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Golden Valley Lodge #616 Newsletter



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Happy New Year!
Gott Nytt År!

Next meeting: Thursday, January 14, 2016

GVL Happenings

Holiday Party 2015



More party pictures on pages 6 and 7

Happy January Birthday!

Isabella Muscarella	3rd
Birgitta Clark	5th
Aina Selinder	5th
Margit Bennett	6th
Dagmar Rydberg	8th
Rigmor Jonsdotter	9th
Andrea Benitez *	9th
Mary Locke	11th
Jennifer Dewey	13th
Karl Brink	23rd
Ruzenka diBenedetto	28th
Lars Heinstedt *	29th
Matthew Locke*	31st

* Denotes youth group

Ha en trevlig födelsedag!



If you have any pictures or stories to share, please send them to laurietaylor@hotmail.com!

Sweden is building massive 'floating' sidewalks in Downtown Stockholm

Story by **Chris Weller** with special credit to Jason Blohm



Why have street-level sidewalks when you can have pathways that seem to float in the sky?

Swedish architecture firm Anders Berensson Architects has released plans for Klarastaden ("clear town"), a set of apartment buildings joined by a winding elevated sidewalk running throughout downtown Stockholm.

The plans were commissioned by the Swedish government as a way to make the area beside Stockholm Central Station, Sweden's largest railway station, more beautiful and convenient.

Anders Berensson tells Tech Insider that construction will begin in 2018 if all goes according to plan.

Taking a stroll in the park has never been this fun. The new skywalk and apartment buildings will be built beside the highly trafficked Stockholm Central Station.

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Anders Berensson Architects

The firm already predicts the apartment complex and walkway will be the tallest and densest area in Stockholm, a city where the population density is more than 11,000 people per square mile.

By the time it's completed, Anders Berensson estimates there will be 5,800 apartments, 8,000 work places, and 300 shops.

Roughly 90% of apartments will have views of the nearby Lake Malaren, thanks to the buildings' varying heights.

Both apartments residents and the general public will have access to the rooftop green spaces via the sky walks.

Like New York City's Highline, the sky walk will give

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people unprecedented views of the city. It will weave in and out of the rooftops and act as a bridge from the heart of downtown to the waterfront. The view from the bottom isn't too shabby either.

With more people encouraged to use the elevated riverfront sidewalks, the street-level pedestrians can enjoy a less crowded experience, Anders Berensson says.

One of the goals of the project was to build the Klarastaden while still respecting local building codes.

Apartments must all have access to natural daylight, which means the Klarastaden operates at varying heights as it snakes through the buildings.

One set of homes is only 4 floors high, while another set is between 7 and 30 floors.

As the world gets more urban, the final product could provide a viable model for the cities of the future.



9,500-Year-Old Tree Found in Sweden Is The World's Oldest Tree

Collected from stories by Dainius at boredpanda.com and James Owen in Stockholm, Sweden for National Geographic News

The world's oldest tree, a 9,500-year-old Norwegian Spruce named "Old Tjikko," after Professor Leif Kullman's Siberian husky, continues to grow in Sweden. Discovered in 2004 by Kullman, professor of Physical Geography at Umeå University, the age of the tree was determined using carbon-14 dating. The visible portion of the 13-foot-tall (4-meter-tall) "Christmas tree" isn't ancient, but its root system has been growing for 9,550 years, according to a team led by Leif Kullman, professor at Umeå University's department of ecology and environmental science in Sweden.

The researchers found the shrubby mountain survivor at an altitude of 2,985 feet (910 meters) in Dalarna Province. The tree's incredible longevity is largely due to its ability to clone itself, Kullman said. The spruce's stems or trunks have a lifespan of around 600 years, "but as soon as a stem dies, a new one emerges from the same root stock," Kullman explained. "So the tree has a very long life expectancy."

"During the ice age sea level was 120 meters lower than today and much of what is now the North Sea in the waters between England and Norway was at that time forest," Professor Kullman told Aftonbladet. Winds and low temperatures made Old Tjikko "like a bonsai tree...Big trees cannot get as old as this."

2016 Officers for Golden Valley Lodge

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Central Association 3 years -

2015 Christmas Party Pictures



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LUCIA TÅG:

Lucia: Morgan Klintare

Tärnor: Sara Buck

Jody Cortez

Grace Foley

Cecilia Trowbridge

Stärngosse: Daniel Buck

Kevin Dewey

Kyle Dewey

True Foley

Lukas Mikkelsen

Dylan Olson

Alex Richards

Nisse: Tyler Kirton



Kern River Lodge Newly Established

Submitted by Bertil Winther

On December 30 a new Lodge was instituted in our District. It is named Kern River Lodge No. 763 and is located in Bakersfield. Grand Master, Tore Kellgren, and his wife Birgitta attended the ceremony which was conducted by DM Bertil and two other members of our District Executive Board (DS Isabella Muscarella and MEB Kristine Hofve). Also participating in the ceremony was Susan Premo, GL Deputy for our District. This great event took place at the home of Jennifer Dewey and her husband. Jennifer is a dual member of our Lodge as is her mother, Laila Jensen. During the evening GM Tore made a speech in which he stated that it had been more than 8 years since a new Lodge was instituted within the entire Vasa Order.

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Golden Valley Lodge Historical Photo Collection

You are all encouraged to send in pictures any time that you have something to share! These will be included in our historical books and newsletters.

Newsletter submissions should be received by the Thursday before the next meeting. Items may be put in past the deadline if able.

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