



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

September 2019

Dannebrog Grand President

Hello to all of you from HOT Fremont. Yes, we have had a few days of scorching hot weather! On August 10, Susan Gauthier, Signe Ann McNeil and I traveled to Kastania Fælled in Petaluma for Sønderjylland #10's installation. It was a lovely afternoon visiting people I had not seen in a long time and meeting new friends. After the installation, we enjoyed a wonderful Danish meal followed by a raffle. Labor Day weekend we will be making our way north to Ferndale for their installation and dinner on Saturday and bocce and luncheon on Sunday. This has always been a fun trip. I hope to see many of you there. Safe travels everyone! Beth Cowan, Dannebrog Grand President

Dania Grand President

It was another beautiful August afternoon at Kastania Fælled, the Danish Soldiers club facility in Petaluma, with the members of Sønderjylland #10. They do a wonderful job of honoring our Danish culture and traditions with festive red and white decorations (including themselves, and the architecture), and delicious Danish food. Their outdoor installation under the covered area nestled in the trees is simply magical. Even if we had we all been wearing red caps and white beards I couldn't have felt more like happy little gnomes frolicking in the forest! At the closing of the ceremony, Sønderjylland's new Past President, Karen Friss Lysmer shared her beautiful heartfelt thoughts about the importance of all of us taking care of each other, I was tearing up right along with her. Then their newly installed President, Debbie Cruger-Hansen, delighted us with a mini refresher course by reading from Sønderjylland's By-Laws to the meaning of why we've all been getting together all these years, I encourage everyone to do the same at your next meeting! Under the leadership of Debbie, and with the support and guidance from Karen, I believe that Sønderjylland #10 has a very bright future ahead. Congratulations to all the newly installed officers. I know you'll have a wonderful year, your enthusiasm and camaraderie is inspiring. After the installation, we enjoyed a selection of Frickadeller with all the trimmings prepared by several members, followed with the all-time favorite treat, Risalamande with cherry sauce (more red and white!). Next on this years itinerary: Ferndale on Labor Day weekend! Valhalla #11 and Ydun #10 pullout all the stops for us, and never disappoint. This is always a much anticipated and enjoyable event for many Dania and

IN MEMORIAM:

Dee Matusiewicz; Danebod #16, Livermore
Jerry Zoller; Bornholm #14, Modesto

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Dannebrog members. Also looking forward to heading north to Livermore for Dannevang#7 and Danebod #16's annual BBQ on the 28th of this month. And still finalizing plans to get to Solvang's Danish Days. Hey Ladies, anyone have a room to share? p.s. for those of you who haven't yet read the individual branch announcements, I'll put in a little plug for Freja #6 and Dana #15's Dansktoberfest and Installation scheduled for October 13th, scan on down and read all about it!
"Tak for sidst!" Jana Heer-Glovaski, Dania Grand President

DANIA/DANNEBROG SENIOR ASSISTANCE FUND

John & Kirsten Johansen; In memory of Alvin Olsen
John & Kirsten Johansen; In memory of Jerry Zoller

DANNEBROG SCHOLARSHIP

DANIA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Bornholm #14; In memory of Jerry Zoller
Johanne Gade; In memory of Jerry Zoller
Doris and Peder Hoy; In memory of Jerry Zoller

DANIA GENERAL FUND

NEW MEMBERS:

Secretary's

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**

It's hard to believe the summer is almost over. Here's wishing everyone in Dania and Dannebrog a great Labor Day weekend! "One more for the road!"
We had a great turnout for our August meeting and the Niensens treated us to a fabulous meal – thank you Karen, Dennis, and Ian. Thanks also to Bob Fox for more of that great apple pie, and thanks to Liz and Johanne for our premeeting appetizer spread. We are so lucky to be so spoiled by our own membership.
It was so nice to see our newlyweds Roger and Mimi Gearhart at the meeting. They were married on July 24th in a church in Denmark, a church that has a special family

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 an enjoyable Labor Day weekend! Do not forget we will be having a change of venue for our Sept. 7, 2019 meeting; we will be meeting at

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**

At our August meeting we were treated with another attempt of Jana's mission to push the limits of a frickadeller recipe. This time, Burgers! I'm happy to report that they got thumbs up around the table, especially from our Danes Ron Nielsen and Inger Rasmussen. Natalie made a perfect picnic potato salad and Doris Skow's artistically arranged tomato and mozzarella salad brought our Dannebrog colors to the table in grand style. Under unfinished business, and while nibbling on mini apple pies a-la-mode made with mini crab apples from Jana's neighbor's garden, we decided that October 13 will be the date for our 3rd Annual Dansktoberfest and installation where your's truly (along with our Grand President of Dannebrog, Beth Cowan) will have the honor and pleasure of re-installing our officers in the positions to which they each have become very familiar. And of course, we couldn't do it without the excellent floor work of Grand

Upcoming Conventions		
Bornholm #14	April 16-18 2020	Clarion Hotel Modesto
Upcoming Installations		
Valhalla No. 11 & Ydun No. 10	August, 31, 2019	Danish Hall in Ferndale
Freja #6 & Dana #15	October 13 th 2019	Salinas Masonic Hall
Dannevang No. 7 Danebod No. 16	February 22, 2020	To Be Announced

connection for the Gearharts. You must ask Roger to tell the story in detail. It's a story of a kind-hearted priest who adopted two young girls in need, and how the Lang family name entered the Gearhart lineage. Once again – congratulations Mimi and Roger!
Our next meeting will be *onsdag, 11 september*. 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 Denny's Restaurant located on the north side of Shaw Ave., just east of First Street, at, 11:30 am. Hope to see you there. MNielsen

Marshals Stuart Mahler (Dannebrog) and Tom Martin (Dania). I am so proud to be a member of this Grand Installing Team '19-'20. We'll be ready to start greeting everyone at 11:00am at the Salinas Masonic Center located at 48 E. San Joaquin St. Salinas and enjoy some light refreshments before beginning our installation "around" noon. Lunch will follow the ceremony and finish out the afternoon with fun and friendship. Every year we keep doing our best to come up with a few new surprises. If you've joined us before we hope to see you again, and please spread the word in your branches and help us fill up even more tables this year to celebrate Dana's 99th and Freja's 127th year of fellowship. \$25.00 includes all food and beverages. Please RSVP Tim'nNat, timandnatalie@sbcglobal.net or call 831-423-4623 by October 4th. And since summer weather in Salinas can still happen during the first two weeks of Fall, come dressed

casually in Red and White and add your festive touch to our festivities, that means you too, all D&D Grand Officers, leave the formal wear at home and kick back

Salinas style. We won't be meeting in September - see you all Sunday, October 13! Skaal! jhg

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

Time sure does fly, September already, that means all the holidays will be lining up quickly. On a sad note we lost our member Dee Matusiewicz, she passed away on August 16th. Dee was a Past Grand President of Dannebrog in 2000-2001, and also a past president of Danebod No. 16. Our condolences to her family.

Livermore will have their next meeting, Saturday, September 14, 6:00, at the Farm Bureau meeting. The theme is to bring your favorite dish for the pot luck, as always I'm sure we will have plenty of food and full tummies!

Saturday, September 28th, we will be kicking off the end of summer with a picnic/barbecue at Bob and Tracey Lamee's lovely back yard, the address is 1413 Lillian, Livermore. Hamburgers, hot dogs, non-alcoholic drinks, and dessert will be provided. You may bring your own drink of choice and a side dish, Sue has promised to make her outrageous blue cheese and bacon potato salad. Tracey would appreciate a head count so if you could be so kind to RSVP to her at tlamee@yahoo.com or 925-819-2785. You can also RSVP to Bob at his email listed above. 12:00 Noon! 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, Susan Gauthier, s.gauthier@sbcglobal.net #9 Thyra/Valborg #1 Secretary, Beth Cowan, beth.cowan@att.net

We hope to see you when we meet again, at Round Table Pizza, on Thursday, September 12 at 7:30 pm. SG

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

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Sønderjylland #10 held the installation of officers on Saturday, August 10th. We were presented with an absolutely gorgeous day for holding an outdoor meeting, and welcomed an attendance of 38 Members and Guests! Before the Installation we had a social hour where we visited with each other and reminisced about our Danish Heritage and the like. Our member Caroline Cruger-Hansen was, as usual, our perfect bartender. Since Caroline works at Nordic House in Berkeley during the holidays, she could tell us that Nordic House will be open at least until after Christmas, and to get your order in for your Flæskestej and other holiday goodies soon. Several members brought hors d'oeuvres and other appetizers to share, especially Karen Lysmer's Leverpostej on Danish Ryebread, which was very popular and was consumed in no time. Thank you, Karen!

Installation of Officers by the Grand Lodge President. President Karen Lysmer opened the meeting at 12:30 PM, welcoming the Grand Lodge Officers and transferred the gavel to officiating Dania Grand President, Jana Heer - Glovaski, who with the help of Grand Marshal, Tom Martin, officially installed our Officers, who are as follows: President, Debbie Cruger-Hansen
Vice-President, Deborah Johansen Droubay
Secretary/Treasurer, John Cruger-Hansen
Marshal, Sabrina Wilcox

Auditor, Inger Marie Andersen

The gavel was then transferred to President Debbie Cruger-Hansen, who presented thank you gifts to the Grand President, Grand Marshal and Past President Karen Friis Lysmer.

President Debbie Cruger-Hansen held a speech, where she read from the original Constitution, going back to 1879, when Dania played an important role for new immigrants, as a support system and "family", in a new and foreign country. The President then thanked all for attending. Past President Karen Friis Lysmer gave a farewell speech which became emotional, thanking the Board and Membership for their loyalty over the last three and half years, which saw some times of upheaval and changes, such as scaling back to meeting 4 times a year and two parties, instead of the usual monthly meetings. She advised how important it is to stay in touch with the members, and enjoyed calling everyone before each meeting, as well as to check on their well-being. Karen then gave a special thanks to Secretary/Treasurer John Cruger-Hansen for support and working closely together to keeping Sønderjylland #10 going.

After the Installation all were invited to the tables for lunch and Akvavit. The Danish Frikadeller, prepared by members Per Johansen, Lavon Christensen, and John Cruger-Hansen, were served with Red Cabbage and Potato

Salad, and were delicious, with many compliments made. For dessert we served Danish Risalamande with Danish Cherry Sauce, prepared by member Per Johansen. Thanks to all our wonderful members for the great food. Many Grand Officers from both Dania and Dannebrog were present. Introduced were Dania's Grand President Jana Heer-Glovaski, Past Grand Presidents John Scheuber, Johanne Gade, Tim Heer, Lillian Rasmussen, and Tom Martin. Dannebrog was represented by Grand President Beth Mahler Cowan. Past Grand Presidents Susan Gauthier, Jana Heer-Glovaski, Natalie Heer, Signe Ann McNeil, and Dorothy Petersen were also present. The raffle, (thank you to the many donors), took place and lucky Kirsten and Ricky Cohen won the most prizes followed by Kirsten Pedersen and sisters Minna Williams and Lena Humber. To be honest, they also bought the

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

If you are reading this, you probably had a wonderful time at our installation of officers over Labor Day Weekend. September 14 Ferndale will be holding its annual Town Wide Yard Sale. We will again be selling breakfast from 8:00 – noon.

October 5 we will be celebrating Ydun's 107 anniversary with a potluck potato bar. Members are asked to bring toppings for baked potatoes, a salad or dessert. Potatoes will be provided. Meeting is at 11:00 with lunch following around 12:30.

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 of Valdemar # 12 and Dannevirke # 9 met at the Odd Fellows Hall August 2nd at 7 pm for a summer pot-luck. There wasn't very many in attendance, 9 members and 4 visitors. Peter and Kristin Eliassen and baby Siggy, Poul and Anette's granddaughter Zoey. The barb b que was wonderful, burgers, hot dogs, (Anette said almost Danish hotdogs, "Casper's") and ribs. We started with appetizers, there was salad and a nice casserole, watermelon, but no dessert. How weird is that? Not that any of us needed it anyway? Everyone cooked their own meat to their liking. A big thank you to Glenn Fritz for setting up the barb b que, taking it down, cleaning it up and putting it away until next year. There was no meeting, no issues to discuss and not enough in attendance, so we could socialize. We also received Peter and Kristin's applications. They will be imitated in September. Anette announced that our September meeting will be Harvest Fest potluck, October will be October fest potluck, (Anette's famous Sauerkraut & sausage) November will be our early Thanksgiving potluck. (Hopefully Lars Jensen's will roast a yummy turkey again), and finally December Christmas Party, Yes already. More info in the upcoming newsletters.

most raffle tickets. Many other gifts were won, and the raffle was a big success. Thanks to all who purchased raffle tickets, and supplied the raffle prizes.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday October 12, 11:30, at Kastania Fælled in Petaluma. The Meal will be a choice of Pulled Pork sandwiches and coleslaw, Texas Style, prepared by our native Texan, President Debbie Cruger-Hansen, or Stegt Flæsk med persille sovs, Danish style, prepared by our native Dane Per Johansen. We will need an accurate count of who will be attending and who wants what for the lunch, so please let me know no later than October 6.

Please email me if you can volunteer to bring Appetizers or Desserts.

Respectfully, John Cruger-Hansen, Secretary

November 2 we will be celebrating "Dannebrog Day" with a catered lunch. Reservations are a must text or call them in to (707) 499-3746. We will not be meeting in December, but are invited to a Christmas Party on December 8, 2019. 4:30 appetizers with dinner served at 5:30. Reservations are again a must and can be made at number above. For December we will need to know how many are in your group and if kids are under 12, than we will need to know the age and gender for Santa...

Christian Nielsen

The Reno Lodges wants to wish Doris Skow a happy belated 90th birthday. We understand the party was great! Sena-Marie attended her 50th Reno High School class reunion. It was so nice to see Marie Stafford, who is a 50 year member of Dannevirke. Hopefully she will be able to attend our meetings again. We miss her. We also express our deepest sympathy to the Jensen family for the loss of Gary Jensen, son of Velma and George Jensen and grandson of Oda and Louie Jensen. George and Louie were members of Valdemar, and Velma and Oda were members of Dannevirke. Gary was a successful business owner in Reno and founded Jensen Electric in 1968. Even though most of the Jensen families were not members they supported the lodges, attending our big parties and whatever we needed. We know Gary will be missed by all of us that grew up with the family. Lars Jensen was in Denmark, hope he had a great and safe trip home. Solveig and John were not in attendance. Solveig wasn't feeling well, hope you will we better soon. Anette is doing better no sling on her arm and no brace on her foot. She is going to P.T. and almost back to normal. Ann-Katherine was admitted to the hospital Monday August 5th for an infection in her leg. She cut her leg July 31st that continued

to be red and swollen. Jordan and Nina took her to E.R. on Monday and they admitted her. After two days on antibiotic she is now home and doing better. Our September birthdays are Anette Christensen, Eva

Demosthenes, Glenn Fritz, Bonnie Larsen and Jennifer Baker. HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL. Enjoy the 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

We are still adjusting to the recent losses to our local membership. First the Johansen's return to Denmark; In May the death of Charter member, Alvin Olsen; In June the death of long-time member and Auditor Jerry Zoller. These members will be greatly missed.

We are currently looking into adjusting our schedule to accommodate these losses and also, the inability of many of our members to get to the meetings. Several changes are in the works and we will advise when decisions are finalized.

A memorial is scheduled for Alvin on September 12th at "Season's Event Center", 945 McHenry Avenue, Modesto,

CA. 95350 from 11:30 to 3:00. If you plan on attending please let us know.

A memorial mass for Jerry will be on September 17th at Our Lady of Fatima Church, 505 Granger Ave., Modesto. Refreshments to follow in the hall.

There will be no meeting in September. Our next meeting will be on October 18th hosted by Bodil Wighthouse at 26655 E. Shelton Rd, Linden, CA. We will gather at 5:30: eat at 6:00; meeting will start at 6:00."

Finally, a big HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY, to Bob Sorensen.

We are looking forward to revitalizing our group. Hope you are all well and hope to see you soon. – Ann

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

Laura #8 and Danneskjold #17 held their Annual BBQ-Pot luck at the home of Torben and Jona Rasmussen in Almaden Valley on August 17. We were a small group that had a great time eating, drinking and visiting. We even had a visit from Karen Jensen's daughter Helle and her husband Eric. They were visiting from Denmark and stopped in to see us. What a treat. Karen and her husband Chris, were long time members, before moving back to Denmark.

Our September lunch and Business Meeting will be at the home of Jonna Robinson at noon on the 21st. we know this is a conflict with Solvang Danish Days but if you are not going there, please let Jonna know and come join us at her home. Her address is 6308 Blauer Lane, San Jose, In the Villages. The phone number is 408 395 0895. She is making lunch so it is important that you call and let her know if you are coming or not. If you have a favorite game that you would like to share, please bring it along. Wishing everyone a fun Labor Day week-end. DWS

Hejls Minde No. 23

Meeting: 1st. Wednesday 12 noon at Bit O' Denmark,

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

We will be holding our regular luncheon and meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2019 at 12 noon at the

restaurant "Bit 'O Denmark". Look forward to seeing you them.

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 Iversen