



GRAND LODGE DANIA & DANNEBROG

Danish Societies Dania & Dannebrog of California and Nevada

September 2023

Dannebrog Grand President

On Saturday August 26, 2023 I had the privilege of attending Thyra #3 and Danmark #2 summer gathering at Kilkare Woods Homeowners Association clubhouse in Sunol. The menu included barbecue chicken and bratwurst. A nice assortment of side dishes and an abundance of a variety of great desserts! Members from other lodges attending were from Reno, Livermore, Salinas, Modesto, and Hayward. The food was great, and socializing was also great. A lot of chatting and sharing ideas, and what folks have been doing during the summer. I am pretty sure it was a great time had by all! (As the saying goes...)

If you are not reading the newsletter and participating in your own lodge events and participating in events in other lodges, you do not know what you are missing.

A shout out to San Francisco members on a great event! The weather was also superb!

Next up will be the Labor Day holiday event in Ferndale for their annual installation of officers followed by a great dinner and Sunday events to close out the weekend. Hope to see a lot of folks in Ferndale supporting Ydun and Valhalla!

Be sure to mark your calendars for installations in Reno and Livermore in October. If you would like other lodge members to support your installation, come out and support theirs!

Grand President, Stuart Mahler

Dania Grand President

Fall is creeping up on us...

This past month I had the pleasure of attending the meeting of Sønderjylland #10 at the home of one of their members in Santa Rosa. Birtha was a wonderful hostess and the Cruger-Hansen clan brought everything to make it a special afternoon.

I sure hope we'll see you in Ferndale on September 2nd & 3rd for their annual installation festivities.

If not in Ferndale, maybe September 15-17; Danish Days in Solvang, Gloria and I will be there looking for you.

IN MEMORIAM:

Arthur (Rick) Reinstein, Dannevang #7 Livermore

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Check the newsletter for details on all of the upcoming events and get out there and support the other lodges. Regards, Tom Martin, Grand President

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Dania Secretaries

Branch's Up and coming events.

CANCELLED: So far so good, I have 3 tentative and 2 for sure coming to have some fun in Hollister. The dry yard will be the location for the event. We can circle the wagons and have a fun time so let me know by Sept. 15th for sure if you plan to come. 408-313-7235 or doris92ranch@gmail.com. If I don't get more definite campers coming then I will cancel this event.

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!

Before we talk about September, we all must recognize what a great August we just had. There was so much travel going on for our members. Daniel and Mai were in Denmark visiting our friends Uffe and Quynh. Peter Schakow and his wife Charma are still in Maryland visiting their grandkids (and also their grandkids' parents, as Peter says). Peter Maris is in Guatemala staying at a house right on the beach and "working remotely". Get this, he plays in the waves at the beach all morning, but when it gets too hot in the mid-day he retreats to the house and works remotely. Then he comes out in the evening to play some more. So, is he on vacation or not? A paradox for payroll. Peter, you are my new "work from home" hero!

Our gathering in Sunol last weekend was a blast! Thank you to everyone who was there – you made it a party. The food was excellent. I can't run down everything I ate because I ate too much. But I can say that Strawberry Pretzel Jello Salad was well worth the wait. Thanks Tracy. And we have two special thanks – Johanne for getting us those amazing Lockeford sausages and James for expertly manning the grill. Yes we had a feast. All of the dishes and desserts were excellent. Mange Tak! It was a bit hot in Kilkare Canyon and we ended up running out of bottled water before running out of beer. Still, this seems surprising for a Dania and

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

We're now looking at September, how fast those last two months of summer slipped by. We will be having a lodge meeting in September, which will be on the second Friday, September 8, at 11:30 for our lunch/meeting at Denny's on East Shaw Ave. Carl Jensen called me about the need to make a correction in our newsletter about the July birthday group. Edith Andersen wasn't included, she's among the original foursome

Upcoming Conventions		
Dannevang No. 7 & Danebod No. 16	April 11-13 2024	Hotel Mission De Oro, Santa Nella
Upcoming Installations		
Valhalla No. 11 & Ydun No. 10	Sept. 2-3, 2023	Danish Hall Ferndale
Valdemar No 12. & Dannevirke No. 9	Oct.6, 2023	Odd Fellows Hall Reno
Dannevang No. 7 & Danebod No. 16	Oct.21, 2023	Bob & Tracey Lamee's Home

On Saturday evening we can sit around the campfire and share stories of our life and/or our travels.
Doris

Dannebrog event. The pool was a welcome relief for our swimmers. Anette reported an unsubstantiated sighting of a skinny dipper in the pool, but this could be "fake news" (wink-wink). One thing for sure is that we need to have this kind of party more often. We hope to make this Sunol Gathering at the Kilkare Clubhouse an annual Dania and Dannebrog event. Heck, now that so many of us know how to get there, why not?

September is always a big month. I am sorry that I will miss the festivities in Ferndale over Labor Day weekend. My family always attends an annual "RV party" in Hollister and (as usual) we are slated to supply Bloody Mary's to the masses. We did such a good job a few years back that we can't get out of this duty. We keep getting volunteered, or volun-told. We will be thinking of everybody...and the cooler weather of Ferndale.

My brother James and I will be visiting Ferndale the third weekend of September as it is a waypoint on the 2023 California Melee. The melee is a 3 day classic car rally that buzzes about Northern California each year. We always seem to find the Lost Coast, but first we have lunch in Ferndale. Always a treat. Who knows, we may run into a Dane, but not while driving!

Have a great September and hope to see you all soon.
Med venlig hilsen, John A. Jensen, Secretary,
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that celebrated together in July. So Happy Belated Birthday! Edith.

Update on our members; Betty Green is now at Willow Creek, as she's suffering from a compression fracture in her back. Kay Jensen's son has been down from Alaska to be with her. Her surgery is scheduled for August 30. Hoping all will go well for her. Stan Kjar has been having a therapist come to the home to help him with his exercise and

walking. Christie Pettitt is now suffering with kidney stones. Carl says she's not on the swift list yet. Ferndale will be in the middle of their installation on the Labor Day weekend. This used to be a 3 day event, now it's installation on Saturday afternoon/evening and Bocce on Sunday with lunch. If you've never been you ought to drive up, as this is a little bit of Danish country side. When we would drive over the old narrow concrete bridge spanning the Eel River, Gunnar would always say, "it's just like coming home". For him meaning Denmark, with the rolling green pastures with all the dairy cows out. That's the way it still looks.

Then the third weekend we have Solvang's Danish Days, starting on the Friday evening with the opening parade, speeches and dancing. Then Saturday serving Æbleskivers

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

Hard to believe it is September already. Hope everyone is doing well and looking forward to the coming season.

Dannevang No. 7 & Danebod No. 16

Meet 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

Hopefully everyone is having (or had) a fabulous summer, whether travelling or simply staying home. Staying home and cranking up the a/c costs just about the same as traveling these days. Looking forward to enjoying some shorter days and cooler nights. Not so much looking forward to everything pumpkin spice, however.

The holidays seem to start earlier and earlier every year. Costco already has Christmas decorations up. On another note...

No. 9 Thyra & Valborg No. 1

Meeting: 2nd. Thursday every month 6:30 PM; On Zoom

President, Eric Jorgensen, e.jorgensen.54@gmail.com #9 Thyra/Valborg #1 Secretary, Beth Cowan, beth.cowan@att.net

Anyone desiring to attend our meetings should contact Stuart Mahler at smahler52@gmail.com to get onto the Zoom link distribution list.

The Hayward Lodges met on June 8th with nothing new to report. The Hayward Lodges will be taking the months of

Sonderjylland 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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The weather was perfect for a garden meeting in Birthe's covered outdoor patio, made for just such a gathering. We were eight members and three guests present. We were again graced with a visit by Dania Grand President Tom Martin, who again arrived in style on his motorcycle, but this time he wasn't disguised as a man from Mars, with insulating suit and helmet and all, just with regular motorcycle protective clothing. Birthe Baekgaard had her friend Inge

cooked on the street, the Village dancers performing all weekend and then the parade with the floats from the local businesses. Our Fresno Danish dancers will be performing Saturday and Sunday, along with a few of our young Kingsburg dancers joining us. If you're staying at Bent Olsen's Solvang Inn, then you'll be having Rundstykke and Havarti cheese with jam at the Olsen's bakery. Plus, a Danish pastry on the side. All of this makes an enjoyable and full weekend.

Hoping everyone has a good harvest this month with no rain to create more work and expense.

Remember we will be having a meeting this month, second Friday, Sept. 8, at 11:30 a.m. at Denny's on Shaw Ave. We would love to see you. Stay healthy and cool. Martha Nielsen

The month of August got away from us and we will try to get organized better to get a meeting called for all to attend. TH

Here is the information for Livermore's installation, so mark your calendars and be there.

October 21st, 11:00 installation, followed by an October Fest themed lunch in the gorgeous backyard at the home of Bob & Tracey Lamee. No tuxedos or formal attire required or allowed.

RSVP to Tracey at (925) 819-2785 or tlamee@yahoo.com.

There is a small fee of \$20.00 for the lunch.

Thank you to the SF lodge for the picnic, always a fun gathering. Happy Labor Day! KRT

July and August off. We will resume zoom meetings on September 14th.

There was no winner of the progressive attendance drawing, so the drawing for our September meeting will be \$40. Enjoy your Summer EJ

help set up, and Sabrina brought her neighbor to the gathering.

Because we didn't have a quorum, we were missing Per and Deborah Johansen, no official business was conducted, but we managed to have a great get together anyway.

We are still down to just 14 members. Dania Grand President Tom Martin reminded us of the picnic BBQ planned for Saturday, August 26 in Sunol and encouraged us to attend.

He also spoke about the many other Dania group events in Northern California and Nevada.

Since some of our members, who live in Santa Rosa still have difficulty travelling to Petaluma for our meetings, we asked our host, Birthe Baekgaard, if we could have our October meeting at her place and Birthe invited us back.

After our discussions, we all enjoyed a light lunch. President Debbie Cruger-Hansen provided the Snaps, (Aquavit) as has become a tradition. After lunch we all took a walk in Birthe's wonderful garden and out among the grapevines in the adjacent vineyard where the vines were heavily laden with grapes waiting to ripen and be harvested later in the fall.

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

September 2 -3: Valhalla – Ydun Labor Day weekend

Installation of Officers We had a wonderful showing of Grand Officers to install our local officers. Grand President Tom Martin of Dania, our local vice president, installed our officers along with Grand President Stuart O Mahler of Dannebrog. Everyone enjoyed the weekend of "The Little Mermaid". Thanks goes to our decorating chair Mary Kemp

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 Friday August 4th at 6:30 pm with 17 members in attendance. Very nice potluck dinner. Anette made a great Danish dessert, "Kold skaal" with vanilla wafers. I opened Lodge and set up since Anette was delayed due to a work arrangement. Thank you Glenn for coming early and helping me out. Anette arrived in time for dessert and coffee, and we had a short meeting about what will happen at our September 1st meeting, which will be a Harvest Fest potluck. Sena-Marie will bring a banana pudding with vanilla wafers. For the October 6th Installation we will start with Cocktails 6 pm, dinner of Anette's famous open face sandwiches to follow, then installation of officers and dessert and introduction of officers after that. Price \$25.00 per person. Anette asked me to take reservations by September 30th, so she knows about how many sandwiches to prepare for our big night. You can reach me by phone at 775-224-6230 or email at danishgal9@gmail.com. If you call please leave a voicemail, because I might be at work and unable to answer. Thank You.

Our next meeting is on Saturday, October 14 at 11:30 at Birthe Baekgaard's home in Santa Rosa.

Please let me know if you will attend and/or bring guests (guests are always welcome) or potential new members. Send me a text or call to 510-375-5070 or email to j.crugerhansen@comcast.net.

Send us your stories and pictures about how you and your family are managing. We would love to share your stories and pictures with the other club members. It's a way for all of us to stay in touch.

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

Respectfully, John Cruger-Hansen, Secretary/Treasurer

for the theme and pulling off the decorations. We celebrated Lynn Wachter, Past Grand President Dannebrog, for achieving her 25-year anniversary in Ydun Lodge #10.

October 7 Valhalla – Ydun will meet for a catered lunch after our 11:00 meeting. **RSVP by October 1 to Christian @ 707.499.3746**

Also, I have a message for our officers-elect, if you can't attend, please contact me via phone or email so I can find a substitute by October 1st. Thank You.

Missed a lot of our members and hope everyone is doing well. Glad to see Greg Nielsen at our meeting. It has been a very long time since we have seen him. Missed Ann-Katherine, she was back in the hospital with fluid retention, she is back home now according to Nina. We wish her well. We also heard that Lone Webb broke her arm and had surgery. We wish her well. Janet Pulsipher is still holding her own. Her memory is fading – so sad. We also wish Past Grand President Kay Jensen a speedy recovery. We hope everyone else is doing well. Our September Birthdays are: Jennifer Baker, Anette Christensen, Eva Loevgren, Glenn Fritz, Bonnie Larsen, Ann-Katherine Sawyer, Kaylee Merlino, and Steve Myers. HAPPY BIRTHDAY ALL. Take care, stay healthy, be safe and hope to see everyone at our installation in October. Sena- Marie

Bornholm No. 14

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

President Bente Ellis, Baellis06@gmail.com Secretary Marge Scheuber, olemargel@sbcglobal.net

Our August meeting was held in the home of John and Marge Scheuber. After dining on hearty appetizers (including liver paste made by Marge for the first time in many years since her dear sister was the pro in making the best. Using her recipe, it turned out great. (Shedding a few tears while in the process)

We were missing a few of our dedicated members. Our president Bente was in Michigan visiting family, so our vice president John Scheuber led the meeting. He introduced our guests: Allysen Mefford and Anita Parham. We were thrilled that Allysen is joining our lodge.

Anita had an interesting story to share with us. Sadly, she lost her husband last February. She was born in Skane, Sweden, met her husband in Stockholm before moving to America. Recently she attended a Sons of Norway meeting here in Modesto. When one of the members spoke to her and she told him she was born in Skane, he replied, "you should join Dania Lodge since you are more of a Dane. My curiosity led me to do a bit of research to learn more about her heritage. I am sure a full-blooded Dane knows all about this historical event. This is a bit of what I learned.

Danneskjold No. 17

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

President, Laila Solyst atlailaspring@hotmail.com Secretary, Kim Nielsen Giacinto, kimgiacinto@gmail.com

On August 12, a total of 8 members met at my ranch for our quarterly meeting. We began the day with beverages and snacks followed by an assorted salad lunch on the patio. Following lunch President Laila Solyst opened the meeting with the flag salute and a welcome. Secretary Kim Giacinto took the roll of those present. We were missing Bob and Lis Lacey, Lisa McDaniel and Lee Dove. Britta Lange gave a Trustee report. There was no old business, so we went right into our new business which consisted of a discussion of dates for our December Meeting/Christmas Party. This will be held December 16 at the home of Bente Ellis. With this much notice we are

Hejls Minde No. 23

**Meeting: 1st. Wednesday 12 noon at Bit O' Denmark,
Secretary, Darlene Iversen and Elaine Anes**

Summer has arrived on the central coast and if you don't have air conditioning, Solvang members say it is hot. Lots of visitors are coming to town and the merchants are happy. Our August 2 meeting was well attended and everyone is well. Marie Jaeger read the history of Niels Bohr, the famous Danish Physicist. He lived from 1885 to 1962. He won

Holger Danske No. 27 & Valkyrien No. 23

Meets four times a year; contact the secretary for further information.

Holger Danske Secretary, Wayne A. Allen 805-937-4720; Valkyrien Secretary, Darlene Iversen 805-260-3601

When did Skåne become Swedish?

Skåne was first mentioned in the 9th century in written sources. In the 10th century, it came under the kingdom of Denmark, remaining part of it until 1658, when all Danish lands east of Øresund came under the Swedish Crown in the Treaty of Roskilde. This was later confirmed by other Treaties.

Anita is a delightful lady, and we hope she decides to join. She was very outgoing and shared much with us and reported she had a wonderful time. We are curious to who the man was that recommended Bornholm. She couldn't remember his name. She thought he was a member of Dania Lodge in San Jose.

After our meeting, we enjoyed Scandinavian Almond cake, a recipe Marge received from a lady some years back at a Sons of the Norway party our lodge was invited to attend. We combined the almond cake with a bit of Seven Sisters pastry we bought at Bent Olsen's Bakery in Solvang recently. Our next meeting will take place at the home of George Dutra. He and Bodil Whitehouse will be our hosts for the evening. Secretary Marge Scheuber

hoping to see you there. There will be more details on this event in the November Newsletter.

Lisa McDaniel is having much discomfort with both her hip and shoulder and felt it was too long a trip for her. We wish you well Lisa. Lee was out of town and Bob was celebrating his birthday. HAPPY BIRTHDAY, YOU WERE MISSED. We expect that these members as well as others will make it to Christmas at Bente's.

I would like to thank all those who called or sent cards for my 94th birthday last month. It was much appreciated.
DWS

many prestigious awards, among them the Nobel Peace Prize. He also worked on the development of the atomic bomb. It's nice to hear the history of the many famous Danish people.

Everyone enjoys the rest of the summer. Darlene