



# GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

October 2019

## Dannebrog Grand President

I enjoyed a wonderful Labor Day weekend in Ferndale, beginning with a lovely ride north with Sue and Stuart Mahler. The installation went very well even though key persons were missing. Jana, you were missed, and we are all wishing your husband a speedy recovery. Tom Martin did a great job in your absence; and since Tom was filling in as Grand President, Tim Heer filled in for Tom as Grand Marshal, another job well done. Following the installation, we all enjoyed a delicious dinner and conversation, followed by an auction. Bocce ball on Sunday is always lots of fun. A wonderful lunch was served at Dania Hall prior to some of us returning home. Next installation will be in Salinas on October 13. Looking forward to seeing many of you there. Happy Halloween everyone! Beth Cowan, Dannebrog Grand President

## Dania Grand President

So here's what happened to me 5 weeks ago, my husband, Doug, got hit by a car while he was riding his bike. Yes, it's his body that's suffering the damage but I say it happened to me too because we've both been traumatized. Seriously, hospital trauma units should have additional medical support for family and loved ones. For 10 years he's been enjoying collecting, re-building and riding vintage road bikes and puts in an average 20-30 miles 3 times a week almost exclusively on bike trails. He's not a novice, but this was one of the first times he tried a route that intersected a highway. The person driving the car took one look at him lying in the road and kept on driving. Most importantly, Doug is recovering well and we'll both be OK, but during these first few weeks I missed a lot of fun stuff! First and foremost, Ferndale weekend! I had been looking forward to installing Valhalla #11 and Ydun #10 with Beth ever since I signed up for this Dania Grand Officer Gig! Thank you Tom Martin for assuming my duties and doing an excellent job of it I've been told, and didn't for one second doubt you would. My "Other Brother Tim" also answered the call and filled in for Tom as Grand Marshal, I might be even sorrier to have missed Tim and Stuart marching around the floor together. And, Doug and I are most grateful to everyone for your thoughtful well wishes; Doug grew up in a very small family and has never seen a card signed by so many people! Thank you to all the Grand Officers for your support and understanding during this bump in the road, and my heartfelt congratulations to Valhalla and Ydun with wishes for another wonderful year

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in your beautiful Ferndale community. Then, there was Solvang's Danish Days, another huge event I didn't want to miss this year. Up until the last minute I had the crazy idea that I could get away for maybe a day, but it was still too soon for this Grand nurse to leave her patient unattended. Next year for sure! Until then, there's still plenty of fun to be had, for starters, Salinas's Dansktoberfest and Installation on Sunday October 13th! Hope to see many smiling faces, for details check out Freja #6 and Dana #15's article a little further on down. "Tak for Sidst!" Jana Heer-Glovaski, Dania Grand President

**IN MEMORIAM:**

Esther Jacobsen, Valkyrien #23, Santa Maria

**DANIA/DANNEBROG SENIOR ASSISTANCE FUND**

Elizabeth and Jim Jensen in memory of Francis Claussen

**DANNEBRØG SCHOLARSHIP**

Danebod #16 in memory of Dee Matusiewicz

**DANIA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

**DANIA GENERAL FUND**

**NEW MEMBERS:**

Kristin Eliassen, Dannevirke #9, Reno

Peter Eliassen, Valdemar #12, Reno.

**Secretary's**

**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**

Danmark #2 and Thyra #3 are saddened by the passing of our friend Francis Claussen. Francis was born in San Francisco on May 24, 1921. He joined Danmark #2 on June 19, 1980 and was a Life Member. A memorial service will be held on Saturday October 5th at the Andrews Presbyterian Church in Pacifica followed by a reception at the Basque Cultural Center in South San Francisco. The times and address are where:

**Services 11:00am:**

Andrews Presbyterian Church  
1125 Terra Nova Blvd  
Pacifica, CA

**Reception 12:30pm:**

Basque Cultural Center  
599 Railroad Ave  
South San Francisco, CA

Francis loved being a member of Dania and always brightened our meetings and events with his stories and smile. We will miss his company.

**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)**

President Don Pettitt reported we had a great turnout at the new location, Denny's Restaurant on Shaw Ave. for the September lunch meeting. Denny's has a separate room so everyone could hear what was being said in the meeting.

Christie reported that Betty Jensen had come home from the hospital then fell and broke a bone in her foot. She's now at Willow Creek in Fresno.

Upcoming Conventions		
Bornholm #14	April 16-18 2020	Clarion Hotel Modesto
Upcoming Installations		
Freja #6 & Dana #15	October 13 <sup>th</sup> 2019	Salinas Masonic Hall
Dannevang No. 7 Danebod No. 16	February 22, 2020	To Be Announced

We want everyone to know we have a great Christmas luncheon planned this year and you are all invited. This year our annual event will be at the Hotel Mac in Point Richmond – a classic hotel and restaurant that dates back to the early 1900's. The address is 50 Washington Ave in Richmond. The date is Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup> and the bar opens at 11:30am. The menu is Salmon or Flank Steak. We are taking RSVPs now. Contact John Jensen (info below) or James Jensen ([jamesolefjensen@yahoo.com](mailto:jamesolefjensen@yahoo.com)) with your name and numbers. Hope to see you there!

Our next meeting will be *onsdag, 9 oktober*. 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](mailto:jajensend2@gmail.com) , 510-299-1855

Vice President Kay Jensen has made the reservation for our Christmas luncheon. It will be on Dec. 7, at the Fresno Breakfast House. This is the same place as we were at last year.

We will meet for our October meeting at Denny's on Saturday, October 5, at 11:30. Hope to see you.

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**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](mailto:timandnatalie@sbcglobal.net)**

October! The perfect time for a little celebrating, the air is starting to cool, the heat of the Summer will soon be just a sweet memory as we start rooting around for our sweaters and scarves, and we still have a month or so before the holidays get into full swing. Dana #15 and Freja #6 are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible on Sunday the 13th for our Annual Dansktoberfest. Please join us in celebration of another year of Danishness. We like to take this time to remember and honor our past members and renew our commitment by reinstalling our officers. You can make our festivities even more festive by dressing in Red and White, or better yet, traditional costumes are always fun to see, even if it's just tasseled knees or aproned waists (or both). This request extends to our honorable Grand Officers as well, you are welcome to

leave your formalwear at home. Plan on arriving at 11:30 to The Masonic Center in Salinas @ 48 East San Joaquin St. and be greeted with cold beverages (yes, beer too) and some tasty bites (yes, sausage too) before our installation of old officers. Then, lunch of chicken and salads (and yes, more beer and sausages) and dessert & coffee (all for \$25) will round out the day. We've come up with a few more fun ways to not only take home some good memories, but the luckiest and cleverest will have a chance at some cash and prizes. If you haven't RSVP'd Tim'nNat yet at 831-426-4623 or [timandnatalie@sbcglobal.net](mailto:timandnatalie@sbcglobal.net), don't worry, it's not too late, in fact it's never too late, we have lots of chairs and lots of room and we'll run and get more beer and sausages if we have to. Skaal! jhg

**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)**

Happy Fall! Unfortunately we had to cancel our barbecue due to multiple happenings on the same day, that's the way it goes sometimes, maybe next year it'll work out. Speaking of unfortunate circumstances, we are losing our President Gregg DiMartino and our Marshal Lise DiMartino who have decided to leave California for new adventures in Nevada. We will miss them but wish them the best!

**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)**

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 10. Please join us when we meet at the home of Greg Gleeson, 22211 Cameron Street, Castro Valley CA 94546, to say Farwell to the Filiu's before their move to Minnesota. We will gather at 6:00 PM for pizza, beverages

Our next meeting will be Saturday, October 12, 6:00 at the Farm Bureau Hall. Tracey is bringing chili, so bring some fixings that go along with that, hmmm corn bread, sausages, beer...sounds almost like OctoberFest. See you there, Be well and have it good! KRT

and a sweet treat. A brief meeting will follow dinner. Please notify me if you will be attending, so we can plan accordingly for food & beverages. Call or message: 510-299-9172, or email: [s.gauthier@sbcglobal.net](mailto:s.gauthier@sbcglobal.net). Visitors are always welcome! Susan

**Sonderjylland No. 10**

**Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:j.crugerhansen@comcast.net)**

Sonderjylland #10 did not have a meeting in September 2019.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday October 12, 11:30, at Kastania Fælled in Petaluma.

We will be discussing our Christmas Party in December, our Valentines Party in February 2020 and electing delegates for the Dania Convention in April 2020.

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 call 510-232-6998, email: [j.crugerhansen@comcast.net](mailto:j.crugerhansen@comcast.net) , or text: 510-375-5070 and 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

**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)**

September we had a wonderful time with all the Grand Officers attending our installation of officers. We enjoy seeing you and getting caught up on what is happening in other lodges.

**Oct 5: Valhalla – Ydun** will be meeting at 11:00 for a business meeting with a Baked potato bar potluck lunch following. Members are asked to bring your favorite potato topping, salad or dessert to share. Potatoes, sour cream, butter, cheese and chives will be provided.

**Valdemar No 12. & Dannevirke No. 9**

**Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup>. 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, [anettechristensen@charter.net](mailto:anettechristensen@charter.net)**

The Reno Lodges of Valdemar #12 and Dannevirke #9 met at the Odds Fellows Hall September 6th at 7 pm for the last summer potluck. There were 18 in attendance. We started with great appetizers. They were almost a meal in itself. There was a very good selection of different foods. If anyone left hungry it was their own fault. A birthday cake was brought by Sena-Marie for Anette's birthday, September 11th. It was decorated in a Danish Flag. Her name was across the white of the flag. Also, a Danish dessert (Rødgrød med fløde). Anette opened the meeting during coffee & dessert. We initiated Peter and Kristin Eliassen. Peter, to Valdemar and Kristin, to Dannevirke. We welcomed them with open arms, glad to have them aboard. We discussed the rest of the year. October will be: Oktoberfest potluck - Anette will make Sauerkraut and Sausage, so yummy. Everyone should bring something to share that fits for October Fest. November will be an early Thanksgiving potluck. Lars Jensen said Yes to roasting his famous turkey. YUMMY. Everyone should bring a dish to share that complements the turkey. Finally, the Christmas Party, it will be a traditional Danish Feast. That night we will start at 6 pm since we have a big program. We are asking members for donations for raffle prizes. Cost will be 15 dollars for members and 20 dollars for non-members. Children ages 5-12 years is 5

**Bornholm No. 14**

**Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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)**

As stated in our September Newsletter, we had no meeting in September due to memorials for Alvin Olsen and Jerry Zoller and vacation schedules. We were, however were able to celebrate Bob Sorensen's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday with his family and friends and were delighted to learn his life story. What a great man!!

Our next meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. It will be hosted by Bodil Whitehouse at her home at 26655 E. Shelton Rd., Linden, CA 95326. She has graciously

**Nov 2 Valhalla and Ydun** will be meeting at 11:00 with a catered lunch following at 12:30. **Reservations are a must.** Come to our Oct meeting to plan the menu.

**No meeting in December.** Remember, Delegates for the April 2020 Convention are due in December. If you are going, let us know so that we can get you on the delegates list.

Have a great holiday season,  
Christian Nielsen

dollars and under 5 free. Each member can bring 1 guest! Any questions, please contact Anette. Ingrid Hedman will be in charge of St. Lucia. If you have any children or grandchildren who would like to participate, please call Ingrid 775-972-4251.

A special thank you to Glenn Fritz who donated a 3-shelf cart in red, (Anette's favorite color) so we can store all our supplies, plates, napkins, and most important, soda and alcohol. This way we can leave the supplies on the cart and just wheel it in and out for each meeting. THANK YOU so much, you don't know how much you mean to us! Our sick list is better, Ann-Katherine's leg is better after her infection. She was in attendance. Solveig and John were not here, they had family from out of town. Ina is out of her cast after her broken wrist. Eric Hansen is doing well, but Margaret has some health issues. We wish everyone the best! The Reno Lodges wants to express our deepest sympathy to Past Grand President of Dannebrog, Dee Matusiewicz and her family. We know she will be missed. Last, but not least, we want to wish Anette a happy retirement from UNR. She has a new e-mail address [anettechristensen@charter.net](mailto:anettechristensen@charter.net). Best of luck!

Our October birthdays are Linda Hill, Joan Topoian, Paul C. Christensen, and Leif Larsen. HAPPY BIRTHDAY ALL. Happy Fall and Take Care Sena-Marie

volunteered to provide a dinner of sausages and cabbage and apple cake. She asks that you arrive at 5:30 for refreshments with dinner at 6:00 p.m. Meeting will follow. We will be having our annual Christmas party in December so hope you all can participate. Final details will be published in the October Newsletter. We in the valley are looking forward to some cooler weather soon. - 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 a September Social at the home of Jonna Robinson. We were a small group since several had gone to Solvang Danish Days. Our thanks to Jonna for a delicious lunch. We spent the afternoon visiting and playing games. It was nice to have Gheta Welsh visiting us.

October 19, we will gather at the home of Britta Lange for lunch at noon and a business meeting. Britta will prepare

lunch so be sure to call her at 408-257-5637 to let her know if you are coming or not.

I had a nice visit with Ellen Jensen recently and it was nice to see Phyllis Allman out to play cards last month. Chuck Allman has not been out lately however.

We wish all our distant members and our shut-ins as well as all of our regular members a Happy Halloween and lookout for those Goblins.

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**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**

Hiejls Minde No. 23 held its regular luncheon meeting on Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at the restaurant Bit O'Denmark. It was great to be back after two months off in July and August. There were no birthdays this month. A delicious Danish lunch was served. The menu was 3 herring choices followed by Danish open face sandwiches of fish filet, frikadeller and roast beef with potato salad. Dessert was cheesecake with raspberry sauce and Bent brought a delicious Kringle. Coffee, tea and snaps were also served. The Danish maid and some helpers stopped by to sell tickets to win a trip to Denmark sponsored by the Danish Days Foundation.

The meeting was opened with the singing of God Bless America. We had 3 visitors: Johanne Gade, Grand Trustee #1; Bente Ellis, Grand Vice President and Svend Erik a good friend of Bent Olsen from Aero.

Thank you notes were read from Dania-Dannebrog Senior Assistance Fund, Meals on Wheels of Santa Maria Valley and Beatriz Djernaes.

It was approved to provide \$2000 to support the troops being sent overseas with boxes of items needed.

Wayne Allen announced that Ester Jacobsen had passed away. A service for her will be on Sept 10 at 1:00 p.m. at the Grace Lutheran Church, 423 E. Fesler, Santa Maria.

Our sympathy goes out to the family.

Erling Grumstrup will be leaving for Washington DC in Oct to be honored because he fought in battle Iwo Jima and witnessed the iconic raising of flag. He will see the memorial built in their honor.

We finished the meeting by singing "Der er et Yndigt Land". Our next meeting will be Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at 12 noon at Bit O'Denmark

**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**