



# GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

June 2019

## Dannebrog Grand President

Sunny weather greeted us in Reno for our first installation of the year. The evening began with appetizers and beverages and greeting friends, some we hadn't seen in a year. We then enjoyed beautiful, as well as delicious, Danish open-faced sandwiches prepared by Anette Christensen and her assistants. Thank you so much. Then it was on to the installation. Thanks to some ideas from Susan Gauthier, Jana and I then installed the officers of Dannevirke #9 and Valdemar #12, with the assistance of Grand Marshals Stuart Mahler and Tom Martin. Jana and I felt like we were a pretty good team! I hope the members feel the same! It was a privilege and honor to present Cindy Christensen and Ruth Olsen with their 50-year membership pins. Congratulations Cindy, Ruth, and Pete Olsen on your 50 years of membership! Happy Father's Day to all the fathers! Beth Cowan, Dannebrog Grand President

## Dania Grand President

It's so great that the installation of officers for Valdemar #12 and Dannevirke #9 always happens before the excitement of convention has worn off. Combine that with the Reno branches' generous hospitality and we have the perfect recipe for an enjoyable and successful first installation for the new Grand Officers of Dania and Dannebrog. Speaking of recipes . . . it was very clear what the members had been doing all day before we arrived - platters of Smørrebrød overflowing with all our favorite Danish food combinations and garnishes filled a long line of tables, not one detail was overlooked. Beautifully delicious! Thank you Reno! The highlight of the evening was the recognition of 50 years of membership for two ladies from Dannevirke #9 and one gentleman from Valdemar #12, I had the pleasure and honor of presenting Pete Olsen with his Dania 50 year pin. The icing on the Kringle for me that weekend was being able to visit with my other brother Larry, my nieces and grand nieces, who all live in the Reno/Tahoe area and I never see nearly enough. Two weeks later, I and my traveling companions Tim'nNat hit the road again, this time a very wet one. We met up with the die hard Danish Campers at Casa de Fruta. They certainly didn't let a little (and at times a bit more) rain get in the way of a lot of fun. Thanks to Pat Brouillette and Greg Gleeson we all knew where to park, where to eat and where to go to have the best time ever. Though I think everyone there would agree that the absolute best came as a complete surprise. Just as we had finished enjoying our Friday evening shared meal of tasty appetizers, two woman poked their heads into the room

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we were using and asked if we knew how they could get a RV space without a reservation now that the office had closed. She spoke with a very familiar accent and as soon as we came to realize they were visiting from Denmark the energy in the room increased dramatically! Their husbands joined us and after a lot of hand shaking, smiling and nodding they sat down and enjoyed the remains of our food and helped us continue emptying the wine bottles! We didn't have any Danish speaking members with us, but our new Danish friends spoke enough English to have a lively and entertaining evening for all. Come on a Danish Campers trip! You never know what could happen! "Tak for sidst"

Jana Heer-Glovaski, Grand President Dania

**IN MEMORIAM:**

Alvin Olsen; Bornholm #14, Modesto

Paulette Thomsen: Danebod #16, Livermore

**DANIA/DANNEBROG SENIOR ASSISTANCE FUND**

Johanne Gade in memory of Alvin Olsen

Bornholm #14 in memory of Alvin Olsen

**DANNEBROG SCHOLARSHIP**

Mary Esther and Alan Filiu in memory of Irene Simms

**DANIA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Marge and John Scheuber

**NEW MEMBERS:**

Jerry Volker; Danmark #2, San Francisco

John Johansen, The Grand Lodge Dania

Kaelie Mahler, Thyra #9, Hayward

**Secretary's**

The Dannebrog Convention Report and the Dania Convention Report will be available on our web site sometime this month. Please download them and print copies for your 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 John A. Jensen, E-Mail [jajensend2@gmail.com](mailto:jajensend2@gmail.com) Thyra #3 Secretary Johanne Gade**

Please welcome Jerry Volker to Dania, our newest Danmark #2 member! A long-time guest of the Fox brothers, he has finally decided to join our ranks. He is of mostly Norwegian descent (we'll let that slide) but his Danish sense of humor is alive and well. We couldn't be happier to have him in our lodge.

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

**Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup>, Saturday, 11:30 AM. Old Town Waffle Shop, 1084 Clovis Ave. Fresno.**

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

We met at the restaurant with 15 members for our May lunch meeting. Vice President Kay Jensen chaired the meeting. Delegates gave their convention reports. Martha Nielsen gave a report on the Dania - Dannebrog Senior Assistance Fund meeting. Kay Jensen and Jerry Hansen gave reports on the Dania and Dannebrog meetings and also the evening parties. Past Grand Presidents Steen Shjellerup and Martha Nielsen were the Grand Installing Marshals for the Installation. Congratulations to our Dania and Dannebrog Scholarship recipients, Aaron Holt and Rebecca Holt. They are both students at CSUF, (Fresno State). Christie Pettitt reported on the picnic to be held at their home June 8, starting at 11:00 a.m. Carl Jensen will grill

**Freja No. 6 & Dana No. 15**

**Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup>, Sunday every month at 1:00 P.M.; Salinas Masonic Center, 48 East San Joaquin Street, Salinas CA**

**Secretary, Natalie Heer, [timandnatalie@sbcglobal.net](mailto:timandnatalie@sbcglobal.net)**

Ok, so, I was talking to my friend Bob Lamee from Livermore the other day, and we were talking local branch stuff, and he told me about the fun time they had at a meeting when they all brought their aebleskiver pans and family recipes to Kathy Thomson's kitchen and everyone

Upcoming Conventions		
Bornholm #14	April 16-18 2020	Clarion Hotel Modesto
Upcoming Installations		
Bornholm #14	August 3 2019	Famiglia Bistro Mc Henry Ave
Sønderjylland #10	August 10 2019	Kastania Fælled, Petaluma
Valhalla No. 11 & Ydun No. 10	August, 31,	Danish Hall in Ferndale
Freja #6 & Dana #15	October 6 <sup>th</sup>	Salinas Masonic Hall

Remember the Dania per-capita tax will be due on July 1<sup>st</sup> and it is \$15.00 per member as of July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Our next meeting will be *onsdag, 12 juni*. 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,  
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the tri tip, Martha Nielsen will cook Chili Beans and Deanna Dunbar will make the Pilaf. All others to bring Salads or Desserts. Don and Christie's address is 1291 East Floral, Fresno, CA 93725. The phone #559-834-2315 or 559-259-0718, in case you get lost or have questions.

We will not be meeting for the summer months. Our next meeting will be at a restaurant on the first Saturday in September 7, 2019 at 11:30. We will tell you where in the newsletter when we find one with a private room for us. Have a great summer. Keep in touch by attending a few summer functions and installations held at Modesto, Petaluma and Ferndale and of course the famous Santa Maria July 4<sup>th</sup> B.B.Q. Martha

made and shared their aebleskiver and recipes and dipping and filling favorites! OMG what a great idea, and guess what? Now Dana#15 and Freja#6 are gonna do it too! Next meeting, Sunday June 2 (not at Kathy's though!) we have lot's of burners in the Masonic Hall kitchen. Let's

heat'm up! I better start cleaning my long neglected pan. I am so excited about this idea that I forgot to report on our Welcome Home Delegates meeting in May. Thanks to our faithful guests Doris Skow and Ron Nielsen, we filled a table again! Yay! All our delicious Pot Luck offerings went together perfectly. Freja's representative to Dania, Ole Pedersen, presented possibly the most comprehensive report ever recorded in Freja's history. Dania's Grand Secretary Tim Heer, is going to have a hard time resisting copying it for his convention report! Upcoming meetings are scheduled for June 2, August 4, and then our

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

**Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at 6:00PM; 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 had 6 people in attendance for the May dinner at Anita's Restaurant and then followed it up by having a short meeting at the Farm Bureau meeting. Kindle Frederich was the happy winner of the attendance prize. It is with great sadness that I report the passing of my sister-in-law Paulette Thomsen. We will drape the charter in her

**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, Susan Gauthier, [s.gauthier@sbcglobal.net](mailto:s.gauthier@sbcglobal.net) #9 Thyra/Valborg #1 Secretary, Beth Cowan, [beth.cowan@att.net](mailto:beth.cowan@att.net)**

It was wonderful to see everyone, at our meeting in May, hosted at the home of Greg Gleeson. The delegates read their reports, and the convention committee report received. I cannot thank our small but mighty membership enough for a successful convention! Kudos to Pat, Greg, Signe Ann, and Mac for coordinating the

**Sonderjylland No. 10**

**Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of March, June, August and October, 11:30 at Kastania Fælled, Petaluma.**

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Sønderjylland #10 didn't have a meeting in May 2019. Our next regular scheduled meeting is on Saturday, June 8, 2019, at 11:30 at Kastania Fælled in Petaluma. This meeting is important, as we will have our annual elections of officers and plan the August meeting and installation of officers.

We are planning to serve Varme Pølser, (Danish Hotdogs) as we used to get them at our local "Pølsevogn" in Denmark. Danish hotdogs are the ones with "knæk i" so you feel and hear a snap when you bite into them. They are completely different from American hotdogs, which are soft with no skin and therefore no snap. We will serve

**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 1: Valhalla – Ydun will be meeting at 10:00 for a business meeting and Frikediller potluck lunch following. Members are asked to bring a side, salad or dessert to share.

Dansktoberfest installation in October, details to follow in the coming months. But for this month, we'll fire up the burners at 12:30ish, bring your pan, recipe ingredients, printed recipe to share (guess a PDF file will do too) filling and/or toppings if you're into that, and don't forget your favorite turning tool. It'll be FUN. Guest participants are always welcome, just give Tim'nNat a call 831-426-4623 or email [timandnatalie@sbcglobal.net](mailto:timandnatalie@sbcglobal.net) so we'll listen for you at the door!

JHG

honor at the June meeting, which will be Saturday, June 8th, 6:00, at the Farm Bureau Building. We will have some reports of the convention from those of us who were unable to be there in May. The theme will be Americana, For the Fourth of July. See you there, KRT

pizzas and dessert for the meeting. A great evening was had by all!

We hope to see you when we meet again, at Round Table Pizza, on Thursday, June 13 at 7:30 pm.

Please note that the Hayward Lodges will not meet in July nor August.

the Pølser with buns, condiments and potato salad for a hearty lunch.

As has become a tradition now, Debbie Cruger-Hansen will again donate the Aquavit (snaps) to our members and guests, and John will serve Æblekage dessert with makroner and flødeskum.

Please let Secretary John Cruger-Hansen know if you will attend. (510) 232-6998 or email [j.crugerhansen@comcast.net](mailto:j.crugerhansen@comcast.net).

Respectfully

John Cruger-Hansen  
Secretary/Treasurer

June 9: Valhalla – Ydun will be showing a movie at 1:00. Movie will be Secondhand Lions - Secondhand Lions is the heart-warming story of a young boy, his eccentric uncles, and a worn-out lion. When Walter's mother

abandons him, he cannot have imagined the adventures that awaited him. Self-centered and too busy chasing her own dreams to be bothered with her son, Mae leaves the dismayed boy at a remote farm to be cared for by his two

uncles. She hints at a mystery and a hidden treasure. Upset by his mother's betrayal and frightened of his aloof uncles, Walter struggles to adjust to his new environment. 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](mailto:achristensen@med.unr.edu)**

WOW; what a wonderful installation we had in Reno on May 3, 2019. The first installation of the year, conducted by our newly installed Grand Presidents, Beth Cowen & Jana Heer-Glovaski and their Grand Marshals, Stuart Mahler & Tom Martin. They all did such a great job! We started the evening with cocktails before we enjoyed the beautiful open sandwiches. Then followed the installation where we also celebrated Pete Olsen, Ruth Olsen, and Cindy Christensen, who each received their 50 year pins presented by the Grand Presidents! Congratulations to all of you – what an accomplishment! While we enjoyed coffee and dessert, the Grand Presidents introduced their current and past officers. All in all – a wonderful evening was enjoyed by all 52 in attendance. Thank you everyone for coming, especially the Grand officers and guest from California. Thank you Pete Olsen, Jr. and wife for bringing Mom and Dad in from Fallon and it was nice to see Janet Pulsipher in attendance, also.

We couldn't have pulled it off without all the kitchen help and people coming early to set up and clean up! A huge thank you to everyone - and Greg from Livermore definitely scored some "brownie points"!

Jens Christiansen did a great job bartending for his dad, Carl and Nina Christiansen did a great job substituting as treasurer for her dad at the installation. Hope Carl and Helen had a good trip to Denmark?

Our June 7th meeting is Italian Night and will be hosted by Mike and Donna Vanderbeck. They will bring Lasagna, Sena-Marie will be bringing her famous Italian cheese

### **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](mailto:ann.max@att.net)**

Unfortunately, we started on a sad note with news of the loss of our beloved member Alvin Olsen earlier today from natural causes. He has been feeling bad for a couple of months. After a moment of silence, members shared fond memories they have of him over the years. He was one of a kind and will be sorely missed.

On Friday May 17, we welcomed home delegates with a Danish Feast of pickled herring, salmon, open-faced sandwiches, Akvavit & beer, plus dessert of pie and cookies. Thanks to our hosts Bente Ellis, Bodil Whitehouse and Johanna Gade for a delicious meal. Topics covered during the meeting included reports from the returning delegates who all agreed that a great time was

cookies. Anette will make an Italian dessert and if you like to bring Italian style appetizer or salad that will be great!

On Friday June 21st we celebrate St. Hans Midsummer Bon-fire and Picnic at the River School Farm. We start at 7 PM and please bring your own picnic basket incl. meat to grill, buns, drinks etc. You can also bring a salad or dessert to share. The lodge provides the coals, plates, napkins, knives, forks, and spoons. Everyone is welcome!

Our June birthdays: Helen Christiansen, Louise Myers, Courtney Webb, LaRee Purdum, Hannah Matuzak, and Helena Robert. Aren't there any men born in June?

HAHA! HAPPY BIRTHDAY ALL!

On our sick list, I'm sorry to report that Ann-kathrine Sawyer fell and fractured her hip. She had surgery and a rod & two screws inserted. She will be spending a couple of weeks in rehab, undergo physical therapy, but she is in good spirit as usual. We all wish her well and a speedy recovery!

Before I close, the Reno Lodges wants to send our congratulations to Bob Lacey and Susan Gauthier for receiving Members of the Year 2019. Both are so well deserved! I would like to add to this. It is a great honor to work with Bob on the SAF (Senior Assistance Fund). Let's work many more years together. As for you Susan - you and I go back a long ways. Many great Memories with you and your Family. You both are a great asset to Dania and Dannebrog. Have a good month and Happy Father's Day to all the dads!

Take Care, Sena-Marie

had by all and send congratulations to the committee for all their efforts. Only complaint was the inability to hear during the meetings due to acoustics.

We had first nominations for Officers for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Second and final vote will be at the June Meeting. We also had a discussion about meeting times and location. This was tabled until the June Meeting so members please try to attend. We need your thoughts. Finally, we discussed the 2020 Convention for April 16<sup>th</sup> thru 18<sup>th</sup> 2020. Committee members are working hard and will be providing further details as the year progresses. Is anyone missing Spring??? - Ann

**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, Laila Solyst, [lailaspring@hotmail.com](mailto:lailaspring@hotmail.com)**

Laura #8 and Danneskjold #17 held their May Business meeting at the home of Bob and Lis Lacey. We welcomed Dania's new Grand Vice President, Bente Ellis (who is also our Treas. for Laura #8) Congratulated Bob Lacey as Dania Member of the Year, as well as awarding scholarships to 4 of our members. Congratulations to everyone.

We also welcomed a prospective new member at this meeting. Our secretary Laila Solyst and our trustee Jonna Robinson were installed at this meeting also.

We had reports and discussion regarding the convention.

**Hejls Minde No. 23**

**Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup>. Wednesday 12 noon at Bit O' Denmark,**

**Secretary, Jean Kardel, 5765 Oakhill Dr. Santa Maria, CA 93455**

Hejls Minde #23 held its regular luncheon and meeting Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at 12 noon at the restaurant Bit O' Denmark. There were no birthdays this month and the door prize was won by Marie Jaeger. A delicious Danish lunch was served. The menu was green salad, Frikadeller with creamed peas, carrots and potatoes and ice cream with strawberries for dessert. Coffee and tea along with snaps were also included.

The meeting was opened with the singing of God Bless America. The roll call of officers was taken by Marie Jaeger. Minutes of the last meeting were read by Secretary, Jean Kardel and approved as read. The treasurer's report was read by Treasurer, Marie Jaeger. Approved as read. President Finn Runge and Vice President Bent Olsen attended the annual convention in South San Francisco. President Finn Runge reported that a committee had been set up at the convention on the history of the U.S. Flag.

**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**

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 4720 or Darlene Iversen at 1 805-937-5014.

Our next meeting is June 15 at noon. This will be a social and will be held at the home of Erik Solyst and his daughter Laila. 6720 Landerwood Lane, San Jose.

It is important that you call them at 408-268-4625 and let them know if you are coming or not. As mentioned, this is a social so if you have a game that you would like bring and share, please do so.

Thinking of you cards went out to Ellen Jensen, Lisa McDanial and Phyllis and Chuck Allman.

DWS

Legacy Gift to Dania Presentation forms were passed out at our meeting and requested that member consider a legacy gift to Dania.

A motion was made by Bent Olsen that we provide \$100.00 to help purchase a live Christmas tree for Solvang Park. Motion was seconded and passed.

Marie suggested that we look into providing \$2,000.00 twice a year for the Senior Assistance Fund. Slim seconded this measure.

Slim reminded us that the Santa Maria Lodges will have their 4<sup>th</sup> of July Barbecue at 12:00 noon at Waller Park in Area 5.

We finished the meeting by singing "Der er et Yndigt Land". Our next meeting will be June 5<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon at Bit O' Denmark. That will be our last meeting until Wednesday, September 4, 2019.

Jean Kardel, Secretary

Beans, bread, and meat, will be furnished, please bring a dish to share and your table service as well. See you all there to Celebrate!! Hope to see you on the 4th of July!!  
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