

Golden Valley Lodge #616 Newsletter

Chairman's Message



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Just got through with the Vasa Convention. It was quite enjoyable. Among our delegates this year were "the newcomers," Jason Trowbridge and Lisa Eklund. It was nice to see "new blood" among our delegates. Hope all of you enjoyed it.

With regard to District scholarships, Golden Valley had two recipients, Jason Trowbridge and Lars Heinstedt. Congratulations to both of you. May this help further

your education towards a great career future. In that regard, to all eligible young members or their relatives who are member, there are many scholarships available to you of which you do not have to pay it back. They can be received from Golden Valley, the District or the Grand Lodge. If you need more information from Golden Valley, please contact Brad Richards or Hubert Pitters. As a result, there are several ways of getting a little help towards your future endeavors.

GVL Happenings

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Cannot believe that the Ides of March are upon us. It seems like it was just New Year's. How time flies! Hope to see many of you at the meeting. May you all find "a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow." We do have a few of those these days with all the rain. If you feel so inclined, please wear something green to the meeting.

In Truth and Unity,
Inga Francis, Chairman

Sunshine Report: Please let Chase Dodd know of anyone needing cards or letters A get-well card was sent to Bill Liljeberg (Lillenberg). Bill sent his dues in and said he hopes to attend a lodge meeting sometime in the future. Right now, he is recovering at home after being hospitalized from a fall. We haven't seen Bill for a long time and look forward to seeing him soon.

At the last GVL meeting, Chase Dodd was absent from his new job as Vice Chairman and Jason Blohm filled in for him. We checked on Chase and found that he had injured his back and was in severe pain. He is at home in bed and will be there for a few weeks. A basket of fruit & other goodies was sent to cheer him up.

2017 Membership Dues

We're doing very well collecting the 2017 dues this year. If you have not paid them yet, please do so at the March meeting or mail them to the GVL Financial Secretary. The \$25 check should be made out to Golden Valley Lodge #616 and sent to: Dorothy Burns, GVL Financial Secretary 8201 Glade Avenue Canoga Park, CA 91304

Thank you to Our February Dinner Hosts!



Golden Valley Village for Vasa Park

Several lodges are working on gnome/fairy/troll houses for the District's Spring Picnic at Vasa Park on April 30th. Some women from GVL have been having fun working on a village and these are just a few you will see up at the park.



February 2017 Initiation Ceremony



Left to right: Guard, Lucas Taylor, Tyra Dios, Daniel Buck, Guard Jason Trowbridge.

WELCOME to two new members who were initiated at the February meeting – Daniel Buck and Tyra Dios. There will be another initiation at the March meeting, so if you know someone who is interested, now is the time to have them download a copy of the application and send to the secretary (Delphine Trowbridge) before the next meeting. Our website: www.goldenvalleylodge.org: There will not be another initiation for membership until fall.

Daniel Buck is the 14-year old son of GVL member Annika Buck and grandson of Gertie Lingstrom. He lives in Rancho Cucamonga. Daniel and younger sister, Sara, participate each year in the GVL Lucia program and both have attended Viking Village every year since they were old enough. Daniel will become a junior counselor at this summer's camp. Daniel says he is interested in everything Swedish. He started right away at the February meeting by helping with the raffle and working with his grandmother in the kitchen and some others to finish the semlor for dessert.

Tyra Dios is the 14-year old daughter of member Hanna Claussen-Dios and the granddaughter of Rigmor Johnsdotter. She was born in Stockholm, Sweden, and speaks Swedish. Tyra lives in Los Angeles and attends school in Pasadena.

The GVL Youth Group (ages 14-20) welcomes both of you to sit at their table during the lodge meetings. They plan a trip once or twice a year – don't miss out on the fun to meet new friends in this group.



Gertie Lindstrom shared her baking skills with the youth group. It was DELICIOUS!
Photos by Jason Blohm

2017 District Convention Pictures courtesy of Lisa Eklund



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Kin Lundgren presented district scholarships to Lars Heinstdedt, Jason Trowbridge, of Golden Valley Lodge and Jonas Spaberg of Evening Star lodge.



2017 District Board



Culture Corner: Old Town, Stockholm



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Flower shop in Old Town

The Old Town in Stockholm dates back to the 13th century, and consists of medieval alleyways, cobbled streets, and town squares. North German architecture has had a strong influence on this Stockholm neighbourhood popular among locals and tourists alike.

Old Town is home to the Stockholm Cathedral, the Nobel Museum, and the Royal Palace, built in the 18th century after the previous palace Tre Kronor burned down.



Happy March Birthday!

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| Linnea Heinstedt | 1 |
| Lillemor Stromberg | 13 |
| Morgan Klintare | 20 |
| Valerie Olson | 21 |
| Britt-Marie Potter | 22 |
| Kerstin Engblom | 30 |
| Maidie Karling | 30 |

Ha en trevlig födelsedag!

District and Other News

Scandinavian Spring Picnic |

Scandinavian Spring Picnic is April 30th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Vasa Park 2854 Triunfo Canyon Road, Agoura Hills. There will be a waffle breakfast, lunch, Swedish Car Show, entertainment and family activities. It is the 70th Anniversary of picnics at the park! You will be receiving your invitation and complimentary tickets for parking, lunch and a beverage via mail in March.

Scandinavian Festival

The Scandinavian Festival is from April 1st – 2nd at California Lutheran University. For more information, visit their webpage at:
http://scandinaviancenter.org/scandinavian_festival/

