



# Danish House Society

## Reports - News

### Scandinavian Community Centre



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#### President's Report

February 2017

Winter will hopefully soon be over and the blossoms will come out on the trees and not a day too soon, as winter has been hard on us this year. The snow has affected several of our events such as Christmas by the Fireside and the February Kroaften, which both ended up with a significant number of "no shows" who had made reservations to attend these events. Both of these events were still a success despite the unfortunate weather and difficult driving conditions.

The weather did not stop our deserving volunteers, who came out in force to attend the Scandinavian Centre's Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. Denmark was well represented with our 54 volunteers, the largest group of House volunteers, enjoying another fabulous buffet lunch prepared by Kate and Tina Praegel and their hard working helpers.

With spring just around the corner, it will be time again for us to meet at the Centre for the AGM on Thursday, March 20th when you will be asked to pass a Special Resolution to amend the bylaws. The changes you are requested to approve are detailed on page 5 of this newsletter. Please take the time to review these bylaw changes prior to the meeting. I am pleased to report that all of the directors up for re-election have agreed to stand for another two year term.

The Scandinavian Centre AGM is also coming up on April 20th and the term of Dave Buchmann as President will come to an end. When you see Dave at the Centre or at the next Kroaften please take the time to thank him for the fine job he has done as President over the past year. It can be a difficult job with numerous issues to deal with, not the least of which is dealing with the problems an aging building can throw at you.

After the AGMs it will be business as usual with our regular events such as our monthly Kroaften, the Midsummer Festival in June, and the Family BBQ in August. We will in 2017 again award ten \$1,200 scholarships, as well as two new \$2,400 scholarships designated in appreciation of funds willed to the DHS by the Estate of Ruth and Johannes Pedersen. The scholarships will awarded in September this year instead of July as done in previous years.

So our goal in 2017 is to carry on as usual with a steady ship and with an eye on continuing the success and ongoing growth of all of our programs and events. Enjoy the upcoming change for the better in the weather and hopefully we will see you soon at the Centre. Above all, be safe in all your travels and adventures.

Ed Kuhlman, DHS President



#### **NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

##### **TAKE NOTICE:**

The 21st Annual General Meeting of the Danish House Society will be held at the Scandinavian Community Centre, 6540 Thomas Street, Burnaby, B.C.

**On:**

**Monday 20th of March 2017  
at 19:00 (7:00pm), to:**

1. Consider the reports of the Directors to the members.
2. Consider the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st of December 2016.
3. Resolutions: Special Resolution to amend By-Laws (Refer to Page 5 of newsletter).
4. Elect Directors for the coming year.
5. Transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Dated the 6th of February 2017

By order of the Board of Directors  
of the Danish House Society.  
Ebba Grey, Secretary

##### **REMINDER:**

*If you have not yet renewed your membership for 2017 please take a moment to do so prior to the AGM.*

##### **NOTE:**

*E-Mailed Minutes of DHS AGM 21st March 2016 and Financial Statements 2016 available on request from Ebba Grey [ebba@shaw.ca](mailto:ebba@shaw.ca).*

A quarterly newsletter from Danish House

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



### February 2017

**February 25 & 26 - 11:00am - 4:00pm** (SCCS)

Nordic Art & Photography Show & Sale

### March 2017

**March 3 - 6:30pm** (DHS)

"Kro Aften" Club Night

**March 8 - 6:00pm** (SCCS)

Scandinavian Business Club Dinner Meeting

**March 10 - 12:00 Noon** (SCCS)

Scandinavian Seniors Lunch 55+

**March 20 - 7:00pm** (DHS)

Danish House Society Annual General Meeting

### April 2017

**April 7 - 6:30pm** (DHS)

"Kro Aften" Club Night

**April 8 - 7:00pm** (SCCS)

Tales of the Vikings in Canada

**April 12 - 6:00pm** (SCCS)

Scandinavian Business Club Dinner Meeting

**April 14 - 12:00 Noon** (SCCS)

Scandinavian Seniors Lunch 55+

**April 20 - 7:00pm** (SCCS)

Scandinavian Community Centre Society AGM

### May 2017

**May 5 - 6:30pm** (DHS)

"Kro Aften Club Night

**May 6 - 9:00am - 3:00pm** (SCCS)

Scandinavian Centre Work Party

**May 10 - 6:00pm** (SCCS)

Scandinavian Business Club Dinner Meeting

**May 12 - 12:00 Noon** (SCCS)

Scandinavian Seniors Lunch 55+

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

All 2017 DHS MEMBERSHIP dues were due and payable by the deadline of December 31, 2016. If you have not already paid your 2017 dues, please do so ASAP. I will again be in the Danish Room at the March 3rd Kroaften and available to process membership renewals for anyone who would like to renew their membership at that time. Any new memberships would also be welcomed.

You can also mail your cheque payable to:

Danish House Society  
6540 Thomas Street,  
Burnaby, B. C. V5B 4P9

Membership Dues are:  
**One Year Family \$40.00**  
**One Year Individual \$25.00**  
**Lifetime \$300.00**

I am pleased to report that the following new memberships have been approved by the Board of Directors since the last newsletter:

#### Family Memberships

<b>Fatimeh &amp; Johnny Hansen</b>	<b>Burnaby</b>
<b>Bill &amp; Lena Yurick</b>	<b>Coquitlam</b>

#### Individual Memberships

<b>Andrea Nielsen</b>	<b>Surrey</b>
<b>Lene Christensen</b>	<b>Cloverdale</b>

#### Lifetime Memberships

<b>Larry Berntsen</b>	<b>Chilliwack</b>
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A Big Welcome to All!

Respectfully submitted by,  
*Ebba Grey,*  
*Membership Committee*

## DONATIONS TO THE DANISH HOUSE SOCIETY

**November, December 2016, & January 2017**

### Names of Donors:

#### General Donations:

Anna-Margret-Hiebert; Ernst O. Jensen; Kirsten Rasmussen; Betty Mortensen; Fritz & Gwen Dahl; Arthur Madsen; Eila & Henry Lewis; Kristian Waaben; Frank Eckholdt; Bodil & Peter Nielsen; Jens Tonnesen; Bent Ostergaard; Jytte & Ole Hansen; Deborah Hocking; Kate & Robert Dickieson.

#### In Memory:

Borge & Solvejg Nielsen: In Memory of Michael Kmetyk; Joan Larsen: In Memory of Sigfred Larsen; Garfield Love: In Memory of Karin Love; Anne Bertelsen: In Memory of Peder Bertelsen; Martha Jorgensen: In Memory of Aksel Jorgensen.

#### Scholarship Fund:

Henny Hummelshoj; Orla Holm; Eivind Luffe; Bjarne Madsen; Stan & Margaret Chester.

**Total Donations: \$ 4,280.00**

Respectfully submitted by:  
*Else Rollke, Treasurer*



The Scandinavian Cultural Society  
*presents*



~ Krøyer and Co. ~  
The Impressionists of Skagen  
*an illustrated lecture by*  
John Stuart

Saturday, 25 February 2017, 1:00 pm  
*in conjunction with the*  
2017 Nordic Art and Photograph Show and Sale  
Scandinavian Community Centre  
6540 Thomas Street, Burnaby BC

*Thanks to the Danish-Canadian Community Centre of BC  
for support*



**ScanSports**  
**CURLING!**

Sunday February 26, 12:00 – 2:00 pm

Thistle Curling Club, Delta

\$10 per person

(includes instruction and equipment rentals)

RSVP to [scansports@gmail.com](mailto:scansports@gmail.com)

Games will be played in teams of 4 (register as a team or individuals). Bring a pair of clean soled running shoes and warm socks. Wear layers of warm, comfortable, clothing. Arrive 30 minutes before the game time to prep. Prizes will be awarded!

Spaces are limited – registration is first come, first served.

An audience to cheer on the teams is always welcome - the lounge is warm and friendly.



## DEAR FUTURE STUDENTS OF DANISH LANGUAGE CLASSES

Advanced/intermediate adult Danish language lessons will start **Tuesday, April 11th, 2017** and end **May 9th**. This class is mostly in Danish.

Intermediate/beginner adult Danish language classes will start **Thursday, March 30th, 2017** and end **April 27th, 2017**.

The cost is \$50 for the five lessons, payable on the first day of your class. A cheque made out to Danish House Society is preferred.

The curriculum will be adjusted to the needs and wishes of the students registered.

Classes start at 6:30 pm and end at 8:30 pm in the Danish Room at the Scandinavian Centre.

The next set of Danish lessons will begin in September 2017.

Unfortunately we do not have a teacher for children's classes at this time.

Please register by e-mail indicating your level to Annette Lauridsen: [annette.h.lauridsen@gmail.com](mailto:annette.h.lauridsen@gmail.com)



**DANISH HOUSE SOCIETY  
& THE DANISH-CANADIAN COMMUNITY CENTRE OF BC  
AND  
THE ESTATE OF RUTH & JOHANNES PEDERSEN  
SCHOLARSHIPS**

**ATTENTION! STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS**

Ten \$1,200 scholarships will be awarded by the Danish House Society and the Danish-Canadian Community Centre of B. C. as well as two \$2,400 scholarships that have been designated in appreciation of funds willed to the Danish House Society by the Estate of Ruth and Johannes Pedersen. A total of twelve scholarships will be awarded to the top 12 students. To apply and subsequently qualify you must meet the following criteria:

- a) Be of Danish heritage *and* a member or connected through family to member (*name please for verification*) of the Danish House Society or the Danish-Canadian Community Centre of B. C. If you are *not* of Danish heritage you may still qualify if you are a member or connected through family to a member of the Danish House Society or the Danish-Canadian Community Centre of B. C.
- b) Be a resident of British Columbia working towards a degree or diploma in an accredited post-secondary institution such as a college or university or at an institution certified by Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) to get or improve skills in an occupation. Evidence of registration in such an institution is required along with a **transcript of latest marks and studies**.
- c) Be of good character and provide written references from a high school or college administrator, and at least **two current references** including an employer, if applicable.

Application *must* be made by a **hand-written letter** giving your reasons for requesting the scholarship and describing your personal interests, hobbies, goals, dreams, financial need, and volunteer experience. Participation as a volunteer in Danish House Society activities should be noted. All of the Scholarships will be awarded in September 2017.

To be considered for a 2017 DHS/DCCC, and Estate of Ruth and Johannes Pedersen Scholarship, your application and all relevant information (**including your phone number, postal and e-mail addresses**) must be submitted by **June 30th, 2017** to:

Danish House Society - Scholarship  
6540 Thomas Street  
Burnaby, BC V5B 4P9

Please note: Each applicant is limited to receiving no more than three DHS/DCCC or Estate of Ruth & Johannes Pedersen scholarships. **For further information please contact any of the DHS/DCCC scholarship committee members:**

Dave Buchmann (604) 760-7705  
Ella Wolder (604) 530-5083  
Annette Lauridsen (604) 533-5719  
Margit Hansson (604) 574-8833



## **DOGWOOD LODGE 179**

VANCOUVER - CANADA

**Join our Lodge.**

Danish Sisterhood Canadian Lodge 179 is a non-profit organization with the mission to strengthen, maintain and preserve the Danish heritage and traditions for future generations. If you like to socialize and participate in various events, we welcome not only Danes but all Nationalities as members.

Members meet at **Carl Mortensen Manor, 4035 Norland Avenue, Burnaby, V5G 4T7** (Entrance on Kincaid) every 3rd Thursday of the month at **5:30 p.m.** (except July, Aug. & Dec.) For more details visit: [www.danishsisterhood.ca](http://www.danishsisterhood.ca) or contact [lodge179@danishsisterhood.ca](mailto:lodge179@danishsisterhood.ca)

## SPECIAL RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE BY-LAWS OF DANISH HOUSE SOCIETY

**Old Paragraph: 5 Annual General Meeting:** All Members meetings shall be held at the place and time as resolved by the Directors or as petitioned in writing by a quorum of members.

**New Paragraph: 5 Annual - and Special - General Meetings:** All general meetings shall be held at such time and place as resolved by the Directors or as petitioned in writing by a quorum of members.

- a) The Chairman of a general meeting shall be elected by the members present at the meeting.
- b) The minutes of a general meeting shall be signed by the President, recording Secretary, and the Chairman.

**New Paragraph: 6 Board of Directors Meetings:** The meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at such time and place as resolved by the Directors. Between Board meetings, if a Board decision is required on urgent matters, board action may be evidenced by an e-mail vote and read into the subsequent board meeting minutes. Such e-mail vote on a motion presented as an ordinary resolution is deemed to have passed if a majority of Directors then in office votes in favour of the motion. Background information must adequately explain the reason for the resolution.

**Old number 6,** becomes number **7** and **Old number 7** becomes number **8**.

**Old Paragraph: 7b) Board Meetings:** Fifty percent (50%) plus one Director shall constitute a quorum at a Board of Directors meeting, and each Director shall be entitled to one vote.

**New Paragraph: 8b) Board Meetings:** A majority of Directors then in office shall constitute a quorum at a Board of Directors meeting, and each director shall be entitled to one vote.

**Old number 8,** becomes number **9**. **Old number 9,** becomes number **10**. **Old number 10,** becomes number **11**.

**Old Paragraph: 12 Duties of the President and Vice-President:** It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Board and of the Members, and, with the Treasurer, to sign all cheques, and to appoint all committees not otherwise provided for. In his or her absence, the duties will be exercised by the Vice-President, and in his or her absence by the Past President.

**New Paragraph: 12 Duties of the President and Vice-President:** It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Board, and to appoint all committees not otherwise provided for. In his or her absence, the duties will be exercised by the Vice-President, and in his or her absence by the Past President.

**Old Paragraph: 18 Banking:** The Society should at least maintain one current account with a chartered bank, credit union or trust company, for the deposit of funds. Two out of three Directors shall sign all cheques.

**New Paragraph: 18 Banking:** The Society shall at least maintain one current account with a chartered bank, credit union or trust company, for the deposit of funds. Two out of either four designated Directors or up to two other designated persons shall sign all cheques.

**Old Paragraph: 24 Amendments:** The within By-Laws may be amended by special resolution passed by a seventy-five percent (75%) vote of the voting members present at a regular or specially called meeting of the Society. Written notice of any proposed amendments giving such amendments in full together with the date, time and location of the meeting, at which the action will be taken, must be filed with the Secretary and notice be given to all voting members by prepaid mail to their last known address not less than thirty (30) days before the meeting.

**New Paragraph: 24 Amendments:** The within Constitution and By-Laws may be amended by special resolution passed by seventy-five percent (75%) majority vote at a regular or specially called general meeting of the Society. Written notice of any proposed amendments giving such amendments in full together with the date, time and location of the meeting, at which action will be taken, must be filed with the Secretary and notice be given to all voting members by prepaid mail or e-mail to their last known address or e-mail not less than thirty (30) days before such meeting.

## MOVIE NIGHT AT THE BURNABY CHURCH - Thursday, March 23rd at 7:00pm

### *The Mill and the Cross.*

What would it be like to step inside a great work of art, have it come alive around you, and even observe the artist as he sketches the very reality you are experiencing? Lech Majewski brings to life Pieter Bruegel's masterpiece *The Way to Calvary*, the story of the crucifixion, setting it in 16th century Flanders under brutal Spanish occupation. Rutger Hauer plays the artist, Michael York his patron, and Charlotte Rampling the Virgin Mary.

## NORDIC SPIRIT 2017: SETTLEMENT COMMUNITIES

Immigrants from our Nordic countries often settled near each other, forming particular communities. Sointula is a famous Finnish settlement, but there have been many others from all Nordic cultural groups who came to BC. We need to gather information and photos from these fascinating parts of our history.

The Scandinavian Cultural Society will present *Nordic Spirit 2017: Settlement Communities* in April at the Scandinavian Community Centre. We invite members of our local community to again contribute their photos, recollections and family stories of life in these various settlement communities in BC and elsewhere in Canada such as Gimli, Manitoba. We are focussing on the period up to 1960, but some later information may also be useful. These early communities illustrate the resilience and resourcefulness of our ancestors in trying to make useful lives in new and often dangerous environments. They also show our long and continuing history of cooperative endeavour of which our Scandinavian Community Centre and its activities is a current outstanding example.

The 2017 *Nordic Spirit* show continues the Cultural Society's program of heritage collection and preservation. The past nine shows displayed primarily unpublished photos and stories from our members' private collections together with text documenting our immigrant or later experience. Our new show continues this collection. Please offer to help both with donations of your heritage photos and information but also with your support on our organizing committee. We need someone to help collect photos from each of our member countries. We also need technicians (paid) to scan and improve older photos and help us set them into pages together with text for printing and framing. And finally we need people to prepare and present a short talk of the history of each community. It is rewarding work; you are helping to preserve our history as well as making a fine show for our Centre community.

*The Scandinavian Cultural Society*  
presents



**Nordic Spirit Settlements**

Images &  
Talks on each country  
April 8 & 9, 2017

Scandinavian Community Centre  
6540 Thomas Street, Burnaby

**Opening Reception & Concert**  
Saturday 11:30 am  
*Admission free*

**Don Mowatt:**  
**Tales of Vikings in Canada**  
Saturday evening 7 pm  
*Admission by donation*

Info:  
<http://scandinaviancentre.org/events-calendar/>

Supported by the Province of BC and  
The Danish-Canadian Community Centre of BC

Websters Corner

Please contact Carolyn Thauberger at [cthauber12@gmail.com](mailto:cthauber12@gmail.com) or phone 778 228-2334

## MOVIE NIGHT AT THE BURNABY CHURCH - Thursday, April 27th at 7:00pm

### *Land of Mine / Under Sandet*

In the aftermath of World War II, a group of surrendered German soldiers are ordered by Allied forces to remove their own landmines from the coast of Denmark. Directed by Martin Zandvliet, *Land of Mine* made its world premiere at the 2015 Toronto International Film Festival. All welcome - Coffee & Tea after the show

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**TAKE NOTICE:** The Annual General Meeting of the Scandinavian Community Centre Society will be held at the Scandinavian Community Centre, 6540 Thomas Street, Burnaby, BC, on Thursday, 20th of April 2017 at 7:00 pm to:

- 1) Consider the reports of the Directors.
- 2) Consider the Financial Statement for the year ended 31st of December 2016.
- 3) Resolutions.
- 4) Elect Directors for the coming year.
- 5) Transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Agenda for the Annual General Meeting will be posted at the Scandinavian Centre 30 days before the Meeting.

Dated the 12th of January 2017. By order of the Board of Directors of the Scandinavian Community Centre Society.

Dave Buchmann, President.



### “KRO AFTEN”! BRING YOUR FRIENDS

This fun-filled Danish House Event is held the **first Friday of every month, except August and December.**

Enjoy a fine selection of open-faced sandwiches (**\$5 each**), dessert and coffee or tea. Wash it down with snaps and Carlsberg beer on tap. Meet at about 6ish to get your meal tickets and table number - **smørrebrød is served at 7 p.m.**

### BY RESERVATION ONLY

Put your order in by Monday, 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](mailto:ebba@shaw.ca) and receive the menu a week in advance. Order must be e-mailed to Ebba by the Monday before the Kro Aften. Phone Ebba at 604-990-3550

**Please note that non-members will be charged a \$2.00 per person surcharge to attend.**

*Calling volunteers of all ages!*

## Spring Work Party

**Saturday, May 6th**

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



**Come out & help keep  
your Centre beautiful**

*Bring pails and rags,  
work inside or outside. Rain or shine.*

**Breakfast (by the Finnish War Veterans)  
is served at 8:30am**

**Lunch (By Danish House) at 12:30pm**

Please let the office know if you are coming,  
and if you are joining us for breakfast and/or lunch  
[info@scandinaviancentre.org](mailto:info@scandinaviancentre.org)

## ScanSports Bowling!



**March 12th, 2017 2:00 pm**

at Revs in Burnaby

(5502 Lougheed Hwy)

**\$10 per person for 2 games and shoes**

**(\$5 for kids)**

email [scansports@gmail.com](mailto:scansports@gmail.com)  
to register



Danish House Society  
6540 Thomas Street  
Burnaby, B.C. V5B 4P9

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Phone: 604-294-2777

Website: [www.scandinaviancentre.org/denmark](http://www.scandinaviancentre.org/denmark)

### EXECUTIVE:

President	Ed Kuhlman	Newsletter & SCCS Board	604 942-8499	kuhlman@shaw.ca
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### DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE:

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### Newsletter Editor: Ed Kuhlman

Please forward your ads and reports to [kuhlman@shaw.ca](mailto:kuhlman@shaw.ca).

**Deadlines for submissions of quarterly ads are February 1, May 15, August 15, and November 15.** If you wish to place an ad in the newsletter, payment requested is in the form of a donation to the annual DHS Auction or a cash donation to DHS. **If you would like your newsletter by e-mail instead of print, please let us know .....** Thank You.



## **DHS Life Member:**

### **Stig Andersen - October 14, 1940 - December 15, 2016**

**Although it's difficult today to see beyond the sorrow, may looking back in memory help bring comfort to us tomorrow.**

Stig passed away at home on December 15th after a long battle with cancer. He leaves his beloved wife Hanne, as well as five children. They met when Hanne's four children were aged between 4 and 15. Hanne and Stig also had a son Rory. Stig became a wonderful father to these children. They married in 1970 and leave 5 children, 3 grandchildren and 6 great grandsons. Stig and Hanne met, as many others did, in the Danish folk dancing group in the 60s and they continued dancing till the 90s - and in between square danced when son Rory took it up. Stig and Hanne were enthusiastic gardeners on their acreage in Surrey. Many of their plants now grow on the berm at the Scandinavian Centre. A celebration of life will be held at a date to be determined. Hanne's e-mail is [stighanne@live.ca](mailto:stighanne@live.ca).



**It is with sadness in our hearts that we say goodbye to our friend.**

**Our sincerest condolences go out to the family of our lost friend!**

**Next "Kroaften" Club Nights - March 3rd, & April 7th, 2017**