



Golden Valley News for April 2009

We had a good turnout at the meeting in March. Olle & Eivor Wester travelled from Palm Desert and with some help from their daughters, Kerstin and Katarina, they served up a delicious beef & cabbage casserole dinner, a culinary favorite of mine that was prepared the same way my mother used to make it when I was a kid (a few years ago). For those who had energy left after dinner, Birgitta Clark and Viola Kindstrand had prepared a funny balloon contest. I'm not sure who had the most fun - the winners, the losers, or people watching from the sidelines.

I hope we will have another good turnout at the April meeting. Our Pacific Southwest District officers have been invited and I hear that several of them plan to attend. It is a good opportunity for us to get to know the folks representing our region and to show them why the Golden Valley Lodge is one of the most viable within the District.

The April refreshment host and hostesses are Gertie & Sven Lingstrom and Gun & Christer Olin. I hear they have a delicious dinner in store for us. Sylva & Hubert Pitters have volunteered to be our cultural leaders. We can expect another great evening so mark the calendar now.

Chairman's Message

Spring is finally here! Stepping into the backyard, the beautiful fragrances from all the citrus trees hit you. And in the front yard, the pink jasmines are in full bloom. But with all this beauty, along comes the allergies (thanks goodness for Claritin). But it is only for a week or two that the citrus are in bloom. April means we are having important guests at our meeting. The District Master, Mary Ethel Pierson, and her staff will be visiting us. So all please come and support her. We did get a lot of laughs at our activity last month. Thank you Birgitta and Viola, it was fun. Come see what is in store for us this month.

Happy spring! - In Truth and Unity - Kerstin Wendt

Building Corporation News

As reported earlier, we have retained an attorney to draft a set of revised Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation. The revisions are necessary to comply with the Internal Revenue Code for charitable (and tax-exempt) organizations like ours. The work is not progressing as expected, however. We will look into the possibility of terminating the present work and hiring an attorney with more appropriate experience.

Our broker (Charles Schwab) has come up with a new investment plan. At the meeting on April 1, the plan was discussed in detail by the Golden Valley board members and it was approved with some minor changes.

Lottery Winners

At our March meeting we sold lottery tickets for \$106 and the flower march brought in \$55.34. Elvy Heinstedt was the lucky winner of \$25 in the capsule drawing. The cash raffle prizes went to Birgitta Glad (\$25), Ann-Kristin Karling (\$20) and Isabella Muscarella (\$16). Congratulations to all the winners!

Refreshment Team Assignments

Here's the list of people who have signed up to serve on a refreshment team. Thank you very much for volunteering. As you can see, there is at least one open slot (April 2010) – we may not need a refreshment team for the December meeting. Please contact our secretary, Bill Wendt, if you can't serve as scheduled or if you would like to serve on a team in the future.

May 14, 2009	Marie Mickelson, Kerstin Engblom, Birgitta Glad and Bertil Winther
Jun 11, 2009	Maria Jacobs, Britt Potter and Rikard Siwerson
Sep 10, 2009	Steve & Andrea Tabanelli, Birgitta Clark, Viola Kindstrand
Oct 8, 2009	Maidie & Ann-Kristin Karling, Nathan Coddling
Nov 19, 2009	Sonja Andonian, Rut Eneberg and Sylva Pitters
Dec 10, 2009	To be determined
Jan 14, 2010	Karin Coleman, Steve & Lena Osman
Feb 11, 2010	Lillemo Possecker, Gunvor Sabo, Yvonne & Stig Klintare
Mar 11, 2010	Sven & Gertie Lingstrom
Apr 8, 2010	Open

Important Announcements

Enclosed with my March newsletter, there was an invitation to our social dinner in April. If you wish to attend, please fill out and mail the reservation form to Gunilla Thelin, 9950 Topanga Canyon Blvd #34, Chatsworth, CA 91311 before April 14th. A deposit of \$40 per person is required with your reservation. The deposit will be returned when you arrive at the restaurant, provided that you have paid your membership dues for 2009. Please note that the deposit is not refundable for non-members or for “no-show” members. Members or their guests, who come without reservations, pay \$60 at the door (non-refundable).

Our lodge has no connection whatsoever with the Procrastinators Club where (so I'm told) there is a penalty for people who pay their membership dues on time. As for the dues to the Golden Valley Lodge, however, it's totally safe and proper to ante up now. If you didn't pay already, please mail your check (\$20) to our financial secretary, Ann-Kristin Karling. Her address is: 1157 Justin Ave #6, Glendale, CA 91201. Thanks!

Speaking of the Procrastinators Club – did you hear about the long-term member of that popular organization who was expelled for mailing his Christmas cards by mid-December. He was reinstated, however, when he explained that the cards were for the previous year. An editorial in the local newspaper then reprimanded the club for acting so hastily.

Birthdays in April

Eivor Wester	1 st	Niklas Thelin	14 th
Barbro Granath	5 th	Erik Karling	16 th
Tommy Eneberg	6 th	Britt-Lise Christensen	18 th
Kristina Thorsen	11 th	Lars Sjöholm	19 th
Britta Eriksson	11 th	Lars Jonasson	20 th
Gloria Nelson	11 th	Bill Wendt	21 st
Kerstin Wendt	13 th	Marianne Reinholds	24 th
Mattias Gunnarsson	13 th	Gunilla Hamaoui	29 th
Ann-Kristin Karling	14 th	Bonnie Fornander	30 th

Happy birthday to you all!

Dates to Keep in Mind

April 9 th	Golden Valley Lodge meeting 6:30 pm at Sons of Norway
April 12 th	Easter Sunday
April 14 th	Due date for Social Dinner reservation
April 15 th	Uncle Sam (and Arnold too) may want something from you
April 18 th – 19 th	Scandinavian Festival at Cal Lutheran College
May 6 th	Building Corporation meets 6:30 pm at the Wendts' house



Wishing you all a Happy Easter Holiday,

Bertil (Bert)