

November 2023

Golden Valley Lodge #616 Newsletter



*Who would have thought that the largest American classic car show is actually located in Sweden?
The Big Power Meet (More about it on page 3)*



Dear Brothers and Sisters:

November is our Anniversary month, and we will award pins to members who have been members for 10 + years. We will also celebrate Thanksgiving with a wonderful dinner cooked by Peter and Jennifer and our Princess Torta. Our Christmas Dinner list is full, and we will start a waiting list. We will still have space for Lucia participants and their families.

Please bring your raffle items to this November meeting which will be the **deadline** for accepting items.

Our December meeting will be smaller because our dinner is just a few days after the meeting.

We will have nominations for the 2024 board and finish up the Christmas Dinner business. We will also have pizza.

Delphine

If you have not paid your membership dues, they are due.

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GVL Happenings

Happy November/December Birthday!!!

NOVEMBER (11)

Joshua Wendt	2
Jennifer Norman-Lund	3
Anneli Brady	3
Natalie Taylor	7
Joey Haines	7
Rut Eneberg	8
Jennifer DeHart	9
Richard Heinstdt	9
Sonja Andonian	15
Rolf Gustafsson	16
Anna LaCarr	19
Cecilia Trowbridge	19
James Halvorson	20
Mary McMannes	21
Brandon Santana	28
Laurie Taylor	29
Anne Hansen Cegon	29
James Halvorson	30



DECEMBER (12)

Laila Jensen	5
Robert Shoemaker	10
Susan Carlson	11
Shannon Traxel	18
Rebecca Washberg	20
Robert Holstein	25
Merry Shepler	25
Hubert Pitters	27
Aili Luna	28
Gunilla Polutanovich	29
Lucas Taylor	29
Zoey Shoemaker	30
Nicolas Storch	31



2023 Golden Valley Lodge Board & Service Positions

Chair: Delphine Trowbridge
Vice Chair: Jason Trowbridge
Past Chair: Maidie Karling
Corresponding Secretary: Dorothy Burns
Financial Secretary: Ann-Kristin Karling
Treasurer: Birgitta Clark
Chaplain: Beth Bunnell
Master of Ceremonies: Wenche Eklund
Assistant MoC: Lucas Taylor
Cultural: Nicolette Taylor
Trustee Chairan 1 yr: Kerstin Wendt
Trustee 2 yr: Maria Jacobs
Trustee 3 yr: Andrea Tabanelli
Auditor chairman 1 yr: Britt Potter
Auditor 2 yr: Ann Heinstdt
Auditor 3 yr : Linda Trowbridge
Events Co-Chair: Maggie Connelly & Delphine Trowbridge
Scholarships: Beth Bunnell, Hubert Pitters
Financial: Hubert Pitters
Historian: Laurie Taylor
Vasa Park: Dorothy Burns, Richard Heinstdt, Linnea Heinstdt Alternative Ann-Sofi Holst
Bar: Valerie & Dylan Olson
Newsletter: Laurie Taylor
Youth Group: Cecilia Trowbridge
Vasa Star: Jennifer Norman-Lund

Ha en trevlig födelsedag!

** REMINDERS **

Last call!!!

We are accepting quality donations for our Christmas raffle.
The last opportunity is our
November meeting. *Nothing accepted after that!*

Culture Corner: Raggare

The Swedish Subculture Keeping 1950s America Alive

Exerpts from Wikipedia, <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-sweden-classiccars-usa-idUSKCN0PD1GL20150703> Michele Debozak | MentalFloss.com
<https://theculturetrip.com/europe/sweden/articles/why-is-this-swedish-subculture-dressing-like-its-the-50s>

Raggare is a subculture found mostly in Sweden and parts of Norway, and Finland, and to a lesser extent in Denmark, Germany, and Austria. Raggare are related to the American greaser and rockabilly subcultures and are known for their love of hot rod cars and 1950s American pop culture. Raggare (from the Swedish “raga,” which means “to pick up girls”) is one of Scandinavia’s more bizarre subcultures. Alternatively, loosely translated into English, the term is roughly equivalent to the American “greaser”, English “rocker”, and Australian “Bodgie” and “Widgie” culture; all share a common passion for mid-20th-century American cars, rockabilly-based music and related fashion (blue-collar in origin, consisting of the likes of white T-shirts, loose fitting denim trousers with rolled cuffs, and canvas top sneakers such as Keds or Converse

Going to a raggare meet feels like stepping out of a time machine. Attendees sporting slicked-back hair and leather jackets roll up in vintage hot rods, ready to spend the day drinking beer from the can and listening to Elvis Presley. The scene could be mistaken for the American South in the 1950s, until someone opens their mouth and starts speaking Swedish.

It originated with Swedish teens in the 1950s as that generation’s form of rebellion. Following World War II, the neutral country was in good economic shape compared to the rest of Europe: American cultural imports flowed across the border and lower class citizens finally had the money to buy them. The Big Power Meet event’s organizer, Kjell Gustavsson, said Raggare had its origins in the 1950s when American company cars were left by expat owners in Sweden, often sold off cheaply to youngsters. Rockabilly music infiltrated Sweden, and more importantly, hot rods became popular. As American cars gained favor with the youth, so did the American greaser aesthetic. But raggare differed from its U.S. counterpart in one major way. Instead of fading away from the public consciousness, it persisted as the decades progressed. In 1978, the annual Power Big Meet began as a place



The 50s look lives on with Raggare |
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for raggas to get together and show off their retro vehicles. Today, the event in Västerås, Sweden is the one of the world’s biggest, if not the biggest classic car show.

“We were all working class, young and beer drinkers,” said Jan Gustavsson, who has come to the Power Big Meet for the last 28 years. He stood by his red 1959 Cadillac convertible, its huge curved tail fins rising up with an aristocratic air. “I guess I’m still an old ragga at heart,” the 50-year-old executive said.

Though the subculture is far from obscure (their numbers were estimated at half a million in 2009) it’s certainly lost the youthful vibe it had in the 1950s. Many of today’s members are older and can afford to buy the cars that have shot up in value in the past 50 years. While the raggare movement has its roots in late 1950s youth counterculture, today it is associated mainly with middle-aged men who enjoy meeting and showing off their retro American cars. However, the subculture retains its rural and small-town roots as well as its blue collar and low brow feel. The original phenomenon unleashed moral panic but the contemporary raggare subculture tends to be met with amusement or mild disapproval by mainstream society.

Sweden's Nils Alwall



Nils Alwall (October 7, 1904 – February 2, 1986) was a Swedish professor at Lund University, Sweden. He was a pioneer in hemodialysis and the inventor of one of the first practical dialysis machines. Alwall pioneered the technique of ultrafiltration and introduced the principle of hemofiltration. Alwall is referred to as the “father of extracorporeal blood treatment.”

Artificial kidney

Dialysis machine for rabbits, Nils Alwall, 1944
Willem Johan Kolff constructed the first artificial kidney; however, it was not very useful clinically because it did not allow for removal of excess fluid. Alwall modified a similar construction to the Kolff kidney by enclosing it inside a stainless steel canister. This allowed the removal of fluids, by applying a negative pressure to the outside canister, thus making it the first truly practical device for hemodialysis. On September

3, 1946, Alwall treated his first patient in acute kidney injury, who responded well to the treatment but died of pneumonia a short while after

Alwall also was arguably the inventor of the arteriovenous shunt for dialysis. He reported this first in 1948, where he used such an arteriovenous shunt in rabbits. Subsequently, he used such shunts, made of glass, as well as his canister-enclosed dialyzer, to treat 1,500 people in kidney failure between 1946 and 1960, as reported to the First International Congress of Nephrology held in Evian in September 1960.

As of 2007, two patients for which kidney replacement therapy was initiated by Alwall in 1968 and 1971, respectively, have survived for over 35 years on hemodialysis. These patients represent two of the longest known survivors on hemodialysis worldwide.

October Meeting

Photo credit: Lisa Eklund, Maidie Karling, and Laurie Taylor

Our Dinner Host, Delphine



Our Beautiful Vasa Park on Höstmarknad



We all need to try to save our park!

There will eventually be a public hearing.

When there is one, we will all be notified and

both children and adults should be there.

