

Golden Valley Lodge #616 Newsletter



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Happy Easter! Glad Påsk!

Lots of symbols are associated with Easter, but none have a more central place than eggs. Eggs are painted, eaten, used as decorations, and paper eggs are filled with candy, and so on. Historically, people began to eat eggs for Easter after a period of fast.

While representing the biggest ceremony for the Church of Sweden, for Swedish kids Easter is mostly about candy. It's traditional for young kids to dress up as witches and go door to door in the neighbourhood, hoping to fill their Easter eggs with sweets. Adults eat candy, too. Stuffing ourselves with gummies, hard candy and liquorice is a tradition that has continued blossoming since the 1930s. It's estimated that the average Swede consume around one kilo of candy during the Easter weekend. Some families hide the sweets-filled Easter eggs outside and have the kids search for them.



Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Last month we had 50 people attending. This is wonderful. I want to remind you that Golden Valley has a web page (goldenvalleylodge.org) where you can download past newsletters, flyers and other useful information. We are also thinking of getting business cards which we can pass out about our lodge.

For our May 9th Social, we have flyers that we can pass out to friends who might be interested in Vasa. Hans and Viveca Hemberg, minister of the Swedish Church will be attending. I hope we can gain some new members at this event.

In Truth and Unity,

Delphine

Next meeting is Thursday, April 11, 2019

Please remember to RSVP to dtrowbridge36@gmail.com every month!!!

The following meeting is Social Only!

Golden Valley Lodge #616 • Vasa Order of America •

Meeting: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church | 9440 Balboa Blvd | Northridge, CA 91325
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GVL Happenings



Thank You to our March Dinner Hosts
Ann, Richard, and Linnea Heinstedt

Disneyland!

The Golden Valley Youth Group is planning a trip to Disneyland! We are trying to get the word out to all the youth. Interested Golden Valley Youth members are invited to participate. Please call or text Nikki Taylor for details: 818.849.2011

2019 Golden Valley Lodge Board & Service Positions

Chair: Delphine Trowbridge
Vice Chair: Chase Dodd
Past Chair: Inga Francis
Secretary: Lisa Eklund
Assistant Secretary: Mona Steffen
Financial Secretary: Dorothy Burns
Treasurer: Birgitta Clark
Chaplain: Andrea Tabanelli
Master of Ceremonies: Lucas Taylor
Assistant MoC: Dylan Olson
Cultural: Ruzenna & Ruzenka di Benedetto
Guard: Cecilia Trowbridge
Incoming Trustee: Kerstin Wendt
Auditors: Britt Marie Potter & Maidie Karling
Historian: Laurie Taylor
Vasa Park: Richard Heinstedt
Bar: Roy and Hanna Olson
Newsletter: Laurie Taylor
Youth Group: Nicolette Taylor

Happy April Birthdays!

Kent Carlson	1	Erik Karling	16
Natalie Mikkelsen	1	Jessica Santana	16
Eivor Wester	1	Rebecca Mikkelsen	16
Nikki Taylor	5	Tommy Eneberg	16
Barbro Granath	5	Clinton Lien Jr.	21
Tommy Eneberg	6	Marianne Farm-Reinholds	24
Kristina Thorsen	11	Gunilla Hamaoui	29
Kerstin Wendt	13		
Ann-Kristin Karling	14		



Ha en trevlig födelsedag!

CULTURE CORNER:



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ABBATARS

Missed your chance to watch ABBA perform live at the peak of their popularity? You're in luck: Fans will soon be able to see the group in concert in all their chart-topping, 1970s glory—or rather, they'll be able to see their holograms. A virtual version of the Swedish pop band is getting ready to go on tour.

ABBA split up in 1982, and the band hasn't been on tour since. (Except for a surprise reunion performance in 2016.) All four members of ABBA are still alive, but apparently not up for reentering the concert circuit when they can earn money on a holographic tour from the comfort of their homes.

The musicians of ABBA have already had the necessary measurements taken to bring their digital selves to life. The final holograms will resemble the band in the late 1970s, with their images projected in front of physical performers. Part of the show will be played live, but the main vocals will be lifted from original ABBA records and recordings of their 1977 Australian tour.

ABBA won't be the first musical act to perform via hologram. Tupac Shakur, Michael Jackson, and Dean Martin have all been revived using the technology, but this may be one of the first times computerized avatars are standing in for big-name performers who are still around. ABBA super-fans will find out if "SOS" still sounds as catchy from the mouths of holograms when the tour launches in 2019.

Editors Note: If you would like to perform with the Abbatars, visit their museum in Sweden! You can sing along with the band and then see it online!

A Touch of Sweden



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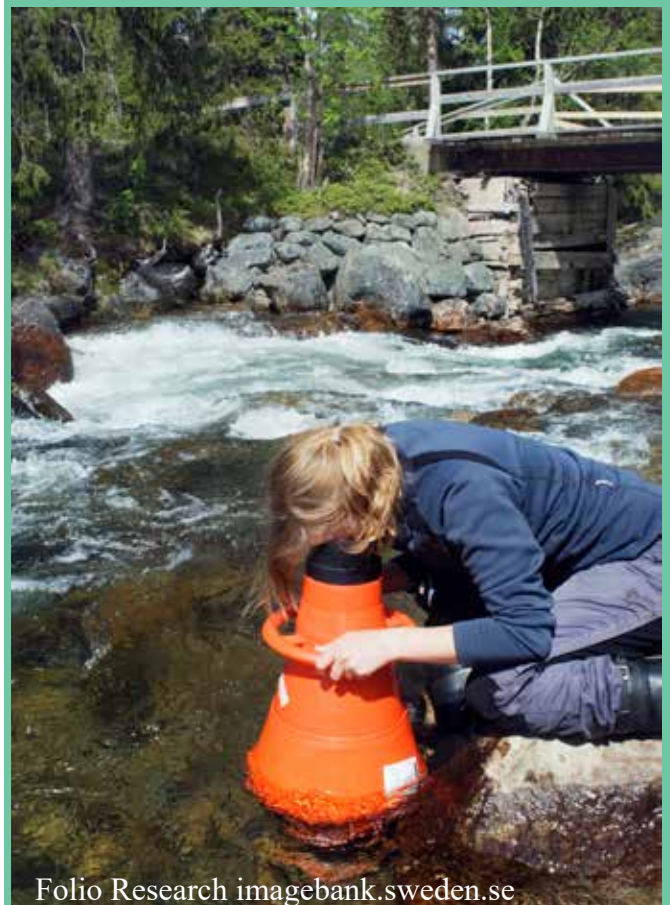
Innovation to access nature

Zoom is a Swedish lightweight electric all-terrain four-wheeler. You drive a Zoom sitting down, using arms and hands only. It has continuous 4-wheel drive performance under all conditions. The vehicle is for anyone, and for people with disabilities, it opens up a world of new possibilities, especially access to nature.

Barriers and obstacles in nature that were prohibitive to those who cannot walk freely are easily overcome thanks to this recreational vehicle. The range is approximately 40 km (25 miles) per battery charge.

Sweden's right of public access is called 'allmansrätten', which gives everyone the right to enjoy Sweden's outdoors, including the right to pick mushrooms, herbs and berries. The right also brings responsibilities – to treat flora and fauna and other people's property with care. It can be summed up in the phrase 'don't disturb, don't destroy'.

Accessibility is a policy priority in Sweden, aiming to enable people with disabilities to exercise their rights as citizens, and to fulfill their obligations. The principal goal of Sweden's disability policy has long been to ensure that people in this group have power and influence over their everyday lives. To achieve this goal, the focus has been shifted from social and welfare issues to democracy and human rights.



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Research

This image is a woman in the midst of a water biology research study. Sweden is one of the world's most innovative and research-intensive nations. Several universities place high in European rankings, and the education system is student-centric.

March 2019 Meeting



2019 Scandinavian Fest - Pictures by Jason Blohm





2019 Nordic Spring Picnic

Featuring Vasa DL PSW No. 15 Member Appreciation Day
& Walpurgis Night Celebration

May 5th 9am - 4pm

Things to do:

- Alpine Tube Slide*
- Rock Wall*
- Paddle Boats**
- Aquatic sports
- Vasa Mining Company
...and LOTS MORE!

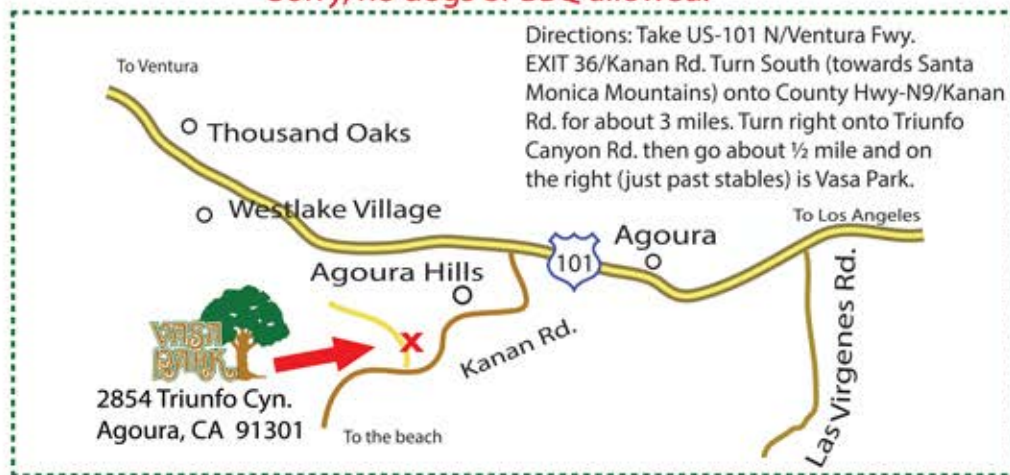
Activities subject to change

* Closed-toe shoes

** With sufficient creek water

- Vasa Membership Appreciation
- 6th Annual Swedish Car Show
- Food, entertainment, and family activities!
- Waffle breakfast 9:30am
- Dalahäst Dedication at Historical Park
- Viking Living History
- Lunch from noon to 3:00pm
- Price: \$10 per car

Sorry, no dogs or BBQ allowed!



For more information: www.vasapark.org

Car Show Registration: Linda Kosvic | vpaeventcoord@gmail.com

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