

Golden Valley Lodge #616 Newsletter

Happy Father's Day!



Upcoming Events

FIREWORKS & MUSIC @ THE BOWL
Lodge Trip to Hollywood Bowl - July 2

VIKING VILLAGE

July 20th - July 25, 2014: A camp for children & grandchildren of VASA
Order of America members ages 8-14 years old - e-mail: ann@nordicheritage.com or call 661 297-3507 (Vasa Members only)

MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL

Sunday, June 22, 2014
Raising of the Maypole, Dancing, Singing, Children's Games Pool/Waterslide.
Introduction of the 2014 Midsummer Queen and her Court
For information, contact Jacqueline Ahlen at 626 794-0729
E-mail: jackieahlen@yahoo.com

AUTUMNFEST AND MARKNAD

September 21, 2014
Come and enjoy our Pool/Waterslide, Petting Zoo, Children's Games, Folk Dancing, Singing, etc
For information, contact Kin Lindgren at
E-mail: usa4kin@dslextreme.com

Next meeting: Thursday, June 12, 2014

GVL Happenings



Buffet Buzz:

At the May meeting, the dinner was prepared by Delphine Trowbridge, Kerstin Wendt, Mona Steffen, and Dorothy Burns. They were also assisted by chef, Mona Kumtong. It was delicious! With the leftover eggs, Mona and Rolf Gustafson had a Thai omlette cookoff. If you were lucky enough to get a taste of that, I'm sure you enjoyed it!

For our cultural part of the evening, we were treated to traditional Swedish dancing with the Kindig family. They got the whole room up and dancing! The Kindigs are members of the Glenn T. Seaborg Lodge #719 so you can get in touch with them through their lodge for more information on dancing.



Happy June Birthday!



Lars-Ove Nilsson	6th	Janet Bell	19th
Lois Johansson	6th	Barbara Swanson	20th
William Osman	7th	Alfred Nilsson	20th
Monica Ohlin-Burness	11th	Gary Andonian	20th
Daniel Wendt	13th	Emily Wendt	21th
Robert Lindfors	15th	Jennifer Evans	23rd
Lindsey Wendt	17th	Jessica Osman	29th
Nathan Codding	18th		

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





Swedish News and Culture Corner

Midsummer

One of the very nicest things about this time of year is the Midsummer celebration. If you are fortunate enough to make it to Vasa Park in Agoura on June 22, 2014, you will probably have a wonderful day with your family and friends!

Here are some facts about the Midsummer celebration to 'enlighten you!'

Swedish Midsummer – the Origins

In agrarian times, Midsummer celebrations in Sweden were held to welcome summertime and the season of fertility. In some areas people dressed up as 'green men', clad in ferns. They also decorated their houses and farm tools with foliage, and raised tall, leafy maypoles to dance around, probably as early as the 1500s. Midsummer was primarily an occasion for young people, but it was also celebrated in the industrial communities of central Sweden, where all mill employees were given a wonderful feast of pickled herring, beer and of course schnapps. It was not until the 1900s, however, that this became the most Swedish of all traditional festivities.

Ever since the 6th century AD, Midsummer bonfires have been lit around Europe. In Sweden, they were mainly found in the southern part of the country. Young people also liked to visit holy springs, where they drank the healing water and amused themselves with games and dancing. These visits were a reminder of how John the Baptist baptised Christ in the River Jordan.

Midsummer Night is the lightest of the year and was long considered a magical night, as it was the best time for telling people's futures. Girls ate salted porridge so that their future husbands might bring water to them in their dreams to quench their thirst. You could also discover treasures, for example by studying how moonbeams fell.

Also that night, it was said, water was turned into wine and ferns into flowers. Many of the local plants acquired healing powers on that one night of the year.

Legend has it that the night before Midsummer's Day is a magical time for love. On their way home from the Midsummer celebration, girls and young women are supposed to pick seven different species of flowers and lay them under their pillows. In their dreams that night, their future husbands will appear to them.

Welcome to Sweden

WELCOME TO SWEDEN is a half-hour sitcom created by Amy Poehler (Saturday Night live) and her brother Greg Poehler. Greg is the main character (Bruce) against the famous Swedish actress Josephine Bornebusch (Emma). Other well known actors such as Lena Olin, Patrick Duffy, and Will Ferrell have roles in the sitcom. It aired this spring in Sweden, and will premiere in the U.S. on NBC -Thursday, July 10. Read more at: <http://www.nbc.com/welcome-to-sweden>

David Hasselhoff Swedish Special

David Hasselhoff is doing a TV show called "HASSELHOFF en Svendk talkshow" - <http://www.tv3.se/hasselhoff>

June 6: Swedish National Day



*His Royal Majesty,
The King and
Queen
of Sweden*



*Celebrations
for Swedish
National Day!*

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A relatively new holiday celebrated on the 6th of June since 1983, is Sweden's National Day. This is the date on which Gustav Vasa was crowned king in 1523 and on which a new constitution was adopted in 1809.

Royal News: Princess Leonore Christening Daughter of Princess Madeleine of Sweden and Chris O'Neill



Princess Madeleine of Sweden and her husband Chris O'Neill celebrated the christening of their baby daughter Princess Leonore on Sunday, June 8, 2014. She is fifth in line for the throne. The ceremony at took place in the Royal Chapel at Drottningholm.



The Royal Palace



The Royal Palace of Stockholm (front and back are pictured above) is His Majesty The King's official residence and is also the setting for most of the monarchy's official receptions. The palace is a daily place of work for The King and Queen as well as for the various departments that make up the Royal Court.

This combination of royal residence, workplace and culture-historical monument open year round to visitors makes the Royal Palace of Stockholm unique amongst Europe's royal residences.

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The palace is built in baroque style by the architect Nicodemus Tessin and is formed as a Roman palace. The palace has more than 600 rooms divided between seven

floors with a state apartment facing the city and smaller living rooms facing the inner courtyard.

Swedish candy store Sockerbit open for business in Los Angeles

There is a new Swedish candy store located on 3rd and Fairfax, right next to the Farmers Market called Sockerbit: Sweet & Swedish. Married couple, Florenca Baras and Stefan Ernberg opened a store in New York and it was so successful that they have spread to Los Angeles.

The most popular are the many flavors of licorice: sweet and semi sweet which come in chewy, hard, fruity and coconut flavored with various degrees of saltiness and different fillings.

One might wonder what is so special about Swedish candy to merit it being exported to the U.S.? The candy at Sockerbit contains no trans fats, GMO's or high fructose corn syrup, and the coloring comes mostly from nature. This brings out the unique flavors in the candy, as opposed to tasting just sweet and artificial.

To read a complete story (in English or Swedish) about this new store, please visit: <http://www.swecal-magazine.com/swedish/>

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