

## DANISH NAMES IN THE NEWS

Even with **Jannik Hansen** the Canucks were unable to bring home the Stanley Cup for the first time. He will be joined this fall by winger **Niklas Jensen** from Herning near the middle of Denmark. At 6-2 and 200 pounds he is expected to add real strength to the Canuck's offensive line-up. His father, **Dan Jensen**, was born and raised near Toronto by Danish immigrants. At 20 he moved to Denmark to play professional hockey for a year or two. Dan met a girl and has now been there for 22 years. Nicklas was born in 1993 and, due to his father, hockey was always his first game and English his second language. Nicklas moved to Canada last year to play the Ontario Hockey League's Oshawa Generals. He will be the second Danish player ever to be chosen by the Canucks.

Prince George DHS member, **Kimberly Rorstrom-Wittig**, is trying to make contact with anyone who knew her grandparents - **Erik Holger Rorstrom** (nick name "Red") and **Valborg Matilda** (nee Andersen). They lived in Vancouver in the 60's & 70's. If you recognize their names, Kimberly would love to hear from you. Her phone number is 250 964-6975 and her e-mail is: [rorstrom.family@gmail.com](mailto:rorstrom.family@gmail.com)

Respectfully Submitted by **Johan Madsen**  
Chairman, Membership Committee

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Respectfully submitted,  
**Margit Hansson,**  
Treasurer

## Thank You!!!

To everyone who supported the raffle for The Danish Canadian National Museum in the Danish tent at the Midsummer Festival. We were able to send a cheque to the Museum for \$ 265.00. The winners were:

Jack Larsen  
Stan Chester  
Yvette  
Mogens Gade  
Eve Lyth

Thank You  
Solvejg Nielsen

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# Danish House Society

## Reports - News

### Scandinavian Community Centre



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### President's Report

August 2011

Another summer is almost gone and the days are once again getting shorter. Does it seem like we didn't have a summer this year? I know we did because the European and Midsummer Festivals were both held at the Centre, as well as the DHS Family BBQ.



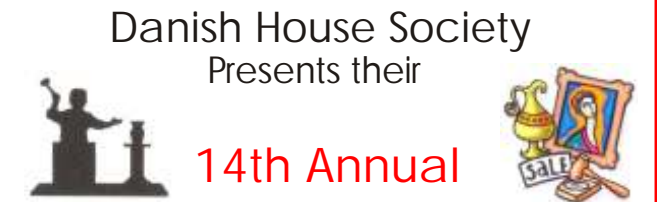
The Festivals were as in past years very well attended. The European Festival saw thousands visit and spend their "Eurodollars" on the flavorful ethnic food while enjoying the excellent stage entertainment, or a beer in the beer garden despite the so-so weather. Dave Buchmann and his numerous helpers, too many to name, set up and manned the Danish House tent for both events and deserve a genuine thank you for their efforts.

The Midsummer Festival was also well attended, and featured Japan as this year's guest country while the theme was "Scandinavia Through the Ages". The highlight for me was enviously watching the wife carrying races. If only I was younger and bigger and my wife lighter!! The volunteers who helped prepare the food, serve and sell the food, and cleaned up or did the million things that need doing when an event like this is held, all deserve our deepest thanks for a job well done, and special thanks to Ebba Grey for selling a ton of lottery tickets.

On Sunday, August 14th, the weather held up for the Danish House Family BBQ and we enjoyed a great day in the beer garden sampling Carlsberg and filling our stomachs with the excellent BBQ steak and salmon delicately prepared by BBQ Master Niels Andersen and his team of helpers and servers led by Stan and Margret Chester. Thanks to everyone who helped to make this an enjoyable day, especially to Anne-Marie for spending precious Sunday hours in the kitchen shucking and boiling corn, and looking after the not so little things, like washing dishes!

Now, with summer coming to a close, the focus is on preparing for the upcoming Annual Dinner and Auction which will be held on Saturday, October 15th. Please book your table early and help support this very important fundraising event for Danish House!

Respectfully submitted by  
**Ed Kuhlman**



Danish House Society  
Presents their

14th Annual

**FUNDRAISING DINNER  
and AUCTION**

Saturday, October 15, 2011

Bar opens and Preview - 17:00  
Dinner - 19:00

Kroplatte, konditorkager, and  
Coffee or Tea

TICKETS - \$35.00

Silent Auction

Eg. Gift baskets, Pottery and  
Artwork, Christmas gifts

Live Auction with Auctioneer  
Knud Nielsen

To reserve tickets (by Oct. 12th):  
call Solvejg at 604-951-4842

Please mail your cheque payable to  
"Danish House Society" to:

Solvejg Nielsen  
8594 Sunbury Place  
Delta BC V4C 3Y7



A quarterly newsletter from Danish House

Calendar of Events: "What's on at the Centre"



September 2011

September 2 - 18:30 (DHS) "Kro Aften" Club Night

September 14 - 18:30 (SCCS) Scandinavian Business Club Dinner Meeting

September 16 - 18:30 (SCCS) Scandinavian Centre Club Night

September 17 - 13:00 (SCCS) Scandinavian Cultural Society Genealogy Meeting

September 21 - 7:00-10:00pm (SCCS) Scandinavian Dancers present Live Music by Geitungen

September 29 - 9:00am (SCCS) Bridge Tournament

October 2011

October 7 - 6:30pm (DHS) "Kro Aften" Club Night

October 12 - 6:30pm (SCCS) Scandinavian Business Club Dinner Meeting

October 15 - 5:00pm (DHS) DHS Annual Dinner/Auction

October 21 - 6:30pm (SCCS) Scandinavian Centre Oktoberfest Club Night

October 22 - 8:30am -3:00pm (SCCS) Scandinavian Centre Clean Up Day

November 2011

November 4 - 6:30pm (DHS) "Kro Aften" Club Night

November 9 - 6:30pm (SCCS) Scandinavian Business Club Dinner Meeting

November 13 - 11:00am (SCCS) Nordic Craft Fair

November 19 & 20 - 11:00am (SCCS) Swedish Christmas Craft Fair

Upcoming Events

December 9 - Christmas by the Fireside

December 31 - SCCS New Year's Eve Party

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Solvejg Nielsen personally contacts members with unpaid dues on behalf of the DHS every May and June. This year her list was longer than that of the previous year. A total of 32 still remain unpaid compared to 8 last year. Several of the members she spoke to had health issues which prevented them from participating in the activities of the Danish House. Others simply procrastinated. Thank you very much Solvejg for your efforts! Our current paid-up membership is 437 compared to 460 last year when our "Extended Family" discount helped boost numbers.

The Danish House Society is pleased to welcome the following as new members:

- Karen Snedker Black Mission
Torkild Christensen Richmond
Kirsten Friz Vancouver
Kimberly Rorstrom-Wittig Prince George
David Sikich Vancouver

Respectfully submitted by Johan Madsen Chairman, Membership Committee

A Note Of Thanks to the Danish House Society

July 2011

Kirsten Grønfeldt received one of the Scholarships in 2010. It was a great help for her in her studies. Kirsten is now admitted to The Royal Music Conservatory in Copenhagen starting in September.

The proud parents are Sharon and Jørgen Grønfeldt.

\* Auction Donations \*

If you have good quality new items you would like to donate to the DHS Auction Fundraiser, please contact Ed Kuhlman at 604-942-8499 or send an e-mail to kuhlman@shaw.ca.

The Donation Committee can then arrange pick up or you can drop them off at the Centre. Cash donations are welcome and are tax deductible.

Thank You for supporting this very important fundraising event for Danish House!

Danish House Annual Dinner/Auction - Saturday, October 15th !



Scandinavian Weaving Ltd. 117 Mattick's Farm 5325 Cordova Bay Rd. Victoria, B.C., V8Y 2L3

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If you can't find the perfect "special something" in this store, you're not looking hard enough!

When visiting Victoria, make a point of visiting us at Mattick's Farm in beautiful Cordova Bay. Turn left at Sayward Road on your way in from the ferry and follow the yellow line to the first traffic light: Turn right and there you are!

DANISH LANGUAGE CLASSES

Adults and Children

We are taking registrations for classes starting at the end of September 2011.

For more information please telephone or e-mail

Margit Hansson

604-574-8833 or hansson@telus.net

Danish House Society MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION:

Thank you for your interest in joining and supporting DHS. Please make your cheque payable to: "Danish House Society, 6540 Thomas St., Burnaby, BC V5B 4P9

Name(s): ..... Street: ..... City: ..... Province: ..... Postal Code: ..... Phone: ..... Fax: ..... Email: .....

Membership Dues:

- \$25.00 Individual Membership Due enclosed
\$40.00 Family Membership Due enclosed
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\$300.00 Lifetime (individual) Membership Due enclosed

I am the [ ] child [ ] grandchild [ ] great grandchild [ ] niece [ ] nephew [ ] brother [ ] sister

of current Danish House Society Member: ..... (First & last name) TOTAL ENCLOSED \$.....

"Kroaften" Club Nights - September 2, October 7, and November 4 !




"KRO AFTEN"! BRING YOUR FRIENDS


This fun-filled Danish House Event is held the first Friday of every month, except January, August and December. Enjoy a fine selection of open-faced sandwiches [3/\$14 or 1/\$5], dessert and coffee or tea. Wash it down with snaps and Carlsberg on tap. Meet at 6ish to get your meal tickets and table number - smorrebrod is served at 7 p.m.

BY RESERVATION ONLY. Put your order in by Tuesday, the week of the Kro Aften Friday. This very popular event fills up quickly so be sure to book early!

TO RESERVE: Send Ebba an e-mail at ebba@shaw.ca and receive the menu a week in advance. Order must be e-mailed to Ebba the Tuesday before Kro Aften, Phone Ebba at 604-990-3550.



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**DANISH HERITAGE SEMINAR IN THE BADLANDS**

The 2011 Danish heritage Seminar was held in Drumheller, Alberta, in the middle of the Badlands, which are found along the Red Deer River in Southern Alberta, flanking the river for 300km, and culminating in the most impressive display at Dinosaur Provincial Park. The Badlands are landforms below the flat Prairie that are barren and scoured, having been eroded by water, rain and wind-driven sand. The Badlands are an intricate network of deeply incised, narrow, winding gullies, devoid of vegetation and with fantastically shaped hoodoo rocks.

The Heritage Seminar included a tour of the Badlands around Drumheller as well as a visit to the world-class Royal Tyrrell Museum with its large collection of fossils and dinosaurs. Most of the participants also took part in the afternoon get-together at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Dalum, where light sandwiches, cookies and coffee were served. As well, there was entertainment, speeches and songs. Afterwards it was possible to have a look at the Church, built in the typical Danish village style, the adjacent cemetery as well as the late Pastor Rasmussen's house, part of which is now a museum.

The Seminar was held from May 30th to June 4th at the Ramada in Drumheller. Headmaster was Don Mowatt, former producer at CBC in Vancouver, who had chosen the topic "The Danish Mask and the Portability of Danish Culture Abroad". The major presentations focused on H.C. Andersen, Karen Blixen and Carl Nielsen. Don Mowatt is very knowledgeable about each of these, having written a play about H.C. Andersen and having written a foreword to a book about Karen Blixen. Other presentations dealt with Kaj Munk, relations between Canada and the European Union as well as the treatment of Danish girlfriends of the occupying German soldiers at the end of World War II. Every morning and evening the group sang Danish songs, for the most part accompanied by a violin. There was also time for a fun-filled session of Show and Tell. On the last evening the group of 24 participants organized a party with entertainment, a lottery, snacks and drinks.

The Seminar, organized by the Federation of Danish Associations on Canada, is modeled on the Folk Schools in Denmark. An important aspect of the Seminar is the friendship that quickly develops among the participants.

**Rolf Buschardt Christensen**

**2011 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS**



**Standing (L to R):** Karina Thomas, Andrew Stevenson Nolan Alexander and Doug Christensen  
**Seated (L to R):** Odina Skovgaard, Kevin Christensen and Belinda Larsen.

David Nielsen had to leave before photo was taken.



Proud dad Knud Nielsen snaps photo of son David receiving award from Committee member Stan Chester.



Karina Thomas all smiles after receiving award from Committee members Johan Madsen, Dave Buchmann, Stan Chester and DHS President Ed Kuhlman.

More photos available soon on the DHS Website .

**CULTURAL EVENTS REPORT**

DHS Annual Family BBQ

Sunday, August 14, 2011

A total of 75 people attended the Annual Family BBQ and enjoyed a great day in the beer garden. Jorgen Lyth served as the MC and Michael Kmetyck helped with ticket sales. Niels Andersen and Caspar (recently arrived from Denmark) cooked Sockeye Salmon and Beef Rib-Eye steaks while Inge-Lyth Nielsen sold raffle tickets and her daughter Anne-Marie ran the kitchen shucking and boiling Chilli-wack corn. Stan and Margret Chester filled our plates with Meat or Salmon, Potato Salad, and Pie with Ice Cream. Ib Nielsen and Ingrid Lyth supplied us with some Danish Music. Paul Christensen and wife Joyce did most of the shopping, but unfortunately could not attend as Paul had a prior engagement at a conference in Washington, DC. Ed Kuhlman's son Tim helped serve the Beer and Wine picked up by Jack Larsen who also looked after the required license. Borge Nielsen helped organize the tables and chairs as well as the garbage and recycling bins. Solvejg as always helped sell lots of tickets. There was also lots of help from Dorit and Brian, Ebba and Linda. Lots of teamwork makes for a great day, leaving time for both the good food and wonderful friends.

The next major event other than Kro Aften is the Annual DHS Dinner/Auction. We will report on that in the next newsletter.

Respectfully submitted by  
Dave Buchmann, Events Co-ordinator



The Ladies Auxiliary to Dania Home  
invite you to their

**Annual Bazaar**

Saturday, September 24, 2011  
11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

at Carl Mortensen Manor  
4035 Norland Ave., Burnaby  
Entrance on Kincaid Street

Raffles, Door Prizes  
Trinkets & Treasures  
Flowers & Vegetables  
& More

Refreshments  
Danish Open-Faced Sandwiches  
Layer Cake - Danish Pastry  
Free Coffee / Tea



## 2011 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Ten \$1,000 Scholarships were awarded for 2011 - funded equally by the Danish House Society (DHS) and the Danish Canadian Community Centre (DCCC). Recipients were sent a letter inviting him/her and a guest to enjoy a complimentary selection of open-faced sandwiches, dessert, coffee or tea when they received their cheques at the June 3rd Kro Aften.

Eight of the recipients were able to attend. One was still studying in Denmark and another had her high school graduation ceremonies that evening. Scholarship Committee chairman Johan Madsen introduced recipients to the attendees. Cheques were presented by Scholarship Committee Members Dave Buchmann and Stan Chester on behalf of the DHS and Ed Kuhlman on behalf of the DCCC. Receiving cheques that evening were:

### **Nolan Alexander** - Abbotsford.

Nolan received a 2010 DHS Scholarship last year. He is enrolled in the *Bachelor of Science Degree* program at the University of the Fraser Valley with a major in physical geography and a minor in chemistry. Nolan has also started on the university's new certificate program for Geographic Information Systems (GIS). This certification would qualify him for the many job opportunities created by this technology - such as cartography, census mapping and satellite imagery analysis. The best known GIS are Google Maps and Google Earth.

### **Doug Christensen** - Kamloops.

Doug also received a 2010 DHS Scholarship last June. He is currently in the 3rd year of the British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT) *Automotive Technician Apprentice Program*. An automotive apprenticeship is a four-year program consisting of working in the field and returning to BCIT in Burnaby for seven weeks mainly classroom instruction. Doug also participates in 4 or 5 night courses each year hosted by parts suppliers to keep up with the ever changing technology introduced in new cars and trucks. Doug's practical experience is gained by working for Franco's Auto Service in Kamloops which specializes in imports, and servicing many government fleets including the Ministry of Forestry, Kamloops Correction Centre and the RCMP Rural Police Detachment. One of Doug's hobbies is making jewellery. He made a beautiful silver necklace which he very kindly donated to our June Kro Aften Raffle Draw.

### **Kevin Christensen** - Kamloops.

Kevin is enrolled in the second year of his *Bachelor of Athletic and Exercise Therapy Program* at Camosun College in Victoria. During that year he will also be placed on a sports team to log required hours as an athletic therapist as well as being the main first aid and rehabilitation attendant. He looks forward to playing for the Victoria Rebels Football team as part of the placement program. Football is Kevin's great passion! He also qualified as a Certified Personal Trainer. To meet a program requirement for practical hours Kevin has also been attending an osteo-fit class which helps older adults with osteoporosis get exercise and maintain a healthy active lifestyle. After graduation Kevin may pursue a masters degree in physiotherapy or go to a chiropractic school. He finds it very personally rewarding to help individuals with sedentary lifestyles move back to being healthy and active.

### **Belinda Larsen** - New Westminster.

Belinda is starting her third and final year of the *Liberal and Business Studies Program* as an adult student at Simon Fraser University. This part-time multi-disciplinary program will result in her receiving a *Bachelor of General Studies* degree. The curriculum is mainly focused on business and practical aspects of academic life. Belinda recently wrote a Sociology paper on how the customs and rituals demonstrated at the DHS Kro Aften reflect the Danish community and its shared values. She is also an avid genealogist and has been researching her Danish heritage for over ten years. Her next major paper will be about her great grandfather and his life in Denmark from a historical and socio-economic perspective. Belinda plans to continue her studies with the intention of completing a Master of Arts program in gerontology or liberal arts.

### **David Nielsen** - Richmond.

Significant health issues forced David to suspend his enrolment at Simon Fraser University between 2006 and 2010. He is currently enrolled part-time in the SFU *Bachelor of Arts Program* with a major in English Literature. David expects to receive his degree next spring. His passion is for English literature and for the study of the various schools of literary criticism and theory. He is invigorated and energized by the possibilities of pursuing graduate studies. David feels a growing sense of belonging as part of the academic community. It is his goal to eventually complete a PhD in English and to find employment at the college/university level.

**If you would like to volunteer, please contact: Stan Chester at 604-921-9880 or e-mail: stanchester@shaw.ca**

### **Odina Skovgaard** - Richmond.

Odina is a full-time graduate student at Simon Fraser University. She received her *Bachelor of Arts Degree with Honours in Criminology* in 2003. She is currently enrolled in the *Master of Arts Applied Legal Studies Program*. This program is specifically tailored to becoming a Notary public in British Columbia. Odina has a huge passion for the environment, and has set-up and enforced workplace recycling programs over the past 5 years. Upon graduation in 2012 Odina plans to fulfill her dream of opening her own business as a Notary Public to assist people in non-contentious legal matters.

### **Andrew Stevenson** - Vancouver.

Andrew is originally from New Zealand and was a Rotary International youth exchange student in Denmark in 2003. He moved to Vancouver in 2009 to take his *Master of Science in Human Kinetics* at the University of British Columbia. His area of research is investigating how the brain prepares and controls movements using a non-invasive brain stimulation technique called Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS). Andrew will complete his Master's program at the end of August. He is then heading to Denmark to obtain his Doctorate from the Centre for Sensory-Motor Interaction at Aalborg University. His PhD research will focus on the enhancement of re-learning motor tasks in stroke survivors using Brain-Computer technology.

### **Karina Thomas** - Vancouver.

Karina completed her *Bachelor's degree Summa cum laude* at Portland State University with a minor in music. Since then she has had the opportunity to gain practical work experience in Vancouver, including adult and children's Danish language instruction for the DHS. Karina also served as the Musical Director of the Tivoli Singers. Having decided that Music Education is the field she would like to pursue, Karina will commence a music studies program at Aalborg University in Denmark this September.

Cheques were presented at the July 1st Kro Aften to the following two recipients who were unable to attend the June KroAften:

### **Tara Doheny** - Vancouver.

Graduation ceremonies at Lord Byng Secondary School prevented Tara from attending the June Kro Aften. She has been admitted to the fall session of the *Bachelor of Arts Freshman Program* at McGill University Faculty of Arts in Montreal. Tara is a provincially ranked athlete in Track and Field and a member of the UBC Thunderbird Track and Field Club. By graduating with a degree in Kinesiology she would be able to help other athletes succeed in their competitive endeavours while furthering her own.

### **Andrew McKinley** - Port Moody.

Andrew returned on June 30th from a study semester at the Copenhagen Business School. He is in the final year of the Simon Fraser University *Bachelor of Business Administration Program* with a concentration on Human Resource Management. On graduation Andrew will also receive a number of certificates including:

- Certificate in Corporate Social Responsibility.
- Certificate of Liberal Arts.
- Certificate of International Experiential Learning.
- Certificate of Labour Studies.

These certificates were earned by the careful selection of electives, along with an additional two years of study. Andrew is also a member of the Golden Key International Honours Society (awarded to the top 15% of the University for academic excellence).

DHS Scholarship Committee members very impressed by the achievements and goals of all seventeen applicants. Unsuccessful applicants were invited by letter to apply again in 2012 if they are still pursuing their post-graduate education. Our committee of four worked well together in independently assessing each application. We hope to award up to ten \$ 1,000.00 scholarships again in 2012.

Johan Madsen, Chairman  
DHS Scholarship Committee

**\*\*\*\* Tivoli Singers are looking for a new Choir Director for next season 2011-12.\*\*\*\***

We are looking for someone with musical experience in conducting as well as an interest in dealing with mostly seniors. If you are such a person or you know someone who is, please give us a call: Gerd Molhoj, 778-285-2995 or Lene Olesen, 604-939-7165.