



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

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Grand Lodge Dannebrog Grand President

Earlier this week I returned from another adventure – my first set of visitations to lodges; ones that meet on the first week of the month. I left on Wednesday, September 30, to drive to Fresno. Driving along Highway 20 past Clearlake, I saw some blackened trees and other vegetation, and my thoughts immediately went to those who have lost property and the animals affected by the wildfires. I arrived at Martha and Gunnar's house with a warm (just out of the oven) peach pie awaiting me. Yum! It's good to see Gunnar up and about after his stay in the hospital in September. I rode with them to the meeting, which began after a lunch of salad, lasagne, and pumpkin pie. Of course, Fresno is busy preparing for Convention 2016! I enjoyed visiting with members, especially seeing the Jensens, who haven't been able to travel to Ferndale lately. It had rained a little during the meeting. I spent another night at the Nielsen's (unplanned) before heading to Reno on Friday morning. Thank you, Martha and Gunnar, for your hospitality. I definitely enjoyed the visit and Martha's cooking!

I had to take the unscenic highways 99 and 5 to Reno in order to arrive on time for Reno's meeting. On the way, I checked in at Camp Norge near Alta – Dutch Flat to set out my sleeping bag on a bed in one of the little cottages knowing I would get back late. My timing was good, and I arrived just ahead of my counterpart, Tom. Wish I had known he was riding one of his motorcycles to the meeting! Anyway, it was good to see him. I was glad to see Ann-katherine and Baxter looking so well. What a feast we had before the meeting: appetizers, a main course, and dessert, everything with a German flair for Oktoberfest (including the beer, although Carlsberg was also available)! The Reno lodges present a Santa Lucia program at their Christmas party/meeting. I wish I could attend! Congratulations to Reno for gaining so many new members. I sat at the same table with some of them and very much enjoyed their company. I was extremely glad my bed was made at Camp Norge as I returned at midnight.

So far, the only colors of leaves I've seen have been shades of green and brown: the deep reddish brown of the seed pods of the redbud and the lighter brown of some of the deciduous trees. Some of the pines looked rather sad on the way to Reno with bunches of brown needles – like some of our redwoods at home. They're ready for some much-needed rain!

(To be continued next month.) I wish everyone a bountiful and happy Thanksgiving!

Med venlig hilsen,

Lynn Wachter, Grand President, Dannebrog

Grand Lodge Dania Grand President

I took a nice motorcycle ride up to Reno on the 2nd. All backroads, it took me 2 hours longer than going the direct route, but I wasn't in a hurry and I was really looking forward to seeing the fine folks in the Reno lodges. I arrived at the hall just as Glenn Fritz pulled up. I'd stopped at the Total Wine and Spirits store and picked up some of my favorite beer to share with the lodge. After all, it was Octoberfest. I had a terrific evening with more than 30 members of the Reno lodge. We had appetizers, we had beer, we had conversations about many things. Debbie brought a bottle of Jubileum from her last trip to Denmark. We drank most of it. I was thrilled to see Baxter looking good and Ann-katherine's incredibly warm smile. I had hoped they would be there because of all they've been through lately and it certainly made the trip worth while. I was pleased to see Lynn Wachter,

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Dannebrog Grand President in attendance as well. There was a brief meeting and then a grand selection of deserts to choose from. I finally headed for my motel room after 10:30.

On the 3rd, I rode down the hill to Orangevale to visit the Scandinavian festival at Our Saviors Church. There was a variety of foods from each of the Scandinavian countries. There was music, there was dancing by the El Dorado Dancers and they invited the public to join them. I ate my first ever "Viking on a stick". I'm still not sure what it was, but it was good. Bob Schall was working in the kitchen and I helped Mary Jo and their daughter Jenny with the coffee and tea and did a bit of shopping myself. The baked goods table was so loaded when I arrived I thought they would have a lot left over. I was wrong. They sold out of everything. I bought some Rosettas to bring home to

Gloria. I remember my Godfather making them for my family when I was young. The old memories came back. A highlight of the festival for me was meeting Tom Martin. No, I wasn't looking in the mirror or finding myself. Tom is a member of the El Dorado Dancers. We had a pleasant conversation and then he was back to dancing with the ensemble. Most said it was a good turnout, Leroy Larsen and Nadine were spotted having a bite to eat but there weren't many Dania members in attendance. We will have to get the word out to those in driving distance that this is an event worth travelling to.

Sunday the 4th brought Gloria and me to Orange Blossom Park in Oakdale to spend the day with the fine folks of Bornholm #14. Their annual picnic was a fun time for us and 20 of Modesto's members. We started the day with aebleskiver and bloody marys and a bit of Frisbee tossing with John Schuber. Brian Mefford took over the role of aebleskiver chef from Alvin Olsen and did a

fine job. As the members arrived with their contributions to the pot-luck, the table grew crowded. John fired up the bbq and we had hamburgers and hotdogs with a variety of salads, chips and Johanne's beans. Johanne wasn't feeling well so she dropped off the beans and bbq and returned home to rest. She was missed. The day was perfect, not too hot, not too cold and the park is a beautiful site. We were all stuffed and then the deserts started coming out. It was a fine day and Johanne's son came by and picked up the equipment and we all headed home from a wonderful day with friends. Thank you to the fine members of Bornholm #14.

I'll be on the road to begin November with Solvang on the 4th, Fresno on the 5th, Reno on the 6th and up to Ferndale on the 7th. Hope to see you at one of these meetings!

Ser frem til at se dig.

Tom Martin, Grand President, Daina

Grand Lodge Secretary

TO DANNEBROG SCHOLARSHIP:

Beth Cowan in memory of Judy Osborne

Beth Cowan in memory of Jonna Villadsen

Beth Cowan in memory of Mary Cumming

Doris Skow in memory of Mary Cumming

Lise Vanderbeck in memory of Mary Cumming

DANIA/DANNEBROG SENIOR ASSISTANCE FUND

Johanne Gade in memory of Arne Rasmussen

Johanne Gade in memory of Jonna Villadsen

Johanne Gade in memory of Mary Cumming

Johanne Gade in memory of Albert Martin

Valhalla No. 11 & Ydun No. 10

We are Still in need of donations to this fund

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		

Do Not forget we are Falling back to Standard time on November 1st

Local Branches

Danmark No. 2 & Thyra No. 3

Meeting: 2nd. Wednesday every month 7:30 PM Odd Fellows Building; 26 Seventh Street, San Francisco CA 94103

Danmark #2 Secretary Roger Gearhart [E-mail ragearhart@comcast.net](mailto:ragearhart@comcast.net) Thyra #3 Secretary Johanne Gade

The meeting went very well. The President appointed a committee for the Joint Installation in February. Both Kaj and Doug Mercer a bit under the weather but they will be back soon. Anne Gearhart was welcomed back and see is 95% recovered after setbacks. She was greeted warmly with much applause. Some who missed out on the attendance prize were Mary Beth Jensen (the new mother of twins), Erik Eichner, Darwin Dichmann, and Marissa Christensen. For dinner, we enjoyed pizza delivered and soon consumed. It was very good. Of course, there were appetizers galore (thanks to Johanne). Then we were truly regaled in song by our "young Danes". Here is a short list of the songs: "Og gid at det må gå ham vel" "Åh ja, ham kan vi li' " "Vi sejler op af Æen" "For han er så ung og så yndig ser han ud"

We had such a good time that the topic of why more people come for such great times and why can't we get more loyal members? In any event, an article for BIEN has been written and hopefully it will be published.

We start gathering about 6:30 for a beverage and a social hour followed by a brief meeting. Then we get down to the serious business of having a good time. The next meeting is Onsdag, November 11. Kaj, Anne and Roger will be celebrating their birthdays and guests and visitors from other branches are most welcome. Please give Roger a heads-up if you are coming (we don't want to run out of beer). We hope to see many of you there.

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 Gail Hansen dickgailh@aol.com

Thora # 11 and Thor # 5 members enjoyed our visit with Grand President, Lynn Wachter. A delicious lasagna lunch was provided by Hanne Dykes and Lone Taylor. Convention plans are continuing to be made. It will be held at the Clovis Veterans Memorial Hall in Clovis, CA. on

April 14-16, 2016. Old Town Clovis has some really neat shops for your shopping pleasure. Doris Lastreto and Inga Hansen are in charge of refreshments for our Nov. 5th meeting.
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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 15 and Freja 6 were honored by a visit from Grand President of Dannebrog Lynn Wachter. She came down to Salinas on October 4th to enjoy a sunny afternoon of BBQ and friendship. It was a small group but we were also happy to have longtime members Norman Nielsen, Lis Bonde Schmidt and Arne Graversgaard in attendance. We all had a great time in the shade around the picnic table, sharing stories from the "old country" and even Googling some Danish song lyrics! We also discussed our end of the year plans and decided that since last year we were all so glad we waited to have our big holiday meal after all the hustle and bustle of Christmas had passed, we're going to do it again! We'd love to have some company (hint hint) so if you'd like

to come join us in celebration of Christmas Passed and New Years Present on Sunday, January 3rd, 2016 please contact Tim'nNat by 12/28/2015 so they will know how much pork to buy!

We'll be asking for a small donation of \$10.00 for a Delicious Danish meal that Tim'nNat are getting pretty famous for! The menu will be Flæskesteg, Rødkål, Brunede kartofler and Risala Mande.

Our next gathering will be Sunday, November 1st for a potluck Harvest lunch at 1:00 at the "Lovely House" in Spreckels, 14 Llano. By the time you read this Jana will have called members to organize the side dishes, and remind you to change your clock. JHG

Dannevang No. 7 & Danebod No. 16

Meets 2nd Saturday at 6:00PM; 4th Saturday Potluck, IOF Hall, 2160 First Street, Livermore, CA 94551.

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

We can deny it, or embrace it, but the holiday season is here. Let's enjoy this year!

Danebod No.16 had four Past Grand Presidents attend a luncheon for the Past Grands at Campo de Bocce in

Livermore, hosted by Elizabeth Jensen. We were well represented and had a super fun time.

Next meeting will be Saturday, November 14, potluck at 6:00, meeting to follow.

See you there, 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 Susan Gauthier, s.gauthier@sbcglobal.net #9 Thyra / Valborg #1 Secretary Beth Cowan beth.cowan@att.net

At the October joint meeting between Valborg #1 and Thyra #9 members, it was unanimously approved to change the venue for regularly scheduled lodge meetings effective January 2016:

January 14, 2016 @ 7:30 pm

Round Table Pizza, Meeting Room 20920 Redwood Road
Castro Valley CA 94546

There is sufficient parking and no stairs to maneuver at the new location. Please note that we will continue to meet at the Hill & Valley Club in November & December 2015.

If you have questions, please contact me at 510-656-4001 or via email s.gauthier@sbcglobal.net.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 12 at 7:30 pm at the Hill & Valley Clubhouse in Hayward.

We will celebrate the Holidays with a potluck dinner at the home of Greg Gleeson on Saturday, December 19th. We'll gather around 6 p.m. for beverages and snacks, with dinner around 7 p.m. If you can, please bring your favorite dish to share – appetizers, salads, hot or cold side dishes, or desserts. The cost is just \$10 per person, to off-set the cost of meat and beverages. If you wish to donate a new/unwrapped toy, George Cumming will be collecting them at the Holiday Party and then delivering the next day to the Salvation Army. Please RSVP to Pat Brouillette, no later than December 12 at 510-278-9430, or pab0718@sbcglobal.net. We hope you will join us!
Susan Gauthier, President

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 in October 2015.

Next regular meeting is on Saturday November 14 at Kastania Fælled in Petaluma.

Please call Carol, 415 479-4494 or Karen, 510 526-5665 to let us know you will be attending.

Date and place for annual Christmas party: We will return to the Flamingo Conference Resort and Spa, 2777 - 4th Street, Santa Rosa, CA 95405 for our traditional Christmas Lunch on Sunday December 13th from 11am-2pm. Members are free and guest will pay \$42.00 per person.

Respectfully, John Cruger-Hansen Secretary

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

October we had a wonderful day at the Fortuna Harvest Festival and dinner at Hunan's Restaurant. On November 7 we will celebrate Ydun's 103rd Anniversary with a banquet at the Ivanhoe in Ferndale at 5:00 pm with cake and coffee back at the Danish Hall. If you don't have your reservations in yet, it is not too late. Reservations can be made by contacting me at the address above or by calling (707) 499-3746.

December 5 we will be celebrating a Danish Christmas at the Danish Hall with a lunch. Meeting at 11:00 with lunch

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

Reno's Oktoberfest potluck on the 2nd, was a great success. We had about 35 people enjoying all the wonderful German traditions. Sauerkraut & sausage along with other traditional potato dishes. For dessert we had Homemade Cheese cake made from scratch and I mean even down to the milk and the way it was processed. Swartzwalds Torte (Black Forrest cake) with cherries and of cause we had plenty of Spaten beer and Jubilærums snaps. What great food and desserts. Yum, Yum.

We were honored by the presence of the Grand Lodge Grand Presidents, Tom Martin from Dania and Lynn Wachter from Dannebrog. Neither one of them knew that the other one was going to be there, so they were both very surprised. Hope they enjoyed their visit as much as we did. We discussed our Thanksgiving potluck. Everyone should bring salads, potatoes, desserts or something that fits around our great turkey that Lars Jensen is cooking. At our November meeting on the 6th, we will present three – 25 year pins to some of our Dania members; Jim Myers, Pete Olsen and Paul Christensen.

We also discussed our Christmas Party which will be on Friday December 4th starting at 6:00 pm.

Ingrid Hedman is leading the St. Lucia performance starting at 6:30 pm. Thank you for putting this together again, as you have done for many years now! The Lucia performance is followed by our Traditional Danish "Smørrebørd". We will sing and dance around the Christmas tree and our "Nisse", Steven Myers will entertain the children and the adults alike before he hands out the presents to the children that their families have brought for them.

We end the evening with coffee, desserts and a Raffle with great prizes. For the whole evening's entertainment and food you only pay: \$20.00 per person for non-members, \$15.00 per person for members, \$5.00 per child (4 – 12 years)

following around 12:30. On January 9 we will be celebrating Valhalla's 123rd Anniversary by holding our annual Crab and Pasta feed. Make your reservations early so that we can plan accordingly. Same reservation information as above. Cost is \$20 for Crab, Spaghetti, Green Salad, Bread, Coffee, Tea or Beer.

Remember to get your delegates and scholarship info to the Grand Secretary. April will be here soon...

Christian Nielsen

Must RSVP and pre pay by November 27, 2015.

Mail a list of names of attendees include free children to Ina Segesman, 1027 Tyler Way, Sparks, NV 8943, 775-358-7870. If anyone can help set up, please come to the Hall at 2:00 pm.

Just a friendly reminder, dues are due in January and for Dannevirke No. 9 members it is \$15.00. Please bring check to meeting or mail to Ina Segesman, (see address above) and for Valdemar No 12 members the dues are: \$30.00. Please mail to Carl Henrik Christiansen, 615 Beckworth Dr. Reno, NV. 89506.

Janet Pulsipher is on our sick list after she fell, but she is doing better. We were glad to see Baxter here tonight and Palle. We had a surprise visit from Knud Sorensen, who has moved to Florida. It was great to see him and he always brings us great gifts from Denmark! Thank you Knud. It was nice to see Leif & Bonnie Larsen and Donna & Michael Vanderbeck here tonight as well.

Hope everyone else is well and happy and we are looking forward to seeing you in November at our Turkey dinner and special meeting where we present the members with their 25 year pins.

A quick reminder of the member of the year award for Dannebrog or Dania. Please contact Sena Marie for applications. They must be into the Grand Secretaries by December 31st.

Oh, by the way, Anette and Poul-Erik Christensen are grandparents again with the birth of their grandson Oliver Matthew McCauley to their daughter Lisa and son-in-law Dan. He was 7 lbs. 10 oz. and 20 inches long with a full head of blonde hair.

Good luck and we are happy for you!

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

Bornholm #14 celebrated Octoberfest Friday October 16. Eighteen members came to the party. We started at 6 PM with beer, hot dogs and Bodil Whitehouse's homemade sauerkraut.

The membership attendance prize went to the Children's Christmas Fund, as no present members were drawn.

We still have the same people in sickbay with no changes. Åse Laugesen, Bob Sorensen & Jim Jorgensen. Elouise Degrendele has moved to assisted living.

John Scheuber reported from the picnic October 4. There attended 24 people including Grand President Tom Martin and his wife. Everybody had a good time and Brian Mefford made the Danish Æbleskiver, which he did to perfection. Jerry Zoller made a presentation for this year's Donation Committee. Again, this year Bornholm #14 support our local community generously. On top of the local donations,

Bornholm #14 also donated \$1000 to the Senior Assistance Fund.

This year we are buying Christmas presents for 10 needed children for \$120 each.

We are having our Christmas party December 13 at the Familia Bistro Ristorante. The same place as last year except the name has changed, 2501 McHenry Ave. Modesto, CA 95350

John Scheuber will research menu choices. Brian Mefford is willing to arrange a visit by Santa Claus.

Doris Hoy and Gunver Olsen both were honored with a 50 year pin. Congratulations to both.

Next month meeting will be November 20. We will start with Hors d'oeuvre by everybody, and later during the meeting, we will have Pies hosted by Johanne Gade.

See you there. John

Danneskjold No. 17 & Laura No. 8

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

President: Doris Skow dws1929@gmail.com

Our October meeting at Britta Langes' was great. Lovely weather so we sat outside under the patio overhang.

Following a short meeting some of us sat around and visited and some went inside to play cards. This was our Harvest Potluck, which was wonderful with such an array of good food. Bente brought Danish Apple Cake for dessert. Thanks for a great time.

I had company from Denmark for a week and one of the highlights was the drive to Salinas to visit Birthrs' sister-in-

law, Inger Rasmussen in her new location. We spent a hour with her that day.

On November 14 we will gather at my home for lunch. No need to bring anything as I will prepare lunch. Lisa McDaniel will bring the dessert. Following our meeting we will either play cards or maybe some games. So if you have a favorite game, please bring it.

Have a great Turkey Thursday.

DWS

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, October 7, 2015 at 12 Noon at the Restaurant "Bit O' Denmark" in Solvang, with 19 members present. We sang Happy Birthday to Less Neil and Agnes Larsen. They both brought a bottle of Snaps. Thank You!

The Door Prize was won by Marie Jaeger, \$20.00.

Congratulations!

Lunch Menu: Curried Potato soup Pumpernickel. Fish Filet with Remoulade, and Potato Salad. Dessert: Flan and Coffee.

Delicious Lunch!

While waiting for Lunch, we sang a Medley of Danish and American songs, led by Henning Sørensen.

We opened the business meeting by singing: "God Bless America." Bent Olsen was the acting President, our regular President Hans Kadel was away for a Reunion. Bent

Opened the business meeting with welcome remarks, before the meeting started at 1:10 pm.

Arla Høj is at Home with a helper. She is feeling better, has even gained a couple of pounds, "God Bedring", Arla, from all of the Dania members.

Was so good to see our member Judith Thompson back again, she has been absent for a long time, due to the passing of her husband. She lives in Nipomo.

According to Henning Sørensen we need a microphone at all our meetings, Please note - whoever is responsible for the "Mike".

We finished the business meeting by singing "der er et yndigt Land". The meeting closed at 1: 50pm.

The next meeting will be" held Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at the Restaurant Bit O' Denmark, Solvang, at 12 noon.

Hope to see you there. K.K.

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