



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

November 2019

Dannebrog Grand President

I don't know about all of you, but I find it hard to believe we are heading into November already! In October, our travels took us to Salinas for a fun-filled afternoon where Jana and I had the pleasure of installing the officers of Dana #15 and Freja #6, which was followed by a delicious lunch. Members and guests looked festive dressed in their red and white attire while guessing the number of game pieces in a jar and naming the locations on small Danish plates. November is a month we honor our Veterans and are thankful on Thanksgiving Day, as we are every day. Wishing all of you wonderful month!
Beth Cowan, Dannebrog Grand President

Dania Grand President

First I need to thank everyone for all their thoughts and concerns for my husband Doug. He is well into his recovery, the cane has been banished to the garage, he's getting lots of high fives from his physical therapists and has even taken some slow and steady bike laps around our safe and flat little town of Spreckels. I began my month by taking a trip with Tim'nNat up to Nordic House to purchase the Medisterpølse and Leverpostej for Salinas's Dansktoberfest. Of course, we gave into temptation and picked up a few more Danish goodies as any good Dane would do in that situation. We'll all be sad to see Nordic House close in the coming year. From there we found our way to Hayward to attend Thyra #9 and Valborg #1's October meeting at the home of Greg Gleeson. The members of Hayward's branches have successfully found a good balance between a casual and formal meeting ritual while also carrying on those fun traditions from the past. The winner of the membership prize is pulled from a decades old saltine tin containing metal discs with numbers stamped into them. When I asked about the charred side of the tin, I was told how it survived a closet fire many years ago, and along with that story came more beloved stories and names recalled. For me, this is the best part of what we do, take care of each other and preserve the memory of members long gone but never forgotten. And, the hardest part of what we do is saying "farvel" to our dear friends. That night it was Alan and Mary Esther Filiau as they were counting down the days before they are packed up and on their way to their new home in Minnesota. They are very excited about this adventure and we all wish them many happy days ahead, but we will miss them SO MUCH! Turns out that we bought exactly the right amount of Medisterpølse and Leverpostej, and it was enjoyed by all who took a Sunday drive to Salinas to help us celebrate our 3rd annual Dansktoberfest and re-installation of old officers. My

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biggest task of the day was keeping straight which regalia to wear, it's an honor, a privilege, and a challenge to install your own branch officers. I am SO proud of this being part of this years grand installing team, Dannebrog's Beth Cowan and Stuart Mahler and Dania's Tom Martin. Salinas is very grateful for their flexibility and good nature when it comes to installing us with all our substitutions and double duty officers in both Freja and Dana. It was a most memorable day. So now that the 2019 installation season has cooled off till February 2020, I will be trying "to the best of my ability" to get out and about and see what's going on at your meetings! Till then, "tak for sidst!" Jana Heer-Glovaski, Dania Grand President

IN MEMORIAM:

Ole Juul, Dannevang #7, Livermore
Francis Claussen, Danmark #2 San Francisco
John Sorensen, Hejls Minde # 23, Solvang
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Dannevang #7 in Memory of Ole Juul

DANNEBROG SCHOLARSHIP

DANIA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

DANIA GENERAL FUND

Danmark #2 in memory of Francis Claussen

NEW MEMBERS:

Peter Maris, Danmark #2, San Francisco

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

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Here's hoping everybody came through October intact. What a month! Our thoughts are with anyone who was displaced by all the uncontrollable and controllable events. Remember to try and make the best of it when the lights go out ;-)

Danmark #2 and Thyra #3 invite you and your friends and family to our annual Christmas Luncheon. This year our luncheon 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 7th and the bar opens at 11:30am. The menu is Salmon or Flank Steak. We are taking RSVPs now. Contact

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

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

Dana #15 and Freja #6 couldn't be happier with the attendance to our 3rd annual Dansktoberfest, I mean, who wouldn't want standing room only? but, 40 smiling and happy friends getting together is truly something to feel grand about. Good people, good food and cold beverages, what more do we need? Our installation went smoothly under the leadership of Dannebrog's Grand President Beth Cowan, I helped a little, I got a little scatter brained but thankfully my Grand Marshal Tom Martin kept getting me back on track. He and Dannebrog Grand Marshal Stuart kept us all on track while escorting us to where we needed to be when we needed to be there, which in most cases was more than one place several times. Many many thanks to all the Grand Officers who came to "assume their respective stations" and all the out of town members who made the trip and made our day. I think we were all entertained by the antics and anticipation of a few fun games. Kathy Thomsen had the closest guess for the "Guess How Many Game Pieces Guessing Game". In case it ever comes up in conversation, a 10" tall x 5" dia. round container holds 699 miscellaneous board game pieces, with a little room to allow for shaking. Kathy won

Upcoming Conventions		
Bornholm #14	April 16-18 2020	Clarion Hotel Modesto
Upcoming Installations		
Dannevang No. 7 Danebod No. 16	February 22, 2020	To Be Announced

John Jensen (info below) or James Jensen at jamesolefjensen@yahoo.com with your name and numbers. Bring your favorite ugly sweater and your best singing voice. Hope to see you there!

Our next meeting will be *onsdag, 13 november*. 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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\$25.00, the cost of her lunch, and with the next closest guess Ole Pedersen took home all the dollars collected with the guesses, around \$17.00. Included with the game pieces were several scrabble tiles, clever girl Susan Gauthier was the only one who figured out that they spelled "Beth and Jana"! The table centerpieces were colorful silk flowers in tall white vases, Royal Copenhagen mini plates were hanging from the rim. The fun part was to try and identify the location depicted on each plate, there were 24 plates and I think Kathy Thomsen got almost all of them right. Everyone who wanted one went home with a plate, but Kathy got the first choice. Mange Tak to all for playing and keeping the smiles flowing, and a special Tak to Ron Nielsen for pronouncing the Danish plate locations clearly and properly! At this stage of the game if I had any confidence, I could learn anything new, it would be definitely be Danish. Dana and Freja will not be meeting again till Sunday January 5th when we'll welcome in 2020 with our Traditional Danish Holiday Feast. Stay tuned for details next month, we would love to have you join us. Skaall! 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

The month of November is upon us, and it is a month to give thanks. We will meet Saturday, the 9th, 6:00, Farm Bureau Hall. We are repeating the chile and corn bread theme, its kind of fell

apart for our October meeting. Here's hoping for everyone's health and safety, and for our power to stay on. Happy Thanksgiving, 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 our last meeting we bid farewell to Alan and Mary Esther Filiau. We wish them well in their new home in Minnesota! At our next meeting, to be held Thursday, November 14, we will be back at the Round Table Pizza. Please be sure to attend as we

will have our first nomination of officers...you'll want to be here to choose your seat!

I look forward to seeing you there, Susan

Sønderjylland 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 their fall meeting on Saturday, October 12, 2019. We were presented with an absolutely gorgeous day for holding an outdoor meeting, and we welcomed an attendance of 15 Members and Guests!

Before the meeting 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. Several members brought hors d'oeuvres and other appetizers to share. Thank you to all who brought the appetizers.

At our last meeting President Debbie spoke about Denmark and the importance of churches in Danish history. She and husband John had visited many Danish churches during their vacation in Denmark in the summer of 2018. Debbie discovered that there are both old churches and new churches in Denmark. The "Old" churches were built around 11 hundred and the "New" churches were built after the reformation, in the 14 and 15 hundreds, (approximately 2,000 churches in each period). Debbie said that after American standards all the churches were old.

Another revelation was the many frescoes in the churches depicting acts from the bible. These wall paintings were really the "poor man's bible" since the majority of the population in Denmark during those times could neither read nor write, and the sermons in the churches were mostly in Latin, which the population didn't understand. The frescoes were the "Bible" that the population understood.

All in all, travelling through Denmark, with the "Old" and "New" churches side by side with the hundreds, if not thousands, of wind generators, (windmills), created a magnificent image of an amazing country.

Per and Deb Johansen introduced two guests visiting them from Aarhus in Denmark and Holger Jorgensen introduced his friend Jimmy, who graciously had volunteered to drive Holger, our most senior member, to the meeting and back to his home. Get-Well Card for member Lena Humber who had been hospitalized but now was recuperating at home.

Per Johansen and Dorothy Petersen were elected Trustees for Sønderjylland #10.

We then discussed participation in the 2020 Dania Convention in Modesto in April 2020. President Debbie Cruger-Hansen and Secretary/Treasurer John Cruger-Hansen were nominated and elected as Delegates and Vice President Deb Johansen as Alternate.

We then discussed the traditional Valentine's Day lunch in February 2020, and all agreed that having the event at the Oakmont Golf Club Restaurant, as we had done in the past, was preferable. The lunch date was set as Sunday, February 16, 2020. After the meeting we had a traditional Danish lunch of Danish Stegt Flæsk with Persille Sovs, prepared by Per and Deb Johansen, and Pulled Pork sandwiches with Coleslaw, prepared by Debbie and John Cruger-Hansen.

As has become tradition, Debbie Cruger-Hansen donated the Aquavit served at the lunch. Thank you, Debbie. Dessert was Chocolate Mousse Cake, donated by Birthe Bækgaard, and Danish Æblekage with whipped cream, prepared by John Cruger-Hansen.

After lunch many members helped clean up and restore the tables and chairs to their original positions. A special thank you to Inger-Marie Andersen for all the help she does at our meetings.

Our next regular scheduled meeting is Saturday, April 11, 2020. Respectfully, John Cruger-Hansen, Secretary

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

Nov 2 Valhalla and Ydun will be meeting at 11:00 with a catered lunch following at 12:30. **Reservations are a must.** Call Mel Lundberg for reservations (707) 822-3787. Menu is Turkey and Lamb with all the trimmings.

No meeting in December. However on **December 8, Sunday**, you are invited to a Christmas Party at the Danish Hall. 4:30 Social, 5:30 Dinner.

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, anettechristensen@charter.net

The Reno Lodges of Valdemar # 12 and Dannevirke # 9 met at the Odd Fellows Hall October 4th at 7 pm. 23 was in attendance. We started with delicious appetizers. There was a very good selection of different foods. Everyone did well fixing food around the great Sauerkraut and Sausage (Anette's famous). Lots of desserts: brownies, Pear cake, and a German dessert, all delicious. During coffee and dessert Anette opened the meeting. It was shorter than normal, because there are only 2 months left in this year. Wow, where did this year go? The November meeting on 11/1 will be a Thanksgiving Potluck. Lars Jensen will roast his famous yummy turkey. Everyone should bring something that fit around a Thanksgiving dinner. Sena-Marie will bring the dressing. The Christmas Party is coming up in about a month and it will be a traditional Danish Feast on Dec. 6. This is a hosted party and we will start at 6 pm. Cost is \$15 dollars for members and \$20 dollars for non-members. Children ages 4-12 years are \$5 dollars and under 3 is free. Lucia performers are also free. All members need to e-mail Lars Jensen lgj@gmail.com, with a list of names and all attendees include "free children". Each member can bring 1 guest (Not including children). Lars will e-mail you back the amount you should write the check for and where to mail it. Checks should be made out to Dannevirke

9 and you must RSVP and PREPAY by November 29th. Any questions call Anette 775-771-5424. We are asking members for donations for raffle prizes. Please bring a small gift for each of your children with their name on. The "Nisse" will hand out the gifts.

Also, a very friendly reminder: Dues are due in January: \$20 dollars for Dannevirke members and \$30 dollars Valdemar members. Well wishes go out from the Reno lodges to Jana's husband, also Betty Jensen from Fresno. Birthday wishes from Reno as well to Robert Sorensen on your 100th birthday. What a "milestone". Congratulations. Looking forward to see Gregg and Lisa from Livermore coming to Reno for some or all our get togethers. We miss seeing Janet Pulsipher, Nina Sawyer and Jordan, Mike and Donna Vanderbeck, Ruth and Pete Olsen, hope to see them all soon. Ann-katherine is enjoying her new place. She is in an assisted living place. Cute apartment and she even has her dog. No-one reported ill this month. Yeah! November Birthdays: Lone Webb, Donna Vanderbeck, Denise Topoian, and Nina Christiansen. Happy Birthday All. Happy Thanksgiving and give thanks for what we all have! 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 had our first "member hosted" meeting at the home of Bodil Whitehouse who, along with partner George Dutra, provided us with a delicious meal and a fun evening. We are planning to have our Christmas Party on December 14th at the Papapoli's Restaurant, 1501 McHenry Avenue, Modesto. (This is the old Familia Garcia Ristorante where we have been going for the last several years. Same place--New Owners.) If you plan to attend, could you let us know by December first so we can let the restaurant know how many we will be. It will start with appetizer's and no-host cocktails and 11:30 a.m. Dinner to follow and Santa is expected!! Dave & Mereta Meeks have volunteered to host the annual Fish Dinner in March 2020. We would welcome any thoughts or

suggestions on how we can make this more convenient for our out of town guests. Suggestions we have received are changing the day to a Saturday and an earlier stating time i.e. noon or early afternoon. We will need to finalize our plans in early February so we would appreciate hearing from you on this matter. Finally, our Convention Committee is working tirelessly to make this a rememberable event. The venue, entertainment, decorations and the menu selections have been approved. Details and reservations forms will be mailed in early January. Our next meeting will be Friday November 15th at Max & Ann Stowers, 1516 Landes Ct. Modesto, CA 95350, at 5:00 p.m. Happy Thanksgiving from Bornholm #14. - 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

The members of Laura #8 and Danneskjold #17 will gather at 12 noon, at the home of Maud Hansen, 1541 Corte de Moffo, San Jose on November 16. Be sure to call her by Wednesday Nov. 13 to let her know if you will be attending or not. 408-266-6306.

This is a social, so if you have a favorite game you would like to share, bring it along. Happy upcoming Thanksgiving to everyone. DWS

Hejls Minde No. 23

Meeting: 1st. 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, October 2, 2019 at the restaurant Bit O' Denmark. A delicious Danish lunch was served. The menu was Potato Leek Soup, Chicken fried steak, Potatoes and Vegetables and la lovely Cake for dessert. Coffee, tea and snaps were also served.

It was a great time and Happy Birthday was sung to Agnes Larsen and Darlene Iversen. Finn Runge Thank you notes were read from Ellen L. Albertoni, Executive Director of the Solvang Senior Center, Pam Gnekow, Director of Bulletin Senior Center and Ruth A. Kunkle with the We

Support The Troops, Inc. They were all very grateful for our help.

It was announced that the Christmas party will be held December 8. Place has not yet been determined.

Niels Djernaes has a new address at Atterdag.

It was announced that a long time and faithful member, John Sorensen, has passed away. He was always at our meeting and

will be missed. A Celebration of his life is planned but a date has not been set yet.

We finished the meeting by singing "Der er et Yndigt Land".

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at 12 noon at Bit O' Denmark., Jean Kardel, Secretary

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