylor
Vasa Park: Richard Heinstedt
Bar: Roy & Hanna Olson
Newsletter: Laurie Taylor
Youth Group: Nicolette Taylor

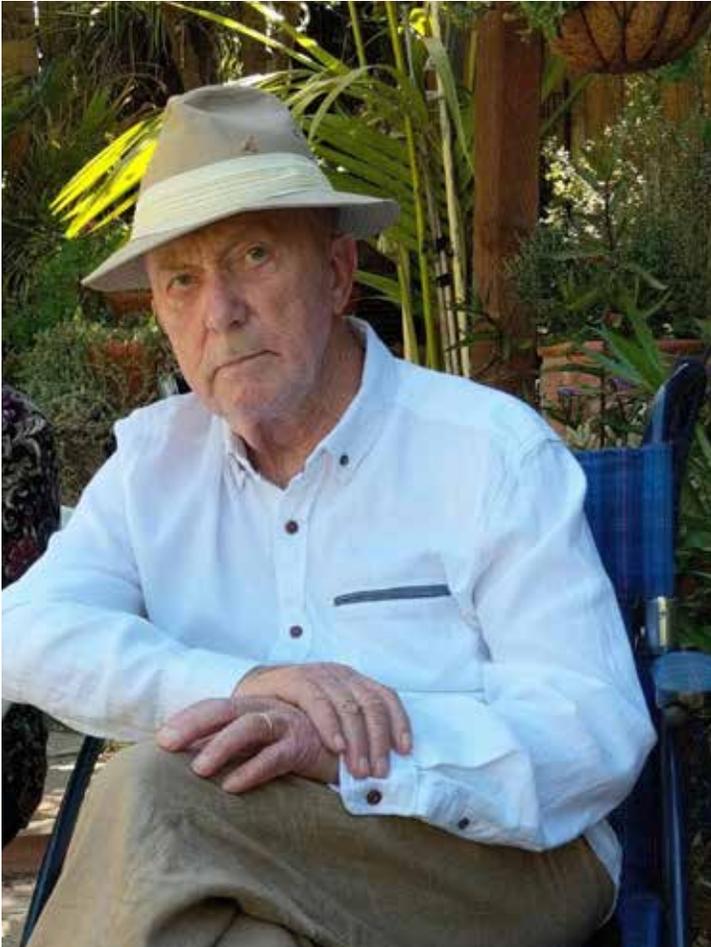
Our Next Newsletter

Please send me a note to explain what you and your family are doing during this lockdown. Many people are finding new creative outlets and are “blooming where they are planted!” It would be interesting to all of us to learn about new hobbies, interests, or whatever. Share a story, a recipe, or ???

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Due in 3 weeks!

SVEN OLOF LINGSTRÖM FEBRUARY 1, 1940 - JUNE 16, 2020



It is with great sadness that we announce that Golden Valley Lodge member, Sven Olof Lingström passed away on June 16, 2020 of complications related to Lewy Body Dementia. His family was by his side.

He was born in Sweden on February 1, 1940 to Sven and Ruth Lingström. The family moved to Turlock, California in 1955. He met and married Britt Anderberg in 1961 and settled in Claremont. They had a daughter, Anette, in 1964.

Sven and Britt found a home with Vasa's Three Crowns Lodge in West Covina where they built lifelong friendships. Sven and Britt belonged to the Swedish Folkdance Group in Los Angeles and Anette danced with the Junior Folkdance Group.

They owned and managed the Bit O' Sweden Smorgasbord in Pomona. Later, they owned and operated the Downtown Deli & Restaurant in Los Angeles. Britt passed away in 1980.

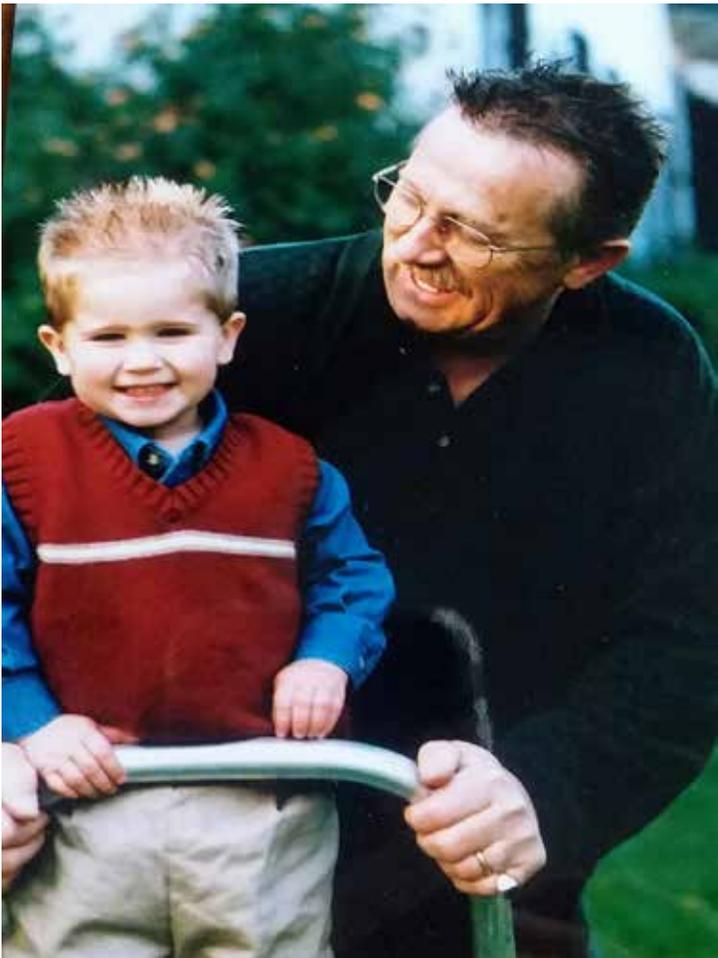
In 1983, Sven met his future wife, Gertie Björkman, at a Swedish Hollywood Club event. They married in the spring of 1988 and created their blended family. Gertie had children from a previous marriage - Anders, Christer and Annika. Together, Sven and Gertie built a catering company, Gourmet Catering in Upland, and also managed the Claremont Colleges' Faculty House, a dining hall and special event venue in Claremont.

Sven was very active with the Rotary Club in Claremont. He received the Club's *Paul Harris Fellow Recognition*, which acknowledges his contributions. He belonged to the Claremont Chamber of Commerce. In 1998, Sven served as the Claremont Chamber President. He was a member of the Freemason Lodge 246 in Pomona.

After retiring, Sven and Gertie spent many summers at their cottage in Sweden. When they weren't in Sweden, they stayed active participating in Golden Valley Lodge which they joined in 2008. There, Sven connected with old friends. Sven so looked forward to the lodge meetings! Sven and Gertie recruited their kids and grandkids to join the lodge as well.

Sven will be remembered by all who knew him as a loving and generous man with a big heart and honorable character. He was warm and had an ease about him that allowed him to connect with people and build lifelong friendships. Sven was always interested in having fun and knew how to have a great time. If there was music, he'd be one of the first on the dance floor; he knew how to cut a rug. Sven will be missed by all his friends and family at Golden Valley Lodge.

A Celebration of Life will be scheduled for a later date.



RUTH WILKENING

My sister, Kristina, and I wrote this poem for our mom, Ruth, 30 years ago but we think it still applied to the day she passed away.

Little Mama Willy
By Kristina Wilkening & Heidi Poley

We want to tell you about this lady, who's very special indeed
She comes from a land called Sweden, far across the seas
You wouldn't believe if we told you how cute she really is
We'll try to explain a little, just to clue you in
She's got blue eyes, blond braided pigtails and a great golden tan
She's full of smiles, full of laughs and wants to please anyone she can
We call her "Little Willy" 'cause she likes those country songs
She wears a cowboy hat to keep her image strong
She sings and she sings and she plays her guitar
For talents shows, for hoots she's a little star
To follow in her footsteps would be trouble indeed
She's quite independent and quite free
She's a singer, a tour guide, a traveler, a friend
She's a mother, an artist, there's just no end!
She's there when you need her, She'll never let you down
Her inspiration will come-a-flowing to lift your silly frown
She travels in her van wherever she goes
Her home away from home, her little picnic cove
She's always game for anything whatever you want to do
She gives herself freely, just to please you
She's modern, she's hip, she flows with the times
She'll try anything once to see what more out of life she can find
We've never met another lady, whose as happy as she...
With the exception of her best friend Amy...Naturally
There's so much more to tell about this lady in this song
To sum it up she's perfect, well, that didn't take too long
So now we end this song to say we love her so
She's our very special friend, our mom and now you know

Culture Corner: Stockholm Metro Artwork

The Stockholm subway system is said to be the world's longest art exhibit - 110 kilometers long. Traveling by subway is like traveling through an exciting story that extends from the artistic pioneers of the 1950s to the art experiments of today.

Over 90 of the 100 subway stations in Stockholm have been decorated with sculptures, mosaics, paintings, installations, engravings, and reliefs by over 150 artists. The Kungsträdgården subway station looks like an archaeological excavation, with the remains of the old Stockholm Makalös palace. At Östermalmstorg the artist Siri Derkert highlights women's rights and peace and environmental issues.



