



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

October 2020

Dannebrog Grand President

Hello again! Another month has gone by and it seems nothing has changed. We are still suffering through the effects of the pandemic, and wildfires are raging. I am at a loss for words for those impacted. On a good note, Valborg #1 and Thyra #9 of Hayward have been holding zoom regular meetings, and we had the pleasure of seeing Jana, Steen, Natalie, and Tim at the September meeting. Mary Esther and Alan were able to zoom in from Minnesota. If any other branches are holding zoom meetings, please consider inviting me, OK? I am interested in what you have been doing, Happy Halloween! Beth Cowan, Dannebrog Grand President

Dania Grand President

And now for September's Good of the Order I recognize Peter Schakow from Danmark #2 San Francisco. . . *"I have finally organized my garage (which has never seen a car), excavated my office and organized my garden with perennials and automated drip systems. I have caught up, somewhat, with family and friends both here and in Denmark, enjoying ZOOM happy hours and dinners with friends and ZOOM meetings in several organization. I have been especially busy with Aldersly meetings (zoom) where we are now planning for our 100th Anniversary in 2021, starting construction of a Memory Care Unit in October and where we are in the pre-approval stages for a new Independent Living building, construction planned for 2023. I will not be bored even if it takes 18 months to get past covid-19."* Thank you Peter, for this is very exciting and positive news about Aldersly.

And now we'll hear from Dania's Past Grand President Mel Lundberg of Ferndale's Valhalla #11 . . . *"Over the Labor Day weekend I drove past the empty Bocci Ball courts and really missed seeing everyone out there having a great time. Valhalla #11 and Ydun #10 are still not meeting in our Hall, and this year Zena and I reached our 25th membership anniversary. So, our pins were requested from the Grand Secretaries and in a private SIP ceremony with just the two of us Zena presented me with mine, and I presented her with her's! Recently the smoky skies have been hard to take, but we are even more concerned for our members with properties threatened by the fires. On good days, Zena and I are getting out and safely (Covid style) supporting local restaurants, and enjoying some sightseeing from our car."* Thank you for sharing that Mel, and kudos to you and Zena, Past Grand Presidents of Dania and Dannebrog for your creative Covid era solution to honoring your 25 years of membership. Next time we each see them, they deserve an extra hug!

And now I'm pleased to recognize Dannebrog's Past Grand President Sena-Marie Freeman from Reno's Dannevirke #9 . . . *"I was off for 109 days, longest time ever in 55 years of work, but now, since June 29th I'm happy to be back to work, and feeling semi-normal. I spent most of my weekdays driving my senior neighbors to do their shopping and keep appointments,*

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which meant a lot of time in my car waiting and catching up on my reading, especially romance novels! Weekends were spent doing jigsaw puzzles, 4 number puzzle books, one dot to dot book, and 8 novels, all while playing with my new kitten that I got in February. I made weekly trips to get the mail and gas which added a little more to the 4010 miles I've put on my new Honda since September of 2019. A little about Ann-katherine, she's in better spirits now that after many months of complete lock down at her assisted living place, they are allowing residents to eat in the dining room 6ft away and 2 to a table. She can finally take her dog outside where before, the staff did it. Also, more activities are being planned, but still no visitors. She misses everyone and asked me to say "Hi!" Hi Ann-katherine! We miss you too! I'm sure your infectious smile is brightening all your neighbor's days!
In closing I'll add that I too missed rolling those bocci balls around and have resigned myself to waiting another year, hopefully, to participate in my first Danish dance at Solvang's Danish Days. But, I did attend Hayward's

September meeting via ZOOM! It was a lot of fun and well conducted by Valborg #1 President Susan Gauthier. If any other branches have the technical savvy to take a try at this way of getting together, I highly recommend it! Lastly, with a heavy heart I extend my sincerest condolences to Eva Kristensen and her family for the passing of Kaj, Past Grand President of Dania 2003-04, member of Danmark #2, and Dania's Member of the Year

2008. He was a grand gentleman and he will be deeply missed by many. Keep staying safe, and don't forget, a shot of snaps once in a while is recommend by most members, "SKÅL!" Jana Heer Dania Grand President

IN MEMORIAM:

PGP Kaj Kristensen, Danmark #2, San Francisco

NEW MEMBERS:

Steve Myers, Valdemar #12, Reno

Tim Bailey, Dannevirke #9, Reno

DANIA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Lis and Bob Lacey in memory of Phyllis Allman, Laura #8, San Jose

Upcoming Conventions		
Bornholm #14	Double Tree in Modesto	April 22-24, 2021
Upcoming Installations		
TBA		

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

Once again, the entire San Francisco lodges wishes you good health! And once again we find ourselves under smoky skies and worried about friends and family who may be displaced by wildfires. We hope everyone is safe and stays that way.

We are all saddened by the passing of our good friend Kaj Kristensen. Our hearts go out to his wife Eva and his entire family. Kaj has been a member of Dania since 1977 when he joined Helga #3 of San Francisco. He then joined Danmark #2 in September of 1981. I must say that from my first meeting at the San Francisco lodge, Kaj was the friendliest and most welcoming member that I ever met. While he was not in attendance regularly these past couple of years, whenever he did join us at a meeting it made it a special occasion. We miss you Kaj, now and always.

Our September meeting was yet another backyard gathering at Tom Martin's house. Great hospitality and great weather made for another fun afternoon in the sun. Despite a BART mishap, we managed to gather and conduct a small amount of business with a large amount of good cheer.

October is upon us. I think we have had enough "tricks" to last us the rest of the year, but there is one upcoming "treat" - Oktoberfest! This 2020 debacle cannot derail a good excuse to drink beer and eat bratwurst with friends. Hold on to your sanity and hold on to the ones you love. Just hold on because it ain't over yet!

Stay safe Dania and Dannebrog!
Med venlig hilsen, John A. Jensen, Secretary,
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Thor No. 5 & Thora No. 11

Meeting: 1st. Saturday, 11:30 AM. Denny's 1110 Shaw Ave (on the north side, just east of First Street) Fresno.

Secretary, Martha Nielsen nielsenmarta@gmail.com

When you think that it can't get any worse, it does. All the wildfires up in the mountains around Auberry, Shaver Lake and Huntington Lake, have impacted our air so badly, together with the almond harvest dust it has been like heavy fog.

The fires have displaced so many people and left many homeless. Jerry Hansen lost his home at Pine Ridge in Auberry. It burned early Labor Day weekend and was shown on the local TV, which he recognized. Pam and Stan are up in the mountains at Coarsegold and were ready to evacuate. My daughter Renae, a member of San Jose lodge, was evacuated from Scotts Valley with that fire, then went to their house up at Shaver Lake, then with those fires that area was evacuated. Still don't know if their house at Shaver is still standing.

President Kay Jensen, has been checking on many of our members every month, the same as last month. She reported they all were doing well and really appreciated her calls. Kay said Carl and Betty are doing good and Betty is feeling better since having the shot. Kay would like for any of our members to give her a ring to let her know how you're doing or if there's something you need.

October has always been a month that everything slows down, the triple digit heat is over and the weather is perfect.

My raisins are in the bins ready to go to Sun Maid. My olives, off my one tree, are cured and in the refrigerator. The garden is finished, except for the peppers and tomatoes. It's kept us occupied all spring and summer, now I want to plant some winter vegetables.

Hope everyone is staying safe and healthy, we'll be wearing these masks when out and about for a while. Have faith,

it's going to get better. Martha N

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

As in other parts of the State our Monterey County, was still dealing with a lot of the smoke in the area. Natalie and I were under a monitory evacuation again this last Month for 11 days due to the Dolan Fire by Big Sur. Fire wise we are a lot better now. There was no damage to either Property in Monterey or Santa Cruz Counties. Now that we have been through this twice now it is very evident that packing up all of your history and nonreplicable items is very difficult and very stressful. We have had many Members throughout the State that have gone through this

and our Hearts and understanding of what you went through go out to you.

October is normally a very happy time in our Branches even before we changed our installation to October we would hold a Bar B-Q at a Park or at a member's home like Arne's or Liz's. All while enjoying an Indian summer day with a Beer. So please join me with a "SKÅL!" this Sunday at 1:00 PM where ever you may be just rise your glass to looking forward to happier Days "SKÅL!"
TJH

Dannevang No. 7 & Danebod No. 16

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

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

Happy Fall Y'all! Here it is going on our 7th or 8th month without a meeting, it's been so long I've lost track. Well not that we could meet anyway at the Farm Bureau Building, seems they've had a fire in the kitchen, not sure on the status of when we can go back in is. Luckily our storage cabinet we keep there was spared any damage. There was a hall of fame with pictures of all the past presidents of the farm bureau which is gone now, many of

them past members of Dannevang No. 7. Dan and I went to Solvang for the "un"Danish Days. It was a most enjoyable weekend, but we did miss the annual traditions they usually celebrate that weekend, and spotting fellow Danes walking the streets. Soon we will be gathering together, hopefully Thanksgiving and Christmas won't be cancelled. Stay safe out there and be well, 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 will hold a virtual meeting via Zoom at 6:30 PM, on Thursday, October 8. *Please note the earlier start time!* Valborg & Thyra members have the opportunity to win an attendance drawing, if they attend the virtual meeting...Don't miss out! The Zoom invitation will be emailed about a week prior to the meeting. If you are not a

member of the Hayward branches, and would like to join us, please email me at s.gauthier@sbcglobal.net.

I hope everyone is staying healthy!
Susan

Sønderjylland No. 10

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

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

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Sønderjylland #10 had no meeting in September 2020.

A reminder from ````the Sønderjylland #10 Board of Directors:

Because the COVID-19 outbreak doesn't seem to have diminished in our area in any significant manner, we will continue, until further notice, to cancel our scheduled meetings for year 2020 and in to the 2021 year. It is unfortunate that we have to take this action, but having our meetings would put our members in unnecessary danger of being infected with the COVID-19 virus. Better safe than sorry.

We hope all of you are well and coping during this difficult time.

So far, we have not heard of any of our members getting sick with the virus, thank goodness, but please do let us know if you need any help or if you know of any of our members who need help.

In addition to the COVID-19 virus, we are also dealing with wildfires and the smoke affecting all of us.

On a personal note, President Debbie and I, (Secretary John) have been sheltering away from the Bay Area since late May and are now planning to return to our home in El Cerrito on October 4 and stay there as long as we feel it is

safe for us. Debbie and I will celebrate our 40th wedding anniversary on October 18 and wanted to be home with our girls to celebrate.

We are fortunate to have a vacation home in Lassen County, in the town of Clear Creek, (population 400, elevation 4,980 feet) less than a mile from the Plumas County line. Plumas County, where there, so far, have been only 50 cases of COVID-19 since March, is the only County in California which actually publishes daily what area of the county (cities) the COVID-19 cases were in, and which cases are currently infectious and which cases are considered over (no longer infectious). That has been a great comfort to us, since we then could avoid the city where the active cases were, while they still were infectious.

We have however, from time to time, been severely affected by the forest fire smoke, to the point where we had to stay indoors for nearly two weeks straight. We also had our power turned off for two days by PG&E which was an inconvenience since our home is all electric. Debbie has been teaching remotely since mid-August and when the power was shut off she lost her internet connection during a ZOOM meeting with her class. We raced to the nearest town, (Westwood), 4 miles from our

house since Westwood is not on PG&E's grid and did not lose power. We sat in our Chrysler Pacifica Plug-in Electric van for nearly 6 hours a day, for two days, connected to our T-Mobile hotspot and the laptop computer plugged in to the van's 110-volt outlet, having ZOOM meetings and otherwise teaching class. Thank goodness the van has a 300-volt 16 Mega-Watt storage battery that can run the hotspot and Debbie's laptop for days without depleting more than a few percent of the battery. We actually parked in front of the local coffeeshop, (which was open for business) so I could keep Debbie supplied with hot Latte's during this ordeal. That's the life of a Fourth-Grade teacher, teaching remotely nowadays.

Hopefully these inconveniences from the fires and power shutdowns are short term. However, the health effects from the heavy smoke almost everywhere can be very dangerous, so please stay out of the smoke. Send us your stories about how you and your family are coping. We would love to share your stories with the other club members. It's a way for all of us to still stay in touch. Until further notice, stay safe, stay healthy, and stay in contact with each other.

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

We are still closed and don't plan on meeting until sometime in 2021

Hope everyone is healthy and staying safe.

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, anettechristensen@charter.net

The Reno Lodges of Valdemar #12 and Dannevirke #9 met at the Odd Fellows Hall on Friday September 4th at 7 pm with 6 in attendance. It was the Friday before the Labor Day weekend which could explain the low attendance. Nevertheless, we had a very nice get together with social distance and masks. Everyone brought their own picnic basket for dinner. Anette brought a Danish potato salad from home grown red potatoes; Sena-Marie brought a lemon cake. Coffee was served, but we didn't have a meeting during dessert like normal. We just visited and chatted about several things and had a very nice social evening. We missed all the members that didn't attend, maybe camping or doing other things since it was Labor Day Weekend. We hope all is well! We know they were not at the Nuggets Rib Cook Off! For the first time in 33 years the cook off was canceled due to covid.

For our October meeting on 10/2, we will have everyone bring their own dinner basket again. Sena-Marie will make another cake for dessert. Hopefully, we will be able to have our early Thanksgiving dinner at our November meeting.

Our big Christmas Party will be very questionable and most likely cancelled. We will discuss that at the Oct. meeting.

No reports of illnesses from any of our members, however Linda Hill told us she had a gallbladder attack, but was feeling better and in attendance. Mike Vanderbeck is waiting for his back surgery and hope all goes well! I found out that Ann-katherine can now have visits by appointment only, but that is good news. Call Nina or Jordan and they can call Atrea to set up an appointment for you to visit her. I know that she would love to see you. Nina's # is 775-762-6462. She is still not allowed off property. She told me to say hi to everyone and she misses everyone. I am going to try and visit her soon. I talk to her every day and she is quite cheerful.

Correction and omissions from last newsletters: I forgot to mention that Steve Myers joined Valdemar #12 in June and Tim Bailey joined Dannevirke #9 earlier this year. Another correction from the September newsletter: Karma Smith was not a sister to Nina Christensen; supposed to be

Karma's mother who was a sister to Nina Christensen (Anette says it's her mistake)
We are very saddened to hear to the passing of Dania Past Grand President, Kaj Kristensen. We hope that Eva and the family find comfort in all the beautiful memories they shared. "Æret være hans minde!"

On a happy note – We have a new US Citizen! Carl Henrik Christiansen took his oath on Friday September 18! Congratulations and don't forget to vote!
We are thinking about all our members and hope to see you soon. Our October Birthdays are Linda Hill, Paul C. Christensen, and Leif Larsen. HAPPY BIRTHDAY ALL.
Be safe, stay healthy, and take care. Sena-Marie

Bornholm No. 14

Meeting: 3rd. Friday every month 5:00 PM To Be Determined

President Bente Ellis, Bentfra@comcast.net Secretary Ann Stowers, ann.max@att.net

Ann is having computer problems and will be back in November with a new computer!! ED

Danneskjold No. 17 & Laura No. 8

Meeting: 3rd Saturday at 12 Noon in various homes.

President, Doris Skow, dws1929@gmail.com, Secretary, Kim Nielsen Giacinto, kimgiacinto@gmail.com

What, it's the end of September and here I am trying to think of something to tell you that you may not know. Oh well that didn't work so here's something you do know, no meetings, no get together, no card games or fun lunches, etc. etc.

All our members are doing well even if they are bored.. I will say that Karl and my son-in-law Jerry are working on getting my flower garden put together. They are trenching

for automatic water lines and sprinklers as well as digging to put in a tree. For those of you who have been to my ranch, I am talking about the area between my bedroom and the outside kitchen. I am trying to lay out a plan for the tree and what flowers I want and the gophers will leave alone. The guys are fencing to keep the deer, racoons and other critters out. Until next time--- DWS

Hejls Minde No. 23

Meeting: 1st. Wednesday 12 noon at Bit O' Denmark, Secretary, Jean Kardel, 5765 Oakhill Dr. Santa Maria, CA 93455

Greetings from Solvang. So sorry we are still shut down and not having meetings. Santa Barbara County has just given permission with restrictions for indoor dining, beauty salons etc. to open.
Solvang has made big changes in that Copenhagen Drive is now a walking street with lots of outdoor dining. Just like good old Denmark. Was sorry to find out that

Thumbelina Needlework shop is closed. Brenda is selling by phone so if you need some things call her. Otherwise we continue doing the right thing by staying home and wearing a mask when out. Stay healthy everyone. I am also a Santa Maria lodge member and we are doing fine but inactive here.
Hejls Minde Darlene Iversen, Reporter

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