

# Golden Valley Lodge #616 Newsletter



## Chairman's Message

The hazy, lazy summer days of July and August are over and it's time to meet up again at our lodge. Someone has said: "A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing and the lawn mower is broken". Even if you didn't hear the birds singing and your lawn mower never was in better shape, I hope you all managed to take a relaxing break and to let the sun and the breeze recharge your batteries.

We are going to have a great beginning of the fall season. For the Lodge meeting on September 13 (Thursday) two of our most dedicated members, Delphine Trowbridge and Dorothy Burns, have volunteered for kitchen duty. I hear they plan to prepare a Viking dinner. That's right - Delphine has done some research on what the Vikings ate and now she and Dorothy want to try it on us. Don't worry - Delphine cooked at the Viking Village Camp this summer and the kids loved it. At the same camp, Dorothy taught the kids to make Viking hats (like horned helmets, I assume). During our dinner at the lodge, the servers will wear a sample of these hats. Also, I'm told that Tina and Kristina De Hart are planning a cultural event for us. It promises to be a memorable evening - don't miss

## September 2012

### Dates to Remember

- Golden Valley Lodge Meeting.....Thursday,  
September 13**
  - Autumnfest & Marknad\*.....Sunday,  
September 16**
  - Santa Anita Annual Social..... October 21st**
- \* Vasa Park has 2 NEW attractions!  
Check out: [www.vasapark.org](http://www.vasapark.org)**

it. Before all this, however, we have a brief business meeting. As usual, members attending the meeting are eligible to win a door prize of \$25 in the so called capsule drawing.

Another great upcoming event is the Autumn Fest at Vasa Park on September 16 (a Sunday) with a lot of fun activities, especially for young children. In recent years, the meatball contest has 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. For more info about the Autumn Fest, check the web at:

[http://www.vasadl15.com/Marknad\\_Flyer\\_2012.pdf](http://www.vasadl15.com/Marknad_Flyer_2012.pdf)

I also wish to remind you that the deadline for the scholarship applications is coming up soon. A valid application must be postmarked no later than October 1<sup>st</sup>. All the rules and application forms were mailed out with the June newsletter but they can also be downloaded from our website:

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

So far this year, we have seen an increase in the number of young people attending our meetings. I hope the trend continues and that soon we will have another table

reserved for our junior members. In the near future I also wish to see the Youth Group expand their activities.

Our annual social event is scheduled for October 21 at the Santa Anita Racetrack. A flyer is enclosed with this newsletter. The deadline for registering has been extended to September 13, the day of our next meeting. Tickets will be subsidized by 50% for GVL members but it is important that you follow instructions and mail two checks to Maria Jacobs (one check will be returned to you when you show up at the event). Non-members and no-shows pay full price (\$60). The full price for youngsters in age group 17-13 is \$30 but half of this amount will be refunded to those that are members of GVL. Children of age 12 or younger pay \$16.50

I look forward to seeing you all at the lodge on September 13. There are some important issues to discuss – such as our annual donations to charity, the pending dissolution of Golden Valley Building Corporation and the future management of our resources. I will also look for suggestions on this year’s Christmas party and other upcoming events.

In truth and unity,

*Bertil*



## Happy September Birthday to You!

<b>Sylva Pitters</b>	<b>Sept. 1</b>
<b>Helen Roose</b>	<b>Sept. 18</b>
<b>Monica Waton</b>	<b>Sept. 22</b>
<b>Frank Muscarella</b>	<b>Sept. 26</b>
<b>Birgitta Glad</b>	<b>Sept. 26</b>
<b>Bertil Winther</b>	<b>Sept. 30</b>

# GVL Happenings

## Upcoming Annual Trip

The annual social trip is scheduled for October 21st at Santa Anita Race Track. The details are on the last page of the newsletter.

**Remember, the due date for reservations is September 10th!**

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## Flower March

At the end of every Golden Valley Lodge meeting, we have a flower march and the money collected is used to send flowers to a member of the lodge who is in the hospital or give condolences to those who have lost family members.

Over the summer, flowers were sent to the Bell family in sympathy for their great loss. Janet Bell's son and Johnny Bell's father, JOHN BELL, passed away after a tragic accident in July. John was a wonderful family man and spent many years working with the Boy Scouts. He and his wife, Lorena, with their three young sons attended the Midsummer picnic at Vasa Park and John helped put up the tents for Viking Village. Sadly, it was at that time he made the decision to go to the next meeting of Golden Valley and join our lodge.

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## Viking Village at Vasa Park

Ann Heinstedt reported that the Viking Village camp for children ages 8 to 14 was a **big success!** This year's camp ran from June 14-29. We had several attendees from our lodge including a new program with 15 year olds acting as Junior Counselors.

There will be some current pictures on the website soon. There are many pictures and stories about the Viking Village camp at: <http://vasapark.org/vikingvillage.php>

It's a **wonderful** program for our children!

**THANK YOU Ann Heinstedt for all the hard work!**

## Youth Central

### Youth Group Update

To all the youth of Golden Valley Lodge -- go to Facebook and sign up on Vasa Golden Valley Lodge so you won't miss any information posted by Ruzenka Di Benedetto, youth group leader. Here is her latest post:

"Hope everyone has been having a great summer! Look forward to our next meeting. Anyone have suggestions for our next group outing?

Museums, miniature golf, or a hike were some of my thoughts???

Please feel free to give your suggestions as well!"



# We Are Going To Santa Anita Again!



**October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012**

**To the Frontrunner Restaurant**

**Included are the following: Valet Parking, Club House Entrance, and Dinner**

**Cost:\$60.00; However,  
you pay \$30.00 and Golden Valley Lodge will pay \$30. 00**



## *Santa Anita Park's FRONTRUNNER Menu*

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*Classic Greek Salad*

*Choice of One Entrée*

**Chicken Piccata and Shrimp Scampi  
Santa Anita's Famous Jumbo Lump Crab Cake  
Roasted Angus Beef Tenderloin Filet**

*Choice of One Dessert*

**Strawberry Tiramisu  
Lemon Meringue Cheesecake  
Belgian Chocolate Mousse Bombe**

**Coffee ~ Decaf ~ Hot Tea ~ Iced Tea ~ Soft Drink**

**Address:  
285 W. Huntington Drive,  
Arcadia, CA 91007**



**Races start at 12:30.  
Please be there early  
to start you fun!**

**Please Remember!!! The Last Day for Reservation(s) is September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012.**

**Two checks of \$30.00 each are required  
One \$30.00 check will be returned upon arrival at Santa Anita**

**Make checks payable to: GVL**

**Mail checks to: Maria Jacobs, 17020 Burbank Blvd., #102, Encino, CA 91316**

Member Name(s):

Amount included:

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Guest Name(s):

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