

GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

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Dannebrog Grand President

The summer is winding down with the local schools starting up this morning.

I was the chauffeur for the Dania/Dannebrog installation trip the last weekend in July with Gunnar and Grand President Steen as my passengers.

We arrived in Modesto for Bornholm's installation at noon Saturday. This was a Dania only installation and I was able to enjoy and observe Grand President Steen Skjellerup and Grand Marshal John Scheuber installing their officers. I found it interesting that with a Dania only being installed they retain the altar in the middle of the floor and Grand Marshal having to march around it. Whereas in the combined installation, we remove it after the pledge is given.

We enjoyed a wonderful lunch and then had the raffle that Bodil Whitehouse takes charge of. It's so wonderful that this raffle benefits their annual Children's Christmas fund. We always have a good time visiting with everyone when attending their installation party.

We traveled on over to Scotts Valley that afternoon to my daughter's home. Sunday morning we were ready to drive south to the Salinas lodge. Fortunately they had many members attending from out of town which made a nice group. The Heer family seems to be holding down the fort. Each family member serves in more than one position on their Dana and Freja boards. Salinas had a delightful afternoon planned after the delicious luncheon. We changed into our dance outfits to enjoy some Danish folks dancing with instructors from Solvang. Steen and I were pleasantly surprised by the effort put into the table decorations and cake on our behalf, it was pretty special. Stuart and Susan Mahler gave more background information on the trip they have donated for the raffle that will benefit the Senior Assistance Fund. Diane Reinstein and Jackie Nielsen had the tickets that will be on sale all year.

We are looking forward to the Labor Day weekend up at beautiful Ferndale. Hope you can join us.

Martha Nielsen, Dannebrog's Grand President

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On July 30th Martha, Gunnar and myself went to Modesto so I could lead the installation of officers in Bornholm #14, which is a Dania lodge only. Grand Secretary Tim Heer had put together a marching diagram, which Grand Marshal John Scheuber followed to perfection. After the installation, we had a very nice lunch.

The trip continued to Scotts Valley where we stayed overnight in a very special and nice house of Gunnar and Martha's daughter and husband.

The next day, we went to Salinas to conduct the installation of officers in Freja#6 and Dana#15. The installation went well with good work from everybody involved. A number

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of local officers got loaded with regalia as they were installed several times for both Dania and Dannebrog.

After good food and plenty of wine, we had a nice folk dance party.

On Monday August 1, I drove to SFO to get on SAS to CPH, where I met up with two of my kids who had visited Copenhagen a couple of days. They wanted to go and visit Lejre Viking camp. We saw the Viking lifestyle, living in tents and cooking Viking meals.

Next visit was my little house 10 miles north of Silkeborg in Midtjylland. With this as a base we toured museums in Silkeborg and Moesgaard, south of Aarhus.

Friday we took a ferry to Gothenburg, Sweden, so we could get ready for my sister's Guldbryllup (50 year wedding day), which was Saturday. It took place in a little wood house in the city forest of Uddevalla.

It was a traditional Danish party, where you sit several hours at the table to eat, drink, talk, sing, make speeches and finally you get up to dance.

At 1:30 AM you get some more food, and then you are ready to go home to the hotel.

Sunday we visited Trollhattan on the way to the ferry in Gothenburg. In the period of 1840 to 1844, canals and

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Stuart Mahler, and John Scheuber

Dania Secretary's

Dania's Convention report is availble on our web site, along with some photos of recent installations.

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 <u>ragearhart@comcast.net</u> 209-329-3687 Thyra #3 Secretary Johanne Gade

Our August meeting was great fun----and we were certainly well fed. The Fox brothers, Robert and Michael, brought a great ham with all the trimming. And two home-made apple pies, Michael's specialty. There were all kinds of great appetizers----blue cheese, herring, salami, crackers, several breads, and much more. Of course there was plenty of beer, wine and Akvavit. And the singing was a bit hit. Sorry if you missed the evening.

Daniel Joensen has been doing a great job as our President. We observe all of our time-honored traditions but in an easy and fun-filled atmosphere. Our meetings are brief but very effective. Daniel brought a guest from DK, Nickoli Rasmussen. Nickoli is taking a course at Stanford. He is an auditor (CPA) in Copenhagen. Poul Andersen won the attendance prize---he says it was a first for him.

Our meetings are always an event to be remembered. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, September 14. We gather for a social hour, lots of beer and conversation, much of it in Danish, at 6:30 followed by a brief meeting at 7:30. Then

locks were constructed so boats could sail up and down the river at Trollhattan, and the old locks are still there. Just to finish off my two weeks of having a lot on my plate, I went to Junction City for 4 days for the Scandinavian Festival, where I performed folk dancing with the Modesto Folk Dancers.

Looking forward to the installation in Ferndale September 3 at 4 PM.

By Grand President Dania Steen Skjellerup

Lets have fun with this project. If we can sell most of these tickets, we can be assured this much needed monies for our seniors will be funded for some time to come.

Birthdays, Christmas, anniversaries, Graduations, Valentine's Day, Weddings, or just because, Everyone loves a surprise. Sales ARE NOT limited to Lodge members Sell them to your friends, family Co-workers, neighbors, other organizations you belong to. GO GET EM Thanks to Stuart, Jana, Kathy, Jackie anyone else who helped get this off and running., Diane Reinstein-co chair

we get down to the serious business of having a good time and a wonderful dinner. Guest are always welcome---we hope to see you there.

Med venlig hilsen, Roger Gearhart, Secretary ragearhart@comcast.net, 209-329-3687

| Upcoming Conventions | | | | | | |
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| Danmark #2 and | April 6-8 2017 | Grosvenor | | | | |
| Thyra #3 | | S. San | | | | |
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| Dannevirke #9 and | April 19-21, 2018 | Nugget, | | | | |
| Valdemar #12 | | Sparkes NV | | | | |
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| Thyra #9 and | April 11-13 2019 | Grosvenor | | | | |
| Valborg #1 | _ | S. San | | | | |
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| Upcoming Installations | | | | | | |
| Valhalla No. 11 and | September 3 & | Danish Hall | | | | |
| Ydun No. 10 | 4 2016 | Ferndale | | | | |
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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

We hope everyone had a great summer and are ready for the Fall season to begin. Our valley grape and almond farmers are already in the midst of harvesting. Hard to believe summer is almost behind us! Thora #11 and Thor #5 will be meeting September 1 at 6:00 pm at Hope

Lutheran in Fresno. Members are asked to bring salads or sandwiches. Deanna Dunbar will provide dessert. We are sad to report that on July 8th, Cindy Jensen, Betty and Carl's daughter-in-law lost her courageous battle with cancer. She is missed! 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

News Flash! The Dynamic Duo from Fresno Saved the Day in Salinas! It was touch and go there for a bit - The Heer family did a fine rendition of the "Substitute Shuffle" and our installing Grand Officers were up for the challenge. Tim now holds the world record for most regalias ever worn in a Dania and Dannebrog installation! Tak! Tak! Tak! Tak! Tak! Tak! (that's one tak for each of our local members who could attend) We couldn't have done it without all the out of town members who showed up, pitched in, had fun, and made all the preparations worthwhile! Then after lunch the hall carpet suffered even more wear and tear as we refined honed our Danish dance steps under the leadership of

David and Jo Heald. Such fun! David & Jo and Martha & Steen dressed in traditional Danish costumes kept us moving till they were the last ones on the floor. Can't wait till next year, let's see was that "short step, long step, turn? or was there a hop in there somewhere . . . Next time we'll get together is on October 2, a Sunny

Sunday, we hope, for an outdoor Octoberfest-ish BBQ at 1:30 on the side patio at our usual meeting place, the Masonic Hall in Salinas. We'd love to have company, please contact Tim'nNat at timanadnatalie@sbcglobal.net or 831-426-4623 if you'd like to join us. JHG

Dannevang No. 7 & Danebod No. 16

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

Hope everyone is having a fantastic summer. About 40 of us enjoyed the barbecue out at the Reinstein Ranch. We were just glad we had a backup plan to go inside Diane's house since it was to hot to be outside that day. Thanks Diane for

Dannevang #7 Secretary, Robert Lamee, Robertlamee@yahoo.com Danebod Secretary, Kathy Thomsen, danskfarm@yahoo.com hosting and thanks to all that brought such yummy food. Look forward to doing it again next year. We will resume meeting September 10, 4:00, same place, the Odd Fellows Hall. Hope to see you there! KRT

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

Our next meeting will be on Thursday September 8, 2016 at 7:30PM at Roundtable Pizza in Castro Valley. We have not met for several months so I hope to see a lot of our Valborg and Thyra members in attendance. Out of town folks are always welcome!

If you have not heard Danish Society Dannebrog is conducting a fundraising raffle to support the Dania Dannebrog Senior Assistance Fund. The prize value is \$2000.00+, so get your tickets. Bring your cash or check book to the meeting and support the Senior Assistance Fund (OAF). Tickets are \$20.00 each or the bargain rate of three tickets for \$50.00. Such a deal...you will not want to miss out. Tickets will be available at the meeting for your opportunity to purchase perhaps the winning ticket! Buy early and often...you could be the winner for a nice vacation in Los Cabos Mexico. The HAWK

Sønderjylland 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 Sønderjylland #10 held their meeting at Kastania Fælled in Petaluma on Saturday, August 13. We had great weather, ideal to have our meeting outdoors. We welcomed an attendance of 18 Members and two guests, Lavon Christensen's son and daughter-in-law.

The lunch consisted of tasty BBQ short ribs, beans, and salad, courtesy of Sabrina Wilcox, and fresh croissants and fresh strawberries, courtesy of Karen Lysmer. We also enjoyed many hors d'oeuvres, and side dishes, courtesy of Vibeke and Inger-Marie, and a scrumptious birthday cheesecake in celebration of Sabrina Wilcox's birthday, August 14. Thank you to those who provided these wonderful dishes and cake.

The meeting commenced at 12:40 with the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call. All officers present except for Lori Hamm and Birthe Sckerl.

Correspondence: A thank you letter from Dania-Dannebrog Senior Assistance Fund thanking Sønderjylland #10 for the

\$1,000.00 donation was read as well as an email from the Danish Soldiers Club agreeing to the Sønderjylland #10 revised meeting schedules.

Unfinished Business: A suggestion was made at the June meeting to reduce the member cost of the lunch from \$8.00 per person to \$4.00. After a discussion it was agreed to lower it to \$5.00. MSC to lower the cost to members and guests to \$5.00 per person.

There was a discussion regarding how to handle refreshments. It was decided to make no change to the current practice. John Cruger-Hansen volunteered to monitor supplies. Ramel has checked and cleaned up the supply room and cleaned out the refrigerator so it is ready for new supplies.

Finn Kjaer noted he has a large amount of Sønderjylland #10 lodge records, (some dating back to the beginning of the lodge), that need to be stored elsewhere as he is scheduled to move to Oregon soon.

Sabrina requested we all let the Secretary know if we will come to the meeting, please call three weeks ahead of the scheduled meeting date, so we may plan food and beverage appropriately. It was suggested three members be responsible for the menu at the meetings.

It was noted that we need to have positive energy and not to engage in gossip, and that it would be great if members also would meet outside of the Sønderjylland meetings.

Karen Lysmer will be unable to attend the Sønderjylland meeting on October 8, as she has a commitment to the Danish Rebild Society of which she is also a member.

Membership drawing: Lavon Christensen was drawn and she received the \$30.00.

Next meeting is on October 8, 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: 1st. Saturday every month at 11:00 A.M., Danish Hall, Ferndale, CA 95536 Secretary, Christian Nielsen, ChristianNielsen@suddenlink.net

We had a nice turnout for our August meeting with a pizza birthday party.

Labor Day weekend we will hold our Installation of Officers at the Danish Hall in Ferndale. Saturday, September 3 we will start with Installation at 4:00 with a cocktail party afterwards followed by a dinner of Prime Rib and Salmon with all the stuff to go with it. Sunday, September 4 we will be playing bocce followed by a lunch of Hamburgers, Chicken and Salads at the Danish Hall at 1:00. Cost for the weekend is \$55 per person. Reservations are a must so we can make the plans. Make reservations to Christian at (707) 499-3746 or e-mail at ChristianNielsen@suddenlink.net with the number of people and which days.

Things to do in Ferndale over Labor Day weekend: **September 1-2** Fern Cottage will be open to the public for guided tours on the hour from 11:00 to 2:00 cost is \$10. Fern Cottage is the home of the pioneer Russ Family who settled Ferndale. Fern Cottage is located on Centerville

Road. **September 4** The Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) will be holding Concours on the Avenue. This will be the first year for this event. SCCA has approved a special category for the Victorian Village of Ferndale to view the cars on the street rather than on lawn. We anticipate 100 vehicles to be viewed and judged by a panel of over 20 judges on Ferndale's historic Main Street. This should be something to see if you like viewing classic cars.

September 10 is Bargain Lovers Weekend in Ferndale. It's a Garage Sale, a Barn Sale, a Sidewalk Sale, a Bargain Lovers Weekend. From Main Street to side streets the whole town is getting in on the act. More than 100 different locations offering everything from antiques to zithers. New and used merchandise, toys, tools, gadgets galore, clothing, household items, plants and garden items, games, puzzles, kids' stuff. Look for the BRIGHT YELLOW SIGNS that mark each location. Stop by the Danish Hall and support our pancake breakfast from 8 – noon to keep up the energy to shop. Hope to see you soon, Christian Nielsen

Valdemar No 12. & Dannevirke No. 9

Meeting: 1st. Friday every month at 7 PM, Odd Fellows Hall; 1300 Stardust Street Reno, NV 89503.

Friday August 5, the Reno Lodges held their monthly meeting and BBQ. It was a hit again this month. Lots of food, tri tips, steaks, burgers, and hot dogs. Danish dessert made by Ina, "Rødgrød med fløde". This is the sentence we use to test everyone, to see if they can speak Danish. © I think everyone knows what it is, but just in case - It is strawberries (or any berries, preferably red) cooked and you eat it cold in a bowl with half and half or cream on top. Very good stuff that many of the 25 people who was in attendance haven't had in a long time. Everyone enjoyed it and had a fun evening. During dessert Anette opened the

meeting. There was not much business so it was short and sweet. We did discuss the events for the rest of the year. September will be our usual monthly potluck. October we will celebrate with an October fest potluck. In November we celebrate Thanksgiving with a huge pot luck. Lars Jensen will bake the turkey. He cuts it open and spread it on a cooking sheet/pan, bake it in the oven and it is done in 1 hour and a half. It is so tender on the inside & crispy skin on the outside and it is so YUMMY! Thank you again Lars for making our Thanksgiving special. We also discussed the

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Christmas Party - Yes it's here again! More discussion will follow at our next meeting.

Ingrid Hedman had talked to Marlene Swaffar and she is doing the best she can. It is hard to lose someone that you have loved for over 50 years. Marlene is selling their home and looking for a place in Walnut Creek Ca, to be close to her family. We will miss her and we wish her the best of luck! On our sick list we learned after the meeting that Mike and Donna Vanderbeck are both "down". Mike broke his fibula at the ankle and Donna had shoulder surgery. We

wish them well and a speedy recovery! When we asked if there were anyone else that were under the weather; Palle Larsen and John La Roach started coughing - nice try you two! Helen and Carl Christiansen left early because Helen wasn't feeling well. Hope everyone is doing better! Nina Sawyer's summer is over, school started early this year, August 8th. Hope you have a great year in school Nina. Wishing everyone a nice rest of the summer! 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

Bornholm #14 held a well-attended and successful Installation July 30, where Ben Hoover came into action for the first time, as he substituted for President John Scheuber. He did a great job and has developed into a very involved Dania member.

Another first: The old Dania only Installation Ritual was used and the flow of the Installation was much better. We need to sort out whether the Alter stays or being removed during the Installation. We will discuss this internally since Modesto is the only Dania only organization that has had Installations in the past couple of years.

Two weeks later August 19, the members were headed back to our first general meeting in the new fiscal year 2016/2017. Susan & Brian Mefford treated with a pizza party. Pizza parties are always popular. 14 members attended no guests. We started a little after 6 PM with the pizzas, and President John Scheuber called for the meeting 7:15 PM. Minutes of the June 17 meeting were read and approved with no changes. Brian Mefford won the attendance prize

\$50, which he donated to the Children's Christmas Fund. Thank you Brian.

Marge Scheuber our Sunshine person reported birthdays in July and August for Ann & Max Stowers, Hugo Rasmussen, Jerry Zoller. Gunver Olsen, Marge Scheuber and Bente Ellis. Happy Birthday everybody.

Bob Sorensen and Jim Jorgensen are reported OK no change since June. Beth Mortensen is also doing ok. Jerry Zoller is waiting for a hip replacement.

It was decided to give up our storage locker. John Scheuber and Peder Hoy will execute this.

The rest of the meeting was dedicated to finalize our program for the 2016/2017 season. The new program features The Danish city of Skagen's history.

Our next meeting will be September 16. Bodil Whitehouse and Kirsten & John Johansen are the hosts. We start 6 PM with light sandwiches followed by Danish Æblekage. John

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/Danneskjold # 17 will hold there September meeting on Saturday the 10th, at 12 noon. This will be hosted by Ron Nielsen at 5852 Sentinel St., San Jose 95120. This will be a Danish Koldebord. Our meeting and cards will follow lunch. Please call Doris at 408 313 7235 if you are coming.

On our shut in list we have Phyllis Allman, she fell in the yard and chipped her tail bone. Beth is about the same, enjoys cards and phone calls.

Mabel Brix is home from the hospital. She is on Hospice service now. Cards are encouraged, visits if you call first are welcome. I am happy to report that Lillian Solyst is steadily improving. DWS

Hejls Minde No. 23

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

We will be holding our meeting on September 7 at the Bit "O" Denmark at 12:00 Noon See you there!!

Holger Danske No. 27 & Valkyrien No. 23

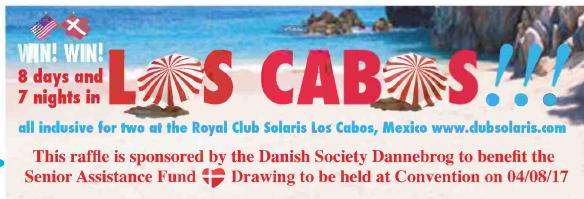
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his fundraising event has been made possible through a member's generous donation. Help support Dania and Dannebrog's Senior Assistance Fund (formerly known as The Old Age Fund) by participating in this exciting raffle! During the month of August, lodge secretaries will receive tickets for members to buy and sell! Please contact Stuart Mahler with any questions. Smahler52@att.net or 925-519-6957. "Good luck everyone!!!"

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