



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

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Dannebrog Grand President

Happy New Year, I'm sure all of you have recovered from your New Year's parties and are remembering to change that date to 2017 by now.

We started off the year with our own Fresno lodge meeting the first Tuesday of the month. The necessary item was to elect our delegates for the convention. You are aware that there is a change of dates, it's to be April 20-22, 2017, at the same location.

Steen and I had planned on leaving for Reno's Fish dinner the next morning. The storm was so bad and since Steen was the driver it was his call to not chance it going over Hwy 80 with snow and ice.

But then on Sunday of the same weekend we made the trip to Salinas for the delayed Christmas party. Because of the weather many could not make the drive for the party. They missed a very tradition Danish Christmas dinner, with imported pork loin roast with the crispy rind that Natalie cooked to perfection, all the Heers were in the kitchen cooking. It was a wonderful dinner even had the rice pudding with the almond. Jana had made a little pink marzipan pig for the almond prize that Doris Skow won. It was pouring buckets on the way home, I was glad Steen was driving.

I reported that our daughter, Renae joined the San Jose lodge, and now I'm thrilled to report that our son, Dennis has joined the San Francisco lodge just this last week. Our other son, Randall, lives in San Diego is now the President of the House of Denmark. He's been involved on their board for a number of years. This is the group of Scandinavian houses at the Balboa Park in San Diego.

The Danish influence has a strong pull for those with that gene, even those of us non-Danes. It's reassuring that the lodges will be just as strong with the younger generation carrying on. The Fresno lodge will have the first installation of the New Year, held on February 4, 2017 at the Spike and Rail Restaurant in Selma. Arrive at 11:30 a.m. Installation at 12:00 p.m. Lunch will follow. Hope to see many of you.

Martha Nielsen, Dannebrog's Grand President

Dania Grand President

The travel plans for January were to go to Reno on the 6th for the big "torskegilde" and to Salinas on the 8th for the traditional "Dansk Julemiddag".

We cancelled the trip to Reno because of rain and snow in the forecast. It turned out to be a good idea because the road was closed from too much snow.

The trip to Salinas went well on the way over, very little rain. We had time to visit with everyone as the "middag" was prepared. Well-tasting "medisterpoelse" were served as starters, along with other goodies and wine. When we sat down a very good dinner was served: flaeskesteg, roedkaal, brune kartofler, brun sovs and ris a la mande for dessert. A real taste of Denmark. I was impressed, especially of Jana's

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brune kartofler, she managed to make them well tasting without having boiled them first.

The trip back to Fresno took place "i silende regn" but we were lucky in spite of mudslides and hydroplaning.

The Dania Constitution Committee has worked hard on getting updates ready for the upcoming convention.

Relevant material has been sent to all secretaries for review in the hope that your elected Representatives will be informed voters.

Also, I want to report I am having a little "membership drive" in the Fresno area, so far six people have signed membership applications. It looks like I am the best at charming Dannebrog candidates!

Finally, on a sad note, Dannebrog member Maja Andersen passed away Christmas day after a relatively brief illness. Maja had been my close friend and elegant folkdance partner for 18 years. Maja grew up in a little town in Thy, Denmark called Raehr. Her late husband and her family came to the Fresno area in the late fifties, from Denmark via Canada.

Grand Lodge Secretary

IN MEMORIAM:

Elizabeth "Beth" Mortensen; Bornholm #14, Modesto, Dania
Jim P. Larsen; Sønderjylland #10, Petaluma, Dania
Maja Andersen; Thora #11, Fresno, Dannebrog

DANIA/DANNEBROG SENIOR ASSISTANCE FUND

Johanne Gade in memory of Elizabeth "Beth" Mortensen
Johanne Gade in memory of Ella Jessen
Bodil Whitehouse in memory of Elizabeth "Beth" Mortensen
John and Marge Schueber in memory of Elizabeth "Beth" Mortensen

Secretary's

Notice to the members of the Dania Executive Committee there will be a special meeting at 9:00 A.M. at the Spike & Rail Selma. The Dania Executive Committee meeting and a Dannebrog Executive Committee meeting will be meeting on

The Senior Assistance Fund Raiser

Please note: 1) All checks are to be made out to the "Old Age Fund"; 2) Checks and stubs are to be sent in the same envelope: 3) Send to Jackie Nielsen 3894 Harvard, Livermore, CA 94550. All stubs and Checks must be received by April 15, 2017 to insure

Dania's nominating Committee

The nominating Committee of Dania is seeking nominees for the position of Grand Vice Marshal and Trustee. Remember the requirements: To run for office the candidate must have been a President of the local branch for one year or the Secretary or Treasurer for at least 3 years. It is our goal to have a nominee for each position at least one month before convention, so we can encourage the candidate(s) to place an article in this Newsletter

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 209-329-3687 Thyra #3 Secretary Johanne Gade

We had another great meeting. For the second month, we initiated yet another member, welcoming Dennis Nielsen to Danmark #2. Everyone knows Dennis's parents, Martha and Gunnar Nielsen from Fresno. Dennis and Mark Claussen, our other new member, fit right in with our group, enjoying the food and beverages---and the singing. The ladies of Thyra #3 treated us to Æbeskiver with all the trimmings. We started with great hors d'oeuvres and finished off with some fine deserts and coffee. Of course, there was lots of Akvavit and beer to keep things moving along.

Our Joint Installation at the Grosvenor Hotel will be on Saturday, February 18. 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.

She was an excellent cook of Danish food and her roedkaal was the best.

"Aere vaere hendes minde" (honor her memory).

Looking forward to installations in Fresno and San Francisco in February.

By Grand President Dania Steen Skjellerup

March 18th, at Cattlemen's Restaurant, at 10:00 A.M. for the purpose of awarding Scholarships, Member of the Year award and such other business that could come up.

The Convention Registration form is on our web site.

they are not lost in the mail. If you sell any after that date please bring them with you to the Convention. If by chance you have not bought yourself any yet do not worry there will be plenty available at the Convention. Diane Reinstein Co-Chair.

giving their background and stating their interest in the position. If you are interested or know someone who qualifies please notify one of our committee members.

Mel Lundberg, Chair – Ph: 707-822-3787 or email – melandzena@gmail.com; Jana Heer Glovaski –Ph:831-296-9555 or email: juganddana@sbcglobal.net; John Scheuber- Ph: 209-541-4092 or email: john.scheuber@vsi.cc

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.

We are definitely looking forward to our hosting the 2017 Convention in April 20-22. We have had several organizing meetings and we are well on our way to offering a great experience to everyone.

Our meetings are always great fun and guests are always welcome. The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 8. We gather at 6:30 for a social hour, a brief meeting at 7:30, then we get down to the serious business of having a good time. 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

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

Just a reminder that our installation is Feb. 4th at the Spike and Rail in Selma. Installation is at 11:30 a.m. with lunch to follow. At our Jan. meeting our charter was draped in memory of Maja Andersen, who passed away on Dec. 25th. We also made a couple of changes in our officers for next year. They are Auditor - Kathi Mehrten and Steen Skjellerup ; Trustees - Steen Skjellerup, Stan Kjar and Kay Jensen. There was also discussion as to changing the men's installation ritual. See you all February 4th! CP

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

The members of Dana 15 and Freja 6 are very grateful to have both Grand Presidents with us plus everyone who braved one of the biggest wettest storms so far this year to come together in Salinas and welcome in the New Year. Our delicious traditional Danish feast was prepared under the leadership of Tim'nNat with the support of all our members who each came with something special to add to the meal.

Dannevang No. 7 & Danebod No. 16

Meets 2nd Saturday at 6:00PM; 4th Saturday Potluck, The Bothwell Art Center, 2466 8th Street, Livermore, CA 94551.

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

Thank-you to Bob and Tracey Lamee for hosting our January meeting, it was quite "hygge" and the turkey dinner was delicious. Get well wishes go out to Hank Reinstein who is recuperating from surgery, and probably out on his bike already. If you haven't paid your dues please send to our treasurers as soon as you can to stay current.

Next meeting will be Saturday, February 11th, 6:00, at the "Bothwell Art Center",

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

ATTENTION: It is that time of year for all Thyra and Valborg members...dues are now due and payable. Valborg members send your dues to Pat Brouillette. Thyra members send your dues to Stuart Mahler in Benicia. Their addresses are in the lodge phone book. Or, bring them to the February meeting at Roundtable Pizza in Castro Valley on Thursday February 9, 2017 at 7:30PM. Valborg dues are \$12.00. Thyra dues are \$29.00 for social members and \$35.00 for sick benefit members.

At the January meeting it was discussed it is never too early to start looking for and procuring prizes for our raffle at the 2019 convention. So start working on those ideas and work your sources!

Upcoming Conventions		
Danmark #2 and Thyra #3	April 20-22 2017 Notice change of date !!!!	Grosvenor S. San Francisco
Dannevirke #9 and Valdemar #12	April 19-21, 2018	Nugget, Sparkes NV
Thyra #9 and Valborg #1	April 11-13 2019	Grosvenor S. San Francisco
Upcoming Installations		
Thor #5 and Thora #11	February 4 2017	Spike & Rail Selma
Danmark #2 and Thyra #3	February 18, 2017	Grosvenor S. San Francisco
No. 9 Thyra and Valborg No. 1	March 18, 2017	Livermoor Cattlemen's Restaurant

The highlight of the afternoon was the presentation of the handmade marzipan pink piggy to Doris Skow! Please plan on joining us next year, Jana promises another pink piggy and tenderer potatoes :o)

Do not forget dues are due \$25 for Freja and \$15 for Dana Our next meeting will be Sunday March 5th for a little luck of the Irish. Skaal! JHG

2466 8th Street, in Livermore. Since parking is not an issue we have gone back to the old meeting time of 6:00. We are booked there for 3 months for a trial run to determine if the place will work for us. The February theme is Open Face Sandwiches.

Hope to see you there. Thankfully January was a "wet" month! KRT

Secretary Greg Gleeson recently came into possession of a lot of Thyra history. Pat read a resolution from Valborg to Thyra dated 1986. Indeed a great read and review that took a lot of our members back to some fun times.

Mary Esther Filiu was the lucky winner in the Valborg attendance drawing, AGAIN...two months in a row! David Mahler lost out on \$50.00 in the Thyra attendance drawing and Duane McNeil missed out on \$10.00. February meeting Thyra will have two drawings, \$50.00 and \$20.00. You need to be present to win!

Valborg and Thyra wishes happy January birthdays to Laura Filiu, Susan Gauthier, Janis Schock, Susan Mirkovich, and Howard Osborne.

Please join us Saturday, March 18th, for the Installation of Officers at Cattlemen's Restaurant, 2882 Kitty Hawk Road, Livermore (Interstate 580; exit Airway Boulevard). The Installation will begin at 12 noon, with no-host bar and lunch following. We will have the traditional Cattlemen's fare, with your choice of Top Sirloin Steak, Grilled Atlantic Salmon, Lemon Herb Chicken, or Pesto Spinach and Cheese Ravioli. Entrees include salad, ranch style beans, coffee, tea

Sonderjylland No. 10

Meeting 2nd Saturday of April, June, August and October, 11:30 AM Kastania Fælled, Petaluma

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

Happy New Year from Sønderjylland #10.

It has been a rocky year for us, but we will survive if we stay optimistic and involved.. together!

Some of us have children, our next generation who might hopefully replace us in Dania, if we can make it more interesting and rewarding to be members!

The year ended with our annual Christmas Brunch, held at the lovely Oakmont Retirement Community in Santa Rosa. We were 26 members and guests. The food was excellent and plentiful. Thank you to Birthe and Gustav Scherl, and Past President Jim Hollingshead for helping organize this. Since no scheduled meeting takes place at our Christmas Parties, and our next meeting is not posted till April 8th 2017, it has therefore been decided we will have a meeting on February 11, 2017 in connection with our annual Valentine's Party. April is too late for our first meeting of the year, so part of the agenda will be to choose months/meetings, that do not fall on the same month as the Convention or our Installation month, being August. We also need to discuss our delegation to the Convention, since that date has been moved to April 20-22 2017.

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

January we were able to hold our annual Crab Feed once again. We thought the weather would hamper the fishermen, but we were able to get the crab. We had lots of crab, pasta and salad to go around.

February 4 we will meet at 11:00 with lunch following. The menu for lunch is baked potato with a toppings bar.

Members are asked to bring a side dish / salad or dessert. April convention dates have changed to the 20 – 22, so we will need to confirm Dania Representatives and Dannebrog

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

Now for the news. What a wild ride to lodge, it rained on Wednesday snowed Wednesday night, and froze. Thursday a whopping 28 degrees high, Friday morning 18 degrees. Frozen roads, but that did not stop us from lodge. There were about 25 in attendance. Nice to see so many out in that horrible cold night. The fish dinner was wonderful. Thank you Anette and Ina, everything was yummy. The

or soft drinks, and cake for dessert. The cost is \$30 per person. Please make your reservations with Signe Ann McNeil, 510-490-6114 or Seenee@aol.com, no later than March 10th. We look forward to seeing you.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting on Thursday February 9, 2017 at 7:30PM!

The HAWK

In case some may have other plans that week, please think of alternative Representatives.

On a sad note. It has come to my attention, that our oldest member Jim P. Larsen passed away 5th of January 2017. He had been a member of Sdr.10, since 1949. He was born 1924. He grew up in the Petaluma area close to Kastania, and his grandfather donated that land to the Danish Soldiers Club.

He was a generous man, with a great sense of humor, who loved hunting and fishing on a grand scale.

Jim will be greatly missed by all.

Our Valentine Party will be held at the Oakmont Golf Club and Restaurant, 7025 Oakmont Dr. Santa Rosa Ca 95409 , Saturday Feb. 11, 2017. 11am in the bar-area, with seating 11.30am. The menu for our group will be 5 choices, of either sandwiches with soup or salad, or large salads such as Shrimp Loui or Asian Salad w/chicken .

Please make reservations with Karen (510)526-5665 no later than Sunday Feb.5th , 2017 and tell me your menu preference. Members get free lunch, guest pay, as usual. Please remember to call before deadline to be included. Respectfully your, Karen Friis Lysmer, President.

Delegates. Anyone who was not able to attend and wants to go, please let our president know. I will have more information at the meeting. The new convention dates will be the same weekend as the Vasa convention.

March 6 we will meet at 6:00 for a Midsummer Festival meeting. Festival date was set as June 25, 2017 at Ronner Park in Fortuna. Potluck lunch and bring your own BBQ item. BBQ, Coffee and Punch will be provided.

Christian

snacks and desserts were great too. While we had our dessert and coffee, Anette opened the meeting. We discussed what we were going to do for the year up to May. February will be our Swedes night. Split Pea soup, and pancakes. March meeting will be our normal potluck. Remember election of officers. April, Lars and Marion will open and close the hall, because most of us will be at the

convention. Also the youth performance. Thank you Lars and Marion. Then May will be our installation. Our delegates for Dannevirke # 9 will be Eva Demosthenes and Glenn Fritz. Anette will email some of our men members to see if they will be a Representative for Valdemar. Hopefully someone will step forward. We took in 1 man member Greg Nielsen and 7 women. Wow, what a way to start the new year Cortney and Ellen Webb, Cynthia Birk, Brooke and Hannah Matuzak, La Ree Purdum and Denise Rosaia . We welcomed them all with open arms. Our sick list is growing again. Nina Sawyer did very well with her Surgery; Ann-katherine is happy to say

that she does not need to have surgery and Sena Marie is having foot surgery on January 24th. I have R.A. in my left foot. They are going to fix and fuse my crooked toes to make them straight again. I cannot believe 3 cousins all at once, a family affair. Same hospital, they ought to give us a discount. HAHA: Then Solveig Aveit is having a knee replacement January 30th. Maybe we can request a Danish ward. Everyone wished us all well. Our February birthdays are Eric Hansen, John La Roach, Palle Larsen, La Rena Fry, Ina Segesman and Ann-katherine Sawyer. Happy Birthday to all. Hope everyone had a nice holiday season and Santa was good to you. Take Care Sena Marie

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

First meeting of 2017 January 20, one day short of the 121st anniversary of Bornholm #14.

17 members attended. We started with a pizza party at 6 PM hosted by Susan & Brian Mefford. Anni Champagne brought desert, a delicious cake. After a great dinner, the meeting was called to order at 7 PM.

First, we were reminded that our dear member Beth Mortensen passed away January 11 after a ten-month struggle with brain cancer. Beth was a great member always funny. We are going to miss her very much. No memorial arrangements will be made.

It is our understanding that her ashes are going to be send to Denmark, where her brother will take care of further arrangements. In memory of Beth we had a two minutes' silence before the meeting started.

2017 membership fees are due now. Many paid on the spot, and the hope is that the rest are right behind. The attendance prize was won by Peder Hoy, who donated the \$50 to the children's Christmas Fund. Thank you Peder.

Danneskjold No. 17 & Laura No. 8

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

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

Laura # 8 and Danneskjold # 17 held their planning meeting for 2017-18 in January at Doris'. After some discussion we voted to go to four business meetings a year. There are so many away in February that we will not get together. It was to have been a social.

Our next gathering will be a social at the Lacey's. More on that in the next Issue.

Hejls Minde No. 23

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

Secretary, Marie Jaeger

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

Next agenda item was the yearly Fish-Dinner. It will take place Saturday March 4 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 Deadline for reservations is March 1.

Delegates for the upcoming Convention, which is now April 20 – 22 at the Grosvenor Hotel SFO Airport, were nominated and elected. Compensation was also voted on and decided.

Due to the change of dates for the Convention we must cancel our April 21 meeting, and postpone the Welcome Home Delegates to May 19.

Our next meeting will be February 17 and will be tasting night. The Zoller's & Stowers' plus Ben Hoover will be hosting. We start at 6 PM. John

A reminder that scholarship applications are due.

Get well wishes go out to Eva Rasmussen who was in the hospital, Elaine Henson who has been sick. Both she and Eva have had pneumonia, and Carole Muenzer who had a knee replacement. I am happy to say that I am finally over my bout with an eye infection.

DWS