



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

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Grand Lodge Dania Grand President Grand Lodge

On June 2, Dania and Dannebrog in Fresno had their annual BBQ-Picnic at my house, it got very hot so we stayed indoors most of the evening. The guests brought salad, dessert or drinks and lawn chairs.

One guest, Rebecca Holt, brought a very impressive Viking boat carved out of a watermelon and filled with very good tasting fruits. The side of the boat was decorated with sliced citrus fruits and they looked like real shields. Other people brought many good food items, so together with tri tip we had a good meal and a good time.

Saturday morning, June 11, I started out to drive to Kastania Fælled south of Petaluma to visit Sønderjylland #10. It was a 3 1/2 hour drive with heavy traffic in the bay area. Over the years I have read about the meetings at Kastania Fælled, but I had missed the gate which opened up to the place, so it was my first visit to the place. It has a very Danish feel to it, with old Danish beer advertising in the restrooms (from before TV ads).

Sønderjylland #10 had many items on their meeting agenda, many things were voted on and decisions were made. It seems like we in the future will have a good functioning lodge in Petaluma, there is a willingness to work together.

On the way home, I had a visit with my Danish friend Niels Nielsen in San Mateo. After, it felt like everybody who had a car got out on the road to enjoy stop and go.

Next trip will be to the 4th of July BBQ at Waller Park in Santa Maria and to visit with Holger Danske and Valkyrien members.

On a personal note, I got my big sailboat up in the water at Huntington Lake so I have a place to go when it gets too hot in the valley. The previous two years there was too little water in the lake to get the boat in, so it is a big deal to be on the lake again.

Steen Skjellerup, Grand President Dania

Dannebrog Grand President

Summer has definitely arrived when you have triple digit temperature in the Valley.

Fortunately, the afternoon was very nice when we had our Fresno lodge picnic at Steen's home the first Thursday in June. Steen always grills the tri-tip and the members supply the rest of the meal with salads and desserts. We had a good turnout attending. Our granddaughter Emily Nielsen was visiting us from San Diego, so she came along. She attends the University of Wyoming and was home for the summer. I'm a member of Bornholm #14 and attended their June meeting. I've always been impressed with all that Bornholm does for the community, like their Christmas fund for the

Member of the year

I would like to thank the members of Dania for honoring me with the Dania Member of the Year Award. It was a total surprise to me. It has been my pleasure to work with and be a part of this great organization. I have enjoyed the friendships I have made throughout the years. Again, thank you for this great honor.

Rowland (Mac) McNeil

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children, with the majority of the money coming from their monthly raffle.

It was a well run, fast paced meeting with President John Scheuber in charge. We had a delicious potluck spread. Akavit was served by Bodil Whitehouse honoring her husband George who recently passed.

I was hoping to attend several of the lodges this summer, but found that many will not be having meetings in the summer months of July and August. I plan to be at the Santa Maria July 4th BBQ. Maybe I'll see some of you there. Hope all of you have an enjoyable summer and keep cool. Martha Nielsen, Dannebrog Grand President

Grand Lodge Secretary

Now is that time of year for all Dania Branches to pay the second Half of their precipitate Tax based on \$10.00 per memeber as of July 1st.

All donations to the Dania/Dannebrog Senior Assistance Fund can be mailed to me at 487 Paradise Park, Santa Cruz, CA 95060-7005

Thanks, Tim Heer, Grand Secretary.

IN MEMORIAM:

Tom Envernizzi; Thor #5, Fresno
Howard Lamee; Dannevang #7, Livermore
Jeanette Eskelsen Thora #11, Fresno
George Whitehouse Bornholm #14, Modesto
Aase Laugesen: Bornholm #14, Modesto

DIANA MEMORIALS SCHOLARSHIP

Doris and Peder Hoy in memory of Aase Laugesen
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Bornholm #14 in memory of George Whitehouse

DANNEBROG SCHOLARSHIP:

DANIA/DANNEBROG SENIOR ASSISTANCE FUND

Ole M. Pedersen, Hejls Minde #23, Jeannette Richards
Thyra #9 in memory of Lynn Troxell III
Mel & Zena Lundberg in memory of Baxter Swaffer
Marge & John Scheuber in memory of George Whitehouse

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 ragearhart@comcast.net 209-329-3687 Thyra #3 Secretary Johanne Gade

Our June meeting was just great We enjoyed sandwiches from the Copenhagen Bakery together with many appetizers. No one went home hungry or thirsty----there was plenty of good beers, wine, lots of Akvavit. We welcomed Ole Pedersen from Salinas but on a very sad note we said goodbye to Uffe Hellsten---he moved with his family back to DK. He will be living up near Aalborg. We wish him and the entire family well---and we will miss them. Now we have a member living in Denmark. Ole spoke of his delight in seeing the many traditions of Dania being carefully observed but done in a way as to make the meetings most enjoyable. He asked if he would be welcomed back----of course, all visitors are welcome.

Our next meeting will be *Onsdag, Juli 13*. We gather at 6:30 for a social hour, then a brief meeting at 7:30---our record time for a July meeting is just under 5 minutes. As is our tradition, we will be serving hot dogs and garlic sausages with all the trimmings. This is how we celebrate the Forth of July. We know that we will have a good time but we will miss the ladies from Thyra #3. We will just have to fend for ourselves but we think we can boil hot dogs ok. Guests are always welcome. Contact the secretary for more information. A number of our members ride BART as our meetings are in the Odd Fellows Hall at 7th and Market, next to the Civic Center Station.

Med venlig hilsen, Roger Gearhart, Secretary, ragearhart@comcast.net, 209-329-3687

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 11:30 AM. Hope Lutheran's Conference Room, 364 E Barstow Ave, Fresno.

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

We had our picnic in June on one of the hottest days to date. Everyone enjoyed our picnic in the cool indoors. On June 21st we lost another member, Tom Envernizzi. He was a long time member and will be missed.

Freja No. 6 & Dana No. 15

Meeting: 1st. Sunday every month at Noon; Salinas Masonic Center, 48 East San Joaquin Street, Salinas CA 93901-2904

Secretary, Natalie Heer, timandnatalie@sbcglobal.net

Upcoming Conventions		
Danmark #2 and Thyra #3	April 6-8 2017	Grosvenor S. San Francisco
Dannevirke #9 and Valdemar #12	April 19-21, 2018	Nugget, Sparkes NV
Thyra #9 and Valborg No. 1	April 11-13 2019	Grosvenor S. San Francisco
Upcoming Installations		
Bornholm #14	July 30, 2016	Modesto
Freja #6 and Dana #15	July 31, 2016	Salinas

Please join us on Sunday, July 31st as we celebrate another year of friends and family in Dania & Dannebrog fellowship! We will start to gather at 11:30 at the Masonic Hall with light refreshments and our installation will follow at noon. After the ceremony we'll sit down to a lunch catered by our favorite local restaurant, Portobello's. Make sure you bring your dancing shoes because after lunch we'll be led in some lively Danish dancing by the dancing team of David and Jo Heald. Last year members enjoyed both the dancing and being entertained while relaxing on the cushy sidelines! This year we're going to step it up even more by requesting you all come in your favorite Danish attire. Anything from your basic Red and White, to full on knit caps and embroidered aprons! Nobody does it better than us, right?? Right! We have lots of dancing space! Let's fill it up! Please RSVP Tim'nNat timandnatalie@sbcglobal.net or 831-426-4623 by July 25, lunch will be \$25.00 including beverages.

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

The good news is our chair (Diane Reinstein) of the fundraising committee for the Senior Assistance Fund has been diligently working on making the first fundraiser a good one. By now you may have heard it is an all-inclusive 8 day 7 night stay in Mexico. The name of the resort is Royal Club Solaris Los Cabos and you can go to the website at www.club-solaris.com and see for yourself the gorgeous place. You get to pick the time and season you would like to

Ok, back to business . . . at our meeting on June 5 we celebrated "Grundlovsdag", Danish Constitution Day, with a picnic style "do it yourself" open faced sandwich feast! Members brought their favorite toppings and we sat around the overflowing table and built, and ate, and built, and ate, and built . . . well, you get the idea. It was a complete success and we'll definitely do it again. And speaking of doing it (no, not that!) we've decided to cut back on the number of times we meet during the year. Fewer meetings but more planning and effort to make each time more of a special event. The days of large gatherings with a rotation of committees to plan themed monthly meetings are just a sweet memory now. Maybe this could also free up time and energy to go visit other lodges, and you to us? For sure something to think about . . . and on that note, July 31st, come on down, we'll do our best to make you happy you did! jhg=

No. 9 Thyra & Valborg No. 1

Meeting: 2nd. Thursday every month 7:30 PM; 20920 Redwood Road, Castro Valley CA 94546.

President, Stuart O. Mahler, smahler52@att.net ; #9 Thyra/Valborg #1 Secretary, Beth Cowan, beth.cowan@att.net

Congratulations to Duane McNeil on his selection as the "North Coast Section CIF Honor Coach Award" for 2016. It is an acknowledgement of professional conduct, service to interscholastic athletics, outstanding coaching accomplishments and contributions to school and community.

This is Duane's 17th year coaching baseball at College Prep High School and their very first appearance in the North Coast Section Division 5 championship game. It was a great game but in the end College Prep came up short. Again congratulations to College Prep High School on a great season and to Duane on his recognition!

The bad news is we lost our dear member Howard Lamee. He lived a good 94 years. He leaves behind a legacy with his 4 sons and their families. Our condolences go out to them. Livermore is taking a 2 month break for the summer and will resume meeting in September. Have a great summer! KRT

Also congratulations to Jordan Gauthier on her recent graduation from Kennedy High School with HONORS with a 3.75 GPA! Jordan also received awards for success in Ceramics, excellence in Culinary Arts, and honorable completion of the Green Ventures Academy Internship. Congratulations to the proud mother and grandmother, Susan and Beth!

Thyra #9 and Valborg#1 will have no meetings during July and August 2016. Our next meeting will be on Thursday September 8, 2016 at 7:30PM at Roundtable Pizza in Castro Valley. The HAWK

Sønderjylland No. 10

Meeting 2nd Saturday every month 11:30 AM Kastania Fælled, Petaluma

Secretary, John Cruger-Hansen j.crugerhansen@comcast.net

We had the pleasure of a visit by Grand President Steen Skjellerup.

President Karen Lysmer opened the meeting with Pledge to the Alliance, and Debbie Cruger-Hansen substituted for Secretary John, who had a medical emergency that morning. The previous minutes were read, and with some corrections were approved.

Treasurer Vibeke Jensen gave her report and there were some discussions around our current status.

Karen then went through a number of items from the Old Business agenda.

The voting on the reduced number of meetings per year, four reg. meetings and two socials. Voted on accepting the existing board with two vacant positions being filled, the Vice President's and the Auditor's. The newly elected board is as follows. President, Karen Lysmer, Vice President, Margaret Mayes, Secretary, John Crueger Hansen, Treasurer, Vibeke Jensen, Trustee, Lori Ham, Trustee,

Birthe Scherl, Auditor, Inger Marie Andersen, Marshal, Sabrina Wilcox.

Also voting on opting out of an Installation this year and approved a \$1,000 donation to The Senior Assistance Fund. Caroline Crueger Hansen was the BBQ-Chef for hamburgers and buns and condiments, donated by the Crueger Hansen, Karen Lysmer provided the side-dishes and the cheesecake and strawberries, thanks for the unknown donor of the cookies. The appetizers were provided by Sabrina Wilcox and Lavon Christensen. There were some suggestions up for future discussion, for example reducing the charge for lunch, and possibly BYOB.

Valhalla No. 11 & Ydun No. 10

Meeting: 1st. Saturday every month at 11:00 A.M., Danish Hall, Ferndale, CA 95536

Secretary, Christian Nielsen, ChristianNielsen@suddenlink.net

We had a small turnout in June and have been working on upgrading the Bocce courts, so they are currently unplayable. They will be in good shape later this month with the new granite surface. This is also the time of mid-summer to enjoy all the nice weather we have been having.

July 9th we will meet at 11:00 for a business meeting followed with a BBQ. Chef **Mel Lundberg** will be cooking up hamburgers and hotdogs. We are meeting on the second Saturday due to the fourth of July weekend. Ferndale will be holding a fourth of July parade on Monday. Danish

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

Wow, what a wonderful potluck the Reno Lodges had on June 3. There was lots of food and everyone enjoyed it from Ribs to Chicken, salads and desserts. There were two wonderful cakes made by Anette and Ingrid, cookies and coffee. I'm sure everyone left full to the brim.

Anette opened the meeting at 8:50 pm. Carl Christiansen told us the history of the new Charter and it was very interesting. It was the first time Anette saw Valdemar #12's new Charter. Under new business we voted in Eva Demosthenes as our new Vice President to replace our dear friend Baxter Swaffer. Congratulations, Eva.

On June 17th we celebrated our St. Hans Fest at the River School Farm in Reno. We started at 7 pm with a picnic where people brought their own meat, drinks and a side dish to share. As the sun was setting we lit the bon fire and sent a couple of paper Witches off to Bloksbjerg. We sang the Midsummer song, "Vi elsker vort land..." and roasted Smoores. We had about 30 people in attendance and I'm so excited to report that we had four young couples joining us!

Bornholm No. 14

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

Secretary, Ann Stowers, ann.max@att.net

Bornholm's June 17 meeting, - almost "Sankt Hans Aften" in Denmark where all the witches fly to Bloksbjerg in Germany on their brooms, - did not reveal any witches neither brooms, but a delicious potluck prepared by the

The meeting was unusually long due to the many important issues we had to get through. We appreciated Grand President Steen Skjellerup's support and wisdom, Thank you, Mr. Grand President!

Our volunteer team for the August menu are: Sabrina Wilcox, Margaret Mayes, and Lavon Christensen. Please call Sabrina at 707-595-1832. Do call whether you are attending or not!

The meeting closed at 1:40pm and we could sit down and enjoy a great BBQ and socialize some more.

Next Meeting is August 13, 2016. Respectfully, Karen F. Lysmer Pres. and John Crueger Hansen, Secr.

Sisterhood will be entering a float with the Danish Mermaid as the theme.

August 6th we will meet at 11:00 for a business meeting followed by a potluck lunch. Members are asked to bring an item to share. We will be celebrating every ones birthday. September 10th we will be participating in the Ferndale Bergen Lovers weekend. This is the time when the whole town has a big yard sale. We will be renting out tables at the Danish Hall for people who want to sell stuff and Balder Lodge will be holding a Swedish Pancake sale as a fund raiser. Lots of fun for all. Christian Nielsen, Secretary

I hope they enjoyed themselves and that they will be back. It was great to see Margaret and Eric Hansen, but missed Sena Marie and Glenn Fritz. I think it's safe to say that everyone had a great time. We always have a fun evening and it's such a beautiful place.

At our next meeting, July 1st we will Barb-B- Que and celebrate the coming 4th. Everyone is to bring meat to Barb-B-Que. Please bring something to share such as desserts, chips and dips, etc.

No one on our sick list- Solveig Asvitt was in attendance here at the June meeting after her knee surgery. She is doing well. Marlene is in our thoughts and we are wishing her well. We are thinking about Eric and Margaret Hansen and hoping all is well with them. We also hope Johanne Gade will be doing better real soon.

Welcome home Anette and Paul, glad you had a good trip to Denmark. We missed you.

Have a great July 4th and enjoy the summer.

TAKE CARE Sena Marie

ladies. There were 18 members present and among them two we hardly see Dannebrog's Grand President Martha Nielsen and David Raube. It was nice to see them at a general meeting.

Bodil Whitehouse came despite the very recent passing of her husband George Whitehouse. She brought a bottle real Danish Akvavit given to George Whitehouse by Danish visitors earlier in the year. At that time, he had stopped drinking and told Bodil to bring it to a Dania meeting. We cheered twice for George, and later there was time to tell stories about Him. Several people stood up and talked about how they either met him or had enjoyed his company. 7:10 PM President John Scheuber called the meeting together. John started to remind everybody about our Installation Saturday July 30. Since we have no meeting in July, this is the last reminder people will get. It will take place the usual place:

Familia Bistro Ristorante, 2501 McHenry Ave. Modesto, CA 95350.

We start with no host cocktails at 11:30 AM Installation is at 12:00 Noon.

Lunch approximately at 1 PM

Guests \$30. No host bar.

Danneskjold No. 17 & Laura No. 8

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

President, Doris Skow, dws1929@gmail.com, Secretary, Lis Lacey

Doris is in Denmark having a wonderful time, can't wait to hear about her adventures. Our next meeting will be July 9th

Reservations to John Scheuber 209 541 4092 email

john.scheuber@vsi.cc

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Gunver Olsen won the attendance prize \$50 which she donated to the Children's Christmas fund. Thank you Gunver.

Sick report: No news about Jim Jorgensen and Bob Sorensen. Beth Mortensen is still taken chemo-medication and is scheduled to see a doctor for further evaluation. Marge Scheuber had an unexpected visit to the emergency room, but thankfully she is OK and she was at the meeting. The move to a different meeting location will be further evaluated in terms of cost and security. The storage room will be discontinued as soon we find a home for the fish-dinner equipment, and the old records.

Our next event will be the Installation Saturday July 30, Please mark your calendars, and make your reservations. John

at Lis and Bob Lacey's home at noon. We will be making lunch. Hope to see you there!! Lis

Hejls Minde No. 23

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

Secretary, Marie Jaeger

There will be NO meeting in July and August. Kate

Holger Danske No. 27 & Valkyrien No. 23

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

Holger Danske Secretary, Wayne A. Allen; Valkyrien Secretary, Darlene Iversen

Santa Maria Lodges, 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, and meat, will be furnished, please bring a dish to share if you wish. See you all there to Celebrate!!