

September 2019

# Golden Valley Lodge #616 Newsletter



The Gotland pony, or russ, is the only breed of pony native to Sweden. It is native to the island of Gotland in the Baltic Sea. Once the Gotland ponies lived wild and roamed freely on the island, but the breed came close to extinction and now a semi-feral herd is kept.

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## Chairman's message

Welcome back and I hope you all had a wonderful summer. Andrea, Britt-Marie and Bergitta will be doing our September dinner. September is the time for our youth and others, to get their scholarship applications into Hubert by October 1. Download the application at [goldenvalleylodge.org](http://goldenvalleylodge.org).

Our trip to the Viking Festival on September

21 and 22 is coming up. We will meet at Van Nuys Flyaway at 8 am on Saturday to catch our bus. We will return Sunday evening about 9 pm. We have 20 rooms reserved and 38 participants. It will be a fun weekend.

We will be draping the alter for Nils Possacher. He was a gold card member of our lodge even though he had moved to Hemet. He will be missed by his many friends.

*The next meeting is Thursday, September 12, 2019*

**Please remember to RSVP to [dtrowbridge36@gmail.com](mailto:dtrowbridge36@gmail.com) every month!!**

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

Attn: GVL Youth Group Members  
From: Nicolette Taylor, GVL Youth Group

## Youth Group Disneyland Trip!

I hope you all had a relaxing summer and hope that the new school semester is starting off great!

It is time for us to purchase the tickets for our annual youth group outing to Disneyland on October 5th.

I will need to collect a check from everyone who plans on attending Disneyland at our next meeting on September 12. Please have a parent make out a check to Golden Valley Lodge for \$150 which will secure your spot on the trip and will be returned to you the day at the park. If you won't be joining us at the meeting, but still plan on attending, please simply send me an email or text notifying me before September 12th that you will be mailing a check. Mail to: 6373 Balcom Ave., Encino, CA 91316.

Contact me as soon as possible if you need transportation to Disneyland or want to carpool with us. Also, please contact me with any questions or concerns at 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 September Birthdays!

Brenden Haggerty	1	Birgetta Glad	26
Sylva Pitters	1	Annika Buck	28
Dawn Mathews	7	Bertil Winther	30
Cecilia Elisabeth Danhi	12		
Jason Blohm	19		



Ha en trevlig  
födelsedag!

## CULTURE CORNER: Crayfish Parties



### **Crayfish party**

Crayfish parties are an annual tradition in Sweden where people come together to eat crayfish and to spend time together. The crayfish parties normally take place in August and mark an end to summer.

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## Frank Muscarella

### 9/24/1939 - 6/7/2019

Frank Muscarella passed away on June 7th, 2019 from heart failure at the age of 79. Frank was born in Chicago, Illinois on September 24th, 1939. He moved to California with his parents when he was 5 years old.

Frank joined Golden Valley Lodge with his wife, Isabella, in October of 1965. He was very well liked by all who knew him. He was known as a very honest, loyal, and generous person who was always volunteering and helped whenever needed. Frank served as a delegate to Vasa Park Association for years and was President for some years. Frank served as MC at Golden Valley and also as Chairman for two years. He will be sorely missed.





*In Loving Memory of  
Frank Muscarella*



# Vasa Park Midsummer Celebration and Viking Village



Our Vasa Park lifeguards mugging for the picture



Slide rebuilt after fire!



Cecilia Trowbridge (representing GVL) is Columbia. Valerie Olson (GVL member, but representing Nordic) is the 2019 Midsummer Queen. Emanuella (Emma) Nathan (representing Northstar) is Swea.



Viking Village tents being pitched up the hill



Viking Villagers from Sweden, Jacob and Julia Christman, with some of our Viking Villagers



Enjoying the pool



Natalie Taylor and Dorothy Burns doing crafts with Viking Village







# Comments on the Santa Monica Mountains North Area Plan and Community Standards District Draft Update (Draft dated 10/1/2018)

County of Los Angeles, Department of Regional Planning



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Comment:

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