



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

January 2019

Dannebrog Grand President

Greetings everyone!

Mary Esther and I traveled to the Grosvenor Hotel on December 8th for Danmark #2 and Thyra #3 annual Christmas Party.

There was good food, fellowship and caroling in both Danish and English. It was great to see Irene Simms in attendance, thanks to her son Carl and his wife Susan for bringing her.

The next Saturday we headed to Greg Gleeson's house for Thyra #9 and Valborg #1's Party. We had a wonderful potluck dinner.

Many toys showed up for the Salvation Army. Thank you Irene for the cherry peaches and wine. They were truly enjoyed.

Mary Esther and I wish everyone a very Happy and Prosperous New Year from Minnesota where we will be spending the New Year. Actually we will be there for all of January.

Looking forward to seeing you on the installation trail in February,

Alan Filiu, Dannebrog Grand President

Dania Grand President

The month of December was a north to south venture as Marge and I traveled to Eureka for a Community College function knowing that in a few days we'd be in Solvang. While in Eureka we had to get up early to head to Kathleen Gearhart's Memorial Service in Lodi. Roger and his family did a beautiful job by honoring her with a wonderful Celebration of Life. A few days later we needed to be in Solvang to join them for their December meeting. We had a nice luncheon and we clarified the difference between Primary and Secondary Membership. Several of the members from Santa Maria are now part of the Solvang group, as well. There were a few questions about the Constitutional Revision that I was able to cover as well. Our Constitutional Review Committee set December 1 as our due date for feedback from the branches and Grand Officers. As our committee waits for a couple of stragglers, we have gotten many useful and constructive suggestions to incorporate into our final document which will go out around February 1st. We are pleased with the time some have taken to enhance our work. The Committee plans to meet on January 13th to complete our final draft. We will then attempt to formulate motions that will be used at our convention in April.

More recently I was able to attend the Christmas Party that the San Francisco branch held at the Grosvenor Hotel. They had a great function with good food and libation and the program included a variety of Danish and American Christmas Carols. They had a tremendous turn out. One week later we attended our own Bornholm Christmas Party in Modesto. This included great food, much singing and entertainment provided by our young children and we

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all joined in the singing of many Danish and American Christmas Carols until Santa arrived. Our Santa was well prepared with gifts and bags of candy for all the kids, and he did a great job.

As we move into our new calendar year, watch the posted dates for upcoming installations, and of course, our convention. If anyone has a potential scholarship applicant or Member of the Year applicant, all the due dates are noted on our website. To show our appreciation and bid farewell to John and Kirstin Johansen, as they leave for Denmark, Marge and I took them to dinner to thank them for all the work they have done for the Grand Lodge and for Bornholm, as well. We wish them well as they transition into a new lifestyle in Denmark.

Happy New Year, John Scheuber, Dania Grand President

Grand Lodge Secretary

IN MEMORIAM:

DANNEBROG SCHOLARSHIP

DANIA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Doris and Peder Hoy in Memory of Kathleen Gearhart

DANIA/DANNEBROG SENIOR ASSISTANCE FUND

Irene Simms in Memory of Kathleen Gearhart

NEW MEMBERS

DANNEBROG GENERAL FUND

DANIA GENERAL FUND

Glenn Fritz in Memory of Kathleen Gearhart

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

Godt nytår!

Danmark #2 and Thyra #3 want to thank everyone who attended our Christmas Luncheon. We had so much fun seeing everyone and sharing a song or two. It is the people who gather that make it a special event, and like every year it was a great start to the holiday season. Here's hoping you all had a truly Merry Christmas.

The business of 2018 is done. We have a new roster of officers for 2019 and are looking forward to another great year for Dania and Dannebrog. And speaking of new officers, we invite you to join us as they are installed at our joint Anniversary and Installation Party on Saturday

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 wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year to start off 2019.

We will be beginning the New Year with a big change of our meeting place and day of week. The first Saturday of January, the 5th, we will meet at the Old Town Waffle shop in the Barnyard Center, 1084 Clovis Ave. at 11:30 a.m. for lunch, then we will have our meeting. This will only cost you \$5.00, with the lodge picking up the balance of the tab.

A reminder that your lodge dues for 2019 will be due. Dania, (the Men's lodge will have an increase of \$10.00, voted on at last year's convention.) That will be \$34 for social members and \$40 for insured members. The Dannebrog dues remains the same at \$20. If you want a

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

Happy New Year everyone! It's not too late, you can still call Tim'n Nat and let them know you'd like to join us for a fun filled New Year's Lunch. We'll be gathering at 1:00

| Upcoming Conventions | | |
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| 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 |
| Hejls Minde No. 23 | March 6, 2019 | Bit O' Denmark Solvang |

February 9th. The details may seem familiar – Best Western Grosvenor Hotel (380 S Airport Blvd, South San Francisco). We will start at 4pm with cocktails, the installation will be at 5pm, and dinner at 7pm to be followed by dancing onto the night. Please contact John Jensen for details on reservations and any questions.

Our next meeting will be *onsdag, 9 januar*. 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

written copy of the Newsletter you will need to include an extra \$10.

Remember our Installation on Saturday, Feb. 2, 2019. It will be held at the Grand Banquet Room of the Fresno Breakfast House at 11:30 a.m. with the installation, then followed by lunch. This is located on the southwest corner at 2085 Bullard and West Ave., Fresno. The cost will be \$30.00 for lunch. Kay Jensen is in charge and she is in Alaska visiting with her Son and family for the holidays, so I don't know what the choices are for lunch. You will have to call her at 559-266-5721, at least a week before the event. Hope to see you at our Installation. Martha

on Sunday the 6th, lunch at 2:00. Hope to see you there. 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 are \$12.50. TJH

Dannevang No. 7 & Danebod No. 16

Meets 2nd Saturday at 6:00PM; The Farm Bureau Building, 638 Enos Way in Livermore.

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

We had a cozy small meeting/Christmas dinner attended by 11, to enjoy frikadeller, red cabbage, parsley potatoes and all the trimmings complemented by Lise DiMartino's traditional Danish decorations. It was all very "hygge"!

Our next meeting will be January, 19th, 4:00 for a turkey dinner at Bob and Tracey's house. Notice it is on the 3rd Saturday and earlier than our usual meeting time. Speaking of Bob and Tracey, as our treasurer's

they would appreciate receiving annual dues, in the amount of \$12.00 for Danebod No. 16 or \$22.00 for Dannevang No.7.

Dan Holm was the lucky winner of our monthly attendance prize.

We would like to wish all the member of Dania and Dannebrog along with their extended families a very Merry Christmas and the Happiest of New Years.
KRT

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

At the meeting in December, the convention registration form was finalized by the membership. It is now on the website, <https://danishsociety.com/announcements/>, and attached to this newsletter.

We gathered at the residence of Greg Gleeson for our annual Christmas party. Thank you to Greg and Pat Brouillette for hosting. Thank you to all who donated toys for the local 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.

Please join us when Hayward Lodges meet on Thursday, January 10 at 7:30 PM. Visitors are always welcome!
Happy New Year, Susan

Sonderjylland No. 10

Meeting 2nd Saturday of March, June, August and October, 11:30 at Kastania Fælled, Petaluma.

John Cruger-Hansen, Secretary, 8426 Bel View Court, El Cerrito, CA 94530-2557

Home: 510-232-6998 or cell: 510-375-5070, E-Mail: j.crugerhansen@comcast.net

On Dec 1st 2018 Sdr.#10 had our Christmas Lunch at Aldersly. For the second year, we gratefully joined the Rebild Society members in celebrating this event. We were 15 members and 3 guests, and we enjoyed meeting old and new friends from Rebild. There were quite a few of their members absent due to the Memorial for the wife of Past Grand President Roger Gearhart.

The lunch was the traditional Danish Julemiddag, Roast Pork with the crisp rind, Brown Potatoes and Red Cabbage, (Flæskestej med sprød svær, brunede kartofler og rødkål) followed by Ris Alamande and cherry sauce. The Almond Prize was not won by anyone, as no one could prove with certainty, that it was found.

There was, however, one person, who thought she may have eaten it! Sorry Sabrina, we need proof!!

We had wonderful piano music to entertain and lead us in the many familiar carols, that never fail to make many of us sentimental and reminiscent of the past. The raffle had

many happy winners and some even multiple times, After the lunch, Sdr. members gathered on the terrace for our so-called Mini Meeting, conducted by President Karen F Lysmer.

Secretary-Treasurer John Cruger Hansen gave a brief report, and we confirmed the Valentine Party in February at the Oakmont Golf Club Restaurant in Santa Rosa, either Saturday Feb. 9th or Sunday 10th, 2019, reservation pending. At this event we will again have a brief Meeting to discuss future events and other topics. The charge for the Valentine's lunch will be Twenty Dollars per person. The Sdr. #10 Delegation to the South San Francisco Convention was also confirmed, as was our Installation on August 10th 2019.

We wish everyone a Happy New Year with renewed hope for a 2019 with Hope, Love, Peace and Harmony.

Respectfully submitted by, Karen Friis Lysmer, President.

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

December we met and had a wonderful Danish Christmas, Frikadeller, red cabbage, potatoes and wonderful pie
January 5 we will meet for an Italian meal. Chicken catcatori, apple fritters and more dessert. January 13 we

will continue with our Movie Matinee. Pipi Long stockings will be played. Show up and choose the movie for February. 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 December 7th for our wonderful, great and fun Christmas party. A very chilly night after our 4 inches of snow on Wednesday. About 100 were in attendance that started with Glogg and appleskiver at 6 pm. The St. Lucia performance followed, led by Ingrid Hedman and it was very beautiful and special, as always. The Christmas dinner was to die for with a great Danish Smørrebrød. The "Nisse" (Elf) Steve Myers entertained the children and adults alike with his tricks and stories. We danced around the Christmas tree and the carols were sung in Danish and English. Anette led the children around the room with her favorite Danish song, "Nu er det Jul igen" (now it's Christmas again). Then "Nisse" Steve passed out the gifts to the children. He also had a big surprise to Ann-katherine Sawyer. Cousin Sena-Marie bought her a new walker for Christmas. Nina, Jordan, and Sena-Marie set it up with the "Nisse" to give it to Ann-katherine from me. Boy, was she surprised? She even cried. Thank you Nina and Jordan for your help to set this surprise up. Then it was time for dessert and coffee. Marian Gmandt served her wonderful Rice pudding. This is such a treat each year and one of the almonds were found in the pudding by Jordan. Anette had marzipan pigs as prizes for almond finders. Cookies made by Sena-Marie and cheese & fruit trays as well. During dessert and coffee, raffle prizes were drawn. Thank you to all the members who donated the

raffle prizes. I even won a Danish plate dated 1963 and a bell with the date of 1987, which is special to me, because that was the year Ron and I were married. Thank you to all the members that worked so hard before the party, during the party and helped clean up after. Thank you to our bartender Jens Christiansen and our dishwashers, Nina Christiansen, Joel Jensen and Kaylee. Great evening had by all. We missed Solveig and John, Mike and Donna. They were sick with the flu. Hope Janet Pulsipher is doing better, we missed you as well at this nice party. Hope they are feeling better and to see them in January.

Our January 4th, 2019 meeting will be the Cod dinner with potatoes and mustard gravy. (Torsk med kartoffler og sennep sovs) All members are asked to bring desserts or appetizer for this great meal, to ring in the New Year. There will be a small fee for the cost of the fish. Last year it was \$5.00. A friendly reminder: Dues are due in January. Ina Segesman will gladly collect \$20 dues for Dannevirke #9 members and Carl Henrik will be glad to collect \$30.00 dues for Valdemar #12 members. If you need their address, please call Sena-Marie Freeman 775-224-6230.

January Birthdays are Ingrid Hedman, Marlene Swaffar, Jens Christiansen, Erik Jensen, John Matuzak, and Knud Sorensen. Happy Birthday to all. Hope everyone enjoyed their holiday and Happy New Year – 2019! 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

Hope that everyone had a great Christmas and are looking forward to a stupendous New Year! I know I am. We had a great Christmas Party on December 15th at the Familia Bistro with many members, families, grandchildren, Grand Officers and Past Grand Presidents in attendance. These people have been our hosts for many years and they always provide us with great food, service and ambiance. Our Sunshine Chairman did a beautiful job with the table decorations again this year. What would we do without you Margie? We met at 11:30 for no-host cocktails and appetizers furnished by the restaurant. Grand President John Scheuber welcomed everyone and introduced our President Bente Ellis. She also welcomed all of us and was proud to see that we had so many young ones join

us. A delicious dinner followed with choice of steak, salmon or pork and a kids menu for the little ones. After dinner we had a much-anticipated visit from Santa to the excitement of the "believers". He did a great job handing out gifts, hugs and a lap to sit on for pictures. Christmas Carols were sung in both English and Danish making it a very festive afternoon. After Santa left for the North Pole Grand President Scheuber introduced the attending Past Grand Presidents, Grand Presidents and our Raffle Chairman Bodil Whiehouse. Bodil has been our Raffle "Lady" for the past several year and her efforts have allowed our lodge to participate in a Christmas Shopping program for children who might not have a Christmas. The proceeds of our raffles allow us to donate monies for ten children

to receive needed coats, warm clothes, shoes & socks and a small toy. She collects items throughout the year to be raffled. The Raffle this year will go towards our 2019 donation.

The afternoon ended around with hugs and good wishes by all. HAPPY NEW YEAR. 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

I am beginning this article with an apology. During the time that I was in rehab, recovering from my back surgery, I tried to send messages on my phone and some of them didn't make it, including the Dec. Newsletter. Some members did not get the information about our Christmas Luncheon on the 14th at Bente's. A special apology goes to Jonna, who not only had the wrong date but came with the Ris Almond for 20 members. I am so sorry.

I am home now at my old/new ranch house and recuperating slowly. I will be on a walker until probably mid February, however I have no pain and everyday gets a little better. Thanks for the cards and calls, they meant a lot.

Godt Nytaar til alt: As this new year begins, let me remind everyone that on Saturday January 19, we will meet at 12 noon for lunch at the home of Kim Nielsen Giacinto,

5852 Sentinel St. SJ 95120. Kim's phone is 408-314-8626. Be sure to call her by Wed. Jan. 16 to let her know if you are planning on attending or not. This is important to the hostess, so they know how many to prepare and set up for.

NOTICE: BRING YOUR CALENDAR AND A PENCIL. IF YOU KNOW OF A CERTAIN DATE YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO HOSTESS PLEASE HAVE THAT INFORMATION WITH YOU.

We will be making up our calendar for the entire year of 2019 so if there is any special date or activity that you would like noted please bring the information with you. My new mailing address in case you don't have it is: 4989 Southside Rd. Hollister, CA 95023.

I look forward to seeing you at the Jan. meeting.
DWS

Hejls Minde No. 23

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

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

Dania-Dannebrog Convention

Beach Party

Hosted by Thyra #9 and Valborg #1 Hayward

April 11, 12, 13, 2019

Best Western Plus Grosvenor Hotel 380 South Airport Blvd., South San Francisco, California

Registration Form

Please use one form per person. Make as many copies as necessary.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____ Telephone: _____

Grand Lodge Officer: _____ Title: _____ Local Branch: _____

Delegate: _____ Local Branch: _____

Visitor: _____ Local Branch: _____

Registration Fee: "Package Deal" \$200.00 (\$235.00 after March 15.) \$ _____
(Includes Thursday Reception, Coffee Breaks, Friday Beach Party, Saturday Grand Ball)

Thursday Reception \$50.00 (\$55.00 After March 15) _____

Friday Beach Party \$75.00 (\$90.00 After March 15) _____

Saturday Grand Ball \$75.00 (\$90.00 After March 15) _____

Total \$ _____

Check menu choice for:

Friday Beach Party

Chicken Cordon Bleu _____

Stuffed Pork Tenderloin _____

Children's menu available on request \$20.00

Saturday Grand Ball

Alaskan Salmon _____

Sliced London Broil _____

Children's menu available on request \$20.00

Please make checks payable to: Valborg #1

Mail registration form and check to:

Signe Ann McNeil

40759 Creston Street

Fremont, CA. 94538-3233

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Best Western Plus Grosvenor Hotel Information

Reservation Phone 1-650-873-3200

Room Rate \$159.00, Plus tax and fees by March 15.

Tell them you are with the Danish Convention