

Summer 2025

Golden Valley Lodge #616 Newsletter



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Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I hope you are enjoying the summer. Our next meeting will be September 11th and we will have Mark Langstrom's vodka tasting for happy hour. Susanne Guerra will be our hostess. In October we will have our next initiation for new members so applications and first meeting will be in September.

The Cambria/Paso Robles wine trip will be October 20-23. We need a deposit of \$50.00 by August 10th if you plan on attending. We need to book rooms early so we need a final count.

See you in September.

Jason

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

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GVL Happenings

Happy July/August Birthday!!!

JULY (7)

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

AUGUST (8)

Linda Östergren Frithiof	1
Kyle Dewey	2
Jonas Eneberg	4
Jessica Danhi	6
Christer Olin	6
Franco Vera	6
Elizabet Perez	10
Susanne Guerra	12
Inger Saffie	14
Lynn Fleischer	18
Gertie Lingstrom	20
Marie Mickelson	21
Jay Halvorson	23
Saga Dios	27



2025 Golden Valley Lodge Board & Service Positions

Chair:	Jason Trowbridge
Vice Chair:	Cecilia Brady
Past Chair:	Delphine Trowbridge
Recording Secretary:	Cecilia Danhi
Assistant Secretary:	Dorothy Burns
Membership Secretary:	Danielle Sommer
Financial Secretary:	Ann-Kristin Karling
Treasurer:	Bingitta Clark
Chaplain:	Beth Bunnell
Master of Ceremonies:	Stig Eneberg
Assistant MoC:	Anneli Brady
Cultural:	Laurie Taylor
Trustee Chairman 1 yr:	Kerstin Wendt
Trustee 2 yr:	Bertil Winther
Trustee 3 yr:	Delphine Trowbridge
Auditor chairman 1 yr:	Linda Trowbridge
Auditor 2 yr:	Britt Potter
Auditor 3 yr :	Wenche Eklund
Events Co-Chair:	Maggie Connelly & Delphine Trowbridge
Scholarships:	Hubert Pitters, Beth Bunnell
Financial:	Hubert Pitters
Historian & Vasa Star:	Laurie Taylor
Vasa Park:	Richard Heinstedt, Linnea Heinstedt, Dorothy Burns
Alternate Ann-Sofi Holst	
Bar:	Valerie & Dylan Olson
Newsletter:	Laurie Taylor
Youth Group:	Cecilia Trowbridge

Finland Education System

Finland's education system, often regarded as the best in the world, is the result of an unintentional yet powerful shift toward simplicity, equality, and student-centered values. Unlike systems that rely heavily on standardized testing, Finland focuses on continuous assessment, encouraging deep understanding over rote memorization. Exams are rare, and learning is personalized to support each student's pace and potential.

A typical Finnish school day runs from 9 AM to 2 PM, far shorter than in most countries. Homework is kept to a minimum, giving students time to relax, explore their interests, and spend quality time with their families. This balance allows children to maintain a natural curiosity and genuine passion for learning.

Finnish teachers are central to the success of this sys-

tem. They work fewer hours than their global counterparts, enjoy a healthy work-life balance, and are among the most respected professionals in the country. Their pay is comparable to that of doctors, reflecting the high value Finland places on education. Teachers undergo rigorous training and are given the freedom to design lessons and address the individual needs of their students without rigid oversight.

The Finnish model thrives on trust, equality, and student well-being. It promotes creativity, critical thinking, and lifelong learning, serving as a global example of how education can flourish without pressure or competition. Finland proves that nurturing students through holistic methods, rather than stressing exams and performance, builds a stronger foundation for future generations.

Midsummer Photos

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We had perfect weather at Vasa Park for our Midsummer celebration. Warm sunshine with a light breeze.
I heard someone say it was the best Midsummer yet!





Florence Bergstrom celebrates 100 years old!