



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

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February, 2016

Grand Lodge Dania Grand President

January started off with some sad news with the passing of Dannebrog Grand Past President Mary Jo Schall. I was shocked when I got the call and still struggle with the concept. I send my condolences to Bob and Jenny. I know everyone will miss her.

We've changed the installation schedule to accommodate the Celebration of Life for Mary Jo. The Celebration of Life will be held on February 6th in Rancho Cordova. In order to avoid conflict, we've moved the Installation of Officers for Fresno to the 27th of February.

I visited with two lodges in January. The San Jose lodges met at Doris Skow's house on the 9th and I was treated to a nice afternoon with a little lunch and then their event planning for the year. While it was my first meeting in a private residence, it seemed to work very well. We had a nice turnout and the environment is conducive to good conversation. It was also the last lodge on the list, I've now been to every lodge at least once.

On the 14th, I joined the Hayward lodges for their first meeting at their new venue. We were at the Round Table Pizza on Redwood Road in Castro Valley. They have a nice room that with a little work to move the furniture will be a very workable place. This was two meetings in a row for Hayward and both times Valborg initiated a new member. It is nice to see new faces. Okay, one of them isn't that new of a face, Greg Gleeson joined Valborg in December; but January's initiation was different. I didn't catch Nadine's last name, but I've had the pleasure of her acquaintance before as a guest of Leroy Larsen. Congratulations to Valborg. There are four installations coming up in February. We will have Livermore on the 13th, San Jose on the 14th, San Francisco on the 20th and Fresno on the 27th. I hope I see a lot of travelers at the installations. It is always good to get out and support the other lodges.

Tom Martin, Grand President Daina Med venlig hilsen,

Grand Lodge Dannebrog Grand Presiden

I begin this article with a very heavy heart. Dannebrog's Grand Past President has left us for "greener pastures". Mary Jo Schall was a wonderful person and dedicated member of Dannebrog, as well as a good friend to many. Her vivacious, fun-loving, caring spirit can remain with us only in our memories. My thoughts and prayers go to Bob and Jenny at this very difficult time.

I am so thankful that I made the December trip to the Bay Area to visit lodges and join in the holiday festivities! I accompanied Tom to the San Francisco lodges' Christmas luncheon, as he mentioned in the last newsletter. We sat at the same table with Mary Jo and Bob, enjoying the excellent meal (salmon for me), Uffe and Daniel's extraordinary singing (in Danish and English with some of us trying to

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sing along), visiting with one another, and seeing the young children as well as the older folk. Later that day, we went to Livermore for their dinner, which included frikadellar and plenty of desserts. After dinner, we played BINGO for our chance to win tables full of prizes. We sat across from Mary Jo and Bob. Poor Bob received quite the teasing for his choice of prizes when he won! Bob, I think that you chose well! We had such a fun time with them, who could have foreseen that it would be the last? I will cherish those memories forever!

Luckily, I packed the car before the downpour on Sunday. After visiting with Gloria, I headed out – into the downpour! I saw two accidents within a few miles of Hayward and felt very sorry for the man who had to change

a tire on a small truck. The rain and wind let up by the time I reached Berkeley, so the remainder of the trip was relatively pleasant. I arrived in Ferndale just in time to change my clothes and arrive at the Valhalla/Ydun and Brotherhood/Sisterhood combined Julefest. CC Market catered the sit down dinner followed by a gift exchange. We had dancing around the Christmas tree and gifts for the young folk. I was glad to see the dining room close to being full!

Grand Lodge Secretary

IN MEMORIAM:

GPP Mary Jo Schall: Luren #13

NEW MEMBERS:

TO DANNEBROG GENERAL FUND:

Dorothy Petersen

TO DANNEBROG SCHOLARSHIP:

Signa Ann & Mac McNeil in Memory of Mary Jo Schall
 Lise Vanderbeck in Memory of Mary Jo Schall
 Marlene Swaffer in Memory of Mary Jo Schall
 Pat Brouillette & Greg Gleeson in Memory of Mary Jo Schall
 Valborg #1 in Memory of Mary Jo Schall

DANIA/DANNEBROG SENIOR ASSISTANCE FUND

Irene Simms in Memory of Mary Jo Schall
 Sena Marie Freeman in Memory of Mary Jo Schall
 Johanne Gade in Memory of Mary Jo Schall
 Thyra #3 in Memory of Mary Jo Schall
 Bornholm #14 in Memory of Mary Jo Schall
 John & Marge Scheuber in Memory of Mary Jo Schall
 John & Marge Scheuber in Memory of Kurt Hoj
 John & Marge Scheuber in Memory of Virginia Smith

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

Thyra #3 Secretary Johanne Gade

We were all greatly shocked and saddened to hear of the sudden passing of Past Grand President Mary Jo Schall. Truly, she will be dearly missed. Our heartfelt condolences and thoughts go to Bob and the Schall family.

Our January meeting featured our annual treat of *Aebleskiver* provided by the ladies of Thyra #3. We look forward to this occasion and it is always greatly enjoyed. And certainly, we were not disappointed. There was so much good food and great *bors d'oeuvres* that everyone left well stuffed. And it all went well with a beer, wine and snaps. It should be mentioned that we are running low on Aalborg Akvavit but we have been enjoying several home-made and very excellent concoctions. Grand Vice President and our VP Daniel Joensen is the expert.

The Dania website committee met before the meeting and they will have a report for us at the Convention. Because of the meeting, we had some guests who had traveled rather far. We welcomed Past Grand Presidents Tim and Natalie Heer from Santa Cruz and John Johansen and his wife Kirsten from Modesto. Tim and Natalie are currently the Grand Secretaries of Dania and Dannebrog, respectively.

February has four installations: 13th at Livermore, 14th at San Jose, 20th in South San Francisco, and 27th in Fresno. Please consider celebrating these installations with the lodges. We have a good time!!

I know that I will see many of you in Rancho Cordova on 6 February. I hope to see you at one or more of the above installations! Safe travels!

Lynn Wachter Grand President, Dannebrog

Upcoming Conventions		
Thor #5 and Thora #11	April 15-16 2016	Clovis Veterans Memorial Hall
Danmark #2 and Thyra #3	April 2017	Stay Tune
Dannevirke #9 and Valdemar #12	April 2018	Nugget, Sparkes NV
Upcoming Installations		
Dannevang # 7 Danebod # 16	Feb. 13, 2016 12 Noon	IOOF Hall Livermore
Danneskjold #17 Laura #8	Feb. 14, 2016 12 Noon	Marianni's Santa Clara
Danmark #2 Thyra #3	Feb 20 th 4:00 P.M.	Grosvenor Hotel, South San Francisco
Thor #5 Thora# 11	Feb. 27, 2016 12 Noon	Spike and Rail Selma
Thyra #9 Valborg # 1	March 19, 2016 12 Noon	Cattlemen's Livermore

Palle Thomsen and Carl Erik Weaver missed out on the attendance Prize

We are preparing for our Joint Installation Party and the 134th Anniversary of Danmark #2 at the Grosvenor Hotel on Saturday afternoon and evening, February 20. The festivities will start with appetizers at 4:00 PM, Joint Installation at 5:00, followed by dinner at 6:30. The choice of entrée will be Grilled Atlantic Salmon or Sliced London Broil. Wines will be provided by Jim Jensen and our very special thanks to him. Of course, there will be dancing to a DJ until very late in the evening. The cost is a modest \$30 for visitors and \$25 for SF members. The Grand Presidents and Grand Marshals will be our guests. Reservations to Roger, 209-329-3687 or ragearthart@comcast.net. For Hotel reservations, please call the Hotel at 800-722-7141. The Hotel rate is being negotiated and is not settled at this time. The breakfasts at the hotel are included and are always quite good. We hope to see you there and please be prepared to dance the night away. *Med venlig hilsen,* Roger Gearhart, Secretary

Hejmdal No. 4 & Luren No. 13

Meets four times a year, contact the secretary for further information

Secretary Robert Schall, schallb48@gmail.com

The Celebration Life for Mary Jo will be held at: Grace American Lutheran Church, 2201 Bonita Dr., Rancho Cordova, Time is 1 PM (1300 hrs) on Saturday, February 6th, 2016

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

Thor #5 and Thora #11 members enjoyed a delicious lunch of beerocks and dessert provided by Martha and Gunnar Nielsen, with a variety of salads provided by our members. REMINDER: INSTALLATION is changed to Feb. 27th at Spike and Rail in Selma, Ca. Installation at 12:00p.m. With lunch to follow. The menu choices are Artichoke, mushroom chicken or Sliced Tri Tip, both at a cost of \$30.00. Please let Steen know by Feb. 20th. His number is (559) 259-7081. There will also be a raffle.

CONVENTION information: CORRECTION: the phone number for the Best Western Clovis Cole is (559) 299-1547.

For more information contact Dave Willis at (559) 896-1649 or cell (559) 647-7556. Registration information is on the Web Site.

Our convention delegates for Thora #11 are Christie Pettitt - first delegate; Pam Kjar - second delegate; and Martha Nielsen - Alternate delegate and Old Age delegate. Our delegates for Thor #5 are Stan Kjar - first delegate; Steen Skjellerup - second delegate; and Gunnar Nielsen - Alternate.

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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: Natalie Heer, timandnatalie@sbcglobal.net

Dana and Freja will not be meeting in February but we look forward to getting together on Sunday, March 6 and get lucky Irish style. But skipping a month won't be too disappointing since earlier this month we welcomed in the New Year with a deliciously Danish holiday luncheon prepared by Tim'nNat with a little help from members Jana and Lis. Arne G. found the lucky almond in his risalamande. Our group was to big for one table but didn't quite fill two

so we pushed them together and enjoyed relaxed friendly conversations made all the more delightful by our guests Doris Skow and Ron Nielsen. Before everyone went on their way home we gathered together and shared our concern and sympathy for Bob Schall and his family with a moment of silence for Mary Jo who was dearly loved and will be deeply missed. 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

We enjoyed a delicious turkey dinner for our January meeting at the cozy home of Bob and Tracey Lamee. Thank-you to Bob and Tracey! Tracey was also the lucky winner of our attendance prize. It was a busy meeting. Officers were elected, installation planned, delegates chose for the upcoming convention and the annual report filled out. No members reported sick.

Installation will be Saturday, February 13, 12:00 lunch of open face sandwiches with installation to follow at the IOOF hall in Livermore. The price will be very reasonably priced, we just require a donation for your beverage. We also have a couple of 50 year presentations to make and hope to see Carol Hansen and Sherril Esposito there. Remember to send in your dues if you haven't done so yet. KRT

No. 9 Thyra & Valborg No. 1

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

s.gauthier@sbcglobal.net #9 Thyra / Valborg #1 Secretary Beth Cowan beth.cowan@att.net

A good time was had by all at our Christmas Party. That evening I had the pleasure of presenting Stephanie Davis with the Dannebrog 25-year pin, which had belonged to our grandfather, Fred Mahler. At a family event a couple of weeks later, Stuart Mahler presented Ralph Mahler with the Dania 50-year pin, which had belonged to their father, Fred Mahler. Many thanks to George & Linda Cumming for delivering the items collected at the party to the Salvation Army.

Our first meeting of the New Year was held on January 14th at our new location in Castro Valley and was well attended, including the Dania Grand President Tom Martin. Please join us when we meet again on Thursday, February 11 at 7:30 p.m.

Installation of Officers:

Please join us Saturday, March 19th at Cattleman's Restaurant, 2882 Kitty Hawk Road, Livermore. The installation will begin at 12 noon, with no-host bar and lunch to follow. We'll have the traditional Cattleman's fare with the following menu choices: Steak, Salmon, Chicken or

Ravoli, along with salad, sourdough bread, ranch style beans and sodas, coffee or tea. The cost is \$30 per person. Checks should be made payable to Thyra No. 9. Please make reservations with Signe Ann McNeil, 510-490-6114, no later than March 11.

Note from Hayward Treasurers:

Membership dues are payable for the coming year. Please bring to a meeting or mail to the respective Treasurers.

Sønderjylland No. 10

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

Secretary, John Cruger-Hansen j.crugerhansen@comcast.net
Sønderjylland #10 had no meeting scheduled in January 2016.

The Sønderjylland #10 Valentine's Day lunch will be on Sunday February 14, 2016 in the Craft Room at the Oakmont Village Retirement Community, Oakmont Gardens, 301 White Oak Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 94509,

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

February 6: Valhalla and Ydun will be serving up Æbelskiver and sausage at 10:00 (no meeting). Francis Sweet and his crew will be cooking this feast. Help is appreciated.

February 6: A celebration of life for Grand Past President Mary Jo Shall will be held at Grace American Lutheran Church, 2201 Bonita Drive, Rancho Cordova CA at 1:00 pm.

February 8: Scandinavian Midsummer meeting 6:00 at Nellie's Home, Chinese Food Potluck for a Chinese New Year's party.

February 13: Valhalla and Ydun meeting at 11:00 with banana splits afterwards.

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

The January meeting was a big success even though it was on New Year's Day. We had about 25 in attendance. First we had delicious appetizers, then the Cod (torsk), potatoes sprinkled with parsley and mustard gravy that was cooked to everyone's liking. Palle Larsen was peeling potatoes when Ann-Katherine and I arrived. He said it was like when he was back in the service on kitchen duty.

Before the fish dinner, Anette led us in a "Skaal" with snaps to the 2016 New Year! The desserts were outstanding and delicious. Lars Jensen had made two cakes, so delicious, that I'm sure he spent a lot of time on? We also had cookies and rice pudding with cherry sauce. Thanks everyone for bringing appetizers and desserts. Thank you to Ina and Anette who cooked the Torsk (Cod) dinner.

While enjoying our desserts and coffee we had our meeting. We discussed our wonderful Christmas party and extended our thanks to everyone again. We will have to make some changes to the sign-up process for next year, but you will hear more about that later. We discussed the next 2 to 3 months meetings. February 5th, 2016 our Swedish friends

Checks payable to Valborg #1, in the amount of \$12, mail to Pat Brouillette, 1400 Jacqueline Place, San Lorenzo CA 94580. Checks payable to Thyra #9, in the amount of \$35 for sick benefit members and \$29 for social members, mail to Stuart Mahler, 803 Bantry Way, Benicia CA 94510. Susan Gauthier, President

(707-861-0075). The Craft Room has a separate entrance from the main lobby and parking is available across the street.

The next regular scheduled meeting is on Saturday March 12, 2016 at 11:30 at Kastania Fælled, Petaluma.

Respectfully, John Cruger-Hansen, Secretary

March 5: Valhalla and Ydun will be meeting at 11:00 with lunch at 12:30. Committee of Kay Tirsbeck and Mary Kemp.
February 19 - 28: Musical Theatre, "Threepenny Opera" at the Ferndale Repertory Theatre "Were *the haves* clash with the *have-nots* in London's gritty underworld" Fri - Sat evenings / Sat - Sun matinee. for more information contact (707) 786-5483
March 13: 39th Annual Foggy Bottom Milk Run register at the Danish Hall before the race, race starts at 2:00 pm for more information call (707) 845-0001

Christian Nielsen

will treat us to delicious split pea soup and pancakes as they have done before. We are all looking forward to that and I know that it will be wonderful as always. We don't have any plans for March yet, but can always whip up a pot-luck.

April we will have our youth performance and election of officers. Then it is time for the convention in Fresno. How time flies when you're having fun!

Our delegates from Dannevirke #9 for the Fresno convention is Ina Segesman and Eva Demosthenes. Glenn Fritz will be our alternate, with Sena Marie as delegate for the Senior Assistance Fund. Valdemar #12 will be decided soon. Anette said she was going to do some "Arm Twisting".

Another friendly reminder - Dues are due: Dannevirke #9 members is \$15.00 to be sent to Ina Segesman and Valdemar #12 members is \$30 to be sent to Carl Henrik Christiansen. Or even better yet, come to our meeting and bring your membership check.

On our sick list we have Baxter Swaffar who is scheduled for stomach surgery on 2/2/16. We all wish him and

Marlene all the best. We miss you both and get well soon. We also learned that Pete Olsen had a visit to the hospital, right after our Christmas party. He had some problems with his heart, but is home and doing much better. We are all very shocked and saddened to hear about the unexpected loss of Mary Jo Schall, Grand Past President of

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

January 15 2016, a new year and the first meeting for Bornholm # 14. 22 members, no guests came to join the pizza party hosted by Susan & Brian Mefford. We started with Happy Hour and around 6:15 PM delicious pizzas arrived and everyone enjoyed them. Anni Champagne brought desert. It was not until a little after 7 PM president John Scheuber called the general meeting. Minutes of the November meeting were read and approved. Mary Zoller won the attendance prize \$50, which she donated to the Children's Xmas Fund. Thank you Mary. Sick report: Bob Sorensen is doing good except walking, Åse Laugesen is still not doing good. We hope and pray for her. Nobody had heard from Jim & Shirley Jørgensen. Rumors are that they have moved, but we need to find out for the next meeting. Jerry Zoller gave a presentation of our donation efforts over the years. Very impressive.

Danneskjold No. 17 & Laura No. 8

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

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

Well we have just closed out the first month of a new year. Lots of fun and friendships to come. San Jose will hold our Installation on Sunday February 14, VALENTINES' DAY. We will be at Marianni's Restaurant, 2500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara. This will be a

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 Wednesday, January 6, 2016 at the Restaurant "Bit O' Denmark" at 12 noon with 15 members present. Snaps were brought in by Jens Agergaard and Birgit Nielsen. The lunch menu: soup, codfish, potatoes, vegetables and for dessert æbleskivers, coffee. The only thing that was missing at the lunch menu was the mustard sauce for the codfish. We opened the meeting by singing "God bless America". President Hans Kardel opened the business meeting with welcome remarks, before the meeting started at 1:05 pm The Secretary Marie Jaeger read the list of officers present. The recording Secretary Kate Nielsen read the minutes from the previous meeting. Treasurer Agnes Larsen read the financial report.

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

Holger Danske dues are now due \$24,00 Make checks out to Elvin Juhl and send to Elvin Juhl 1321 Ronald Place, Santa Maria Calif., 93458. Wayne Allen

Dannebrog. Our thoughts and prayers goes to her husband, Robert Schall, Grand Past President of Dania, their daughter Jenny, their family and friends.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy New Year in 2016.

Take care, Sena Marie

We needed to make corrections to our 2016 calendar. The October meeting was moved up one week to October 14. The Christmas Party was set to December 17.

The Fish-Dinner is coming up on Saturday March 5.

It will be held at the Eagles Hall 126 Camellia Way, Modesto, CA 95351.

The No Host bar will open 5:30 PM.

6 PM hors d'oeuvres.

Dinner will be served at 7 PM including a beer and an Akvavit.

The price is \$30 per person.

Reservation is a must. Call John Scheuber 209 541 4092; email john.scheuber@vsi.cc

The next meeting will be February 19 and we will have a wine tasting party starting at 6 PM. The Zoller's, the Stowers's and Ben Hoover are hosting.

wonderful brunch starting at 12 noon, followed by our installation. The cost is \$40.00 and reservations can be made with Doris at dws1929@gmail.com or 408 313-7235, and needs to be made no later than Sunday Feb. 7 We are looking forward to seeing you there. DWS

In sick bay: We haven't heard anything from or about Ove and Erna Andersen. We don't know if they are home or where they are.

Arla Hoj surprised us all by showing up at the meeting. She is back home again. She looked well and was in good spirit. She said the doctor finally found medicine that helped her, and she feels like she is on the road to recovery. She told us that she had 12 people invited for Christmas and she cooked the whole dinner by herself. WOW. Glad to see you are feeling better.

We finished the business meeting by singing "Der er et yndigt land".

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at 12 noon at the same restaurant.

Hope to see you there, Kate