

November 2018

Golden Valley Lodge #616 Newsletter



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Autumn is a great season for hiking in Sweden, as the leaves turn red and golden. There are also plenty of berries and mushrooms to pick in autumn. The right of pub-

lic access, Allemansrätten, allows anyone to roam freely in Swedish nature, as long as you cause no harm or disturbance.

Next meeting: Thursday, November 8, 2018
Please remember to RSVP to dtrowbridge36@gmail.com every month!!!

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

A Message from our Secretary Delphine Trowbridge

We all know that Golden Valley is a great lodge and we do so many great things. One of the reasons we are so great is because we have volunteers who make it work. So... We need good raffle items for our Christmas party! Please remember to bring them to our November meeting.

We need people to sign up for dinners for 2019 and we have increased our dinner budget to \$600.00.

We also need people to serve on our board for 2019 because this is what we need to continue.

Swedish Church
Angelica Lutheran
Church, in downtown
Los Angeles meets every
third Sunday.

SWEA Christmas
Fair
This year it will fall on
Sunday, November 18th.



Please let me know if your child wants to participate in the LUCIA PROGRAM this year. I will need some information.

If there are new children this year, we will have a rehearsal. It's possible that we may have some new songs this year as well.

Please give me their name, age, contact information ... and measurement from shoulder to ankles so I can set aside the correct gown for them.

Dorothy Burns – 818-340-6465 or email: gladegal2003@yahoo.com

♥ Our Dinner Hosts

A big thank you to **Chase, Kristina and their family** for providing the delicious dinner at our last meeting.

The November meeting will be hosted by **Jason Blohm**. It should be a wonderful evening!



Another happy winner from our October meeting!

GOLDEN VALLEY CHRISTMAS PARTY And LUCIA PROGRAM Saturday, December 15, 2018

Happy November Birthdays!



Joshua Wendt	2
Jennifer Norman-Lund	3
Natalie Taylor	7
Ingar Stevens	8
Rut Eneberg	8
Jennifer DeHart	9
Richard Heinstedt	9
David Lundberg	10
Sonja Andonian	15
Rolf Gustafsson	16
Anna LaCarr	19
Cecilia Trowbridge	19
Ruth Wilkening	25
Laurie Taylor	29
Anne Hansen Cegon	29

Ha en trevlig födelsedag!

Vasa Park Marknad 2018



Richard Heinstedt and his family transformed the Dala Horse. This is a close up of what they started with. It was no small project as it was severely deteriorated.



Full view of the horse before they started.



The final product after the women from Sweden painted it.



The team that transformed the Dala horse.



Families enjoying the games at the park. Shannon Traxel is shown in front with her child.



A 'Before the plate was licked clean' picture of the competition meatballs.

Sjölunden



Our scholarship trip to Sjölundén

by Dorothy Burns

Kerstin Wendt and I each received an Ellen Bergstrom scholarship from the District to go to the Swedish Language Village in Bemidji, MN. (October 21-27, 2018) Wenche Eklund and Maidie Karling went last year and we talked so much about it that Birgitta Clark decided to go with us even though she didn't get the scholarship. Kerstin and Birgitta, both born and raised in Sweden, were surprised how much they learned in the language classes – there are new words since they left Sweden, slang, and texting shortcuts and both want to return. Many people come year after year from all over the United States.

We had an amazing trip starting from our first breakfast in Minneapolis. We happened upon a very small restaurant called “Our Kitchen” and met the most interesting people – we learned about “Minnesota Nice.”



Instead of flying from Minneapolis to Bemidji, on the one plane which goes out a day, and then having to stay overnight in Bemidji, we chose to rent a car instead and spend some extra time in Minnesota. We stayed at 3 different airbnb's – an apartment in Two Harbors, a farm in Grand Rapids and a house in Minneapolis. But Sjölundén was the highlight of our trip. We met so many nice people from different states and the staff was terrific. The 3 of us had a cabin to ourselves. They kept us very busy each day -- -- we would have a meetings together, sing songs, go to language class, learn about culture, have our choice of crafts indoors or outdoors, and some took hikes to other villages around the lake and we always had wonder-

ful meals. We used the Finnish building as headquarters so of course, there was a sauna there and also out by the lake, which you could jump in after your sauna if you wished...



On the way back to Minneapolis, we stopped in Lindstrom, MN where the Swedish author Vilhelm Moberg came to do research for his books. We saw the statue of the fictitious characters in the Emigrants book series– Karl Oskar and Kristina. Karl Oskar looks forward and Kristina looks behind. Two of our teachers (Carro & Ingrid) met us in Minneapolis after camp was over, and took us to the immigrant settlement of Andrew Peterson (1818-1898) in Waconia, MN. They set up a special tour for us led by a docent of the Carver County Historical Society in Victoria. There is a total of 3 barns, a house, a smoke house, granary and a non-historic garage that has survived. We learned that Peterson kept journals that were found by Moberg at the Minnesota Historical Society in the 1940s, while doing the research for his four novels. He used the journals as a primary resource for his Emigrant book series. Both of our teachers are transcribing some of the journals into English and say that in many cases it is word for word. They also took us to the cemetery where the Peterson family is buried.

If you're interested in attending the Swedish Language Village on the Ellen Bergstrom scholarship, apply on the District website by December 31st.

<http://vasad115.org/scholarship.php>