



Welcome and greetings to guests, friends and to our travelers we are glad for your safe return. We look forward to hearing about your travel adventures at our upcoming meetings.

**NEXT MEETING:**

September 20 at 6PM  
Portola Community Center  
45-480 Portola Ave  
Palm Desert, CA 92260  
Box Lunch – Panera \$10: RSVP Linda Lathers  
760-360-4648

*Dues 2017 Reminder: \$30*  
Please remit between now and Dec 1<sup>st</sup>.  
Mail to: Linda Kosvic, 335 N Wateka St.  
San Jacinto, CA 92583

New Members: \$40

*49<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 2016:*

We held our 49<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the Bellatrix in Palm Desert with 23 attending on May 21st. Our special guests were: District Master Peter Lindgren and wife Cynthia, District Executive Board Members Valerie Larson and Kristine Hofve, (North Star) Lodge Peggy Pages and friend John Wilson, (Mayflower Lodge) Uno Kaspersen and Cheryl Johnson, PDM Wayne Pierson and Desert Viking Charter Member Anders Bocker along with many other lodge members. The new members were recognized: Jennifer Weisbart Moreno, Monica Weisbart, Mary Wright, Daphne Mitchell, Pat Bocker,

Frida Jorgensen, and Troy Bankord with new member certificates. Also recognized were the one year anniversary members. In 2017 will be our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and we are planning for a grand celebration.

Desert Viking Chairman and District Lodge 15 Assistant District Secretary Linda Kosvic was presented with a gift from the District of an Orrefors vase glass art for work on the SpringFest 2016. Presenting the award was DM Peter Lindgren, EBM Valerie Larson and EBM Kristine Hofve.

Thank you to the members and Valerie Larson for your assistance with making this an enjoyable day.

**Who am I?**

I attended Van Nuys High School with classmates Natalie Wood - she was a year older.... also Robert Redford - he was a year older.. Diane Baker - year older. I'm a member of Golden Valley Lodge, Van Nuys.  
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*In Memory:*

It is with great sadness to report a past member passing, Karl Brink. Karl passed away on August 6<sup>th</sup> in Santa Clarita. Karl and his wife Birgitta were members of Golden Valley #616 and along with several other Golden Valley members moved to the Palm Desert area: PDM Harvey Peterson, Arne Lundgren and Olof and Eivor Wester all who joined Desert Viking. We appreciate their support and membership with

our lodge and for their contributions with their musical talents and experience with Vasa. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

***Birthdays: Current Members BOLD***

*(\*) Remembered*

MAY

- 5 Kajsa Thuresson-Frary
- 6 **Tim Lunstrum**
- 8 **Rachael Wikman**
- 10 **Junelle Pearson**
- 10 Kristi Wilson
- 14 **Annika Knoppel**
- 20 **Lavonne Youngquist**
- 24 **Ulf Lokke**

JUNE

- 7 **Alex Danson**
- 12 **Claudia Wikman**
- 20 **Bennie Lunstrum**
- 26 **Miriam Hendrix**
- 28 **Troy Bankord**

JULY

- 1 **Kiani Farhad**
- 16 **Jennifer Weisbart-Moreno**

AUGUST

- 5 **Paula Wilhelmsson Vorwald**
- 8 **Pat Bocker**
- 9 **Lennea Deyo**
- 11 **Susanne Pepper**
- 14 **Frida Jorgensen**
- 16 **Linda Kosvic**
- 17 PDM Harvey Peterson (\*)
- 26 **Anders Bocker**

SEPTEMBER

- 5 **Gregg Cowdery**
- 20 **Jacob Wikman**
- 30 **Clark McCartney**

**Lucia 2016**

We are looking for a site to hold Lucia 2016. For the past couple of years we held it at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Bermuda Dunes, and previously Hope Lutheran (until renovation). Now St. John’s isn’t renting to outside groups, and we contacted Hope Lutheran (May 2016) but have not had a response. Hope Lutheran Church is undergoing a major renovation and building project, and the old church structure

was leveled with a new modern structure built in its place. The pastor gave a tour of the new facility which has a modern professional kitchen, a large stage and meeting rooms. This will be a nice addition to the community.

**Heritage Day 2017 – March 18**

Desert Viking has been asked to assist with putting on this event which is sponsored by Solskinn Lodge – Sons of Norway. Desert Viking will be in charge of the meatball luncheon and to share about Vasa. We are looking for volunteers to assist in the kitchen with food preparation. Several of our members are dual members with Sons of Norway so some will be wearing dual hats. Our next Heritage Day planning meeting is on August 30 at Hope Lutheran Church.

**Newport Beach Film Festival Swedish SpotLight**

On April 26<sup>th</sup> the Newport Beach Film Festival held the Swedish SpotLight. The evening included a showing of the movie A Man Called Ove. While the movie had difficulties, we watched another movie and then attended the after party at Design Within Reach a Nordic modern furniture shop. It was a fun night with music, food, and meeting new friends.



L-R Linda Kosvic, Nancy Kingston, DL 15 Cultural Leader

**Midsummer 2016**

It was a fun day at Vasa Park on June 24<sup>th</sup> and the day was sponsored by the Swedish American Central Association (SACA). Midsummer was also celebrated at the Swedish Church/Norwegian Seaman’s Church in San Pedro with member Troy Bankord attending

and at the House of Sweden, Mary Wright, Jennifer Weisbart-Moreno and Monica Weisbart.

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### **Dinner with Marlene – Swedish Movie Night**

On May 11<sup>th</sup> Mary Wright and Linda Kosvic attended the Swedish Movie Night – Dinner with Marlene play at the Lamb’s Players Theatre in Coronado. The playwright, Anne-Charlotte Harvey based it on an actual dinner party attended by her father. Ann-Charlotte is also from Scandinavian Lodge #667.



L-R: (Scandinavian #667) Carl Englund, and Anne-Charlotte Harvey, Dinner with Marlene playwright, Linda Kosvic, and Mary Wright.

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### **VASA PARK NEWS**

The Scandinavian AutumnFest Hostmarknad-Fall Market and Meatball Contest is September 18 at Vasa Park in Agoura Hills. The lodge is helping with the Beverage Kiosk and this year will be serving Einstok Icelandic Beer. This event is our lodge duty to qualify for the annual stipend. Vasa Members who are artists are invited to participate in the Art Show.

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### **District 15 News**

The next District Executive Board Meeting will be on September 10 at the Mayflower Lodge in Torrance; any member is welcome to attend. The Bylaws Committee has presented proposed Bylaw Changes for the District Convention 2017. Packets were mailed to members.

### **Viking Ship built by Huntington Beach High School Students**

At the May meeting of Vasa Park Assn. it was announced that the Huntington Beach High School was seeking sponsors for their Viking Ship project. Vasa Park donated \$200 towards the life jackets that were needed for the ship’s launch on May 20. Attending the launch was Anders Bocker videoing the maiden voyage and DL 15 Cultural Leader Nancy Kingston. There are several articles about the project in the LA Times and the Orange County Register.

<http://www.ocregister.com/articles/meade-716710-students-viking.html>



May 20, 2016 - Credit: Anders Bocker

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### **Calendar of Events: BOLD Vasa related 2016**

- Aug 20 – Crayfish Dinner, House of Sweden
- Aug 27 – Nordic Nights, House of Norway
- Aug 27 – Crayfish Dinner, Evening Star, HB**
- Sept 2-3-4 – Orange Intl Street Fair
- Sept 16-17-18 – Solvang Days
- Sept 18 – AutumnFest Vasa Park (Lodge duty)**
- Sept 24-25 – Viking Festival, Vista
- Oct 1-2 – Lithuanian Festival, Los Angeles
- Nov 20 – SWEA Christmas Fair, Huntington Beach
- Nov – Scandinavian Christmas, Danish Church
- Nov 27 – First Sunday of Advent
- Dec 4 – SWEA Christmas Fair, Los Angeles
- Dec 4 – Second Sunday of Advent
- Dec – Desert Viking Lucia (location TBA)**
- Dec 11 – Third Sunday of Advent
- Dec 18 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

**Who am I?** Dorothy Burns, also Secretary of Vasa Park Assn.

Viking Views – Desert Viking #682  
Vasa Order of America  
335 N Wateka St.  
San Jacinto, CA 92583

**CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED**

*Support Swedish Heritage*



**UPCOMING EVENT..... SEPTEMBER 18..... VASA PARK, AGOURA HILLS**

**SCANDINAVIAN AUTUMNFEST HOSTMARKNAD-FALL MARKET & SWEDISH MEATBALL CONTEST**

**NEW 2016 – ART SHOW FOR VASA MEMBERS**

**MEATBALL CONTEST – CASH PRIZES - \$5 PER JUDGE**

**VENDORS – CRAFTERS - DEMONSTRATIONS**

**FOOD COURT & BEVERAGES – ETHNIC FOODS**

**AQUATIC – SWIMMING, ALPINE TUBE SLIDE, WATER SLIDE**

**WILDERNESS AREA – VIKING REENACTMENT, GEM MINING, BOUNCE HOUSE, ROCK CLIMBING, TRAIN**

**FIELD GAMES – KUBB & meet the LA Kubb Team**