



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

June 2021

Dannebrog Grand President

Hello Friends! I usually don't have much to say. However, this month I do need to share some personal information with all of you. I'm going through a health issue. In March 2021, I received a cancer diagnosis of a tumor of the neck and tonsil. I have had two surgeries and future treatment will consist of radiation therapy. The type of cancer it is has a 90% survival rate and I am very optimistic of a good outcome. I am looking forward to seeing all of you at convention in September. I hope this message finds you all well.—Beth Cowan, Dannebrog Grand President

Dania Grand President

I'm excited to read that some of you have been able to start real, live, in person meetings, one careful and cautious step closer to the "new normal". The Dania executive committee has continued take care of business via conference calls. In anticipation of our convention (and joyful reunion) in September questions have been raised regarding the impact this detour from our "normal", traditional, and constitutionally mandated requirements for conventions will have on the election of new officers and their terms of office. How will we (or should we) reset to our April convention schedule? Who will be willing and able to host a convention so soon again in April 2022? A joint meet of the executive board members for Dania and Dannebrog will be happening early in June. Whatever decisions and recommendations are arrived at, you all can be sure that our top priority for this new normal will be "having FUN! and lots of hugs!"

Have a great summer! I'm getting a jump start on mine by going to North Carolina to celebrate my sister Pat's granddaughter's high school graduation. Yep, I'm getting on a plane folks!

Warmly; Jana Heer, Dania Grand President

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Upcoming Conventions

Bornholm #14	Double Tree in Modesto	September 9-11 2021
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Upcoming Installations

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We are in need of Branches that would like to host a convention in the future.

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 lodge wishes you good health!

In May, our lodge had both a business meeting via Zoom and a social gathering via Tom Martin's backyard. Thanks once again to Tom for his hospitality! The weather was great, the food was great, and the turnout was also great. To actually see everybody in person after so long made it feel like we are truly getting back to normal. And the excellent Vaccini cocktail provided by our President Anne Gearhart made it really special! I recommend you ask her for the recipe (hint: Blueberries are of the genus Vaccinium).

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

There's light at the end of the tunnel. We will be having our first lodge meeting on Saturday, June 5, 2021, at 11:30 a.m. at Denny's Restaurant on 1110 East Shaw Ave., Fresno. Remember that you only pay \$5.00 for your lunch and the lodge will pick up the balance.

President Kay Jensen has made all her monthly calls to check on many of our members. Ruth and Susan Christensen, Bonnie Terkelsen, Mary Christensen, Betty Green and Marge Mott.

Seems that all are doing pretty good, but having up and down days. Betty Jensen was having health issues but Carl was doing okay. Doris Lastreto is doing well and says Rene is hanging in there. Lone Taylor will be having surgery at the end of May, we wish you well. Stan Kjar, not doing well, will be having some tests for his health problems.

With our world getting back to normal the Kingsburg Swedish Festival was held the third weekend in May

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

Who is ready to meet again face to face in Salinas?? The Masonic Hall is going to be available to hold meetings and I would like to know if you are ready.

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

And speaking of our dear president, we congratulate Anne on her new position at Oregon State University. We are happy for her success at getting this position, which she describes as a combination of Undergraduate Horticulture "Mom" (advisor), an instructor, and assistant to the Department Head. But we are also a little sad because she will be leaving for Oregon in June. This month will be her last month running our monthly meeting. Good luck Anne and all the best from Danmark #2 and Thyra #3!

Stay Safe Dania and Dannebrog!

Med venlig hilsen, John A. Jensen, Secretary, jajensend2@gmail.com, 1-510-299-1855

as usual. Our own member Rebecca Holt sang the Swedish National Anthem at the opening ceremonies. We (the Fresno Danish Folk dancers) danced Friday evening for the smørrebrød and also Saturday morning for the crepes breakfast. The city really had a great turnout for both, it was the largest crowd I've ever seen at the festival and I've been dancing at this event since the 80's. Christin Holt, the Mother of Rebecca and also a member, has been teaching folk dancing for the children in Kingsburg. This year she has over 30 children, ages 2 to 12 that performed on stage Thursday evening. That's quite an event to see. They join in with a few dances at our performance. It feels good to know we're almost back to the way it was a year or so ago.

Remember to come Saturday, June 5, to the meeting at Denny's.

Stay well. M. Nielsen

There are a few requirements that we would have to adhere to, but who is ready?? Let me know. tjh

Well, we finally did it! We had our first in person meeting since February of 2020. We were a small group but had a nice gathering at Diane's courtyard on May 22nd. It was a lovely setting, and the weather was perfect. Did some catching up on old and new business, thanks to Bob for keeping the bills paid and taking care of things all along the last year. Hopefully, next month's meeting we will get a few more of the regulars back, it's on Saturday, June 26th, and the location will be a surprise, stand by for more info.

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**

Valborg 1 & Thyra 9 members will hold a virtual meeting via Zoom at 6:30 PM, on Thursday, June 10. If you would like to Zoom in and join the Hayward branches meeting, and a bit of after meeting socializing, please send an email to

Sønderjylland No. 10

**Meeting 2nd Saturday of April, 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**

Sønderjylland #10 had no meeting in May 2021. We were hoping to be able to meet on June 12, but it will not be so since the California mask mandate is still in effect on June 12. The next meeting will therefore be scheduled for Saturday August 14, 2021 at Kastania Fælled in Petaluma. However, we still need to hear from our members of when, and if, they have been vaccinated. A few members have yet to pay their 2021 dues of \$30.00. Please mail me a check made out to Sønderjylland #10 for \$30.00. Add \$10 if you want the Dania newsletter sent to you in the mail in addition to the on-line version.

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**

June 5 Valhalla and Ydun will meet at 11:00 for a business meeting with a Soup and Salad potluck lunch to follow. Members and guest are expected to be fully vaccinated to attend inside, non-vaccinated members can meet in the back yard in accordance with the local health code.

Can't believe it's June already, summer plans are kicking in and more people will be on the road, that is if they can afford the gas prices. It's going to be fun to be able to get back to what is, or used to be, called normal. Now we know we have the ability to be flexible and do things entirely different than we've been doing them all along. Until our paths meet again, which is hopefully soon, take care and be well. KRT

s.gauthier@sbcglobal.net. A Zoom Meeting invitation will be sent a few days prior to the meeting. I hope everyone is doing well and has received their COVID vaccination! Best, Susan

Fortunately, 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. Send us your stories about how you and your family are managing. We would love to share your stories with the other club members. It's a way for all of us to stay in touch. Until further notice, stay safe, stay healthy, and stay in contact with each other. Respectfully, John Cruger-Hansen, Secretary/Treasurer

July 3 Valhalla and Ydun will have a catered lunch after the meeting. Reservations are a must so that we can plan this event. Please call or text your reservation to me at (707) 499-3746 or send me an e-mail. We will not be holding a September installation of officers this year, but hope everyone can get together at the convention. 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**

First, I want to thank Anette for writing the May newsletter. I promise I won't miss any more meetings. The Reno Lodges held our 2nd in-person meeting this year on May 7th at 7 P.M. It was a small group, but we are slowly getting back to normal. In attendance was Ina, Anette, Ann-katherine, Sena-Marie, Carl Christiansen, Bonnie & Leif Larsen, and our newest member Karina Davies. All 8 of us enjoyed our picnic basket dinners and then Anette opened our meeting during dessert and coffee. We held a moment of silence for our dear departed member Pete Olsen. Sena-Marie finally had a chance to read all the communications since the covid outbreak. Sena-Marie brought Ann-katherine to the meeting, and she was happy to attend, since it has been over a year since her last meeting. We understand that Solveig Asvitt has some health issues with her lower back – we wish her well and hope she feels better soon. Nina Brandt had surgery on her knee – third time is a charm? We are wishing her a speedy recovery and hope all our other members are doing well.

For Friday June 4th meeting each member will bring their picnic basket dinner. If you like to bring something to BBQ, we will set up the grill and Sena-Marie will bring a dessert.

Mark your calendar for Friday June 18 for our annual Midsummer St. Hans Picnic & Bonfire. This event is fun for children and adults alike and is held at the River School Farm, starting at 7 P.M. Please bring your picnic basket dinner and drinks. We will have the grill ready for your meet to be grilled. Feel free to bring a “Witch” to burn on the bonfire.

<https://sankt-hans.dk/>

Friday, July 2nd we celebrate our annual 4th of July BBQ. Bring your own food to grill as well as side dishes for you to enjoy. Sena-Marie will bring the dessert.

It is with a heavy heart that we report that Dannevirke #9-member, Lone Webb lost her husband, Bob. He lost his battle with cancer on April 26th. Their daughter Ellen and daughter-in-law, Courtney (Lars) also belongs to Dannevirke #9. Our sympathy goes out to the whole family and may they find comfort in all the beautiful memories they shared.

Remembering Pete Olsen by Sena Marie: Pete will be missed by all of us in the Fallon, Reno and Sparks area. I remember growing up with the Olsen family.

My parents and I would visit the family in Sparks and later in Fallon. So many parties, birthdays and weddings. Pete and Ruth's home were open to everyone. Ron and I even made trips to Fallon to see them. Pete was a member of Valdemar #12 since 1969, a past president and our treasurer for 17 years from 1994- 2011. As secretary, I worked hand and hand with him. Pete will be missed by all of us in the Reno Lodges. When Tom Martin was Grand President, he made a trip to Reno and gave Pete, Paul Christensen, and Jim Myers their 25 year's pins. In May 2019, at our installation, both Ruth and Pete were given their 50 year's pins by our Grand Presidents Beth Cowan and Jana Heer. At his funeral there was a picture on Pete's slide show of Tom giving him his pin. Oh, how it brought back so many memories. Pete was the rock of the family and was loved by everyone - it showed at his funeral. The service was lovely and there was standing room only in the church. His grandson, Jake Olsen sang Amazing Grace and Pete had requested a special song to be played for Ruth - a song from when they met and Ruth was surprised. After the service there was a nice luncheon at the convention center with an abundance of food. Pete loved parties, and boy was it. All but 2 of his 18 grandchildren and all 36 great grandchildren were there. Pete had restored a red model T-dodge pick-up to take him to his final resting place. Several Reno members attended, Anette, Ina, Ann-katherine, Paul & Cindy Christensen and Glenn Fritz. This was a very sad day, but a nice day to remember a sweetheart, gentle person with kindness, and dear friend. Rest in peace, till we meet again. I will not forget you.

In the last newsletter we were awaiting baby news from Peter and Kristin Eliassen and we are proud to announce the arrival of their baby girl Petra Solvej on April 26th 7:30 P.M., 8 lbs. 11.7 oz., 20 inches
Congratulations to the parents and her big sister Siggie. We also learned that Gre-Marie Biggs is expecting her 2nd child in December. She is the daughter and stepdaughter of Helen and Carl Henrik Christiansen, congratulations to them too!
June Birthdays are Alex Baker, Helen Christiansen, Hannah Matuzak, Louise Myers, Mette Olsen, La Ree Purdum, Helena Robbert, Sandra Steffensen, Jillian Szewczak, and Cortney Webb. Happy Birthday All.
Happy Father's Day to all the dads out there - stay safe and hope to see everyone soon. 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

Marge reported birthdays celebrated in May were: 5th, David Meeks; 11th Peter Hoy; 39th Brian Mefford and 31st, Pedar Hoy. Susie reported that Gunver is happy and doing well. Ann reported that Mary Zoller is also doing fine and like the rest of us, looking forward to the end of this quarantine.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to the upcoming Convention. Committee Chair, John Scheuber reported that the registration forms are available from the Grand Lodge website. Questions can be addressed to John (209) 541-4092 or consultingjohns@gmail.com. Completed forms

should be submitted to Johanna Gade at 12707 South Cometa Rd., Oakdale, Ca 95361.

Our June meeting will be held on June 18 at the home of John & Marge, 2608 Van Gogh Dr., Modesto, 95356.

Dinner of sausages & hamburgers will be served at 6 p.m. Please contact Marge (209) 522-1111 if you plan to bring a dish. The meeting will start at 7:00. We are hoping for a large turn-out since we haven't been able to be together for such a long time.

We are looking forward to seeing you at Convention.
Ann Stowers, Secretary

Danneskjold No. 17 & Laura No. 8

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

President, Doris Skow, Doris92ranch@gmail.com Secretary, Kim Nielsen Giacinto, kimgiacinto@gmail.com

Well, here we are starting the midway point of 2021. What will we do and what will it bring us? First of all we will start getting together. June 12 will be a big day so mark your calendars for lunch and spending time with friends we haven't seen for many months. We will be hosted by Bob and Lis Lacey at 11:30 a.m. for lunch in their garden. Please be sure to let Lis know if you can come or not. Phone 408-379-0844. This will accomplish 2 things. 1. a get together and 2. eat and visit with friends. So as the old saying goes "be there or be square". This will be a social, with maybe some offers for future hosting. I have spoken with Jona Rasmussen regarding our July barbeque, which they normally host. It is

unfortunate but they will not be able to host this year. I have not made many calls this month but had a nice talk with Ellen Jensen. She is doing well except for pain in her joints. She sends her greetings to all. By the time you read this article, we should have celebrated the Memorial Weekend. I hope you all had a nice one. As I am writing this ahead of the holiday all I can tell you is that I am looking forward to it. My Nephew John Skow and his wife Jeanne are coming to spend 4 days with our family. We plan to eat, drink and be merry as it has been almost 2 years since we have seen each other. I know it will be great so "hip hip hurray for the holiday".
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Hejls Minde No. 23

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

Hi to everyone from the Central Coast. I talked to Marie Jaeger of Solvang this morning and she says our members are doing well. Those living at Atterdag are able to get out and visitors can come in. We are

all looking forward to having a meeting at Bit of Denmark. Just taking one day at a time. . Darlene Iversen

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

The Santa Maria lodge has reported that there will be no July 4th BBQ. Waller Park is not taking reservations yet. Covid has certainly changed our lives this year. Hope everyone has a great summer. Darlene Iversen