



NEWSLETTER



Our Next Business Meeting is on March 1st. @ 7:30 PM



A Message from Chairman, Tal Ross.

Wow – it was AWESOME!, celebrating together at our annual Vasa District Convention Feb. 22-25 at our Hilton Hotel in Woodland Hills. (See pictures below.)

Wishing you'll experience it too, next time: come join us! Approx 100 fellow Vasa members from all over (Sweden, Washington, Arizona, Florida, New Jersey, etc), all full of enthusiasm & celebrating all things Swedish and Nordic! Incredibly, 4 present & past Grand Masters attended!! (Folks, a "Grand Master" is the tippy-tip-top worldwide person of our global Vasa Order!) Feasts, music, dancing, PARTY!

Awarding the Scholarships is my favorite part of the Convention! \$35,000 of Vasa Scholarships were awarded to very deserving recipients, including to our very own student winner Flower Person, yay! Helping celebrate & attending the Convention were from our Lodge: Susan Premo, Henning Andersen, MaryAnn Kenyon, Ken Kenyon, Norm Kenyon, Karin Eckdahl, Honore Rausch, Martha Hethmon, Lisa Dakow, & Aina Dakow. (Our whole District serenaded Happy Birthday to Aina!).

Our future is in great hands! Our PDM Henning Andersen showed us the Future of Vasa (dressed as Captian Kirk in full Star Trek regalia, no joking!). Elliot Coddling succeeds Bert Winther as our new District Master, assisted by a terrifically competent Board. Ken Kenyon & I were also roped into (I mean, were elected) to be on the District Board, too, as an Executive Board Member & Cultural Leader, respectively.

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Kudos & a BIG shout-out to Susan Premo & Birgitta Roodsari!! As Convention Co-Chairwomen, Susie & Birgitta organized this complex, impressive, & resoundingly successful 3-day celebration. Thank you for your tireless efforts!

Finally, huge thanks to our very own Oak Leaf team who all had helped Lisa Dakow create, paint and assemble the incredible hand-made Viking Boat table centerpieces (made during our fun Valentine's Day Potluck Social on Feb. 15). Plus our multinational-flag dinner centerpieces were a big hit, with beautiful backlighting – a first class job, Lisa and Team!

March Birthdays
Lois Halvorson on the 3rd.
Madeline Person on the 5th.
Cecilia Brady on the 8th.
Peter Svennefiord on the 27th.
James Klyce on the 29th.
Ja, må dom leva,
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Ja, må dom leva uti hundrade år.



Tal, GM Art Björkner, Henning



Joan Graham, GLS & Tal



L-R. PC Ken Kenyon Jr., VDM Inga Francis, DS Linda Kosvic, PDM Gunlog Spaberg, Tal Ross after being installed as District Cultural Leader. PDM Daga-Karin Lindquist, PGLD/PDM/PC Susan Premo.

3 photos from our February Valentine's Potluck Feast.



Our annual Valentine's Potluck feast was enjoyed by all! Maerthe, Susie & Gabe share a good laugh together, and Ken, Thorsten & Lorraine prepare to grab a plateful.



Our members had a lively discussion while working up a their appetite and celebrating Valentines, including Honoré, Ken, Lorraine, Fred, Maertha, Gabe and her terrific Granddaughter, plus Kim and her wonderful guest.



Aina was a little shy (but not too much 😊,) so everyone sang to Aina "Ja må hon leva!" 🇸🇪 in proud celebration of her very very Happy Birthday 🎂🎉! The desserts & cakes were spectacular! Huge thanks to everyone for helping orchestrate this great meal together!!



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Our Next Social is on March 15th. @ 7:30 PM



A continuing message from our Chairman, Tal Ross.

Our next FREE potluck is March 15,
with a St. Patrick's theme – (yummy
corn beef & cabbage, anyone?).
EVERYONE is welcome!

Bring kids & friends!

PS. Socials are held as usual, 3rd Friday each month at
6:30pm at the Cameron Center in Thousand Oaks.

Our next Business Meeting on Friday March 1st,
(as usual on the 1st Friday each month, at 7:30pm at the
Cameron Center).

Claes Hornstrand confirmed he will attend & Claes will
Chair March 1st, due to my absence (long-ago-planned
annual ski trip).

Please assist Claes to make it a smooth & successful Oak
Leaf meeting. (Claes is a proven, professional world-
class meeting chair.)

On April 6-7 Saturday-Sunday, please mark your
calendar for the multi-acre EXTRAVAGANZA at Cal
Lutheran's annual Skandinavian Festival. Our popular
booth will be buzzing, offering our scrumptious yummy
Swedish Meatballs & popular Lingonberry sauce. Viking
fans galore – of ALL AGES! - see you there!

Tal Ross, Chairman.

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More Photos from the District Lodge PSW#15, 2019 Convention



District Master Bertyl Winther conducting the Convention with PGM Tore Kellgren, and GM Björkner to his right with PGM Ulf Brynjenstad and GS Joan Graham to his left.



Grand Master Arthur Björkner addressing the assembly, with an *enthusiastic* message as we 'Face the future with VASA'. With PGM Ulf Brynjenstad and GS Joan Graham to his left.



Martha, Lisa, Maryann, Tal, Ken & Susan sharing a group hug & big smile at our wildly successful Convention!



Wayne & Siv Pierson admire our Custom Oak Leaf Viking Boat table centerpiece & tiramisu dessert - yum!!



Ken, Maryann, Connie (front) & Honoré, Tal, Susan, Lisa (back) making history!! Or, just having some fun!



Superstar Lisa with superstar Flower (our VASA Scholarship Winner) schooling us with ABBA on the dance floor!



Newly elected District Master Elliot Coddling, Grand Master Art Björkner, & our District Secretary Linda Kosvic



"Hold onto your wallet!" Ken & Norm demonstrate purchasing power, as Maidie Karling replaces cash with raffle tickets for prizes up to \$500!