

June 2022

Golden Valley Lodge #616 Newsletter



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Midsummer Celebration

Midsummer takes place in June and is a celebration of the summer solstice, the longest day of the year. It is one of the most celebrated holidays in Sweden. A maypole is created and raised during the day, which people gather around to dance and sing. We celebrate Midsummer at our beautiful Vasa Park - June 26th 9am - 5pm



Delphine Trowbridge, Chairman, will not be at the meeting Thursday evening. She is in Sweden and wishes you a wonderful summer.

Reimbursements for an expense

Attached to the email is a reimbursement form. Please fill it out and include receipts. In order to process your check, I need it BEFORE the meeting. You may also send it to me via email - gladegal2003@yahoo.com. Remember, GVL members will be reimbursed for the Saturday banquet and the Sunday lunch. Delegates will also be reimbursed for the hotel room. Dorothy Burns, secretary

If you have not paid your membership dues, they are due.
Questions? Ask:
akarling20@yahoo.com

Please send your checks to:
Ann-Kristin Karling
13754 Burbank Blvd.
Sherman Oaks, CA 91401

Reimbursement for an expense:
Dorothy Burns
8201 Glade Avenue
Canoga Park, CA 91304

or
gladegal2003@yahoo.com

GVL Happenings

Happy June, July, & August Birthday!!!

JUNE (6)

Linda Trowbridge	2
Dylan Olson	3
Daniel Buck	5
Lars-Ove Nilsson	6
Thomas Anderson	6
Hanna Olson	9
Christina Poe	12
Daniel Wendt	13
Robert Linfors	15
Lindsey Wendt	17
Nathan Coddling	18
Gary Andonian	20
Cynthia Hallstrom	21
Ethel Rosalie Loberg	21
Jessica Osman	29

JULY (7)

Gunilla Thelin	2
David Danhi	2
Anette Richards	4
Mark Hanson	7
Dorothy Burns	10
Andrea Tabanelli	14
Tiffany Storch	17
Britt Anderson	18
Florence Bergstrom	18
Dakota Martinez	25
Joyce Gaynor	26
Ruzenna di Benedetto	30

AUGUST (8)

Grace Foley	1
Kyle Dewey	2
Christer Olin	6
Jessica Danhi	6
Maria Jacobs	8
Gunilla DePaoli	8
Elisabet Perez	10

2022 Golden Valley Lodge Board & Service Positions

Chair: Delphine Trowbridge
Vice Chair: Andrea Tabanelli
Past Chair: Maidie Karling
Corresponding Secretary: Dorothy Burns
Financial Secretary: Ann-Kristin Karling
Treasurer: Birgitta Clark
Chaplain: Beth Bunnell
Master of Ceremonies: Jason Trowbridge
Assistant MoC: Lucas Taylor
Cultural: Laurie Taylor
Chairman of Trustees: Kerstin Wendt
 Trustee 2 years Maria Jacobs
 Trustee 3 years Wenche Eklund
Chairman of Auditors Maidie Karling
 Auditor 2 years Britt Potter
 Auditor 3 years Ann Heinstedt
Membership Chair: Maidie Karling
Events Co-Chair: Maggie Connelly
 & Delphine Trowbridge
Scholarship Chair: Beth Bunnell
Financial Chair: Hubert Pitters
Historian: Laurie Taylor
Vasa Park: Richard Heinstedt
Bar: Valerie & Dylan Olson
Newsletter: Laurie Taylor
Youth Group: Jason Trowbridge



Inger Saffee	14
Gertie Lindstrom	20
Marie Mickelson	21
Jay Halvorson	23
Sayd Birgitta Sidenius	29

Grand Lodge Scholarships by Bertil Winther



As GL Deputy, it's a pleasure and honor for me to hand out scholarship certificates to students in our Vasa District #15. This year, we had eight recipients, five of them from Golden Valley.

In the group picture, Jackson Storch is standing on my right. He accepted the GL college scholarship for his brother Nicolas who could not attend the award ceremony. On my left are siblings David and Jessica

Dahni who each received a GL Scholarship for the Sjolunden Swedish Residential Language Village. The same scholarship was awarded to True Foley, standing far right in the photo. The Sjolunden Village is located in Bemidji, Minnesota.

The second photo depicts Ann Heinstedt who accepted the GL college scholarship for her niece, Emma Chiarelli. Emma lives in Florida.

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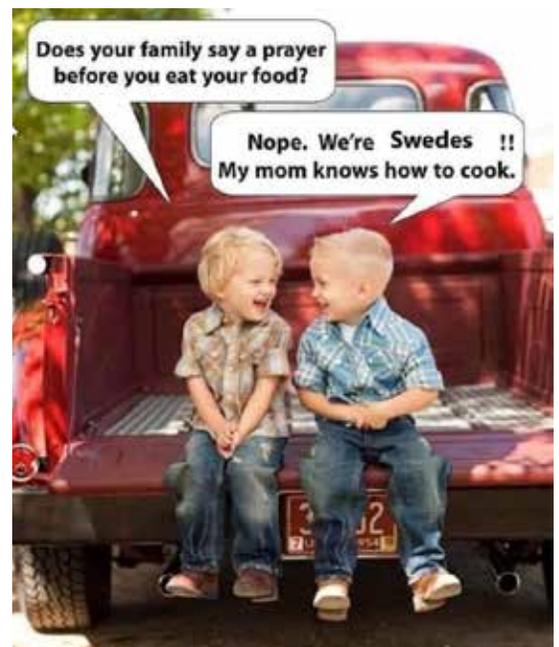
Going Dark

The lodge is "dark" for July and August, meaning that we do not meet in those months.

But, be sure and mark your calendars for Midsummer at Vasa Park!

June 26th 9am - 5pm

Website: vasapark.org



Culture Corner: Skål to Eva!

A Swedish woman called Eva Ekeblad invented vodka made from potatoes

of the time, even though the concept was not new.

Her discovery helped reduce Sweden's famine crisis

Once Ekeblad's discovered that potatoes could be used to make alcohol, there was more wheat, rye and barley available for making bread. Her discovery also turned potato into a staple food in Sweden, even though it did lead to a spike in alcohol

consumption in the country.

At 24, she became the first woman member of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences

She was the first woman scientist elected to the Academy in 1748, though, in 1751, the Academy referred to her as an honorary member because full membership was reserved for men. It took a full 203 years for the next woman member to be elected to the Academy. In 1951, Lisa Meitner, an Austrian radioactivity and nuclear physicist, became the second female member and the first female foreign member of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences. Apart from her research into potatoes, another factor that helped Ekeblad's election was that the Academy of Sciences in Bologna had elected their first female scientist, Laura Bassi, a Newtonian physicist, in 1732, after her appointment as the chair of physics (called Natural Philosophy at the time) by the senate and the University of Bologna.

Potato alcohol was not her only scientific discovery

Ekeblad's contribution to science and experiments with potato were not restricted to alcohol. She is also credited with discovering a method to bleach cotton textile and yarn with soap in 1751 and, in 1752, for finding a replacement for dangerous chemicals used in wigs in the form of potato flour. She advertised the potato plant by using its flowers to adorn her wigs.



Eva Ekeblad was a Swedish countess, salon hostess, agronomist, and scientist. She was widely known for discovering a method in 1746 to make alcohol and flour from potatoes, allowing greater use of scarce grains for food production, significantly reducing Sweden's incidence of famine.

She was only 22 when she discovered the many uses of potato

Before Eva, vodka was only made from grains. Her creation is called brännvin in Swedish, and it's still a favorite tippie on national holidays. Ekeblad's recipe was copied into the royal journals and published on 5 November 1748.

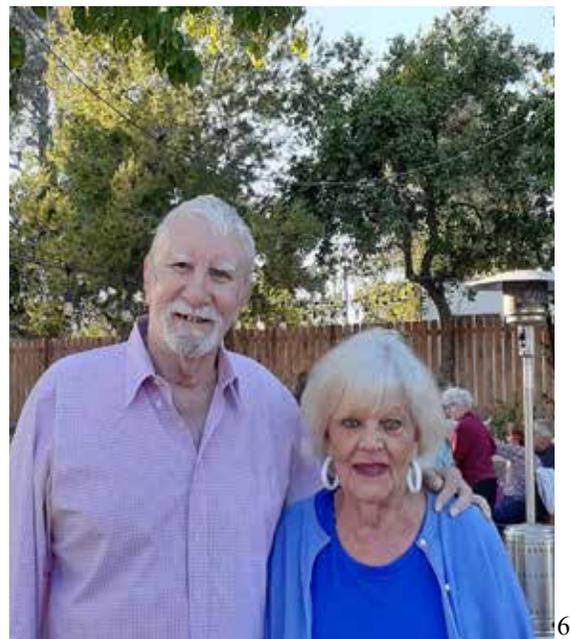
Although potatoes were available in Sweden since 1658, they weren't considered human food until the mid-18 century. Prior to Ekeblad's experiments with the vegetable, potatoes were used as animal food in Sweden. The idea of using potatoes to produce alcohol was not new — in 1941, there was a lecture in the Swedish Parliament by Jacob Albrecht von Lantingshausens, who spoke about using potatoes for brandy production. Eva's husband, Claes Ekeblad, was a member of the parliament and took great interest in the idea. Eva grew her own potatoes and during her experiments, found that they could be used to create a kind of flour and alcohol. This was in 1746 when she was just 22 years old. Her method for alcohol production using potatoes was considered the most advanced

May Social Meet 2022 -- Pictures: Lisa Eklund & Laurie Taylor

Our Newly Initiated Members



Our Youth Group



District Convention 2022 -- Many thanks to Kerstin Wendt for photos!



Friday Night Social



GVL members and Golden Valley Delegates (seated)
Jon Vikander from Glen T. Seaborg Lodge No. 719 was elected our new District Master

