

May 2014

Golden Valley Lodge #616 Newsletter

Happy Mother's Day!

Upcoming Events

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, May 8, 2014

GVL Happenings



Left: Bob Salk



On the right: Thomas Jahn w/Frank Muscarella.

Our special guests from the district!

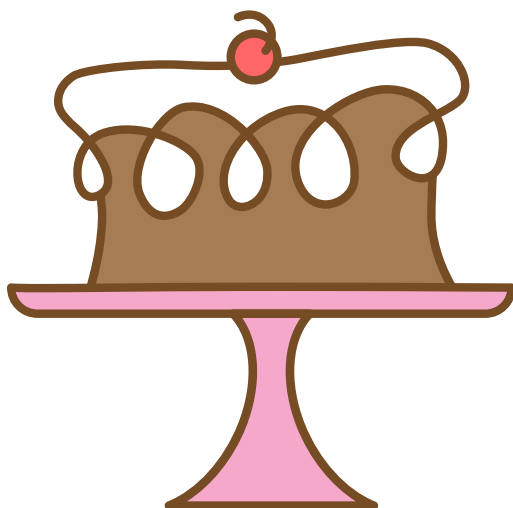
Buffet Buzz:

That's what I get for listening to rumors... I reported incorrectly about the dinner hosts in the April newsletter. Last month our dinner feast was prepared by Wenche Eklund, Maidie Karling, and Inga Francis. It was excellent - especially the traditional dessert!

At our next May meeting, the dinner will be prepared by Delphine Trowbridge, Kerstin Wendt and Dorothy Burns. It should be something to look forward to!



Wenche Eklund, Maidie Karling, and Inga Francis



Happy May Birthday!

Steve Tabanelli	1st	Stepfan Lundberg	17th
Rebecca Thorsen	4th	Maj-Lis Friedman	23rd
Anders Heinstedt	10th	Roy Olson	24th
Kerstin Thorsen	11th	Amanda Polutanovich	29th
Lena Osman	17th	Berit Stenhoj	31st

“When God Created Mothers”

From Irma Bombeck

This has been around and around, but it is still so good!

When the Good Lord was creating mothers, He was into His sixth day of “overtime” when the angel appeared and said, “You’re doing a lot of fiddling around on this one.”

And God said, “Have you read the specs on this order?” She has to be completely washable, but not plastic. Have 180 moveable parts...all replaceable. Run on black coffee and leftovers. Have a lap that disappears when she stands up. A kiss that can cure anything from a broken leg to a disappointed love affair. And six pairs of hands.”

The angel shook her head slowly and said, “Six pairs of hands.... no way.”

It’s not the hands that are causing me problems,” God remarked, “it’s the three pairs of eyes that mothers have to have.”

That’s on the standard model?” asked the angel. God nodded.

One pair that sees through closed doors when she asks, ‘What are you kids doing in there?’ when she already knows. Another here in the back of her head that sees what she shouldn’t but what she has to know, and of course the ones here in front that can look at a child when he goofs up and say, ‘I understand and I love you’ without so much as uttering a word.”

God,” said the angel touching his sleeve gently, “Get some rest tomorrow...”

I can’t,” said God, “I’m so close to creating something so close to myself. Already I have one who heals herself when she is sick...can feed a family of six on one pound of hamburger...and can get a nine year old to stand under a shower.”

The angel circled the model of a mother very slowly. “It’s too soft,” she sighed.

But tough!” said God excitedly. “You can imagine what this mother can do or endure.”

Can it think?”

Not only can it think, but it can reason and compromise,” said the Creator.

Finally, the angel bent over and ran her finger across the cheek.

There’s a leak,” she pronounced. “I told You that You were trying to put too much into this model.”

It’s not a leak,” said the Lord, “It’s a tear.”

What’s it for?”

It’s for joy, sadness, disappointment, pain, loneliness, and pride.”

You are a genius,” said the angel.

Somberly, God said, “I didn’t put it there.”

More from Erma:

“When your mother asks, “Do you want a piece of advice?” it’s a mere formality. It doesn’t matter if you answer yes or no. You’re going to get it anyway.”

- Erma Bombeck

“One thing they never tell you about child raising is that for the rest of your life, at the drop of a hat, you are expected to know your child’s name and how old he or she is.”

- Erma Bombeck

“I want to teach you so much that you must know to find happiness within yourself. Yet I don't know where to begin or how. I want you to be a square. That's right, a square! I want you to kiss your grandmother when you walk into the room even if you're with friends...I want you to lend dignity to the things you believe in and respect for the things you don't believe in. I want you to be a human begin who needs friends, and in turn deserves them. I want you to be a square

who polishes his shoes, buttons the top button of his shirt occasionally, and stands straight and looks people in the eye when they are talking to you. There is a time to laugh and a time to cry. I want you to know the difference.”

- Erma Bombeck

Happy Mother's Day to all our mothers, step-mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers and loved ones who seem like 2nd mothers!



Traditional Easter decoration with feathers & birch branches. Our table decorations came all the way from Sweden.

District News

The Scandinavian Picnic was a another successful event held on a beautiful spring day! Hopefully, next month there will be pictures from our park. If you attended,

please send me some digital images and I will include them in the June newsletter!

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