

Welcome back everybody



Golden Valley News for September 2011

Chairman's Message

I hope you all had a pleasant summer and got an opportunity to take a relaxing break from your everyday activities. The reason this newsletter is shorter than usual is that I returned from Sweden only a few days ago and am struggling to catch up with things. As you all know, there have been no meetings at the Golden Valley Lodge during July and August but on September 8 we start up again. We are going to have a great beginning of the new season. The Holstein family (Robert, Katarina, Tyler and Amanda) and the Thorsen family (James, Kerstin, Kristina and Rebecka) have promised to prepare dinner for our next meeting. As usual, we will have a door price of \$25 (the capsule drawing).

The Autumn Fest & Marknad at Vasa Park on Sept 18 will be another great event. For info check the web at:

http://www.vasaparkla.com/Marknad_Flyer_2011.pdf

Last year and the year before, the meatball contest proved to be very popular and it will be back again this year. It is a competition between teams from various lodges. Visitors to the park get to sample and judge the meatballs by buying tickets for the event. There is a trophy and a \$100 prize to the winner. Last year our Lodge didn't win but came close. I hope we'll enter a team in the competition again this year.

Then, of course, we are all looking forward to the big bash, our 65th anniversary dinner at the Sportsmen's Lodge in Studio City on September 25. There will be dancing to Sam Conti's Orchestra. Advance reservations are mandatory and should be mailed to Maidie Karling – see enclosed flyer for instructions.

Can you believe - we are planning the Christmas party already. It is scheduled for Saturday, December 17 at Sons of Norway. Sonja Andonian chairs the planning committee and she reports that Ann Heinstedt will arrange the Lucia pageant and that Gertie Lingstrom is willing to take care of the kitchen detail (no small detail, as you can well imagine).

But long before we are ready to celebrate Christmas, we have our annual excursion, the Åke Boschen event - so named because it is to a large extent financed by a donation in his last will several years ago. This year, on November 5, we are going to tour the San Antonio Winery in downtown Los Angeles. The tour will be followed by lunch at the newly renovated Maddalena Restaurant. Our past chairman, Kerstin Wendt, has done a great job planning the event. A flyer, enclosed with this newsletter, specifies that your reservation (with a deposit) is required by October 15.

I wish to remind you that the deadline for the scholarship applications is coming up. A valid application must be postmarked no later than October

1st. All the rules and application forms were mailed out with the May news-letter but they can also be downloaded from our website:

<http://www.goldenvalleylodge.org/>

I look forward to see you all soon – don't forget to mail in your reservation for our anniversary dinner.

In Truth and Unity,

Bertil

Flower March and Lottery News

Here is the June report from our Vice Chairman, Steve Tabanelli. The flower march brought in \$47 and lottery tickets were sold for \$95. Hubert Pitters was the lucky winner of \$25 in the capsule drawing. Cash prizes in the lottery raffle went to Nicolette Taylor (\$25), Hubert Pitters, again (\$15) and to Isabella Muscarella (\$10).

Birthdays in September

Sylva Pitters	1 st	Arne Ljungren	26 th
Helen Roose	18 th	Birgitta Glad	26 th
Monica Waton	22 th	Bertil Winther	30 th
Frank Muscarella	24 th		

Happy birthday!

Dates to Keep in Mind

September 5 th	Labor Day
September 8 th	Golden Valley Lodge meeting at the Sons of Norway Lodge, 6:30 pm
September 18 th	Scandinavian Autumn Fest at Vasa Park
September 25 th	Anniversary Dinner at Sportsmen's Lodge, reservations required
October 1 st	Deadline for scholarship application

Wishing you all welcome back to the Golden Valley Lodge,

Bertil