



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

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Grand Lodge Dania & Dannebrog Grand Presidents

Welcome Spring – Daffodils, Tulips, New born animals, Butterflies, and Baseball!

It's a time of new beginnings and everyone seems to be happier and feeling more motivated to do the things that were put off until "tomorrow." Spring brings the anticipation of summer – our favorite time of the year!

March was another fun filled month! March 7th we attended the annual Fish Dinner in Modesto. Bornholm No.14 sure knows how to throw a party!! Peder and Doris Hoy and team did an amazing job. It was sure nice to see so many people from many of the branches of Dania and Dannebrog in attendance. Everyone had a good time and no one went away hungry. Thank you Bornholm No.14!!

March 13th we headed north to Arcata. We stopped at Fire and Light to make the final arrangements of the Hot Glass Tour – where you can see how artisans have transformed recycled bottles and jars into beautiful handmade glass tableware and gift ware. The tour will be on Thursday, April 9th. We will meet at 11am and car pool from the Fortuna Best Western Country Inn. The tour will start at 12 noon and will take approximately 30 minutes. Chairs will be provided for people who cannot stand during the presentation. Afterwards, Fire and Light will open their small gift shop. Fire and Light products can be purchased online or at specialty stores and galleries throughout the country – including the Fortuna River Lodge. Please call or email Mary Jo if interested in attending. (916-682-4888 or jojochall@gmail.com)

Saturday, while enjoying a pizza lunch, we met in Ferndale with members of Valhalla No.11 and Ydun No.10 to discuss the final details of the 2015 Convention. Thank you Valhalla No.11 and Ydun No.10 for all your hard work – for the second year in a row!!

We headed back to Arcata to the Holly Yashi Design Studio and Gift Store. They have been making jewelry in Arcata since 1981. Weekdays you can take a guided tour through their design studio and see jewelry hand crafted, one piece at a time. You can even sip on a complimentary cappuccino while shopping!!

Saturday evening a group of us attended the Knights of Columbus annual Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner in Eureka. It was a lot of fun, good food and good company. Thank you Christian Nielsen for inviting us and letting us tag along.

Sunday, before heading back home to Sacramento, we stopped at Chapman's Gem and Mineral Shop and Museum. It is located on 101 four miles south of Fortuna. A must see – rocks, minerals, carvings, crystals, fossils, shells and more.

March 20th we were in Fresno to celebrate Thora No.11's 100th year Anniversary. We had a delicious lunch hosted by Thor No.5 at Marie Callender's Restaurant. Carl Jensen did an excellent job at putting it all together. We were both very touched to be invited and able to attend. Thank you so much for including us in your celebration!!!

Saturday March 21st we were at the Cattleman's Restaurant in Livermore at 9am for Executive Board meetings. After taking care of business we had the honor of installing Hayward's Valborg No.1 and Thyra No.9 officers. Way to go Dannebrog Grand Officers – we had 100% attendance (Dania Grand Officers had 99% attendance) Dannebrog Wins!! Following our last installation

Grand Officers

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as Grand Presidents, we enjoyed a delicious lunch and some very revealing conversations!! (What is said at Cattleman's – Stays at Cattleman's, Ha Ha). Thank you Valborg No.1 and Thyra No.9 for the wonderful afternoon. Congratulations to the newly installed officers – we wish you and all branch officers we had the privilege to install, continued success.

As Robin Williams once said "Spring is nature's way of saying LET'S PARTY!" Maybe that is why the Dania and Dannebrog Annual Convention is always held in the Spring!! Hope to see a lot of you there!!!

God påske! – Happy Easter

Bob & Mary Jo Schall
Dania and Dannebrog Grand Presidents

Grand Lodge Secretary

IN MEMORIAM:

Merete Wetlesen, Laura No. 8, San Jose

NEW MEMBERS:

Danebod No. 16 ; Lise DiMartino

Dannevang No. 7; Dan Holm

MEMORIALS SCHOLARSHIP

DIANA SCHOLARSHIP

CONTRIBUTIONS

TO DANIA GENERAL FUND:

TO DANNEBROG GENERAL FUND:

TO DANNEBROG SCHOLARSHIP:

DANIA/DANNEBROG SINIOR ASSISTANCE FUND

Branch Secretaries

With Convention almost here please take the time and read the Article from Valhalla No. 11 & Ydun No. 10 Below.

I have received the report of the nominating committee for Dania and they are going to be placing the name of John Scheuber of Bornholm for the office of Grand Vice Marshal and the name of Mel Lundberg for the remaining term of

Introducing our Nominee for Grand Vice Marshal

My affiliation and involvement with the Danes started when I began dating Marge Olsen who later became my wife of 54 years. I attended many meetings dating back to 1956 when her family was quite involved with the Danish Brotherhood. My father in law, Holly, was the Treasurer for over 30 years. I became the local Brotherhood President later in my involvement. Since part of our family was already in Dania it was only appropriate that we join, as we did in 1992.

In my lifetime I have been an Agriculture Educator for 10 years, 8 of those years at Modesto Jr. College. Later I moved into the Ag industry as the General Manager of a 1 million egg layer business in Indiana so we lived there for 5 years. From 1978 to date I have been President of an Animal Health Distributing Company known as VSI. I am currently transitioning into retirement but continue as Board Chairman and President of our import company known as Animal Supplies International.

With my education/business background I have had the opportunity to serve on or Chair a number of Committees or

Danish Campers – April 17 – 19, 2015

The Danish Campers will meet at French Camp RV Park Resort and Golf Course on Friday, April 17th for an enjoyable, friend filled weekend, following an enjoyable fun filled convention in Fortuna! French Camp is located at 3919 E. French Camp Road, off Highway 99 (at French Camp Road!), visible from the highway. It's north of Manteca and south of Stockton, somewhere in between. The amenities include a winery within walking distance, a golf course, swimming pool and spa and two dog parks (the

Local Branches

Danmark No. 2 & Thyra No. 3

Meeting: 2nd, Wednesday every month 7:30 PM Odd Fellows Building; 26 Seventh Street, San Francisco CA 94103

Danmark #2 Secretary Roger Gearhart [E-mail ragearthart@comcast.net](mailto:ragearthart@comcast.net)

Thyra #3 Secretary Johanne Gade

Upcoming Conventions		
Valhalla #11, Ydun #10 & Hajmdal #4, Luren#13	April 9-11 2015	River Lodge in Fortuna CA
Thor #5 and Thora #11	April 2016	Stay Tune
Danmark #2 and Thyra #3	April 2017	Stay Tune
Dannevirke #9 and Valdemar #12	April 2018	Nugget, Sparkes NV
Upcoming Installations		
Valdemar No 12. Dannevirke No. 9	May 1 2015 6:00 PM	Odd Fellows Hall Reno

Grand Trustee. I have also received the bio of John Scheuber. As per a motion at a convention I am publishing it below.

Boards including California Community College State Advisory Committee, Modesto Jr. College's Ag Advisory Committee, The National Ag Science Center, California State College, Stanislaus, Ag Studies Advisory Committee and for 16 years I have served on the National Board of Durvet, a company in Kansas City that we own in concert with others in our industry.

Locally I have been the President of Bornholm #14 for over six years. More importantly my wife Marge and I have always cherished our affiliation with the Danes and enjoy the members, the ritual, the socials and the occasional opportunity to enjoy the dancing. My Swiss German heritage is complemented with the similarity of how the Danes and other European organizations carry on their tradition. I am available to serve Dania and look forward to being one of your respected Grand Officers. Your support will be appreciated.

John Scheuber

doggies are very excited about this). The pool may just be an option with the beautiful weather we've had.

With our group discount, the rate will be \$40 per night, with an additional charge of \$2 per night for pets. Please let me know as soon as possible if you're planning to attend, so I can be sure we have enough campers to qualify for the group reservation (510-278-9430). We'll also have the use of the pavilion for our Friday wine and appetizers and Saturday night's potluck feast. We're looking forward to a great gathering on the 17th. Let me know if you have any questions. Happy trails to you, Pat and Greg

Hejmdal No. 4 & Luren No. 13

Meets four times a year, contact the secretary for further information
Secretary Robert Schall, schallb48@gmail.com

Thor No. 5 & Thora No. 11

Meeting: 1st. Thursday every month 6:00 PM. Hope Lutheran's Conference Room, 364 E Barstow Ave, Fresno.

Secretary: Christie Pettitt poppatango@msn.com Gail Hansen dickgailh@aol.com

Thor #5 and Thora #11 members had our first meeting at our new time, 11:30 a.m., on March 5th. On Friday, March 20th, Thor #5 members treated Thora #11 members to lunch in celebration of Thora #11's 100 year anniversary. Grand Presidents Mary Jo and Bob Schall were present to help us celebrate. We had a delicious lunch arranged by Carl Jensen. A

good time was had by all, with reminiscing about members' experiences in the Lodge. We are now in the beginning stages of making plans for Convention 2016. More information coming in the future.

Christie Pettitt.

Freja No. 6 & Dana No. 15

Meeting: 1st. Sunday every month at Noon.; Installation 1st Sunday in August, Salinas Masonic Center, 48 East San Joaquin Street, Salinas CA 93901-2904. Freja/ Dana Secretary: Judi Heer, jcheer0857@sbcglobal.net

On Sunday March 1st, Dana 15 and Freja 6 had our pre-convention meeting at the Masonic Hall. The members who attended enjoyed a wonderful Irish dinner of Corn Beef and cabbage, a Carrot dish prepared by our President Jana. Following our Lunch we held a meeting where we elected our delegates for convention. We also started what is hoped to be an ongoing conversation as to what role our Branches will pay in our Salinas Valley in the future. A Future we are looking forward to.

We are not holding a meeting in April so that our membership can enjoy a peaceful Easter Sunday with their family. Our next meeting on May 3rd will be our welcome home delegate meeting with another lunch will be served. We have changed our meeting time to noon so that our members can arrive home while it's still a little Day light left. N&T

Dannevang No. 7 & Danebod No. 16

Meets 2nd Saturday at 6:00PM; 4th Saturday Potluck, IOOF Hall, 2160 First Street, Livermore, CA 94551.

Dannevang #7 Secretary: Robert Lamee, Robertlamee@yahoo.com Danebod Secretary Kathy Thomsen, danskfarm@yahoo.com

12 of us enjoyed a feast of corned beef and cabbage with all the trimmings prior to our March meeting. We had the privilege to initiate two new members, Lise DiMartino and Dan Holm. We're happy to have them join us. No members were reported sick, which is always a good thing. There will be no meeting in April

due to the convention in Ferndale. For our May meeting we will be treated to catered Mexican food celebrating Cinco de Mayo and the return of the delegates. Kindle Frederich was the happy winner of our attendance prize. Enjoy the convention and the spring weather. KRT

No. 9 Thyra & Valborg No. 1

Meeting: 2nd. Thursday every month 7:30 PM; Hill and Valley Club, 1808 B Street, Hayward CA 94541. President of Valborg Susan Gauthier, s.gauthier@sbcglobal.net #9 Thyra Secretary: Greg Gleeson, gleeson2@icloud.com Valborg #1 Secretary Beth Cowan beth.cowan@att.net

On March 21st, Grand Presidents Mary Jo and Robert Schall presided over the joint installation of officers for Thyra and Valborg. Thank you to all the Grand Officers for attending. Thank you so much to everyone who filled in for those of us who were unable to attend. Kudos goes to Pat Brouillette, Greg Gleeson, Signe Ann McNeil, and Laura Filiau for their help with this event. I'm certain a good time was had by all!

Thyra and Valborg will not be meeting in April since most of us will be in Ferndale for convention. Please join us when the Hayward Lodges meet again on Thursday, May 14th when we celebrate several of our members who will be receiving their 50 year pins. We look forward to seeing you then! Susan Gauthier, President

Sønderjylland No. 10

Meeting 2nd Saturday every month 11:30 AM Kastania Fælled, Petaluma Secretary, John Cruger-Hansen j.crugerhansen@comcast.net

Sønderjylland #10 held their first 2015 meeting at Kastania Fælled in Petaluma on Saturday, March 14. We had pleasant spring weather, the Kastanje, (Horse Chestnut), leaves were beginning to show their green color and it was warm enough to have our meeting outdoors. We welcomed an attendance of 21 Members and Guests! The lunch consisted of various traditional Danish Smørrebrød, (open faced sandwiches) prepared by the Cruger-Hansen family and Finn Kjaer provided the traditional Aquavit for the herring sandwich, (with the Danish saying "fish have to swim"). We also enjoyed many hors d'oeuvres and desserts and had a birthday cake for Vibeke Petersen-Jensen whose birthday was the day before our meeting. Thank you to those who provided these wonderful dishes and cakes.

Delegates for the Annual Dania Grand Lodge Convention at the River Lodge in Fortuna CA April 9 – 11, 2015 have been registered with the Grand Lodge. However Karen Lysmer is unable to attend because of an injury and the alternate, Sabrina Wilcox will attend instead.

Because the Grand Lodge Convention is falling on the same Saturday that Sønderjylland #10 usually meets, Sønderjylland's April meeting has been postponed to Saturday April 18 at Kastania Fælled in Petaluma.

Member Lori Hamm will provide BBQ BabyBack Ribs for the April meeting lunch and is requesting everyone planning to attend the April 18 lunch contact the Secretary by mail, email or phone so Lori can prepare accordingly.

The March drawing had no winner and the drawing at the April meeting will be for \$20.00.

The meeting was adjourned at 1PM. Respectfully, John Cruger-Hansen, Secretary

Valhalla No. 11 & Ydun No. 10

Meeting: 1st. Saturday every month at noon, Danish Hall; Ferndale, CA 95536.

Secretary Christian Nielsen ChristianNielsen@suddenlink.net

April 4 Valhalla and Ydun will hold a meeting at 11:00 at the Danish Hall followed by a potluck lunch around noon. Ham will be provided, members are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to go along with the ham.

April 9 through 11 will be the Dania Dannebrog convention in Fortuna at the River Lodge. Registration forms can be downloaded from the web page or from the convention committee at dtkhkc@gmail.com. We will have a private tour of Fire and Light, (FireandLight.com) a company in Arcata that makes glass ware from recycled glass. They will be opening their seconds show room to purchase their glass ware. Car pools will gather outside the office at the Best Western Country Inn and leave at 11:00. Contact our Grand Presidents Robert and MaryJo Schall if you want to attend. Other self guided tours include Chapmans Gem and Minerals, (ChapmansGemandMineralShop.com) located just before the Kenmar Exit in Fortuna (just past Rio Dell) and Holly Yashy (HollyYashi.com) a jewelry making business in Arcata as well as shopping main street in Ferndale. There is also Golf in Fortuna and Bocce in Ferndale. There should be something for everyone.

Thursday April 9 convention registration will be at the Danish Hall in Ferndale starting at 3:00. The Senior Assistance Fund meeting will be at the Victorian Inn next door to the Danish Hall at 5:00. A welcome reception will be held at the Danish Hall at 6:00 following the Senior Assistance Fund meeting. Friday and Saturday events will be held at the Fortuna River Lodge, just across from the hotels.

The theme of the convention is Danish Immigration and Friday nights dress is of the 1900 immigrants. We will have a photo booth for funny group photos. Picture strips will be printed out to share, all photos will be loaded to a password protected web page where you will be able to view all photos and purchase larger prints. This is something new for convention and we hope it will be enjoyed by all.

Merv George will once again be the Friday night band. He wanted to retire this year, but enjoyed last year so much that he agreed to play for us. Saturday will be The Road Masters a country band that will be fun to dance to. CC Market will be catering the food, so we will be well fed.

I hope to see you at the convention, Christian Nielsen

Valdemar No 12. & Dannevirke No. 9

Meeting: 1st. Friday every month at 7 PM, Odd Fellows Hall; 1300 Stardust Street Reno, NV 89503.

Secretary: Sena Maria Freeman P.O. Box 4575, Sparks NV 89432; Anette Christensen, achristensen@medicine.nevada.edu

Friday March 6 the Reno lodge, Valdemar #12 and Dannevirke #9 was hosted to a nice dinner by our Finnish friends. About 40 people attended the St. Urho's fest that Pia Langley was spearheading. The official St. Urho day is March 16, the day before St. Patrick's Day and it is a Finnish tradition that actually started here in the US. Pia Langley, Suzanne Powers and their friends had prepared some wonderful appetizers and dinner for us. After that we had coffee and dessert. Pia's fiancé, Terence was the handsome bartender. They had a raffle with beautiful items from Pia's "My Scandinavia store" and there were items for sale, too. There was music and Nicolas Powers were the MC and conducted a quiz about Finn-Facts. Each table had a name of a famous Finnish person and as a team we were to guess questions about Finland. The table that won, was mostly Finnish people, which

made sense - and the table I was at, was so bad that we came in last place. It was all fun and games and very educational. The winning table received Finish chocolate as a prize. Thank you Pia and crew for such an entertaining evening.

Our next meeting will be our Easter Pot-luck on Good Friday April 3, 2015. We start at 7 PM with a Youth Performance put together by Ingrid Hedman. Only a few have signed up, but we look forward to hear their talent. If anyone is interested, please contact Ingrid Hedman at 775-972-4251. After the performance we will enjoy our Easter Pot-luck and visit with our friends. This will be a busy evening because we will also have election of officers so we can be ready for our installation on May 1. Many of us will be going to the convention here in April and we are all looking forward to see you soon! Happy Easter, Anette

Bornholm No. 14

Meeting: 3rd. Friday every month 7:00 PM Eagles Hall 126 Camellia Way Modesto, CA 95351.

Secretary: Ann Stowers, annstowers@sbcglobal.net

March 20 - St. Patrick's Day dinner. Marge Scheuber and Ann Stowers had prepared a delicious corned beef and cabbage dinner. We started a little after 6 PM. 23 members 3 guests and 2 new members attended.

After dinner around 7:30 PM., President John Scheuber started the meeting. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Alvin Olsen won the attendance prize \$50, which he donated to the Children's Christmas Fund. Thank you Alvin. Peder Hoy reported from the Fish dinner. We had a total attendance of 104 people, and the food was absolutely in top. Well cooked and warm for everybody. We had a new cook in the kitchen this time, Brian Mefford was standing in for Dave Meeks, and according to Peder Hoy he did a great job. The Hors d'oeuvre table was outstanding thanks to all the Ladies who contributed.

With every party comes also a lot of cleaning. Thanks to Johanne's son and his girlfriend that did the dishes. They even donated their pay to the Children's Christmas Fund. Great gesture thanks.

Jerry Zoller gave the 2014 Donation report. He mentioned the total donations Dania Bornholm has given over the years. It is impressive numbers, and we are all proud to be able to support our local community.

The two new members filled in their applications and a vote was taken to include them into our membership.

Our next meeting will be April 17, after the Convention, and for the "Welcome Home Delegates" party the hosts are Johanne Gade, Bente Ellis and Beth Mortensen.

Happy Convention, and see you all April 17, John

Danneskjold No. 17 & Laura No. 8

Meeting: 2nd Saturday at 1 PM in various homes.

President: Doris Skow dws1929@gmail.com

Laura # 8 and Danneskjold # 17 moved their April meeting to April 18, due to the convention dates.

We will meet at noon at the home of Jonna Robinson, 6308

Blauer Lane, San Jose. (in the villages).

Her phone is [408-532-0895](tel:408-532-0895). Please call to let her know if you are coming.

This will be our Welcome Home Delegates Luncheon.

Several of our members attended the memorial for our former member Merete Wetlesen at her daughter's home.

Merete will be missed, she was always smiling and happy and a good cook.

See you at convention. I have been gathering in some history memorabilia so if you have anything from your Branch please bring it along as this is our 100th year, and you can take it back home again.

DWS

Hejls Minde No. 23

Meeting: 1st. Wednesday 12 noon at Bit O' Denmark, 473 Alisal Rd. Solvang, CA 93463.

Secretary: Marie Jaeger

Hejls Minde #23 held meeting and Lunch at the Restaurant "Bit O' Denmark", Solvang with 21 members present.

The Menu: Green salad, Flaeskesteg (Roast Pork) with apples and prunes the Danish way, potatoes carrots, gravy.

For dessert: Danish pancakes with ice-cream and coffee. A delicious Lunch.

Of course we had snaps and beer to wash it down with. Snaps were donated by: Dixie Allen, Alice Quimby, Bill Stoore, Jens Agergaard. Thank You, Thank You!!!

The door prize \$20.00 was won by Marie Jaeger. Congratulations! Between Lunch and the business meeting we sang a medley of Danish and American songs, led by Erling Grumstrup.

We were happy to see our friends from Santa Maria. They are such a delightful group.

The business meeting started at 1:10 pm with welcome remarks by President Hans Kardel. We opened the meeting by singing: "God Bless America."

The secretary Marie Jaeger read the names of the officers present. Kate Nielsen, Recording Secretary, read the Minutes from the previous Meeting. Approved as read. Agnes Larsen read the Treasurer, report. To be filed for audit.

Bent Olsen will not be able to serve as convention Delegate this year. Jean Kardel will take his place.

We were glad to see our long time absent members back in the fold again. Alice Quimby fell in her garage and shattered her kneecap, Kate Nielsen had a total (left) knee replacement. (With some complications) We are happy to see you both back again!

You have been missed! Ove and Erna Andersens son passed away at age 66. A moment of Silence was held in his Memory.

Our former member Cora Vandecar is now a Resident at the Recovery Unit at the Solvang Lutheran Home.

Bent Olsen went to the Ribbon Cutting at the newly established "The Copenhagen House" in the former Rabobank building, 1660

Copenhagen Dr. Solvang. The new owner and developer is Rene Gross Kaerskov. He is also the new owner of the Danish

Newspaper "BIEN" Exposed wood framing provided the backdrop for the unveiling of "The Copenhagen House"

centerpiece: a 10 -foot tall, 800 pound carved statue of Holger Danske, a sleeping mythical Viking figure who, according to

legend, wakes up turning into flesh and blood if Danish culture is threatened. Bent Olsen made a cake in the likeness of Holger

Danske, for the Reception at the Copenhagen House. The Danish Ambassador to the United States, Peter Taksoe-Jensen, cut the

ribbon at the Copenhagen House. The building is under construction until at least the end of March the owner said.

When finished, the contemporary Danish design house will include jewelry from Pandora, Arena Copenhagen, Bering watches,

and furniture from House of Copenhagen and Moda, Danish home design.

The Next regular meeting and Lunch will be Wednesday, April 1st, 2015, at the Restaurant Bit o'Denmark.at 12 Noon. (Watch out for April Fools Day).

Hope to see YOU there! Kate Nielsen

Holger Danske No. 27 & Valkyrien No. 23

Meets four times a year; contact the secretary for further information.

Holger Danske's Secretary: Wayne A. Allen. **Valkyrien's Secretary** Darlene Iversen

Santa Maria Lodge Holger Danske #27 and Valkyrien #23

wish to invite all members of the Danish lodges and their guests to our 4th of July B-B-Q in Santa Maria. The B-B-Q

is held in Waller park space # 5. Call Wayne Allen at 805-937 4720 or Darlene Iversen at 1 805-937-5014

beans, bread, meat, will be furnished, bring a dish to share if you want.