



Danish House Society

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Scandinavian Community Centre



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President's Report

May 2017

The weather finally seems to be cooperating and bright sunny days combined with temperatures that are at last close to normal for this time of year makes me think about sitting in the beer garden at the Midsummer Festival. Yes the Midsummer Festival will soon be underway over the weekend of June 17 & 18, but there is still a lot of work to be done and the Festival needs more volunteers to help out for the two days. So if you have a son or daughter or grandchild that is applying for a scholarship this year, or in a year or two, get them to volunteer as it adds points to their application.



Speaking of scholarships, this year the award night will be held as part of the September Kro Aften instead of the usual July. The scholarship committee felt that a June 30th deadline for applications was more appropriate necessitating a change in the month in which the awards would be presented. The September Kro Aften promises to be a special evening that will start earlier and may feature some additional special entertainment for which we are waiting for a final confirmation. Stay tuned for details in the next newsletter.

At the AGM in March, all of the board members up for election were re-elected by acclamation and the special resolution to amend the bylaws as presented in the Spring newsletter was approved. Congratulations to the re-elected board members and may I also express the board's relief that board members Gunnar Jensen and Annette Lauridsen have recovered from their serious health issues.

Also, on behalf of the board I offer thanks to all those that came out for the Spring cleanup day and especially to Jorgen Lyth for taking the time to prepare an excellent clam chowder lunch that the hard working volunteers very much enjoyed and appreciated.

One more item to take note of, the board has made the difficult decision to forego holding the Annual Dinner /Auction this coming October. The amount of work involved in organization the auction is substantial and the board felt that the diminishing return realized from the event along with donor fatigue, and a steady decline in attendance meant that maybe it was time to seriously consider doing something different. So instead of an auction, a traditional Danish dinner/dance with some live entertainment and a fifties theme along with maybe a small silent auction is under consideration. Look for details in the next newsletter due towards the end of August. In the meantime enjoy the summer and if you have time head over to Swangard Stadium for the European Festival and say hello to Else Rollke and the volunteers manning the Scandinavian tent.

Ed Kuhlman, DHS President

22nd Annual
Scandinavian
MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL

JUNE 17 & 18
Celebrating Finland 100

Family fun for Everyone!!
"Ember Skies" 19+ Youth Dance
June 16 ~ 8pm -1am

Mouth-watering Scandinavian Food
Carlsberg Beer Garden, a Troll Forest
Viking Village with Real Vikings
Wife Carrying Contest
Kids Lego Display
Facepainting

Music and dance entertainment
throughout the whole weekend
and much more.

Midsummer Festival Lottery
Win one of six Cash Prizes!
First Prize \$3,000 !!

Tickets: \$10 at the gate.
Children under 16 free.

Scandinavian Centre
6540 Thomas Street, Burnaby

Support Danish House by purchasing your
Midsummer Raffle Tickets in the Danish tent.

A quarterly newsletter from Danish House

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



June 2017

June 2 - 6:30pm (DHS)

"Kro Aften" Club Night

June 4 - 11:00am (DHS)

Grundlovsfest Constitution Day Picnic

June 9 - 12:00 Noon (SCCS)

Scandinavian Seniors Lunch 55+

June 16 - 8:00pm (SCCS)

Ember Skies 19+ Midsummer Festival Kick-Off

June 17-18 - Gates open 10:00am (SCCS)

Midsummer Festival

June 29 - 9:00am (SCCS)

Bridge Tournament

July 2017

July 7 - 6:30pm (DHS)

"Kro Aften" Club Night

August 2017

August 13 - 4:00pm (DHS)

Annual DHS Family BBQ

European Festival

May 27 & 28, 2017

Swangard Stadium, Burnaby

Visit the Scandinavian Tent
Gates open: 11:00am daily

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 June 2nd 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

Lars & Lise Norgren	Surrey
Coro Strandberg & Phillip Legge	Burnaby
Kathrin Colby & Jim Elliott	Vancouver
Bob & Teresa Laustrup	Coquitlam

Individual Memberships

Anne Dorthe Abbey	Surrey
Knud Hewalo	North Vancouver
Sharon Norman	Vancouver

A Big Welcome to All!

Respectfully submitted by,
Ebba Grey,
Membership Committee

DONATIONS TO THE DANISH HOUSE SOCIETY

February, March, April 2017

Names of Donors:

General Donations:

Bent Ostergaard; Jytte & Ole Hansen; Deborah Hocking; Kate & Robert Dickieson, Christian Houghton-Larsen; Elena Lau; Stan & Margaret Chester; Tina Taylor; Chris Jensen; Johanne Olsen.

Total Donations: \$ 3,890.00

Respectfully submitted by:
Elsa Rollke, Treasurer



DANISH LANGUAGE CLASSES

New! Danish Language Class for Teens!

Spring session for teens is ongoing and ends June 14th. If you are planning to visit Denmark, or if you are having visitors from Denmark, it will be useful for your teenagers to be able to speak a little Danish before these visits take place. We hope to offer another class for teens in September. Register by e-mail to Annette Lauridsen: annette.h.lauridsen@gmail.com.

Adult: Advanced/Intermediate Danish language lessons will start again in September on **Tuesday evenings**. This class is mostly in Danish. The cost is \$100 for ten 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 6:30pm and end at 8:30pm in the Danish Room at the Scandinavian Centre. We will take registration in August. Unfortunately we do not have a teacher for young children's classes at this time. Please register by e-mail indicating your level to Annette Lauridsen: annette.h.lauridsen@gmail.com. Here is a little information about the teachers:

Beginner's Class and Teens Class Danish Teacher: Mai



Mai has a Masters Degree in Media and Film Arts and a Bachelor in Danish (Language & Literature) from Copenhagen University 2013. Before coming to Vancouver she was working for LEGO as a marketing associate launching elementary and preschool products for LEGO Education. Mai wishes to create a relaxed and fun atmosphere in her classroom, where everyone can grow their language skills together and perhaps also get to know the culture of the small country a little better. Mai grew up in Vejle, Denmark. She came to Vancouver in December 2006 with the boyfriend Villads and Bowie the Labrador. This is her first time in Canada, and she thinks Vancouver is incredible. She is looking forward to exploring the surrounding nature even more and so is her dog.

Beginner's Class Danish Teacher: Frederik



Frederik is 19 years old and moved to Vancouver in September 2016. He finished high school in June 2016 and after that he moved to Canada where he is going to stay for almost a year before studying again back in Denmark. In high school Frederik was studying English at the highest level and he has a wide knowledge about the connections and differences that Danish and English appear to have. He has been living in Aarhus, Denmark his entire life, but he has family in both ends of the country and because of that he can give an excellent insight into the cultural differences that Denmark itself has. Furthermore, Frederik will also be able to provide you with great assistance on how to speak Danish and make sure that your Danish improves a lot. He is very excited about seeing you for your next coming sessions.

Danish Language Class Teacher: Elisabeth



Elisabeth is 27 years old. She moved to Vancouver in November 2014. She has a Masters Degree in Logistics and Supply Chain Management from Århus University. She lives with her husband and both of them love Vancouver. She taught the Danish Language Class fall semester in 2015 which she really enjoyed. Elisabeth was born in Woodland, California, but she grew up in Alken in Jylland, Denmark. She enjoys the cultural aspect of Vancouver and she also likes to snowboard. She looks forward to sharing more about Danish culture. She is looking forward to meeting you all and spending 10 Thursdays together with you.

New Teachers Needed

Our teachers are one of the most valuable resources that we have, and we are always keeping an eye open for new people to join our team. If you know of new people that are coming into town, might be planning to come here, or already living here, and have an interest in teaching, please ask them to get in touch with us. Teaching at the Danish School is a great way to keep teaching activities on your resume, get to know fellow Danes in the area, learn about bilingualism, subsidize your income and have fun. We offer lessons two times a week, each lesson consisting of two hours plus prep work. Excellent verbal and written proficiency in the Danish language is a requirement. **Please do not contact the Scandinavian Centre Office.**



**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 or contact lodge179@danishsisterhood.ca

GRUNDLOVSFEST PICNIC



**ALL DCCC and DHS MEMBERS ARE INVITED
to the
Danish Canadian Community Centre of BC
Danish Constitution Day Celebration**



**Sunday, June 4, 2017
10:30 AM to 5:00 PM
The Scandinavian Centre**

**Please bring your Picnic Basket,
Friends and Family**



Performances by the Tivoli Singers and The Scandinavian Dancers



**Church Service: 11:00am to about 12:15pm
Service in English by Pastor Birgitte Saltorp
“We will also celebrate Grundlovsdag, and
musically we add Erik Hougaard and Liva Hougaard Nørgaard”**

GRUNDLOVSDAG



The Murderers of King Erik Klipping Head into Exile - (Painting by Otto Bache).

Legend has it that personal hatred and revenge from noblemen led to the murder of the King, who over the years had gained many enemies among the nobles. Marsk Stig Andersen Hvide was said to be the leading force behind the murder and although the murder has never been solved, the Danish court, as a result of the murder, outlawed Stig Andersen among other powerful noblemen, who were suspected to have taken part in the assassination of King Erik Klipping.

Human rights in Denmark can be traced back to 1241 when Jutland got its own law, *Jyske Lov*. The preamble states that the land must be built on law (*med lov skal land bygges*). *Jyske Lov*, or The Codex Holmiensis as the manuscript is known, is the Danish code of Jutland, codified under King Valdemar II. The code covered Funen and Jutland down to the Eider river. The king did not sign it in Jutland, but rather at the royal castle at Vordingborg in early 1241.

King Erik Klipping fought during his years as king, to gain more power over both the church and nobility in Denmark, but in 1281 the opposition from the noblemen had grown strong and in 1282 the King was forced to sign an agreement (*håndfæstning*), which limited the king's power over the noblemen. The king no longer had the power to imprison whomever he wanted. Everybody was now entitled to a fair trial and no one was guilty until proven so. Furthermore, the agreement also stated that the king was obligated to meet with the noblemen once a year. The significance of this agreement could be compared with the famous English Magna Carta of 1215.

But still in 1660 absolute monarchy was a fact in Denmark, in line with most of the rest of Europe, even though all citizens were, in principle, equal to the law, with a constitutional state gradually emerging.

When King Frederik VII succeeded to the throne in January 1848, he was almost at once met by the demand for a constitution. In 1849 absolute monarchy was replaced by a constitutional monarchy, and democracy was introduced for the first time. The Danish constitution (*grundlov*) was signed on the 5th of June 1849 (*grundlovsdag*), by King Frederik VII, giving Denmark a parliament.

The Constitution was renewed in 1915, whereby women were included in the electorate, as well as a number of marginal groups previously excluded from the electorate. In 1953 Denmark agreed on its present constitution. So how do Danes celebrate *Grundlovsdag*?

During the day, political meetings and gatherings are held in parks throughout the country where speeches are made by local and national politicians and other celebrities. Many shops and schools are closed for the day and public offices and institutions close at midday.

According to a recent International Weber Grill Watch Survey, a survey that probes the grilling and barbecuing habits, knowledge, and preferences of grill and barbecue owners in 15 countries across five continents, some 52 per cent of Danish survey respondents say *Grundlovsdag* is their favourite day to barbecue.

In some parts of the country, a tradition for making a special desert in the red and white colours of the flag has been maintained from earlier times.

DHS ANNUAL FAMILY BBQ

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2017

4:00pm - 9:00pm

**Door prizes and Raffle Prizes
Beef Steak or Salmon Fillet, Corn-on-the-Cob
Green Salad or Potato Salad
Assorted Pies and Ice Cream
Hot Dogs and Pop for Kids**

CASH BAR BEER AND WINE

\$20.00 per Person (Kids Free)



“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 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.

ScanSports Spring Golf Tournament!

Sunday June 4, 2017 – 2:00 pm

Mylora Sidaway Golf Course, Richmond

\$55 per person (includes golf & post game BBQ)

Contact ScanSports@gmail.com for more information and to register



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The Ladies Auxiliary to Dania Home invites you!



Sunday June 25th, 2017 11:30am-3:00pm

Dania Home: 4175 Norland Avenue, Burnaby

**Tickets will be on sale for many prizes!!!
Home Baking & Plant Sale, Hotdogs,
Ice Cream, Carnival Games, & More!!**



Danish Specialties
European Wiesers,
Aebleskiver, Liver Pate

Entertainment
12:00-2:00 PM
Scruffles Balloon Artist
12:30-2:00
John Parson, Country Musician





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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 Member:

Jorgen Munck
September 5, 1935
March 5, 2017

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

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!

THANK YOU!! FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Now that my life is almost back to normal, I would like to thank the DHS Board for all their support while I was in the hospital, all the Get-Well cards, all the phone calls, and all the visits to the hospital from DHS members. Most of all, I would like to thank the Board for keeping me on as a member.

To my wife and daughter, a special thanks for all the lunches and dinners during my 30+ days in the hospital. Without your home cooked meals I would have starved.

Thank You All!!

Gunnar Jensen