

## GOLDEN VALLEY NEWS FOR JUNE 2009

Well, here we are again nearing the end of the first half of the year. One more meeting left before the summer is upon us. I know many of you will be getting ready to go away, but it would be nice to attend one more meeting if possible.

One of the big items on the agenda for the June meeting will be talking about and voting on an event that we can all attend that is being paid by Åke Boschens generous gift to the Lodge. Our ideas so far are listed below. I have one extra idea submitted by Hubert Pitters. Here is the List we're voting on.

1. Huntington Library and Tea House
2. Griffith Park Observatory
3. Peterson Auto Museum--\$6.00 plus lunch
4. Getty on the Hill---free but \$10.00 parking
5. San Fernando Mission
6. China Town or Olivera St by subway—plus lunch
7. Disney Concert Hall
8. Santa Anita Racetrack
9. Cirque Du Soleil at Santa Monica Pier—open 10/16

We don't know all the costs of the above, but at least we can get an idea of what everyone wishes. Please be prepared to discuss and vote at the upcoming meeting. For those of you who aren't going to be there, you are welcome to email me or mail me a note expressing your wishes. Maybe out of fairness to all, we should have a deadline of the end of June. I know this means that we won't find out where we are going until then, but we don't want anyone left out of the decision making, and we won't be going anywhere until after everyone returns in the fall, anyway.

### Birgitta Glad's Idea for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July

For those of you that were at the last meeting or read the minutes I sent along with this letter: you'll remember that Birgitta Glad had offered her home for a get-together at her house on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. It sure sounded nice, BUT---there has been a change in plans—One of Birgittas family members has passed and she is going to go to Sweden in the middle of June and won't be back in time to prepare for us to be there. Please, do not show up at here house on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. It might prove a little embarrassing.

## Question for All of You

Have any of you ever really thought why you are members of Vasa and Golden Valley Lodge? I'm sure there are as many answers as there are members. Like minded people with the same heritage, memories of childhood brought back by the singing of old songs from time to time, the familiarity of traditions that we repeat every month without fail, the fact of knowing that most of us are trustworthy and constant even when death claims a family member. Think about it, this is because of the Vasa Order. Then, there is our Lodge. We are blessed with a certain amount of money that many other Lodges do not have. We are able to give Scholarships away every year and other things for our members also. This was a good enough cause for Åke Boschen to give us a portion of his testament. It's a good thing to ponder. What am I doing for the Lodge to give back?

I was thinking during this time of uncertainty that maybe we could do something different for a while. What better way to create dollars for the Lodge but to save dollars. I'm talking about simple things like when we get together each month, why don't we do a potluck every other month? That would be like getting two or three hundred dollars in interest on our money. Not to mention the fact that it would be fun. We would have the same camaraderie with each other and maybe even feel a little bit better about our own efforts. In addition to saving money it would take the burden off of a few and place it in the hands of many. Food for thought.

## Birthdays for the Month of June

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| 1. Lars-Ove Nilsson     | 6 <sup>th</sup>  |
| 2. William Osman        | 7 <sup>th</sup>  |
| 3. Monica-Ohlin Burness | 11 <sup>th</sup> |
| 4. Birgitta Anderson    | 12 <sup>th</sup> |
| 5. Daniel Wendt         | 13 <sup>th</sup> |
| 6. Robert Lindfors      | 15 <sup>th</sup> |
| 7. Karim Hamaoui        | 17 <sup>th</sup> |
| 8. Nathan Coddling      | 18 <sup>th</sup> |
| 9. Barbara Swanson      | 20 <sup>th</sup> |
| 10. Gary Andonian       | 20 <sup>th</sup> |
| 11. Alfred Nilsson      | 20 <sup>th</sup> |
| 12. Emily Wendt         | 21 <sup>st</sup> |
| 13. Gerri Winkler       | 25 <sup>th</sup> |
| 14. Jessica Osman       | 29 <sup>th</sup> |

Happy, Happy Birthday to All—please be safe

Refreshment Hostesses for the Month of June

I know it's listed in the minutes—but I'll repeat myself here: As Follows

Maria Jacobs, Britt Potter, Rikard Siverson, and Gunilla Hamaoui

We can't wait!!!!

## Future Events and Happenings

June business meeting and dinner at Sons of Norway      June 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

Viking Lodge 96<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party at Ports 'O Call  
Restaurant in San Pedro—310-782-7786      June 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm

Midsommer at Vasa Park—breakfast at 9:00am      June 28<sup>th</sup> all day  
(For everyone's information—ivy and flowers are needed for the Maypole—if you can help, bring your greens early in the morning that day—the decorating will begin at 9:00am and the pole will be raised at noon)

Have a safe summer--Bill

Here is my phone number and email if you want to contact me re the trip:

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