

April 2015

Golden Valley Lodge #616 Newsletter

Happy Easter

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Multi-Lodge Initiation

If a new member has submitted their application and paid dues, they are welcome to go April 11 @ 1pm to the Mayflower Lodge Initiation for all lodges. This complimentary event is hosted by Mayflower. Lodge. Please RSVP as they will be serving food. Contact: 310.378.2517

Scandinavian Festival 2015 @ CLU

April 18-19 10:00am – 5:00pm

Admission Adults: \$10, Teens: \$5, Kids are free!!! Both days of the Festival are filled with music, dancing, food, lectures, demonstration, vendors and activities for ALL ages. Check out the Viking Encampment and Sami Village! For information on activities, please go to their Festival Website at - http://scandinaviancenter.org/scandinavian_festival/

Vasa Park

Scandinavian Spring Picnic - Sunday, May 3rd

Midsummer Festival - Sunday, June 28

Viking Village - June 21 through June 28

Autumnfest and Marknad - Sunday, September 20

Next meeting: Thursday, April 9, 2015

GVL Happenings

Chairman's Message

Dear Members,

The recent loss of our dear member, Steven Tabanelli, really hurts. He was a very intelligent, active, creative, honest, funny and very hard working member. Together with his wife, Andrea, they made a very good team that we always could count on for filling in, taking over, and volunteering at our Lodge.

Always willing to help where needed, Steven

served the Lodge as Master of Ceremonies, Vice Chairman, Secretary at Golden Valley Financial Committee, and also as a Delegate to the Convention.

Members like Steve and Andrea are hard to come by.

In Generosity, Truth, and Unity,
Isabella Muscarella, Chairman
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St. Patrick's Centerpieces



Laila Jensen, Gunvor Sabo, and Maria Jacobs

Kitchen Queens

They prepared a delicious meal for us. A big thank you to all of you!

Happy April Birthdays!

Natalie Mikkelsen	1st
Eivor Wester	1st
Nicolette Taylor *	5th
Barbro Granath	5th
Tommy Eneberg	6th
Kristina Thorsen	11th
Kerstin Wendt	13th
Erika Bosley	13th
Ann-Kristin Karling	14th
Erik Karling	16th
Rebecca Mikkelsen *	16th
Jessica Santana	16th
Lars Jonasson	20th
William Wendt	21st
CJ Lien *	21st
Marianne Farm-Reinholds	24th
Gunilla Hamaoui	29th
Bonnie Fornander	30th



* Means a Golden Valley Youth

March Meeting and Initiation Ceremony



Morgan Klintare, Natalie Mikkelsen, Kevin Mikkelsen, and Lucas Taylor were initiated as members into Golden Valley Lodge.



Thanks to Mona Mona Steffen for submitting these two pictures!



Andrea Tabanelli and Dagmar Rydberg

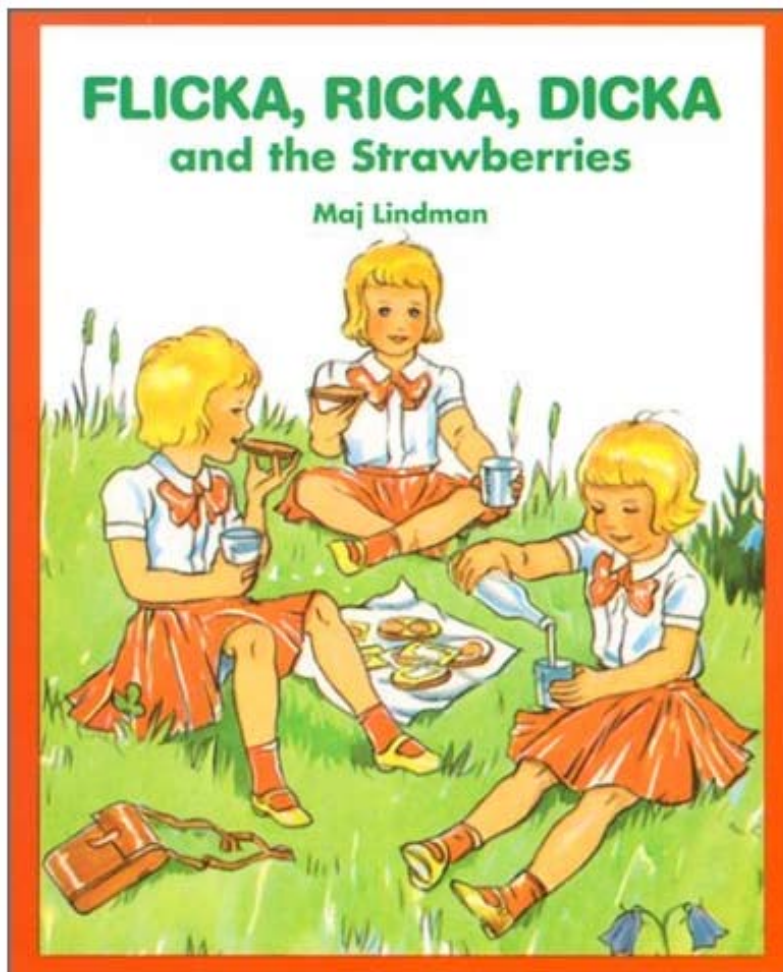


**I won one of Mona Steffen's beautifully hand-painted bottles.
Steve Tabanelli and Laurie Taylor**

Culture Corner: Swedish Author



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Maj Lindman, Author/Illustrator

When I saw this photo of a little girl with strawberries, it reminded me fondly of a children's book I read growing up called *Flicka, Ricka, Dicka and the Strawberries*. I remember thinking how wonderful to actually be picking wild strawberries - and the little triplitt girls were so kind and pretty.

This delightful picture book series was done by the Swedish author and illustrator Maj Lindman back in the 1940's. The strawberries book is my probably my favorite. The girls pick wild strawberries, lose their way, and find a family in need. After they get home and can the strawberries with their mother... well, I sure won't tell you the ending! Get the book or the series for your young children or grandkids - it is adorable! These are good, wholesome, 'feel good' stories for children. You can find the books online in paperback and hardcover.



About Maj Lindman

Maj Lindman is a published author of children's books. Some of the published credits of Maj Lindman include a large selection of Snipp, Snapp, Snurr books about Swedish triplitt boys. A few titles include 'Snipp, Snapp, Snurr & the

Big Surprise', 'Snipp, Snapp, Snurr and the Red Shoes,' 'Flicka, Ricka, Dicka and the Three Kittens', and 'Flicka, Ricka, Dicka and the Polka Dotted Dresses.'

Greetings from Sweden: Höganäs Lodge # 634



Berit (on the right) is the treasurer with the financial secretary.



Two sisters with tulips from Amsterdam



All the performing sisters in summer clothes.

An e-mail came from Hans Bogren, translated for me by his wife, Berit. As you may recall from our last meeting, I mentioned that Hans is the newly elected cultural leader at the Höganäs Lodge # 634. We will be corresponding to learn about each other's lodges and have a cultural events exchange - and hopefully a little Swedish will rub off on me in the process.

Their last meeting was called a Sister's Meeting. It was a very nice evening, with 62 attending. The dinner menu was salmon and lemon sauce, and it was quite delicious. Ten sisters made a show and a quiz about different years.

They will be celebrating their 60th anniversary on June 27th and "you are all most welcome!"

Please visit their website: www.vasaorden.se logerna - Höganäs nr 634 - egen hemsida finns.

Look at "bilder" (photo gallery)

They send greetings to our lodge!



If you are between 14 - 21 years old and a member of our lodge, you should have received an e-mail about going to Disneyland on May 16th with the Golden Valley Lodge Youth Group. If you didn't get it for

some reason, or have questions, we will be finalizing the list at the next meeting, so let us know if you plan to go!

Contact Nikki Taylor at 818.849.2011 for details!

REMEMBERING STEVE

Steven Carlo Tabanelli. May 1, 1952 - March 27, 2015



Change of Address and Dues!

Delphine Trowbridge, in charge of membership, has a new change of address:

21308 Jimpson Way, Canyon Country, CA 91351

Dues of \$25.00 is due (if not paid yet) and can be sent to this address!



Historical Updates

If you have any pictures to share from any of our events, please send them to LaurieTaylor@hotmail.com for our newsletter and historical updates.



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Initiations

This is a reminder that if you know anyone who wishes to be initiated into GVL, they can give us the application, the dues, and initiation fee by next GVL meeting. Then they are eligible to go to Mayflower Lodge on April 11 to be initiated. Please RSVP as they will be serving food. Contact: 310.378.2517

This is perhaps more convenient for young people who go to school and can not attend in the evenings when we have our meetings.