



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

December 2018

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

Dannebrog Grand President

Greetings from Dannebrog:

Mary Esther and I want to wish all the Dannebrog and Dania members and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you in our travels.
Alan Filiu, Dannebrog Grand President

Dania Grand President

November is a good time to remind us of what we have to be thankful for. We can all be thankful for the country we live in and all the freedoms we enjoy, with all the abundance that is available to us, but more specifically I want to thank those who assist and contribute to the success of our Danish Society. Many of you are involved either locally or on a statewide basis. Your work, in the interest of Dania, is appreciated. Every family has a tradition that is normally followed on this Holiday. In our family we all walk or run in a 5k or 10k in Folsom, called "Run to Feed the Hungry or the Folsom Turkey Trot". We have to work for our Special Dinner that our daughter and son-in-law provide for all 30 of us in Rocklin. The month of November was not as active of a Dania month as many are. I personally am very involved in Ag Education at the Community College level and participated in two major fund raisers, one for Modesto Jr. College and one for Delta College. Our National Ag Science Center also had a fund raiser this month as well. I am pleased that we are starting to get some very helpful feedback from the various branches who have submitted some suggested changes to our Dania Constitution Review Committee. We set December 1 as our deadline for this input. Our Committee will meet soon to review the suggestions and revise our initial draft, where appropriate. Our goal is to get an updated draft with suggested motions to each branch by February 1, to share with their Delegates before our convention in April.

We were all saddened to hear of the passing of Kathleen Gearhart, Roger's wife. She was a lovely lady and always in support of the many involvements that Roger had over many years. I hope to see some of you at her service in Lodi on December 1.

Please check this newsletter as there are many Holiday parties being hosted by our various branches. I encourage

Grand Lodge Secretary

IN MEMORIAM:

Arne Poulsen; Freja #6 July 29th.

DANNEBROG SCHOLARSHIP

DANIA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Marge & John Scheuber in Memory of Kathleen Gearhart

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you to get involved and share in the holiday spirit. Our local Bornholm party will be Saturday, December 15 at the Famiglia Bistro in Modesto at 11:30. Call us with your reservation at 209-541-4092. We hope to see you there. I wish you all Holiday greetings and hope you can share them with your family and friends.

Your Dania Grand President, John Scheuber

DANIA/DANNEBROG SENIOR ASSISTANCE FUND

Ole M. Pedersen in Memory of Kathleen Gearhart

NEW MEMBERS

DANNEBROG GENERAL FUND

DANIA GENERAL FUND

The Gearhart Family In Memory of Kathleen

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 John A. Jensen, E-Mail jajensend2@gmail.com Thyra #3 Secretary Johanne Gade

November was another busy month for Danmark #2 and Thyra #3. Officers are nominated! But possibly a more exciting event after our last meeting was the fabulous dinner prepared by Henrik Nielsen. A traditional *Mortensaften* meal with no detail left out, even a great wine paring. Thanks to Henrik and everyone who makes our November meetings so special and memorable. *Mange Tak!* Once again, I'd like to invite you to our Christmas Luncheon. Here are the details – It will be in the *lounge* at the Best Western Grosvenor Hotel (380 S Airport Blvd, South San Francisco) on Saturday December 8th. The no-host bar opens at 11:30am and lunch with wine will be severed at 12:30pm. Selection is beef or salmon. And as is our tradition, we will follow lunch with Christmas carols,

Thor No. 5 & Thora No. 11

Meeting: 1st. Saturday, 11:30 AM. Old Town Waffle Shop, 1084 Clovis Ave. Fresno. Secretary, Christie Pettitt, poppatango@msn.com

Hope everyone had a relaxing Thanksgiving Holiday. Our November meeting hostesses were Betty Green and Lone Taylor. They provided a banquet of ham, salads and pumpkin pie. It was great to just come to a lunch and meeting without having to bring something for potluck. Looking toward the Christmas Holidays, our Christmas luncheon will be held at the Grand Banquet Room of the Fresno Breakfast House on Friday, Dec. 7 at 1:30 p.m. with lunch served at 2:00 p.m. This is located on the southwest corner of Bullard and West Ave. Fresno. We will have a special reduced price of \$20.00. Hope to see all of you there.

We will be starting the New Year with two big changes for our lodge. The first is a change of meeting time, we will meet on the first Saturday of January at the Old Town Waffle shop, in The Barnyard Center, 1084 Clovis Ave. We will meet at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and then will have

Freja No. 6 & Dana No. 15

Meeting: 1st. Sunday every month at 1:00 P.M.; Salinas Masonic Center, 48 East San Joaquin Street, Salinas CA Secretary, Natalie Heer, timandnatalie@sbcglobal.net

Hope you all had a warm and happy Thanksgiving. Let the Holidays begin! Now, as all our calendars fill with plans, shopping, entertaining, visiting, wrapping, envelope licking and all the traveling between all those happenings, you'll be relieved

Upcoming Conventions		
Thyra #9 and Valborg #1	April 11-13 2019	Grosvenor S. San Francisco
Bornholm #14	2020	
Upcoming Installations		
Thor #5 and Thora #11	February 2, 2019	2085 W. Bullard, Fresno.
Danmark #2 & Thyra #3	February 9, 2019	Grosvenor Hotel S. San Francisco
Danneskjold #17 Laura #8	February 17, 2019	Mariani's Inn 2500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara

both in Danish and English. There will be a contest for the ugliest Christmas themed sweater, or the most beautiful depending on how you look at it. The price is a measly \$25 for D#2 and T#3 members, \$30 for guests. RSVP with your lunch selections to John Jensen at the email address or phone number below.

Our next meeting will be *onsdag, 12 december*. We gather at about 6:30 for socializing before our meeting at 7:30, and then we get down to the serious business of having a good time. We hope to see you there!

Med venlig hilsen, John A. Jensen, Secretary, jajensend2@gmail.com , 510-299-1855

our meeting. This is on the west side of Clovis Ave. between Shaw and Barstow. This will only cost you \$5.00 for your lunch and you will order off the menu. The lodge will pick up the balance of the meal. We are hoping many of our members will come out and join us at the lunch meeting. The switch to Saturday is to make it easy for those that work in the week to come. We hope they will take advantage of the change. This was voted on and approved until May then we will review the change to determine if we want to continue the Saturday meeting or move it back to weekday.

Wishing all of you a Very Merry Christmas with family and friends. Hope to see many of you at all the Christmas parties.

May you have Good Health, Much Joy and Prosper in the New Year. Martha

to know that you don't have to worry about missing Salinas's Christmas party! Because, we wait till New Years for our Big Danish Holiday Celebration! Please come join us on Sunday, January 6th 2019 for our annual traditional Danish feast

featuring Tim'nNat's Flaeskesteg Med Svaer*, and those teeny tiny potatoes Jana spends hours over her kitchen sink peeling. We'll gather at 1:00 and sit down with full plates at 2:00. Please let T&N know by Friday, Dec. 28 '18 (Signe Ann, check me on that alright?) Dana 15 and Freja 6 don't charge for this event, but you can be sure Jana will come up with a cute "tip jar" for any modest donations to the "cause that we all hold so dear" and in this case, our treasury. Happy Holidays everyone! Sending lots of love from Salinas.

*my apologies to my Great Great Danish Grandmothers for having to look up this spelling every year.

Dannevang No. 7 & Danebod No. 16

Meets 2nd Saturday at 6:00PM; 4th Saturday Potluck, The Farm Bureau Building, 638 Enos Way in Livermore. Dannevang #7 Secretary, Robert Lamee, Robertlamee@yahoo.com Danebod Secretary, Kathy Thomsen, danskfarm@yahoo.com

Now we are all ready for Christmas with our ability at aebleskiver making. Here is a note from Gregg: "Thank you to all who participated in our Danish tradition event, especially Kathy for hosting it. The food, fellowship, and cozy atmosphere made the night quite memorable. Hope to see all members at our December meeting and potluck." Which will be Saturday, December 8th, 6:00, Farm Bureau building. In lieu of a Christmas party we will gather and bring to the table our most cherished Christmas dish or something special that is a Christmas tradition we

No. 9 Thyra & Valborg No. 1

Meeting: 2nd Thursday every month 7:30 PM; 20920 Redwood Road, Castro Valley CA 94546. President, Susan Gauthier, s.gauthier@sbcglobal.net #9 Thyra/Valborg #1 Secretary, Beth Cowan, beth.cowan@att.net

Hayward Lodges will meet on Thursday, December 13 at 7:30 pm. Visitors are always welcome. Save the date for our Holiday Party! We will celebrate the holidays with a potluck dinner at the home of Greg Gleeson, 22211 Cameron Street, Castro Valley CA 94546, on Saturday, December 15th. 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 – an appetizer, salad, hot or cold side dish, or a dessert. The cost is just \$10 per person, to off-set the cost of meat and beverages. Please RSVP to Pat Brouillette, no later than December 7 at 510-278-9430, or pab0718@sbcglobal.net. We would also like to continue the tradition begun by

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 Home: 510-232-6998 or cell: 510-375-5070

Sonderjylland #10 didn't have a meeting in November 2018. Our next regular scheduled meeting is on Saturday, March 9, 2019, at 11:30 at Kastania Fælled in Petaluma.

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

Dec 1: Valhalla – Ydun will be meeting at 11:00 for a business meeting with a catered lunch at 12:30. No charge to members.

- and on a sadder note, we were just notified of the passing of our beloved member Arne Poulsen, we've lost one of our favorite taste testers. We always looked to him for his thumbs up (or down) at our attempts with Danish cooking. It was so great to see him smiling last year at New Years, and he will be dearly missed this year. Our Danish hearts go out to Tova and their family. - JHG =

Note From Freja and Dana Treasurer: Freja's Dues is \$25.00 and Dana's is \$15.00. If you are a Fifty Year Member of Freja your dues would be \$12.50. TJH

enjoy. Gregg was the happy winner of the attendance prize, again! All officers agreed to stay in the same position so we will not have an installation in February, we will however have an open face sandwich feast at our February meeting. January's meeting is moved up to the 3rd Saturday, the 19th, when we meet at Bob and Tracey's house for a repeat of a holiday feast. We can never get enough! Well believe it or not Christmas is upon us, Have a wonderful Christmas season, one and all, be safe and stay healthy. KRT

George Cumming of donating new, unwrapped toys to the Salvation Army. The gifts collected at the party will be delivered the next day to the Salvation Army.

Note from Hayward Treasurers:

Membership dues are payable for the coming year. Please bring to a meeting or mail to respective Treasurers. Checks payable to Valborg #1, in the amount of \$12, mail to Pat Brouillette, 1400 Jacqueline Place, San Lorenzo CA 94580. Checks payable to Thyra #9, in the amount of \$35 for sick benefit members and \$29 for social members, mail to Stuart Mahler, 803 Bantry Way, Benicia CA 94510. Enjoy the Holidays! Susan

Respectfully John Cruger-Hansen, Secretary/Treasurer

Happenings and other news

Dec 15 Balder Lodge will be hosting a Lucia festival at Calvary Lutheran Church in Eureka. Public welcome, program starts at 1:00.

Jan 5 is a catered event, reservations are a must.

Jan 13 Movie Matinee will continue.

Jan 19 Annual Crab and Spaghetti feed at the Danish Hall
12:30 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.

Secretary, Sena Marie Freeman P.O. Box 4575, Sparks NV 89432; Anette Christensen, achristensen@med.unr.edu

The Reno Lodges met at the Odd Fellows Hall on Friday November 2nd. A very pretty day with 77 degrees and 23 in attendance. Our early Thanksgiving Dinner was great with Lars Jensen's "YUMMY" turkey with all the other fixings that made a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner. Again during dessert, Anette opened the meeting from her "temporary" wheelchair. The meeting was mostly about the big Christmas party on Friday December 7th. All the details were in the November newsletter. Please make sure to R.S.V.P. by November 30th to Lars Jensen and prepay. Ingrid Hedman is practicing St. Lucia with the children every Saturday at her house, so they can be ready for the big performance. Any questions call Anette at 775-771-5424. Make sure that members with children or grandchildren bring a gift and their name on them for the "NISSE" elf. Remember any able bodies to help set up tables and anything else that needs to be done, meet at the hall at 2 PM. For "Good of the order" we handed out 2 applications for membership, 1 for Valdemar #12 and 1 for Dannevirke #9. Nina Brandt and Ken Downey were attending for the first time and guests of Carl and Helen Christiansen. Nina is from Tønder, Denmark and Ken

from around here. Also a friendly reminder that dues are due in January. \$20.00 for Dannevirke #9 members and \$30.00 for Valdemar #12 members. Ina Segesman is treasurer for Dannevirke and Carl Christiansen is treasurer for Valdemar. Any questions on where to mail your dues, contact Sena-Marie at 775-786-1630 after 4 pm and I will be glad to give you their addresses. Our sick list: Janet Pulsipher still not doing well. Hopefully she will be better soon. Glenn Fritz not in attendance at the meeting. I talked to him on Sunday, he was feeling a little better. Hope Johanne Gade is doing better after her hospital stay. The Reno lodges send their deepest sympathy to the Gearhart family in the recent passing of Past Grand President, Roger Gearhart's wife Kathleen. She was such a sweet lady, and will be missed. For our December birthdays: Gre-Marie Biggs, Cindy Christensen, Eva Snuffer, Marie Stafford, Heather Matuzak, Irene Schack von Brockdorff, Monica Brooks, Grand Vice Marshal; Michael Vanderbeck. HAPPY BIRTHDAY ALL. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone - may 2019 be good to everyone. 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

We celebrated Thanksgiving at our November meeting with a bountiful pot luck. It was a small group but a good time was had by all. We are all looking forward to our annual Christmas Dinner on the 15th and hope to see many of you there. Sadly, many of our shoppers for the Christmas Shopping Tour will be unable to participate this year so it was decided that we will donate the monies

collected at our monthly meeting raffles to the Soroptomist Society's "Christmas Wish Tree" to benefit ten children. Plans for our annual Fish Dinner were discussed. Save the date of March 2nd. Details will follow in the New Year.

A Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to all. – Ann Stowers

Danneskjold No. 17 & Laura No. 8

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

President, Doris Skow, dws1929@gmail.com, Secretary, Laila Solyst, lailaspring@hotmail.com

Hejls Minde No. 23

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

Secretary, Marie Jaeger

Glædelig jul og godt nytår

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 Iverse

A brief History on Carl Plow.

Carl Plow was elected Grand President in 1899 during the Convention held in Petaluma. Carl was a Charter Member of Sønderjylland #10, and their first Secretary in 1893. He was Born on December 24, 1863 in Denmark, near Haderaley, The son of a school teacher. Coming to the United States on July 4th, 1880 and worked on his Uncle's Dairy in Petaluma. Over his long professional career where most of it was spent as the Manager of a local Creamery, The California Central Creameries. It was during this time that he was elected Grand Secretary in 1906, the only Grand Officer to be elected that year due to the earth quake. He holds the record for the longest serving Grand Secretary with over 27 years, From 1906 until his death in 1934.

As I wrote in an earlier article about the history of Aldersley, in San Rafael, PGP Carl Plow was the first Manager and Secretary of the New Home until 1925. Aldersley is located at 326 Mission Street and the Plow Family home was at 335 Mission Street San Rafael. Carl although very active with Dania from 1893 until his death on November 14, 1934 he also was an active member of other fraternal Organization. Petaluma Lodge No, 30, I.O.O.F., Relief Encampment No. 29, I.O.O.F., Canton Petaluma No. 10, Morning Star Chapter No. 61 Order of the Eastern Star, Petaluma Rebekah Lodge, and of Petaluma Lodge No. 180 Free and Accepted Masons. He was also a social Member of the Danish Brotherhood

and Dannebrog. He served on local School boards the last being in San Rafael.

In 1922 His Majesty, the King of Denmark, bestowed upon him the title of "Sir Knight of Dannebrog" the decoration of that ancient order of nobility being for services rendered his native land.

In late 1933 Carl authored the Book "Dania 1879 – 1933" commonly referred to as the "Plow Book". According to a Newspaper article written in the "Petaluma Argus-Courier" of December 3, 1933 Carl Plow was asked to write a story in pamphlet form of the activities of the first 53 years of Dania to be placed in the Danish-American Library at "Sohnnegaardsholm" in Aalborg Denmark, but as he pointed out in the article he found that there was such a vast amount of topics to cover that the intended pamphlet became quite a lengthy Book. The Grand Lodge paid for the printing of two thousand copies of the 200-page Book. The printing was done by "Bien" who was in San Francisco at the time and did all of the Grand Lodges' publications. I still have two unsold copies in the inventory of the Grand Secretary. Several past history articles printed in this newsletter were taken from his book.

Over the years there were many well attended dinners held in his honor by both the Grand Lodge and by Sønderjylland #10. It is easy to see that PGP Carl Plow was a will respected and loved individual of our Danish Community, Petaluma and his home land.