



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

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November 2014

Grand Lodge Dania & Dannebrog Grand Presidents

Dear Members of Dania and Dannebrog,

The leaves are falling and the pumpkins are picked. Fall has arrived! With it comes a very busy season – Thanksgiving is just around the corner with Christmas not far behind!!

October 4th was the Sacramento 31st Annual Scandinavian Festival. It was a huge success! We sold out of Medisterpølse & red cabbage and Æbleskivers.

We want to extend our sincere appreciation to Grand Marshal, Steen Skjellerup from Thor #5 in Fresno. Steen served as the Festivals' official flag bearer for Denmark. Many people commented how dignified and professional he looked in his Danish attire and top hat. He also performed with the El Dorado Scandinavian Dancers and seemed to have had an enjoyable time.

Steen, thank you so much for taking the time to be a part of the Sacramento Scandinavian Festival and representing the Danish culture!

On October 5th, Bob traveled to Orange Blossom Park, in Oakdale for a Picnic with Bornholm #14. There were games, Bar-B-Que and a good opportunity to meet and visit with Bornholm members. Thank you for the great food and friendly conversations.

Bob and I had the opportunity to meet Lisa Gutierrez from the Council for Educational Travel, USA. She is currently looking for families to host high school age students for the academic year. If you have ever considered hosting an exchange student from Denmark, Finland, Norway or Sweden, please contact Lisa at 916-202-3685 or Lgutierrez@cetusa.com, or check out their website at www.cetusa.org. For every Scandinavian student hosted, Exploruis will grant a year scholarship for a student in Gambia or Tanzania to attend school in their country through their AiDucatus program.

November 11th is Veteran's Day and we would personally like to thank all of the veterans and remind everyone to thank all veterans for their service, as we owe them our heartfelt thanks.

Grand Lodge Secretary

IN MEMORIAM:

Marilyn Johnsen, Thora #11, Fresno
Aida Larsen, Thyra #3, San Francisco

NEW MEMBERS:

Lars Christensen, Danmark #2, San Francisco
Darwin Dichmann, Danmark #2, San Francisco
J. "Tom" Schroeder, Danmark #2, San Francisco
Jens Christiansen, Valdemar No 12, Reno
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Denise Briggs, Dannevirke No. 9, Reno

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We would also like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, as you spend time with the people you love, remember to count your blessings!

Falde Hilsner (Fall Greetings)

Bob & Mary Jo Schall

Dania and Dannebrog Grand Presidents

MEMORIALS SCHOLARSHIP

DIANA SCHOLARSHIP

CONTRIBUTIONS

TO DANIA GENERAL FUND:

Sønderjylland #10

TO DANNEBROG GENERAL FUND:

TO DANNEBROG SCHOLARSHIP:

Thyra #3 in memory of Aida Larsen

Thyra #3 Past Presidents in memory of Aida Larsen

Irene Simms in memory of Aida Larsen

Branch Secretaries

As a reminder to all, the current Senior Assistance Fund Applications are due to the Dania Grand Secretary's Office. This is an opportunity for those whom you would like to help out in your Branch, to apply for aid. It is also an

opportunity to pay a visit to those who have been receiving aid and to check on their welfare.

Tim Heer Grand Secretary

Convention 2015 News

Reserve your rooms now for the 2015 Dania – Dannebrog Convention to be held at the River Lodge in Fortuna, CA. Best Western Country Inn across from the River Lodge has offered us a room rate for two for a Standard Room (1 king or 2 queens) for \$80.99 + 12% tax per night for the dates of 9 (arrival)-12 (departure) April 2015 – 3 nights. You must make reservations by 9 March 2015 to receive this reduced rate and mention the Danish Convention. Do NOT use online booking. Please phone: (707) 725-6822
Valhalla #11 and Ydun #10 are asking for your help in preparing for the Convention. We would like information on the histories of your lodges, including any historical photographs of the buildings, charters, and early members.

We are also looking for information on Danish immigrants arriving in your area, which is probably closely connected to the development of the lodge. You can email information and questions to wachter.lynn@gmail.com. Valhalla #11 and Ydun #10 would like to invite individuals or families to share information regarding your Danish immigrants. We will have an area for displays at the Convention. These are some of the questions to ask: when did your immigrants arrive, how, why did they leave the "old country", from what area in Denmark, what did they do upon arriving, etc., or are you the immigrant? Do you have photos? Any questions: contact Lynn at wachter.lynn@gmail.com or phone (707) 839-2025

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](mailto:ragearhart@comcast.net)
Thyra #3 Secretary Johanne Gade

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

Freja No. 6 & Dana No. 15

Meeting: 1st. Sunday every month at 4:00 p.m.; 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 your mark, get set, here we GO! The holidays are here, yikes!

So, for starters, "Trick or Treat!" Then, on Sunday the 2nd of November, Dana and Freja will kick off the season with our Harvest/Thanksgiving Pot Luck meal. Judi's bringing the Ham and everyone else a side dish.

We'll be gathering at the Masonic Hall at 4:00 for our meal and then having our "round table" meeting after.

Mark your calendars for **December 13th, Saturday** (that's right, not 1st Sunday, but the 2nd Saturday) for our Christmas Dinner. Tim and Natalie will be preparing their now famous Roast Pork "Flæskesteg and members will be filling in the rest of our plates. We'll be gathering at Noon in the Masonic Hall. Happy Holidays everyone!

JHG

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

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

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

We met jointly in September and October. A big thank you to the "Refreshment Teams" of Pat Brouillette & Signe Ann McNeil (September) and Mary Esther Filiu & Lise Vanderbeck (October). You ladies rock! The lodges will not be meeting in November but hope to see you at the meeting on December 11.

We will celebrate the Holidays with a potluck dinner at the home of Greg Gleeson on Saturday, December 20th. We'll gather around 6 p.m. for beverages and snacks, with dinner around 7 p.m. If you can, please bring your favorite dish to

share – appetizers, salads, hot or cold side dishes, or desserts. The cost is just \$10 per person, to off-set the cost of meat and beverages. If you wish to donate a new/unwrapped toy, George Cumming will be collecting them at the Holiday Party and then delivering the next day to the Salvation Army. Please RSVP to Pat Brouillette, no later than December 13 at 510-278-9430, or pab0718@sbcglobal.net. We hope you will join us! Susan Gauthier and Alan Filiu, Presidents

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 October meeting at Kastania Fælled in Petaluma on Saturday, October 11, 2014. We had beautiful warm weather and welcomed an attendance of 19 Members and Guests!

The lunch consisted of Ham and Sweet Potatoes and we enjoyed many hors d'oeuvres and desserts. Thank you to those who provided these wonderful dishes.

The meeting was opened at 12:30 by Vice President Jim Hollingshead.

The minutes from the September meeting were presented and accepted.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as read.

Sick report: Jorgen Hansen had a stroke but is OK, although he can't drive anymore.

Correspondence: None reported.

Unfinished business: Christmas Party. It was decided the Annual Christmas Lunch will be on December 14th from 11am-2pm at the Flamingo Conference Resort and Spa, 2777 - 4th Street, Santa Rosa, CA 95405. The menu was set as a repeat of last year's Brunch Buffet menu. President Eric

Field donated \$100.00 toward the Christmas Party and is encouraging further donations from members.

The Valentine's Day lunch was discussed and it was decided to table the decision of where to hold it until the November meeting.

New business: Member participation at the monthly meetings. Sabrina Wilcox volunteered to co-ordinate future meetings and will call members with a reminder.

Vice President Jim Hollingshead won the Member Pot for \$10.00.

The meeting adjourned at 1PM.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday November 8, 11:30 at Kastania Fælled in Petaluma. Finn Kjaer and John Cruger-Hansen will have a cook-off of who makes the tastiest BBQ Tri-Tip and Jeannie Kjaer will bring her famous Green Salad. Please email me if you can volunteer to bring Appetizers or Desserts.

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

November 1 Valhalla and Ydun lodge will hold a business meeting at 11:00 followed by a catered turkey lunch with all the trimmings. Reservations are requested to address above.

We will hold a Dania Dannebrog Convention meeting following lunch at the Danish Hall. Details are coming together and applications will be out soon. Remember to have your delegates into the Grand Secretary's by the December deadline. We would also like to be copied on your delegate list, so that we can get a jump start on the program. Send a carbon copy of your delegate list to our committee at dtchkhc@gmail.com or the address above. The theme for April's convention is "Danish Immigration".

We will be giving a nod to Dannebrog 100th convention year. Please bring your photos and stories of your own family history of immigrating to America. We will have a display area for photos and a lot more to discover when the convention starts. This year's convention is going to be more like an adventure, so if you haven't been to a convention lately, make this the year to attend. Motel reservations can be made to Best Western Country Inn at (707) 725-6822 or 1-800-528-1234. Motel offers a continental breakfast and has an indoor pool. Located just across the street from the River Lodge convention center. Christian Nielsen, Secretary

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

On Friday October 3rd, the Reno Lodges celebrated Oktoberfest with a potluck. We had wonderful food and of course one of the items was sauerkraut and sausage with German beer! We had a nice attendance and needed to set up an additional table to accommodate the 30 plus people that came.

At our meeting we discussed our plans for the rest of the year. For our November meeting on the 7th, we will entertain a Thanksgiving potluck. Lars Jensen offered to cook the turkey and everyone else is encouraged to bring side dishes and desserts to fit in with a Thanksgiving dinner. Thank you Lars for cooking the turkey!

Once we had the November meeting in place, the discussion concentrated on our Christmas Party (Yes, Christmas). This is our largest party of the year, next to our installation in May. The Christmas Party will be held December 5, 2014. The program is as follows:

6:00 pm Gløgg and Æbleskivers

6:30 pm St. Lucia performance

7:00 pm Traditional Danish "Smørrebørd"

9:00 pm Christmas raffle with great prizes

After dinner we will sing and dance around the Christmas tree. Our Nisse "Steve Myers" will hand out presents to the children, which are brought by their parents. Please have the present clearly marked with name of the child they are intended to.

Price: \$20.00 per person - non members

\$15.00 per person - members

\$5.00 per child 4 – 12 years old

Free to the St. Lucia performers and children under the age of 3 years.

RSVP is a **MUST!** Please make check out to Dannevirke #9 and mail to Ina Segesman, 1027 Tyler Way, Sparks, NV 89431 by November 28th. (Phone: 775-358-7870) Please include a list of all attendee names, including the "free" children. This is necessary so we can make name tags for everyone. We reserve the right not to accept sign-ups after November 28 and no tickets will be sold at the door.

Questions call Anette Christensen 775-771-5424. We are also asking for helpers to set up, please be at the hall by 2 pm.

We don't have any on our sick list this month. That is good news, huh?

Hope everyone had a wonderful month and Happy Halloween! We would also like to mention - Happy Birthday to our great state of Nevada, who celebrate 150 years and became the 36th state on October 31st!

Last but not least, as a personal note, I would like to wish my adopted mom Ann Dalgaard a Happy 94th birthday!

Love you Ann!

Take Care and have a great month,
Sena Marie

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

It has been a busy month for Bornholm #14. On Sunday October 5, we held our annual BBQ at the Orange Blossom Park. The weather decided to be at its best, and all 16 members and guests enjoyed a marvelous day at the park. Bloody Mary's and pastry were available from 9 AM. By 11 AM Hamburgers and Hot Dogs were presented together with several delicious salads. After lunch, it was time to play games, and have fun in the park. Everybody had a great time, and by the time we all packed up to leave in the middle of the afternoon there were no energy left.

12 days later 22 members came to our "Oktoberfest" at the Eagles Hall. Bodil Whitehouse and Kirsten & John Johansen were the hosts. Bodil Whitehouse brought a guest Joan Solari. It was a meeting night so we started 6 PM with Sauerkraut, Hotdogs and German "Oktoberfest" beer. The spirit was high and we did not get to start the meeting until almost 7:30 PM.

Our President John Scheuber came dressed in his real Swiss "Lederhosen" and "Tyrolean" hat.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read. Brian Mefford won the attendance prize of \$50, which he donated, to the Children's Christmas Fund. Thank you Brian. Roger Higby our member from the Bay Area came to this occasion and he added \$60 to the Fund,

so we reached a total of \$1200. This means we again this year can give presents to 10 needed children for \$120 each. Thank you Roger for the extra money to reach our goal. The next meeting the money will be distributed to the members, who volunteer to buy the presents.

Jerry Zoller made a presentation on behalf of the donation committee, and they had decided to donate to the following local charities:

Hutton House Charity for homeless children

Howard Training Center – Disabled Citizen

Bret Harte Elem. School – 6-grade education

Interfaith Ministries – Homeless

Modesto Housing Auth. Meadow Glenn – young people recovering from drug addiction

Further Bornholm #14 donated to Beyer High School in the memory of Chris Meeks

The Dania-Dannebrog Senior Assistance Fund will again this year receive \$1000.

Our Lodge is very proud of being able to support our local community and Dania this way.

The Theater & Dinner trip to Sonora on Sunday December 7 was finalized with a sign-up sheet being passed around.

The Christmas Party will be Sunday December 14. It will take place at the Restaurant Jacob's Fine Dining. It is the same place we had our Installation, Jacobs Fine Dining is located at 2501 McHenry Ave. Modesto, CA 95350. Ph. (209) 529 2829. We will start with no host bar at 11:30 AM. The Christmas lunch including wine will be served around 1 PM.

Danneskjold No. 17 & Laura No. 8

Meeting: 2nd & 4th Saturday at 1 PM in various homes.

President: Doris Skow dws1929@gmail.com

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS: There will be no meetings in November. We are taking a Fall Holiday. Our next get together will be our Annual Christmas Party and it will be on DEC. 5.

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 its regular meeting at the Restaurant "Bit O' Denmark" with a Luncheon prior to the meeting. We met at 12 Noon for Lunch. The Menu: Green Salad, Pumpnickel bread, Codfish, Potatoes, Cream gravy, Vegetables. (I sure missed the Mustard Gravy)!!! For dessert: Crepe with icecream and fruit. Delicious Lunch! Of course we had snaps and beer to keep the fish swimming. Snaps were donated by: Arla Høj, Agnes Larsen, who brought the real McCoy and Darlene Iversen from Santa Maria. Tusind Tak! The \$20.00 door prize was won by Alice Quimby, our sunshine girl. Congratulations! Glad to have you back! The business meeting started at 1:15 PM with 24 members present, with welcome remarks by President Hans Kardel.

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

The cost is \$30 for guests, members of Bornholm #14 and children are free. For reservations, please call John Scheuber 209 522 1111 or email john.scheuber@vsi.cc The 120-year Anniversary day for Bornholm # 14 is Wednesday January 21, and the members voted to have a dinner at the Galetto Restaurant downtown Modesto that very day.

Our next meeting will be November 21 and Bente Ellis is hosting with a number of Hors d'oeuvres starting at 6 PM.

More about this in the next issue.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL.

DWS

Between Lunch and the business meeting, we sang a medley of Danish and American songs, led by Erling Grumstrup, and his great voice.

We opened the meeting by singing "God Bless America". Our Santa Maria Group was present as usual, which was much appreciated. They are the best!!!!

Our secretary Marie Jaeger read the names of the officers present. Kate Nielsen the Recording Secretary, read the Minutes from the previous meeting, approved as read. Agnes Larsen read the Treasurer's report. To be filed for audit.

The next regular meeting and Lunch will be Wednesday, October 5th, 2014 at 12 Noon. Hope to see you there!!!

KKN