



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

September 2021

Dannebrog Grand President

As you have heard by now, Convention has been postponed to March 31 to April 2, 2022. Due to the covid surge and members' concerns, a Joint Dania-Dannebrog Executive Committee meeting was held August 11 via conference call to determine whether or not Convention should be postponed. Following comments from each of the members, it was agreed to hold the convention March 31 to April 2, 2022. Stay safe y'all!—*Beth Cowan, Dannebrog Grand President*

Dania Grand President

“Guess where I am!”
 “Danmark!” Of course not right NOW, but by the time you are reading this I will be. Steen and I had planned to go sooner and the timing would have put us home 3 days before convention. Actually I was kinda looking forward to presiding over the Dania meeting still flying high from my first visit to Denmark, I doubt the jet lag would even have been a problem. We're going non-stop, staying at Steen's home and also visiting his family, which will make social distancing a little easier and more safe. I know this adventure is going to deepen my understanding and connection to my Danish heritage, and as I sit here surrounded by suitcases half packed I still can't believe it's happening.
 So - hopefully everyone knows by now that the convention has been postponed for 6 more months. The new dates are March 31 - April 2, 2022 the Executive Committees of Dania and Dannebrog met together via a conference call and agreed unanimously to make this change due to the continuing uncertainty this virus is presenting. At this point we felt it would be very difficult to safely conduct business and also to relax and have fun when most our activities happen in-doors, and behind closed doors, making a safe environment and social distancing very challenging if not impossible. It will also be very good to get our convention schedule back on our annual April timeline. Again I extend my sincere thanks to our

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Upcoming Conventions

Bornholm #14	Double Tree in Modesto	March 31 – April 2, 2022
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Upcoming Installations

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hosts Bornholm #14 for their perseverance through over two years of convention planning, how can we thank you? I don't know, I'll think of something.

“Skål” Jana Heer, Dania Grand President

NEW MEMBERS:

IN MEMORIAM:

DANIA-DANNEBROG SENIOR ASSISTANCE FUND

DANIA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Doris Skow in memory of Harld Pete Olsen, Valdemer #12, Reno

DANIA GENERAL FUND

Dania and Dannebrog Secretaries

To the Members of Dania, the proposed changes to the Constitution are available on the web site. They are located by selecting Dania Info, and then "Proposed Chanced to the Constition". These changes are a culmenation of two different convention committees, with many months of work and deserve your attention. All questions regarding the changes can be directed to Chairman Robert Lamee or me, Tim Heer.

Danmark No. 2 & Tyra 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!

We are getting used to a virtual business meeting and an in-person gathering each month, and August was by the book. Our business meeting focused on the convention – our delegates are available, and we prepared our votes for the known issues. We had all our ducks in a row for the convention, so we were a little disappointed to hear of the rescheduling. But ultimately, we agree that the right decision was made in postponing the convention to next spring. Our own lodge had some reservations and questions on protocols, so it was not entirely a surprise. Our gathering was once again in Tom's Backyard. The Yelp reviews on this place are outstanding! Another

Thor No. 5 & Thora No. 11

Meeting: 1st Friday 11:30 AM. Denny's 1110 Shaw Ave (on the north side, just east of First Street) Fresno. Secretary, Martha Nielsen nielsenmarta@gmail.com

September Newsletter 2021

Can you believe we were just getting accustomed to being open and out, like a year or so ago, then everything begins to shut down again.

We did have our August meeting, Steen Skjellerup and Jana Heer came in time for us to have a quorum so we could conduct some business. Namely changing our meeting date to the first Friday of the month at 11:30 a.m. We will meet at Denny's in October for our lunch/meeting.

We had expected to be at the Convention so no meeting was scheduled for September.

President Kay Jensen has made her monthly calls to many of our ladies, she leaves messages for those that are out. Mary Christensen was fine, as was her sister-in-law Ruth

It was also a concern that we do not have a Branch to host a future Convention, now would be a good time for the members to start thing of 2023, 2024.

Also a reminder to the Dania Branches that your Semi Annual Membership tax is due based on \$15.00 per member as of July 1st. Thank you to Branches who have paid.

beautiful day with BBQ and friends. Thanks once again Tom.

Elizabeth Jensen and her entire family want to thank everyone in Dania and Dannebrog for their messages of support and good cheer. They are much appreciated! Elizabeth is getting the rehab and rest that she needs as she recovers from her hip surgery. She is on the mend and will be home soon.

So the new plan is that we will see you all in March of 2022. Until then...

Stay Safe Dania and Dannebrog!

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

Christensen. Susan Christensen is getting around with a walker as she recovers from her fall. Margie Mott is doing well.

Betty Jensen is now residing at the Bethel Home in Selma, she's receiving therapy a couple times a week, getting her back to walking with her walker.

It's very disappointing to hear our Convention has been cancelled for now. I was looking forward to seeing all of our lodge members and having a wonderful time, making up for a year or more. It will happen eventually with a delay of 6 months or so.

Our Solvang Danish Days weekend has also been cancelled this year with the new Delta virus. Our Folk dance group has always had a performance on Saturday and Sunday. But I plan on making my weekend happen

anyway. I'll have breakfast of Rundstykkers with raspberry jam and Havarti cheese at Bent and Suzy Olsen's Bakery. Then we'll join the Village dancers either on the street or wherever they will be dancing. It will work, plus we always enjoy shopping in Solvang. Our Fresno air has been very smoky from all the fires and now we have the almond harvest dust with it. This is the time to head to the coast. But then my thompson grapes will be cut and laid out to dry soon, as they have smoothed

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

By now I hope that you have been informed about the decision that was made by both Grand Lodges, in an abundance of caution, to postpone the two conventions. The new dates are March 31- April 2, 2022.

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 September, time just keeps on rolling by. We are gathering at Diane's place, Saturday, September 18th,

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 in September. The meeting will begin at 6:30 PM, on Thursday, September 9. If you would like to Zoom in and join the Hayward members meeting, and a bit of after meeting socializing, please send

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

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Sønderjylland #10 members met in person on Saturday August 14 at the Danish Soldiers club facilities in Petaluma. It was great to see the eight members attending, first time in a year and a half. We all wore masks, but decided since we were outdoors, with a slight breeze, and we all were fully vaccinated a long time ago, it was safe to remove the masks so we could see each other's smiles. It was great to be together again. Lavon Christensen brought her Granddaughter, who in turn brought her son. Guess the name of Lavon's Granddaughter? Of course, it is "Lavon".

President Debbie Cruger-Hansen conducted a short member meeting where we re-elected the entire board of directors, and added Per Johansen as Marshal. We all related what we had been doing during the time we were sequestered and unable to meet, and we were all elated that we were able to get together for a wonderful lunch served by Per Johansen and John Cruger-Hansen. We had traditional Danish Varme Pølser med ristede log, brød and

out the vineyard rows. So I'll need to stay home a while. I welcome my cling peaches, Jerry does the peach peeling for me.

Remember our next lunch/meeting will be in October on the first Friday at 11:30 a.m. at Denny's, same as usual \$5.00, can't go wrong with that.

Hoping everyone stays healthy through this new Delta virus. Martha Nielsen

I hope everyone is doing OK, but please let us know if there is anything we can do for you. I am in hopes by January we can assemble again for our Danish Christmas Dinner, I am planning on it. N&T H

11:00, bring a salad for all to enjoy. Looking forward to our Livermore gang getting together. See you soon KRT

an email to s.gauthier@sbcglobal.net. A Zoom Meeting invitation will be sent a few days prior to the meeting date. Take good care, Susan

Per Johansen's homemade kartoffelsalat". And John's Æblekage with whipped cream for dessert. Per Johansen stressed that a hot dog doesn't become a "hot dog" until the sausage is placed in the bun. Before that it is just a sausage. We had a lot of fun with that revelation. As promised, Debbie served true Danish Jubilæums Akvavit with the lunch. John had been to Nordic House the day before and brought "Heksehyl" Liquorice and Toms Guld barre chocolate as a special treat.

During our meeting, Kirsten Pedersen had an unfortunate episode of dizziness and had to leave the gathering early. As of this writing, Kirsten is well and has no issues. 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.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Saturday October 9 at 11:30 AM at Kastania Fælled in Petaluma.

We will, of course, follow state of California and CDC guidelines for the October meeting.

Please stay safe, stay healthy, and stay in contact with each other.

Respectfully, John Cruger-Hansen, Secretary/Treasurer

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

Sept 4 Valhalla and Ydun Lodge meeting will start at 12:00 with a catered Lunch at 1:00. Contact **Mel Lundberg** with RSVP and menu choice (707) 822-3787. Menu is Prime Rib, Salmon and Frickadeller along with all the sides, a salad bar and dessert.

Zena Lundberg, Past Grand President Dannebrog, is currently residing at Timber Ridge, 2740 Timber Ridge Lane, Eureka CA 95503. Use her cell phone number, she enjoys calls and notes.

Dorothy Lancaster is recovering at home from pneumonia and is lovely being cared for by her family. She is doing well and on her way to recovery.

Lynn Wachter, Grand Vice Marshal Dannebrog is recovering well, cards can be sent to her at PO Box 805, Fortuna CA 95540.

Francis Sweet, President of Valhalla Ydun, is recovering from a fall. Too hard headed to slow him down, but had a

few stiches anyway. He can be contacted at PO Box 601, Ferndale CA 95536.

Other than that, we are doing well and holding meetings at the Danish Hall. Members are fully vaccinated and felling comfortable attending meetings, masked and keeping our distance. I hope you and your lodge are doing as well. Sorry to hear about the Convention being postponed, but it is the right thing to do at this time.

My address has changed: Valhalla / Ydun Lodge, 3328 I Street, Eureka CA 95503. I am enjoying the new single story house across the street from my old home. I am enjoying watching Mathew do all the yard work that I used to do.

Christian Nielsen, (707) 499-3746
ChristianNielsen@suddenlink.net

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 would like to thank Anette for writing the newsletter last month while I was out. You are the greatest! On Friday August 6th the Reno Lodges met at the Odd Fellow Hall at 7 PM with 7 members in attendance. Leif & Bonnie Larsen, Ingrid Hedman, Linda Hill, Ann-Kathrine, Sena-Marie and Anette. We were under very smokey skies. The fires around California have completely closed us in with smoke and ashes. We feel so sorry for all the people who lost property and homes. Hope none of our members are in that category. Everyone enjoyed their own picnic baskets. Anette brought fruits, crackers, and a lot of other goodies to snack on. Sena-Marie brought loaf bread for dessert. We didn't hold a real meeting but looked at the pictures from St. Hans Fest and visited with each other. During dessert and coffee, we talked about the convention and are sorry to hear that it has been cancelled again. We understand and look forward to when we can meet safely – hopefully next spring.

We are also hoping for more members in attendance in September. Ann-Katherine really enjoys her evenings out. We missed Ina who was visiting her family in Las Vegas. Glenn Fritz was not in attendance, because of the

smoke, it was really bothering him. Hope all the rest of our members are doing well. I talked to Cindy Christensen and Paul is doing very well after his surgery. We hope Past Grand President, Elizabeth Jensen is doing better after her fall. We are so sorry to hear about our Past Grand President, Zena Lundberg. We are thinking about her, praying for good care and that she may be at peace. I am doing a lot better after my surgery. I am back to work, only 3 days a week, 6 hours a day, per doctor's orders. Again, thank you for all the well wishes, I really appreciated it.

Our September 3rd meeting will be the same. Bring your own picnic baskets for dinner. Sena-Marie will bring dessert. We will meet at 7 p.m. at the Odd Fellows Hall. Lots to think about for the rest of the year. Are we going to have a Christmas Party etc.? Our September Birthdays are Steve Myers, Jennifer Baker, Anette Christensen, Eva Demosthenes, Glenn Fritz and Bonnie Larsen. HAPPY BIRTHDAY ALL.

Stay healthy, be safe, and wear masks when required. Take Care, Sena- Marie

Bornholm No. 14

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

President Bente Ellis, Baellis06@gmail.com Secretary Ann Stowers, ann.max@att.net

We had to cancel our plans for the August meeting due the increase in our area of the covid variant virus and the postponement of the convention. Unfortunately, our area is experiencing increases in cases on a daily basis, requiring more stringent precautions by residents. We have tentative plans for our September meeting on Friday, the 17th.

Members will be advised of these plans by e-mail that week. Members celebrating birthdays this month are Susan Mefford 9/15, Danielle Higby 9/19 & Kendyl Hoy, 9/19. We hope you are all doing well and hope more people will get vaccinated so we can all be active again. - Ann

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

Hi everyone, I hope you are all doing well and staying safe. As you know we did not hold our August meeting as planned due to the lack of attendance. I am sorry to say that due to the new Delta strain of the Covid-19 Danneskjold #17 will not be meeting in September and not until further notice. We were just ready to bring our members together when the Delta slapped us down again.

I have talked with Ellen Jensen and she is doing well, just not able to leave her home. She has 2 good care givers. I spoke to Lisa Mc Danial and she has been having some dental work done and is scheduled for eye surgery on October 4. We wish her well. Her son Poul is staying

with her right now after being evacuated from his home due to the fires in his area. Ron Nielsen and his daughter Kim made a trip to Idaho to visit his daughter Leslie. I took a fall on my deck and my brace cut my leg. I will be looking at getting a different brace once this cut heals. I am back to using my walker full time again. If you hear of any of our members that are sick or could use a greeting, Please let me know and we will call or send a card.

Hope to see you down the road before very long. Enjoy the Labor Day Holiday in a safe and well. DWS

Hejls Minde No. 23

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

The August meeting was enjoyed by all and we thank Susie and her crew at Bit of Denmark for the delicious Danish food she serves us. Everyone was well and happy for a chance to see each other. We welcomed Ken Harwood as a guest and prospective new member. We are enjoying

good weather here with mostly clear skies. So sorry for all of you suffering the bad quality of air that comes with fires. We had ours a few years ago and we know what you are going through. Stay well everyone. 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