

# Happy Halloween



## Golden Valley News for October 2011

### Chairman's Message

With Halloween coming up we are into the scary season. Recently, I saw an article about the spooky economy and how families are cutting spending on candy and costumes for the kids - bad news for Party City and other stores in that business. Equally scary, in my humble opinion, is how quickly time flies. What happened to all those lazy summer days? They all disappeared into thin air like bats on Halloween.

Was it the poor economy that caused people to forgo our 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration at the Sportsmen's Lodge? I doubt it – most likely it was the timing, late September when many of our members are on vacation. Eventually, we got about 70 people attending – somewhat less than I had expected but still OK. Everyone at the party had a great time according to comments I have received. We all owe Maidie Karling a whole bunch of thanks for all the work she put into organizing this event.

The annual Autumn Fest at Vasa Park took place on September 18. Unfortunately, I couldn't go but many other members were there. The weather was great, I'm told. Frank Muscarella who managed the gate a good part of the day, estimated the number of visitors to between 600 and 800. I wish to thank all the GVL-members that helped out at the gate and elsewhere in the park. Two of our beautiful ladies, Delphine Trowbridge and Dorothy Burns, certainly did their share by entering

the Meatball Cooking Contest on behalf of our Lodge. They didn't win but they represented us with great honor and grace. I hear first prize was collected by a team of non-Vasa members. How is that possible – who has ever heard of a non-Swedish meatball? I better check up on this story. First question - did the winners get their meatballs from IKEA? 😊

It's time again to start thinking about the election of officers for the coming year. Please, consider where you can get involved and how you can serve our Lodge. To indicate your interest, you may talk with members of the nominating committee that I plan to appoint during our next meeting. Of course, you also may contact me about this matter.

As you all know, our annual excursion is funded by a generous donation provided in the last will of Åke Boschen. This year, on November 5, we'll tour the San Antonio Winery in downtown Los Angeles. After the tour, the plan is to congregate for lunch at the newly renovated Maddalena restaurant. To join us, you need to reserve your ticket as soon as possible if you haven't done so already. For detailed information, please read the flyer enclosed with this newsletter.

I hope to see you all at our next business meeting on October 13. The kitchen crew this time consists of Delphine Trowbridge and

Dorothy Burns. You know what that means – yes, you guessed it - good food.

In Truth and Unity, Bertil

### Lottery Winners

Vice Chairman, Steve Tabanelli, reports that the flower march brought in \$45 at our September meeting and that he sold lottery tickets for \$83. Maria Jacobs was the winner of \$25 in the capsule drawing. The cash raffle prizes went to Marie Mickelson (\$25), Ruth Wilkening (\$12) and Lage Engblom (\$6). Congratulations to all the lucky winners!

### Important Announcements

As in the past, Ann Heinstedt has volunteered to set up our Lucia celebration. She is looking for children and young adults (ages 2-20) to take part in the program. Those interested (parents and grandparents) are asked to e-

mail her or call her at phone number (661) 297-3507

The deadline for this year's GVL scholarship applications has expired. Valid applications had to be postmarked no later than October 1<sup>st</sup>. Our scholarship chairman, Hubert Pitters, reports that nine applications were received by the cutoff date and that his committee will start the evaluation shortly.

Our VASA Pacific Southwest District (#15) offers another opportunity to apply for scholarships. The application deadline for these awards is December 15. Detailed information as well as forms can be obtained from the following website:

<http://www.vasad115.com/scholarships/index.php>

### Birthdays in October

Gun Olin	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Steven Osman
16 <sup>th</sup>		Monica Carabas
2 <sup>nd</sup>		Ann Heinstedt
Yvonne Klintare	5 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>
17 <sup>th</sup>		Bertil Ohlsson
5 <sup>th</sup>		Lisa Rosenquist
Anneli Andersson	5 <sup>th</sup>	Katarina Holstein
25 <sup>th</sup>		24 <sup>th</sup>
Delphine Trowbridge	7 <sup>th</sup>	Gunvor Sabo
25 <sup>th</sup>		Brad Richards
Larry Polutanovich	7 <sup>th</sup>	Rikard Siewerson
26 <sup>th</sup>		
Wenche Eklund	8 <sup>th</sup>	
Nils Possecker	8 <sup>th</sup>	
Lillemo Possecker	10 <sup>th</sup>	
Heidi Klintare	12 <sup>th</sup>	
Conny Klintare	13 <sup>th</sup>	
Daga-Karin Lindquist	15 <sup>th</sup>	
you all!		
Ingela Sorenson	15 <sup>th</sup>	Happy birthday to

Dates to Keep in Mind

October 13 <sup>th</sup>	Golden Valley Lodge meeting 6:30 pm at Sons of Norway
October 30 <sup>th</sup>	End of "Sommartid" (Daylight Saving Time in Sweden)
October 31 <sup>st</sup>	Halloween
November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Building Corporation meeting 6:30 pm at the Wendts' home
November 6 <sup>th</sup>	End of Daylight Saving Time in the US
November 13 <sup>th</sup>	Fars Dag (Father's Day) in Sweden
November 17 <sup>th</sup>	Golden Valley Lodge meeting 6:30 pm – <u>please note the date</u>



Wishing you all a great Halloween,  
**Bertil**