



# GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

June 2017

## Dannebrog Grand President

Our first installation was in Reno and what a great time it was. The dinner spread was excellent! A lot of members from other branches came out to support Reno. It is always nice to see warm smiling faces at these events. Again...GREAT JOB Reno!

Dania at their April convention have instituted a committee to look into the feasibility of a merger between Dania and Dannebrog. They requested Dannebrog do the same. The Dannebrog committee is Anette Christensen, Tracey Lamee, Signe Ann McNeil, Doris Skow, and myself.

Our committee will meet soon to explore this topic and feasibility of a merger. I would appreciate it if you have questions, concerns (positive or negative), or ideas related to this subject that you share them with any of the committee members so you are heard. We want to hear everything so we are able to conduct viable discussions and to provide a thorough investigation into a potential merger.

At this time there are no decisions made either way to merge or not to merge. We are looking into it to see how best to serve our members now and into the future. **YOUR** input is valuable. We would like to hear from you soon!

Grand President Stuart Mahler

## Dania Grand President

After a short trip to Denmark in late April, I packed the snow chains and headed for the installation in Reno on May 5th. Like prior year, there was snow in the weather forecast and as I headed back Saturday we did see flurries. Unlike last year, we knew that Anette would treat with her hojt belagte Smørrebrød. We were certainly not disappointed! We had a very nice meal (with the choice of several types of sandwiches). I brought akvavit and there were also couple of Carlsberg's on hand. While this was the first installation of the year, both Grand Presidents had done an installation before and it went well. Grand Marshal Jana Heer-Glovaski was unable to make it so we had Grand Vice Marshal Bente Ellis take over. The marching around was handled well. Scholarships were handed out to two members Erik Jensen and Jens Christiansen received the Dania Memorial Scholarship and Nina Christiansen received the Dania Scholarship. May 10th, Danmark #2 and Thyra #3 had their monthly meeting and we heard the reports from the delegates to the convention. It is a

## May's Article from Dania Grand President

I want to thank all the convention participants for coming to South San Francisco, California for a few days and making it a very special experience. In particular, I want especially to thank John Jensen, James Olef Jensen, James "Jim" Jensen, Anne Gearhart, Tom Martin and (last but not least) Roger Gearhart for being the leaders in putting the convention together in such special way. You guys did a great job.

We had a group of four for the Golf tournament and just two for the Bowling on Thursday. The participants had a great time

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relief to have the convention behind us. It was noted that Danmark #2 pledged \$2000 to the Senior Assistance Fund and the same amount to the Grand Lodge Dania General Fund. We encourage all branches to contribute as well! Grand President Dania Daniel Joensen

and made it back in due time for the Senior Assistance Fund Meeting.

We ended the day with Danmark#2/Thyra#3's welcome reception put on by the hotel and augmented by Thyra#3. We also had a test run of the hotel bar. I want to thank Johanne Rasmussen Gade, along with Elizabeth Jensen for putting the Danish Smørrebrød together for the Thursday reception. Friday started with business meetings. The meeting was lead by now Jr. Past Grand President Steen Skjellerup with assistance of Grand Secretary Tim Heer and we made our way through a

packed agenda. As President-Elect, I did manage to contribute to the meeting at a few occasions.

Several changes we approved to Dania (Only) Ritual for Installation of local Officers. The incoming Grand President was given a mandate to pursue greater Unity with Dannebrog (possibly in the form of a merger) and present a progress report by October 1.

We will keep our focus on increased membership, web site upkeep, and support to our main purpose, which is sick and benefit help to our members in need.

We finished our business meetings on Saturday, and elected two new officers Grand Vice Marshal Bente Ellis and Grand Trustee Johanne Rasmussen Gade.

The installing Grand Presidents took charge of the installation and did a great job! After installation there was a brief photo session with the newly installed Grand Officers.

### **Grand Lodge Secretary**

#### **IN MEMORIAM:**

Peter Caroe, Sønderjylland, Petaluma

#### **DANIA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

#### **DANIA/DANNEBROG SENIOR ASSISTANCE FUND**

Sønderjylland #10

Irene Simms in Memory of Alan Hansen

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

Kim Aronson, Danmark #2, San Francisco

Pat Hansen, Hejls Minde # 23, Solvang

Hans M. Kardel, Hejls Minde # 23, Solvang

#### **Secretary's**

Dania Secretaries now it the time for all good Branches to start working on the annual percapita tax of \$20.00 per member as of July 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **Local Branches**

##### **Danmark No. 2 & Thyra No. 3**

**Meeting: 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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](mailto:ragearthart@comcast.net) 209-329-3687 Thyra #3 Secretary Johanne Gade**

We honored and congratulated Daniel Joensen, our new Grand President, at our Welcome Home Party. We are confident that Daniel will do a great job and we are very pleased to have him as our member. There was considerable discussion of the Convention; it was agreed that it was a great success. John Jensen and Elizabeth Jensen gave very nice reports on the Dania and Dannebrog meetings and John gave a brief report for the Convention Committee.

We celebrated the occasion with a honey-baked ham and many side dishes---and great deserts. There was lots of beer, wine, Akvavit, and coffee enjoyed---and that helped the singing. We truly had a great time---we are sorry if you missed it.

We also welcomed a new member, Kim Aronson. Kim lives in Berkeley but he was born in Copenhagen. It was a pleasure to

##### **Hejmdal No. 4**

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

**Secretary Robert Schall, [schallb48@gmail.com](mailto:schallb48@gmail.com)**

##### **Thor No. 5 & Thora No. 11**

**Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup>. Thursday every month 11:30 AM. Hope Lutheran's Conference Room, 364 E Barstow Ave, Fresno.**

**Secretary, Christie Pettitt, [poppatango@msn.com](mailto:poppatango@msn.com)**

Thora #11 and Thor #5 members welcomed back convention delegates, who gave their reports. All of our delegates enjoyed

The Dannebrog Grand Presidents' reception was hosted by Stuart Mahler and his wife Susan who helped me with the Dania setup as well. We had Carlsberg beer, home-infused aquavits, wine and light snacks and people walked back and forth between the two bars.

Saturday evening was concluded with a Gala and everybody wore their finest. The raffle was in Past Grand President (no longer Jr.) Tom Martin's capable hands. The dancing was great -- and only interrupted by the raffle and by announcement of slate of Grand Officers, Past Grand Presidents and Dania Member of the Year Past Grand President Glenn Fritz.

Just as last year, the evening ended with singing Auld Lang Syne (sku gammel venskab ren forgo) The Danish lyrics were written by Danish Poet Jeppe Aakjær with inspiration from the Scottish original by Robert Burns!

After a brief trip to family in Copenhagen, I look forward to visiting Reno in May. Grand President Dania Daniel Joensen

<b>Upcoming Conventions</b>		
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

  

<b>Upcoming Installations</b>		
Bornholm 14	August 5, 2017	Modesto
Sønderjylland #10	August 12 11:30 A.M.	Kastania Fælled Petaluma
Valhalla Lodge #11 Ydun Lodge #10	September 2 3:00 P.M.	Ferndale

welcome Kim into our midst. He was initiated in the traditional manner and signed the book dating back to 1882: the book has seen much wear and tear but is a permanent record of so many members. It is one of our proudest possessions.

Our next meeting will be Onsdag, June 14. We gather at 6:30 or so for a beverage followed by a brief meeting and then we get down to the serious business of having a good time.

Guests are always welcome. There is a rumor that we may have smørrebrød fra den Copenhagen Bageri i Burlingame. Med venlig hilsen, Roger Gearhart, Secretary, [ragearthart@comcast.net](mailto:ragearthart@comcast.net), 209-329-3687

the convention. Thank you to the San Francisco lodge members for their hospitality! Also, THANK YOU to our

Grand Presidents, Martha Nielsen and Steen Skjellerup, for doing a great job leading the meetings at convention. June 2nd is our picnic at Steen's, where we will be officially

### **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](mailto:timandnatalie@sbcglobal.net)**

Freja and Dana enjoyed a delicious Danish lunch at our May meeting. Frikadeller, Rodkaal and Brunede Kartoffler with pickled goodies on the side. It was a combined effort from the Heer family, Tim'nNat'nJana'nErik.

But even more enjoyable were our guests! We set up 3 tables overflowing with Branch memorabilia, photos, newspaper clippings, song books, convention programs and old membership logs for viewing by the handful of local

### **Dannevang No. 7 & Danebod No. 16**

**Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at 6:00PM; 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday Potluck, The Farm Bureau Building, 638 Enos Way in Livermore.**  
**Dannevang #7 Secretary, Robert Lamee, [Robertlamee@yahoo.com](mailto:Robertlamee@yahoo.com) Danebod Secretary, Kathy Thomsen, [danskfarm@yahoo.com](mailto:danskfarm@yahoo.com)**

Livermore has found a new home for our meetings at the Farm Bureau Center. We have it booked for the rest of this year. You could say it is kind of hygge! We had a Cinco de Mayo theme for our welcome home delegates meeting. Lots of discussion, reports, and new ideas transpired. A celebration of life for Rita Moldt Post was held the day before our meeting. Rita joined Danebod No. 16 November 1, 1958. Her nieces

### **No. 9 Thyra & Valborg No. 1**

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

**President, Alan D Filiu, [adfiliu@sbcglobal.net](mailto:adfiliu@sbcglobal.net) #9 Thyra/Valborg #1 Secretary, Beth Cowan, [beth.cowan@att.net](mailto:beth.cowan@att.net)**

It was great to see our Delegates and Grand Officers back from convention at the meeting in May. Grand Officers from Dannebrog: Grand President Stuart Mahler, Grand Vice President Alan Filiu, Grand Treasurer Pat Brouillette, Grand Marshal Beth Cowan, and Grand Trustee Mary Esther Filiu and from Dania: Grand Treasurer Greg Gleeson. A special thank you goes to Pat, Greg, Signe Ann and Mac for a coordinating the dinner & dessert that evening.

### **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](mailto:j.crugerhansen@comcast.net) Home: 510-232-6998 or cell: 510-375-5070**

Sonderjylland #10 held their May 2017 meeting at Kastania Fælled in Petaluma on Saturday, May 13. We had great weather, ideal to have our meeting outdoors. We welcomed an attendance of 9 Members and one guest.

The lunch consisted of freshly made Danish Smørrebrød, courtesy of Inger Marie Andersen, Vibeke Jensen, John Cruger-Hansen and Birthe Bækgaard. Deserts courtesy of John Cruger-Hansen. We also enjoyed many hors d'oeuvres and side dishes. Thank you to those who provided these wonderful dishes.

April 2017 Dania Convention in South San Francisco. John Cruger-Hansen gave a report on the convention. Main points were the need for new members in all branches of Dania. Dania will issue business cards to each branch of Dania for distribution by branch members to potential new members. Business cards will show purpose of Dania/Branch and invite potential member to a meeting. A committee was established

welcoming our new members. There will be NO MEETINGS in JULY and AUGUST!!! Have a great summer! CP

newcomers of Danish descent who we got acquainted with through facebook and now face to face. Everyone left with smiles on those faces and we hope to see them back again soon. Our June meeting on Sunday the 4th at 1:00 will be our Welcome Back Delegate lunch when we will also be making plans for our upcoming installation, deciding on a date will be the first item of "New Business". JKG

and nephews performed a quartet singing "Det er et Yndigt Land" and "Dejlig er Jorden" . Her mother, Maren Moldt, was Grand President in 1961-62. Our condolences to her family. Tracey Lamee won the attendance prize. The theme for our June 10 meeting will be "hot dogs" and all the trimmings, we will meet at 6:00. We will be dark July & August. KRT

We hope to see you at our next meeting on Thursday, June 8 at 7:30 pm.

Please note that the Hayward Lodges will not be meeting in July or August.

Wishing all a beautiful Memorial Day weekend. Thank you to our veterans for your service. Susan

to study the possibility of combining Dania and Dannebrog. A proposal for a Yearly Picnic for all branches of Dania and Dannebrog, open to all Danes in Northern California. Potential venue at The Danish Soldier's Club facility at Kastania Fælled in Petaluma. There was no resolution on the Installation Ceremony Change project. Installation remain as in the past.

October meeting will select delegates for the 2018 Dania Convention. The Christmas party may have a short business meeting as may the Valentine's day party.

Membership drawing: Karen Lysmer was drawn and since she was not present, the \$10.00 is added to the August drawing.

**Officer Installation on Saturday August 12, at 11:30AM at Kastania Fælled in Petaluma.** Remember access to Kastania Road has changed and is only available from the off-ramp to Petaluma Blvd South, both North and Southbound directions on Hwy 101. Respectfully, John Cruger-Hansen Secretary

### **Valhalla No. 11 & Ydun No. 10**

**Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup>. Saturday every month at 11:00 A.M., Danish Hall, Ferndale, CA 95536**

**Secretary, Christian Nielsen, [ChristianNielsen@suddenlink.net](mailto:ChristianNielsen@suddenlink.net)**

June 3: Valhalla – Ydun will be holding a meeting at 11:00 with a BBQ lunch and potluck afterwards. Members are asked to bring a side or dessert to share.

June 25: 67th Annual Scandinavian Festival: picnic will be held at Fortuna Rohner Park. Setup and visit at 10, eat at 12. Bring a potluck item to share, something to BBQ and your picnic gear.

July 1: Valhalla – Ydun will be holding a meeting at 11:00 with a BBQ lunch and potluck afterwards. Members are asked to bring a side or dessert to share.

Valhalla Lodge #11 and Ydun Lodge #10 will be holding there installation of officers over Labor Day Weekend September 2

### **Valdemar No 12. & Dannevirke No. 9**

**Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup>. 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](mailto:achristensen@medicine.nevada.edu)**

On Friday May 5<sup>th</sup> Dannevirke #9 & Valdemar #12 held the first installation initiated by the newly elected Grand Officers from Dannebrog and Dania. THANK YOU to such a wonderful group of friends that came all the way from California to our installation. It was so nice to see the seats full of such great Danish friends. Thank you to all that arrived at 2 p.m. to help set up the tables and all the other things that is required to put on a party like this. A big thank you to Diane Reinstein, Jackie Nielsen and Gregg DiMartino for stopping by early to help with the tables. Another big thank you goes out to the kitchen help. Ina, Ingrid and Anette with her friends, Lynda and MaryAnn made the best looking and tasty sandwiches we have seen in a long time. Anette's pear dessert was to die. Also, thank you to Mike, Donna, Sena Marie and Ann-Katherine for all your help as well. As Secretary, I would like to thank Glenn Fritz for subbing for Eva, Leif Larsen for Erik Jensen, Cindy Christensen for Helen Christiansen, and Paul Christensen for Jim Myers.

Dinner went off without a hitch with the wonderful Smørrebrød. Anette opened installation at 8:10 p.m. Grand Presidents Stuart Mahler and Daniel Joensen were ready to install the officers elect of our lodges. The installing Grand Officers: Stuart Mahler and Beth Cowen, Daniel Joensen and Bente Ellis did a wonderful job. Always nice to get the first one down and under your belt. GREAT JOB all of you! The gavel was turned back to Anette. She asked the local Marshal Nina Sawyer to escort the Grand Presidents and Grand Marshals to her station and presented them with a gift each. Marshal Nina also brought Grand Past President Steen Skjellerup to the podium to sign a scholarship that was missing his signature.

☺. Three Dania scholarship was presented to Erik Jensen, Jens and Nina Christiansen. Congratulations to you all.

### **Bornholm No. 14**

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

**Secretary, Ann Stowers, [ann.max@att.net](mailto:ann.max@att.net)**

18 members plus three guests attended Bornholm#14's May 19 "Welcome home delegates party". Bodil Whitehouse brought her friend George as a guest. He asked for a membership application, filled it out and later in the meeting we voted to accept him as a new member. We were happy to

and 3, 2017. The Humboldt County Fair will be running late this year and ending on Monday September 4, 2017. Motel reservation will need to be made early. We will be starting on Saturday at 3:00 with meet and greet, installation at 4:00 with dinner following.

Happenings and other news... June 3: Fortuna City wide yard sale will be held 8 – 3. June 25: Balder Lodge will be serving up Swedish Pancakes 8 – 12 at the Danish Hall. Come out and support this fund raiser and watch the Kinetic Sculptures cross the finish line. Christian Nielsen

Anette closed the installation at 9 05 p.m. We went back to the dining hall to have coffee, dessert, cheese and crackers followed by the introduction of the current Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers. Nice evening was had by all.

The Reno delegation would like to thank both San Francisco lodges for a wonderful convention here in April. We are looking forward to host next year's convention in Reno on April 19, 20 and 21 at the Nugget Hotel Resort in Sparks. Please mark your calendars now and remember our installation will be Sunday the 22, 2018 at the Nugget.

Congratulations to Anette Christensen and Glenn Fritz for being awarded Members of the year for 2017. Even though Glenn belongs to Danmark # 2, he is also a proud member of Reno as well.

Our June meeting will be a BBQ on Friday June 2. Everyone, please bring their own meat to BBQ and a salad or dessert to share.

**St. Hans Fest:** On Friday June 23<sup>rd</sup> we will celebrate Saint Hans Fest at the River School Farm. This is a real fun evening for the whole family. Remember a light jacket, because we are close to the river and it can get chilly. Again bring your meat to BBQ, your own drinks and a salad or dessert to share. Everyone is invited!

It was great to see Marlene Swaffar at the installation. We missed Erik Jensen, he was working at the hospital, Jim Myers had a family party, Eva Demosthenes was out of town, Solveig and John had family from out of town, also missed Helen Christiansen.

June birthdays are: Helen Christiansen, Louise Myers, Brittney Webb, Hannah Matuzak and LaRee Purdum. Happy and safe Memorial weekend to everyone. TAKE CARE Sena Marie.

see Doris Skow and Ron Nielsen coming all the way from San Jose.

Bente Ellis & Johanne Gade with help from Doris & Peder Hoy hosted and served "koldt bord" or make your own sandwich. We started with several kinds of herring and Danish

Akvavit. The spread was fantastic and everybody enjoyed it. We started at 6:10 PM and were not ready for the meeting until 7:25 PM, when President John Scheuber called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the March meeting were read and approved as read. The membership drawing did not reveal a winner, so the \$50 went to the Children's Christmas Fund. Elsie Rasmussen was reported to have spent one week at the hospital, but is home by now and feel better. The delegates from the recent convention gave their reports.

### **Danneskjold No. 17 & Laura No. 8**

**Meeting: 3rd Saturday at 12 Noon in various homes.**

**President, Doris Skow, [dws1929@gmail.com](mailto:dws1929@gmail.com), Secretary, Lis Lacey**

Laura #8 and Danneskjold #17 held their May Social in the home of Bente Ellis. There were 10 members present and we had a great Koldtbord with Aalborg Akavit and beer. Following lunch the delegates gave their reports. Doris presented Laura #8 a check from the Grand Lodge for membership and Doris showed the gift, of a ceramic bird, she received from Grand President Martha Nielsen for sponsoring the new members.

### **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, May 3, 2017 at 12 noon at the restaurant "Bit O' Denmark" with 15 members present.

The door prize was won by Dixie Allen. \$20.00  
Congratulations!

While we were waiting for lunch, we sang a medley of Danish and American songs.

The lunch menu was Herring as an appetizer served 3 ways: plain, curry sauce and tomato sauce with pumpernickel bread and butter; main course was chicken schnitzel, mashed potatoes and gravy and vegetables. Dessert was ice cream with chocolate topping. A delicious meal, very Danish at a wonderful Danish restaurant! We are Looking forward to a visitation from two of our favorite Grand Officers next month. We opened the business meeting by singing "God Bless America". The President Hans Kardel opened the business meeting with welcome remarks to members and guests. Roll

### **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

We did the first nomination of new officers. In the June meeting we will do the second nomination and election. The only changes from the current officer's line up is, that Peder Hoy steps down as Vice-president and Bente Ellis takes the position. Brian Mefford becomes Marshal. President John Scheuber announced that our Installation will take place August 5 at **Familia Bistro Ristorante, 2501 McHenry Ave. Modesto, CA 95350.** Our next meeting will be June 16. We start 6 PM with Potluck John

Our June social will be at the home of Maud Hansen at noon for lunch. It is important that you call her at 408-266-6306 to let her know if you are coming or not.

In July we have invited the members of Salinas members to join us. More about this in the next Newsletter.

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call of officers was taken by Marie Jaeger and April minutes were also read by Marie Jaeger since Kate Nielsen was enjoying herself on a cruise.

An Initiation was carried out by Marie Jaeger and President Hans J. Kardel of Pat Hansen and Hans M. Kardel making the 4th & 5th new members of the year. Welcome to both of you and we look forward to many years of your active participation. Pat Hansen lives in the Tepusquet Mountain area east of Santa Maria and Hans M. Kardel, though tall, lives on Short Street in Arroyo Grande! Wayne Allen confessed that he had a warm romance with a girl who lived on Short Street that was only four to five feet tall, and maybe Short Street got its name from that family.

The meeting ended with the singing of the Danish National Anthem. The next meeting will be held June 7 at the Bit O' Denmark at 12 noon. Jean Kardel on temporary assignment until Kate returns.

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!! WA