

GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

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Grand Lodge Dania & Dannebrog Grand Presidents

Hope your summer is going well. We took off for a two week vacation to Oregon that has turned into three weeks. A week and a half on Oregon beaches works like a reset button - clearing the mind!

The Oregon coastline is breathtaking. What a glorious shoreline - lighthouses, state parks, art galleries, restaurants, golf courses, antique shops.....and Les Schwab tire shops.

We found out that Les Schwab tires started in Oregon and what a good thing. First we had a tire blow on the 5th wheel, so we visited Les Schwab in Bandon. Then the truck tire blew. Back to see Les in Coos Bay. In spite of our tire troubles we are having a wonderful time.

We have visited aquariums, museums, lighthouses, and lots of beaches. We saw Orcas (whales) playing in the surf, it was so mesmerizing we didn't get very many pictures.

We accidentally learned about a Scandinavian Festival, so we headed to the 47th Annual Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival. It was a three day festival honoring the Scandinavian cultural heritage. There were Scandinavian music, dancers, theater groups, vendor booths with handcrafts and imported items - and of course, traditional foods of the Scandinavian countries. They even had a fiddler and an accordion player from Denmark - Ole Mouritzen and Peter Uhrbrand. We stopped and talked with members of the Astoria Danish Society and told them about our Society.

We are now heading to Bend, following the Columbia River and the scenery is beautiful. Our final stop will be Crater Lake before heading home.

We are looking forward to the upcoming installations. Hope to see many of you there.

"JUST LIVING IS NOT ENOUGH...ONE MUST HAVE SUNSHINE, FREEDOM, AND A LITTLE FLOWER" - Hans Christian Andersen

Dania and Dannebrog Grand Presidents, Bob & Mary Jo Schall

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Teddy Christensen, Valhalla #11, Ydun #10 Ferndale Orville Hansen; Thor #5 Fresno

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Stig Hansen; Danmark #2 San Francisco

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TO DANIA GENERAL FUND:
TO DANNEBROG GENERAL FUND:
TO DANNEBROG SCHOLARSHIP:

Danebod #16 in memory of Dorothy Lamee

TO DANIA DANNEBROG SENIOR ASSISTANCE FUND:

Johanne Gade in memory of Ejnar Christensen

Branch Secretaries

On the New Dania/Dannebrog web site we have added new Forms for the Secretary's uses, one for the Dania Dannebrog Senior Assistance application, Dania new member, Dania notification of the passing of a member, Daina Withdrawal of Membership, and Suspending a Member. These are all electronic forms that can be filled out, saved on your system then email to me and printed out, signed, sealed and mailed to me. It is hoped that this will make the filling out of our forms a lot easier for you. As of June 1st I have received and deposited \$6,200.00 of donations from Branches and individuals, I also have an additional \$5,000.00 of promised donation that are "in the Mail" for a total donations of \$11,200.00 for which I thank you for and appreciate all of your generosity.

The Semi Annual tax for Dania is due this month, with the current rate of \$10.00 per member as of July 1st, Also this month I will be

Dannebrog History

This is the beginning of a group of articles which will be appearing this year.

Grand Lodge Dannebrog will celebrate 100 years in 2015. As Historian, I am asking the assistance of all members of Dannebrog as well as those members who were formally members and are now members of Dania to please look through your photos, files, scrapbooks for any information regarding your local branch and let me know what you find.

I would like to borrow what you have and display it at the convention in Ferndale in 2015. I will see that you get everything back at the close of the convention. You can either bring it with you, or send it with a delegate, or make arrangements for me to get it there and back. You can contact me at 408-313-7235 or e-mail me at dws1929@gmail.com.

sending out the Insurance invoices to those Branches that are members of our Group Insurance.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming Installation in August, Please refer to the list below.

Tim Heer, Grand Secretary.

Upcoming Installations				
Bornholm #14	August 2, 2014	Jacob's Fine Dining Modesto		
Freja #6 & Dana #15	August 3, 2014	Salinas		
Sønderjylland No. 10	August 9, 2014	Kastania Fælled, Petaluma		
Valhalla #11, & Ydun #10	August 30-31 2014	Ferndale		
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		

Watch this area for future information. Mange tak, Doris Skow

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 Thyra #3 Secretary Johanne Gade

We had the pleasure of initiating a new member, Stig Hansen. He, as are our last two new members Uffe and Daniel, is from DK. President Tom Martin followed the traditional initiation ritual in fine style. We also welcomed guests Leo Garza, grandson of the Jensens, and Darwin Dichmann (also from DK). Carl Weaver and Ernest Bock missed out on the \$220 attendance prize. The Christensen's treated and it was great: a salmon and asparagus terrine, baked ham, salads, great *hors d'ouerves*, and for dessert, lemon bars and cookies. Of course, there was beer, Akvavit, wine, and coffee. Unfortunately, Edel Christensen was

unable to join us. And we were all treated to some great Danish songs. We are sorry if you missed this fine evening.

The next meeting is **Onsdag, July 9** and we will be celebrating the Fourth of July in grand style with hot dogs and garlic sausages with all the trimmings. We gather for a social hour and a beverage at 6:30, a brief meeting at 7:30, then down to the serious business of having a good time. The ladies of Tyra #3 will be on vacation so we will have to fend for ourselves. Guests are always most welcome.

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 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 did not have a June meeting. Instead, we enjoyed a picnic meal of tri tip, salads, and dessert, We also draped our charter in memory of Orville Hansen who passed away in June. Our July meeting will be July 3rd and

we are looking forward to a visit from Tom Martin, Grand Vice President. Hope everyone has a great summer!!!

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, icheer0857@sbcglobal.net

Freja 6 and Dana 15 will be holding their annual installation of Officers at the Salinas Masonic Center on August 3rd the Day after Bornholm in Modesto. All of our plans for that day have not been made yet, so make sure to read next months Newsletter. Skaal!

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

Hamburgers, hot dogs and beans, oh my! We celebrated Flag Day all American. Even Kindle's cupcakes, though sweet and delicious, looked like hamburgers with all the fixings, what a treat. On a sadder note, the charter was draped in honor of Dorothy Lamee. Our condolences to Howard and their 4 sons and families. Gregg

DiMartino was the lucky winner of the attendance prize. There will be no meeting in July and August. We are planning a Bar-B-Que on August 23rd, Stand by for more details.

We will have our next meeting September 13th. Have a safe and happy 4th of July. 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 At our meeting in June, Judy & Howard Osborne provided the delicious sandwich fixings. We were also treated to akvavit & kransekake to celebrate Alan & Mary Esther Filiau's 50th Wedding Anniversary, Tillykke!

Please note we will not be meeting in July or August nor in November. However, we will meet jointly, on a trial basis, in September, October and December. Hope to see you at the meeting in September! Susan Gauthier and Alan Filiau, Presidents

Sønderjylland No. 10

Meeting 2nd Saturday every month 11:30 AM Kastania Fælled, Petaluma Secretary, Caroline Cruger-Hansen c.p.cruger-hansen@comcast.net Meeting 2nd Saturday every month 11:30 AM Kastania Fælled, Petaluma. Caroline Cruger-Hansen, 8426 Bel View CT, El Cerrito, Ph 510-280-4065 c.p.cruger-hansen@comcast.net Sønderjylland held our regular meeting on Saturday, June 14th, and welcomed in attendance of 21 Members and Guests! We enjoyed hors d'ovres and desserts. The lunch consisted of hot dogs, hamburgers, beans, and salads brought by Eric, Kirsten, Lori, and Birthe. The meeting was opened at 12:35 by President Eric Field. All officers were present. Two new members were voted into Sønderjylland. Caroline Cruger-Hansen will stand in for

Eric Field and Jeannie Kjaer will stand in for Sabrina Wilcox at the installation in August. Nominations were held for officers. The installation lunch was discussed and it was decided that there would be open-faced sandwiches and desserts. On July 1st, Jim Hollingshead is having a CT scan to see if his cancer is growing. We hope everything goes smoothly. Lavon is on the mend. Janet Thuesen won the \$10 drawing but was not at the meeting to receive it. Next drawing will be \$20. The meeting adjourned at 1:20 PM.

Valhalla No. 11 & Ydun No. 10

Meeting: 1st. Saturday every month at noon, Danish Hall; Ferndale, CA 95536. Secretary Christian Nielsen Christian Nielsen @suddenlink.net

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

Our June meeting and pot luck was great as always with lots of food and fellowship. 23 people in attendance. Our meeting was short and sweet. Anette knows how to get things done and well. How nice to have 3 visitors, Leif and Bonnie Larsen, Leif is the son of Grete Svendsen a Past Grand President of Dannebrog, and Eva Snuffer brought a couple of friends Barbara and Jodie. All were handed applications, Reno wastes no time to get new members.

Erik Jensen was given his scholarship from Dannebrog. It was given to his mom and dad because Erik was studying for school and unable to come tonight.

We missed Janet Pulsipher, Pete and Ruth Olsen and Erik and Margaret Hansen. Hope everyone is ok. Nina Sawyer had surgery May 15th and came home on the 16th from the hospital. She is doing pretty well. Hope to see her at our St. Hans Fest. By the time you read this, we have had our St. Hans Fest on June 20th. We celebrated the midsummer at the River School Farm. Everyone brought their own picnic basket with drinks and meat to

BBQ and a side dish to share. The Lodge provided plates, silverware and coals for the grill. We had the pleasure of having some surprise guests from California. Diane Reinstein, Jackie Nielsen, Kathy Thomsen and Don drove all the way from Livermore and back the same night! Very impressive and we appreciate your attendance. Also, Tom Martin from Danmark #2 in SF was in attendance. He had been to a golf tournament in Reno and joined us. All in all, we had about 30 people in attendance and some of us sang the Midsummer song in Danish. We even had several Witches to send off to "Bloksbjerg". Leif & Bonnie Larsen's twin grandkids had made a witch each along with Nicolas who made a small witch riding on a pencil. All very creative. The weather was very nice, but a few wind gust came and surprised us in the middle of the bon-fire. Hope it didn't scare anyone and that you will be back next year. We missed Palle, Glenn Fritz, Eric & Margaret Hansen for this event. Looking forward to see you at the next meeting.

For our July meeting, which falls on the 4th July we will BBQ at the Lodge, like we have in years past. Please everyone bring your meat to cook and a side dish to share. The Lodge will provide the paper products and silverware. Later we can stand in the parking

lot of the hall and watch the Reno-Sparks fireworks. Be safe and enjoy the 4^{th} of July!

Take Care, Sena Marie Freeman

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

We had 22 members and 1 guest to our June 20 meeting. The guest was Roger Townsend with South Dakota Danish roots, and a friend of Marge & John Scheuber.

We started with potluck at 6 PM with a delicious variety of dishes.

The meeting started 7 PM with President John Scheuber welcoming everybody. Bente Ellis was absent so Max Stowers filled in as Marshal. Ann Stowers read the minutes of the previous meeting and the members approved it as read. Elsy Rasmussen won the attendance price for the first time and donated it to the Children Christmas Fund. Thank you Elsy.

Sick report: Shirley Jorgensen send us a letter describing the status of Jim's memory loss. Yvonne Wade either had a fall or suffered a stroke. We do not know anything else now, but we hope she is ok. Ann Stowers was present and is doing much better. Marge Scheuber was also present, but still goes to Chiropractor for her hip issue.

Election of officers was finalized. All current officers stayed on with the exception of Elouise Degrendele. She wanted to step out as Auditor. Susan Mefford accepted the Auditor position. We added Bodil Whitehouse as the third Trustee.

Bornholm's 2014 Installation will take place August 2, at Jacobs Fine Dining. The same place as last year.

Jacobs Fine Dining, 2501 McHenry Ave. Modesto, CA 95350. Ph. (209) 529 2829.

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

Lunch approximately at 1 PM

Guests \$30.

The menu:

Marsala Chicken.

(Grilled chicken breast topped with wild mushroom Marsala cream sauce).

Slow Roasted Tri Tip with Wild Mushroom Au Jus.

(Served with rosemary garlic red potatoes and sautéed vegetables). Please call John Scheuber for reservations: Phone (209) 541-4092 Email john.scheuber@vsi.cc

Our next meeting will be August 15. We start 6 PM with a Pizza Party hosted by Susan & Brian Mefford.

Danneskjold No. 17 & Laura No. 8

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

President: Doris Skow dws1929@gmail.com

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, June 4, 2014 at the Restaurant "Bit 0' Denmark" in Solvang, CA, with 22 members and guests present.

Guests: John (the electrician) Sørensen's son Erik. Glad to meet vou Erik!

We were also honored by the visit of the 2014 Danish Maid Angelique Heron, who was introduced by the Chairperson of the Danish Days Foundation. Angelique explained about her Danish background, her Danish roots. Her heritage and family tradition with Danish Days run very deep. Her great Grandfather, Axel Nielsen, immigrant son of Marcus and Andrea Nielsen from Mors, Denmark established the first Danish Days in 1925 in honor of Denmark's Independence Day. In 1961, before the Danish Maid tradition started, Angelique's Grandmother, Ann Nielsen, although Norwegian, dressed up in Danish costume to help host the day's events. Angelique's mother, Betina Heron was the Danish Maid in 1988" making Angelique one of the few second generation maids, since the tradition began. "I am proud to be part of this community and desire to keep our Danish traditions and heritage alive" she said

Angelique is active in the YMCA's youth and Government Program and works at her family's store, Nielsen's Market. She is also an avid dancer. She has attended and volunteered at the Danish Days Festival since she was 2 years old, from serving Aebleskiver at her families' famous aebleskiver booth and participating in all the weekend's parades. "I look forward to Danish Days every year" she said.

Angelique will be the first Danish Maid on Twitter and to tweet information and updates as builds to the fun filled weekend Scheduled from Friday September 19 to Sunday, September 21, the 78th Annual Danish Days will feature the Theme of "Sunny Fields of dreams. Admission is FREE and thousands of residents and visitor enjoy the celebration each year. Food, folk dancing, and entertainment are planned throughout the weekend. Leading up to Danish Days, Angelique will sell "Win a trip to Denmark" Raffle tickets at the weekly Farmers Market on Wednesdays in Solvang. Angelique will be leaving for a trip to Norway with her family in July. She is a beautiful 17 year old Danish Maid, with perfect manners. We wish you the best of time as the 2014 Solvang Danish Maid.

Also visiting were 6 gutter (guys) from Denmark, from the middle to Southern Denmark. They were on a tour -a 2014 Road-trip to the U.S.A. They rented their Harley Davidsons in the U.S. They told us they had got permission from their wives to travel to the U.S. for the "Drengetour". We offered them a snaps and immediately they said they wanted to sing a snapsesong for us. It was from Sønderjylland. I couldn't understand it, but figuring out from their hand movement, they sang about to the mouth, and to

the stomach. We in turn sang to them: "De skal leve". They looked like regular Harvey Davidsons fellows, with their black leather vest and trousers. They had visited Olsen's Bakery and Susy Olsen told them that we were having a meeting at the Restaurant "Bit a' Denmark". Nice guys!! They were almost at the end of their tour!!

Meanwhile back at the meeting

Approved as read.

Menu: Salad, Fried Fish Fillet with Remoulade, served on a slice of pumpernickel with potato salad...

We all loved the fish, you can serve that again, anytime! Dessert: Panna Cotta? Coffee, beer and snaps.

The members from Santa Maria Lodge invited us to join then for the Fourth of July Celebration. Location Waller Park in Santa Maria, Area 5, starts at 1 PM. Cost \$5.00 per person. Look for two Danish Flags. Bring a dessert or appetizer to share - but not mandatory!

Our President Hans Kardel and his wife Jean were visiting Denmark. Our Vice President Erling Grumstrup was not here, he was attending a grandson's wedding in Missouri. Bent Olsen offered to be acting President for our meeting. Marie Jaeger, our new secretary, read the names of officers The treasurer, Agnes Larsen, read the treasurer's report. To be filed for audit.

To our former members, Frede and Barbara Kargaard, we extend our Sincere condolences in the passing of their oldest son. Svend Olsen celebrated his 91 birthday_ Congratulations!!!! With all the many visitors we forgot to sing "Happy Birthday" to Svend. Sorry Svend! At our next meeting we will sing our heart out for you. Svend brought a bottle of snaps. Thank You! The door prize was won by Edith Plam, \$20.00 Congratulations! We were so happy to see Judith Thompsen, at the meeting. She and her husband live in Nipomo. Her new address: 1373 Vicky Lane, Nipomo. Her husband is not feeling well, and at that time they were living in a two-story house, and her husband was not able to climb the stairs, so they sold their house and bought a one story house, also in Nipomo.

Bent Olsen is a soccer fan and told us about the World Cup starting June 12 between Croatian and Brazil.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO MEETING IN JULY AND AUGUST.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, September 3, 2014 at the Restaurant "Bit 0' Denmark" at 12 Noon. Hope to see you there! KKN

<u>Holger Danske No. 27 & Valkyrien No. 23</u> Meets four times a year; contact the secretary for further information.

present. Kate Nielsen read the Minutes from the last meeting.

Holger Danske's Secretary: Wayne A. Allen. Valkyrien's Secretary Darlene Iversen Remember that everyone is invited to our 4th of July B-B-Q--- it will be held at Waller Park area #5, the same place as always. Wayn Membership dues are now due and payable for 2014. \$24.00 for Holger Danske and Valkyrien \$5.00

Call for reservations for BBQ Wayne Allen 805-937-4720 Wayne