



Danish House Society

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Scandinavian Community Centre



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President's Report

February 2018

Once again, I am reminded about how quickly time flies - another set of AGMs is coming up soon, for Danish House on March 19th and then again for the Scandinavian Centre on April 19th. Hopefully by then we will all be admiring the spring blossoms.



The current members of your Board have all agreed to serve again with the one exception of Jack Larsen, who feels that it is time to make way for some new and hopefully younger blood. On behalf of the Board and the membership I offer a collective thank you to Jack for his dedication and service. The Centre Presidency rotates among the Houses from year to year, so the Centre will have a new President from the Norwegian House. The outgoing President, Carina Spencer has done a fabulous job and deserves a big thank you from all of us for steering the ship over the past year.

So what will the upcoming year offer to the membership? The Board expects that it will be much like past years with our highly successful Kro Aftens and the other usual events continuing. We will also be building on the success of our scholarship program, and our very successful language classes. In April we will be hosting in partnership with the Royal Danish Guards and the Danish Canadian Community Centre of BC, a celebration birthday party for her Majesty Queen Margrethe II. As part of that celebration we will be entertained by two or maybe three Royal Guard tambours coming over from Denmark.

At the Midsummer Festival in June, four Nordic Singers, members of the Royal Danish Opera in Copenhagen, will be singing the Danish National Anthem during the opening ceremonies, and will also perform on both the Saturday and Sunday of the festival. They will regale us with delightful Scandinavian and ABBA songs. The theme of this year's festival is Folklore (trolls, nisse, etc.).

Hopefully a movie night or two may also be on the year's agenda, such as a showing of the Ole Japp movie *Nordvest Xpeditionen*, commemorating the 400th anniversary of the heroic and daring Jens Munk expedition in search of the Northwest passage which saw members of the expedition landing on the shores of Hudson Bay in Manitoba. Rumour has it that this Danish language movie is currently having English subtitles added to it. So stay tuned for further developments.

Lastly, we are always in need of volunteers to help out during the Midsummer Festival, so if you can spare the time or know of some young people that may be interested please contact Inge Lyth Nielsen or one of our other board members.

Ed Kuhlman, DHS President

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TAKE NOTICE:

The 22nd Annual General Meeting of the Danish House Society will be held at the Scandinavian Community Centre, 6540 Thomas Street, Burnaby, B.C.

On:

**Monday 19th of March 2018
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 2017.
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 5th of February 2018
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 2018 please take a moment to do so prior to the AGM.

NOTE:

E-Mailed Minutes of DHS AGM 20th March 2017 and Financial Statements 2017 available on request from Ebba Grey ebba@shaw.ca.

A quarterly newsletter from Danish House

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



February 2018

February 25 - 1:00pm (SCCS)

Player Piano Concert

March 2018

March 2 - 6:30pm (DHS)

"Kro Aften" Club Night

March 9 - 12:00 Noon (SCCS)

Scandinavian Seniors Lunch 55+

March 14 - 6:00pm (SCCS)

Scandinavian Business Club Dinner Meeting

March 19 - 7:00pm (DHS)

Danish House Society Annual General Meeting

April 2018

April 6 - 6:30pm (DHS)

"Kro Aften" Club Night

April 11 - 6:00pm (SCCS)

Scandinavian Business Club Dinner Meeting

April 13 - 12:00 Noon (SCCS)

Scandinavian Seniors Lunch 55+

April 14-15 - 11:00am to 4:00pm (SCCS)

Nordic Spirit 2018 - Early Fishing in BC

April 19 - 7:00pm (SCCS)

Scandinavian Community Centre Society AGM

May 2018

May 4 - 6:30pm (DHS)

"Kro Aften Club Night

May 9 - 6:00pm (SCCS)

Scandinavian Business Club Dinner Meeting

May 11 - 12:00 Noon (SCCS)

Scandinavian Seniors Lunch 55+

May 12 - 9:00am - 3:00pm (SCCS)

Scandinavian Centre Work Party

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

All 2018 DHS MEMBERSHIP dues were due and payable by the deadline of December 31, 2017. If you have not already paid your 2018 dues, please do so ASAP. I will again be in the Danish Room at the March 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

Pastor Susanne Ivalo Rasmussen, plus Leonore Mønsted, Soren Sondergaard	Burnaby
Diane Strandberg, Tony Sherman plus Harper and Tanner	New Westminster
Svend and Mette Kuhr	Delta

Individual Memberships

Jane Roberts	Richmond
Mary Madsen	Coquitlam
Finn Schultz-Lorentzen	White Rock
Graeme Findlay	Burnaby

A Big Welcome to All!

Respectfully submitted by,
Ebba Grey,
Membership Committee

DONATIONS TO THE DANISH HOUSE SOCIETY

November, December 2017, & January 2018

Names of Donors:

General Donations:

Bodil & Peter Nielsen; Mr. & Mrs. Jensen of Seattle, Dorrit Klarke; Joan Larsen; Anne Bertelsen; Margit Hiebert; Kirsten Rasmussen; Finn Schultz-Lorentzen

In Memory:

Borge & Solvejg Nielsen: In Memory of Stig Andersen & Robert Clarke

Scholarship Fund:

No donations received.

Total Donations: \$ 3,060.00

Respectfully submitted by:
Elsa Rollke, Treasurer



SCANDINAVIAN CULTURAL SOCIETY EVENTS AT THE CENTRE

 <p><i>The Scandinavian Cultural Society</i> Presents</p>	 <p><i>The Scandinavian Cultural Society</i> presents</p>
<p>Player Piano Concert 1-3 pm, Sunday, February 25, 2018 Scandinavian Community Centre 6540 Thomas Street, Burnaby</p>	<p>Nordic Spirit 2018: Early Fishing in BC 11 to 4 pm, Saturday-Sunday, April 14-15, 2018 Scandinavian Community Centre, Burnaby 6540 Thomas Street, Burnaby</p>
 <p><i>"Pianist" Jarl Christensen</i></p>	<p>Hear our own fabulous Player Piano. Learn of its history See how it works Be a guest "pianist" Enjoy our singers Sing along!</p>
<p>Concert Talks Singing Coffee By donation</p>	
<p>Contact John: 778 883-5572 stuartj@direct.ca Carolyn: 778-228-2334 cthauer12@gmail.com</p>	<p>Call for Photos Please lend us your pre 1960 photos of Scandinavians in the BC fishing industry for our April Nordic Spirit Show</p> <p><small>Supported by BC Gaming</small></p> 

DANISH LANGUAGE CLASSES

We are now taking registration for the Spring Session.

Teens: Tuesdays, April 10 to May 8. This is a multilevel class with curriculum adjusted to the needs and wishes of the students. There is very little homework: typically students will write a sentence or two about their weekend and read it to the class. This vocabulary will be the basis of the lesson for the evening. There are no exams.

Advanced: Wednesdays, April 11 to May 9. This class is mostly in Danish, and the content is adjusted to the needs and wishes of the students.

Beginners: Thursdays, April 12 to May 10. This class is open to anyone of any level. Depending on interest, we may have a second class meeting in the library upstairs.

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.

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

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

Fall session will start again September 18th, 19th, and 20th.



**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 2018.

To be considered for a 2018 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, 2018** 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 Lauridesn (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

DANISH HOUSE SOCIETY, BY-LAWS AMENDMENTS 19TH MARCH 2018

Be it resolved that the By-Laws of the Society be amended as follows:

Add a Definition Section:

1 Definitions:

a) In these By-Laws:

“Act” means the Societies Act of British Columbia as amended from time to time.

“Board” means the Directors of the Society.

“By-Laws” means these By-Laws as amended from time to time.

“Society” means the Danish House Society.

b) The definitions in the Act apply to these By-Laws.

c) If there is a conflict between these By-Laws and the Act or the regulations under the Act, the Act or regulations, as the case may be, prevail.

d) The operation of the Society is to be chiefly carried out in the province of British Columbia with the right to hire a manager and full time staff to properly operated the commercial and other facilities.

e) The operation of the Society shall be carried out without purpose of gain for its members.

Move all the following paragraph numbers one number up. (Number 1. becomes number 2., etc.)

Old:7 Notices of Meetings: Special, regular, or other meetings may be called by the President or Secretary, at such time or times as a majority of officers may determine. Notice of all special or regular meetings without a monetary agenda shall be fourteen (14) calendar days, and notice of Special or Annual General Meetings with monetary or constitutional agendas shall be at least thirty (30) days in advance of the meeting.

New: 7 Notices of General Meetings: Written notice of Annual or Special-General Meetings shall be given, mailed or e-mailed to each of the members fourteen (14) days ahead of the meeting, the notice shall specify the time, place, and purpose for the meeting and any Special Resolution shall be listed in full.

Old number 6 becomes number 8.

Old number 8 becomes number 9 and the following numbers move one number up.

In 9 Change: “Society Act” to “Societies Act”.

Old: 10 Election of Directors to the Board: The initial elected Directors shall hold office until the first Annual General Meeting. At the first Annual General Meeting of the Society, a new Board of Directors shall be elected from the membership as follows: one half (Team A) of the total number of the Directors including the President and the Secretary will be elected for a two year term, and one half (Team B) of the total number of Directors including the Vice President and Treasurer will be elected for a one year term, in order to establish staggered elections ensuring that half of the total number of Directors on the Board always is constituting, thus securing continuity of operations of the Board from the past into the present. Thereafter, at each subsequent Annual General Meeting, Directors will be elected for a two year term commencing with team B. The previous Directors shall be eligible for re-election if otherwise qualified.

New: 11 Election of Directors and Executives to the Board:

a) Directors: At each Annual General meeting half of the required number of Directors shall be elected from the membership: 6 Directors (Team A) in odd numbered years and 6 Directors (Team B) in even numbered years, in order to establish staggered elections ensuring that half of the total number of Directors on the Board always is constituting, thus securing continuity of operations of the Board. The previous Directors shall be eligible for re-election if otherwise qualified. If a resignation has occurred in a Directors term of office more than three months before an Annual General Meeting, the remaining Directors may appoint a substitute Director from the membership whose term will be up to the following Annual General Meeting. The term and the number of Directors elected at an Annual General Meeting can be varied to ensure a full slate of Directors at all time.

b) Executives: The four Executives on the Board: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer are elected, each for a one year term, on a meeting of the elected Directors immediately following the Annual General Meeting from and by the newly elected Directors and continuing Directors. No two or more family members or persons otherwise related can serve as executives in the same period.

Previous Constitution Provisions (5): Renumbered:

26 Dissolution: In the event of winding up or dissolution of the Society, funds or assets of the Society remaining after satisfaction of its debts and liabilities, shall be given or transferred firstly to one or more organizations in that promote Danish interests and culture, and secondly, the remainder, shall be given or transferred to one or more charitable organizations in that promotes Scandinavian interest and culture.

Old Number 25 becomes number 27

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, 19th of April 2018 at 7:00 pm to:

- 1) Consider the reports of the Directors.
- 2) Consider the Financial Statement for the year ended 31st of December 2017.
- 3) Resolutions: Special Resolution to amend By-Laws.
- 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 11th January 2018. By order of the Board of Directors of the Scandinavian Community Centre Society.

Carina Spencer, President.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION

To amend By-Laws of the Scandinavian Community Centre Society. Presented to the membership at the Annual General Meeting of the Society 19th April 2018.

Be it resolved:

Old: 2. (a): Subject to 2. (e) below, membership and therefore voting rights in SCCS shall be granted to anyone who has paid the full membership to, and is a member in good standing of any one of the five House Societies.

New: 2. (a): Subject to 2. (e) below, membership and therefore voting rights in SCCS shall be granted to anyone who is a member in good standing of any of the five House Societies.

Add new paragraphs to the Interpretation:

1. (j) 'Act' means the Societies Act of British Columbia as amended from time to time.

1. (k) The definitions in the Act apply to these By-Laws.

1. (l) If there is a conflict between these By-Laws and the Act or the regulations under the Act, the Act or regulations, as the case may be, prevail.

Remains as is (at a 75% majority vote):

9. Amendments. This Constitution and By-Laws may be amended only by Special Resolution with a 75% majority vote at any Annual or Special General Meeting provided that the proposed amendments are reported by the Board of Directors.

Previous Constitution Provisions: To be put into the proper places in the By-Laws:

(3) Head Office becomes 1. (h) The head office of the Society shall be in the city of Burnaby or Vancouver in the Province of British Columbia.

Number 1. (h) becomes number 1. (i)

(4) Dissolution. Becomes number 13

OLD: 4. (a): The Executive Committee shall consist of the President and each of the Presidents or Chairmen of the five House Societies.

NEW: 4. (a): The Executive Committee shall consist of the President and each of the Presidents or Chairs, or their designate, of the five House Societies.

UPCOMING CULTURAL EVENTS

European Festival:

May 26-27 - Swangard Stadium, Burnaby

Midsummer Festival:

June 23-24 - This year's theme is "Folklore"

DHS Family BBQ:

August 19 - BBQ Steak, Salmon, Corn on the Cob, etc.

Next "Kroaften" Club Nights - March 2nd, & April 6th, 2018

Calling Volunteers of all ages!

Spring Work Party

Saturday, May 12th

9 am to 3 pm



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 Iceland 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



“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.

TOE TAPPING MUSIC WITH KRISTIAN BUGGE & HIS ENSEMBLE

Saturday, March 3rd at 7:00pm Admission by Donation (Suggest \$10)

The popular Kristin Bugge and his fellow musicians will again visit the Danish Church in Burnaby (downstairs) and we can look forward to an evening with great entertainment and fun. Put on your dancing shoes. If you get hungry, - 2 European wieners and warm potato salad available throughout the evening for \$10.

Hall capacity is 120 so don't be disappointed. RSVP necessary to secure a seat - email Ebba Grey at ebba@shaw.ca or phone: 604-990-3550.

DANISH HOUSE SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION:

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

Name(s): _____

Street: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

I prefer to receive my newsletter by: Email Canada Post New Membership or Renewal

- Membership Dues: \$25.00 Individual Membership Due enclosed
 \$40.00 Family Membership Due enclosed
 \$100.00 Corporate/Organization Membership Due enclosed
 \$300.00 Lifetime (individual) Membership Due enclosed

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____



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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Phone: 604-294-2777

Website: www.scandinaviancentre.org/denmark

EXECUTIVE:

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Newsletter Editor: Ed Kuhlman

Please forward your ads and reports to 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.



ScanSports
CURLING!

Sunday

March 11, 12:00 - 2:00 pm

Thistle Curling Club, Delta

\$10 per person

(includes instruction and equipment rentals)

RSVP to 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.



The Royal Danish Guards Association and the Danish House Society

Invite you to join them in celebrating the
Birthday of her Majesty Queen Margrethe II
on April 21, 2018
at the Scandinavian Centre

Bar Opens: 5:30pm

Dinner Served: 6:30pm featuring

Salad, Roast Pork Tenderloin (platter)
Vegetable Medley, Roast Nugget Potatoes & Red Wine Sauce
Raspberry Mousse Cake with Marzipan
Coffee, Tea, Cream & Sugar

**Dance the night away to the golden sounds of:
The Silver Stars**

Tickets: \$ 40.00 per person

Deadline: Monday, April 16, 2018

For Reservations call: Solvejg at 604-549-4923

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

#1605 - 1245 Quayside Drive
New Westminster, BC V3M 6J6

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The Danish-Canadian Community Centre of BC