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Regeringsdannelse

Efter at repræsentanter for de politiske partier i det nye Folketing torsdag den 6. juni 2019 havde haft lejlighed til at udtale sig om den forestående regeringsdannelse, anmodede Hendes Majestæt Dronningen, på den fungerende statsminister's råd, Socialdemokratiets formand Mette Frederiksen om at lede forhandlinger med henblik på dannelse af en regering. Mette Frederiksen har nu onsdag den 26. juni 2019, orienteret Hendes Majestæt Dronningen om, at hun har gennemført forhandlinger med repræsentanter for partier i Folketinget og oplyst, at der under hendes ledelse vil kunne dannes en regering bestående af repræsentanter for Socialdemokratiet, som støttes af et flertal i Folketinget.

Den fungerende statsminister Lars Løkke Rasmussen har under henvisning hertil, tilrådt Hendes Majestæt Dronningen, at det overdrages Socialdemokratiets formand Mette Frederiksen at danne en regering bestående af repræsentanter for Socialdemokratiet. Hendes Majestæt Dronningen har herefter opfordret Socialdemokratiets formand Mette Frederiksen til at danne en sådan regering.

Hendes Majestæt Dronningen modtog den nye regering den 27. juni 2019.

ENGLISH SUMMARY: On Thursday, June 6, 2019, after representatives of the political parties of the new Folketing had had the opportunity to comment on the forthcoming government formation, Her Majesty the Queen, at the acting prime minister's council, requested the Socialist Leader Mette Frederiksen to start negotiations to form a new government. On Wednesday, June 26, 2019, Mette Frederiksen informed Her Majesty the Queen that she had conducted negotiations with representatives of parties in the Folketing and stated that under her leadership a government could be formed consisting of representatives of the Social Democratic Party, supported by a majority in parliament.

The Acting Prime Minister Lars Løkke Rasmussen has, with reference to this, advised Her Majesty the Queen to entrust the Social Democrats' Leader Mette Frederiksen to form a government consisting of representatives of the Social Democracy.



Aalborg Mayor Thomas Kastrup-Larsen and U.S. Ambassador to Denmark Carla Sands greet Danish and American guests at the Old Town Hall in Aalborg on July 3, 2019. (Photo courtesy: Jørgen Nøhr)



On July 4, 2019, Rebild National President Jørgen Bech Madsen awarded Rebild Plaques to Youth Speaker Caroline Amalie Skade, retiring Rebild Board Member Eva Vestergaard, U.S. Keynote Speaker Henrik Fogh Rasmussen, Kurt Sorensen, who brought greetings from the Danes in the USA, and Danish Keynote Speaker Ole Sonnichsen.

Double Honor for Ed Bladt as Mayor for a Day 2019 & Top Karen's Prize Recipient

Edward A. Bladt of Lumberton, New Jersey (below) had the double honor of being named "Mayor for a Day 2019" at the Danish American Club's Mayor for a Day Luncheon in Aalborg, Denmark on July 3, 2019 and receiving the honor of being Rebild National Park Society's Top Karen's Prize Recipient 2019. Ed is the former U.S. Vice President for Rebild National Park Society and President of the Delaware Valley Area Rebild Chapter. July 2 - 5, 2019 were busy days in Aalborg and Rebild, including the Danish American Club's Garden Party, the Rebild Gala, the Rebild Tent Luncheon, the Rebild 4th of July Festival and more. In addition, locals and visitors had a chance to enjoy the spectacular Tall Ships docked in Aalborg in early July.



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Two-day Danish celebration held in Wisconsin

On June 22 and 23, 2019, Racine/Kenosha Danish Sisterhood Katherine Lodge #20 secured one of the best restaurants in Racine, Wisconsin for the purpose of providing a 2-day event of celebration for the entire Danish community of Racine, Kenosha, Milwaukee, and Chicago areas. The Ivanhoe Pub and Eatery, 231 Main Street in Racine was the location of the event. The restaurant's most gracious owner and host of the celebration was Douglas Nicholson. (Read the full story about the food that was served and Midsummer in Wisconsin on Page 8).



Danmark Rundt

København: Når danskerne købte ind i 2018, fik de i gennemsnit 12 pct. mindre for hver krone, de betalte, end det var tilfældet for ti år siden. Med andre ord var den overordnede inflation fra 2009 til 2018 på 12 pct. De oplevede prisændringer i perioden fra 2009 til 2018 afhænger dog i stor grad af, hvem man er, og hvor i livet man befinder sig. Det skyldes, at vores forbrugsmønstre er ret forskellige og varierer gennem livet. Ser man fx på studerende (uddannelsessøgende) har de oplevet en inflation på 8,9 pct. i den pågældende periode. For seniorer (husstande bestående af 2 voksne over 60 år uden børn) har stigningen i samme periode været på 13,7 pct. Prisudviklingen for både studerende og seniorer har varieret over de undersøgte ti år, når man sammenligner med forbrugerprisindekset i alt. Men generelt gælder det, at studerende har oplevet mindre inflation i perioden 2009 til 2018 end både seniorer og befolkningen i alt.

Odense: Strengere straffe for racisme og diskriminering er en central del af Det Internationale Fodboldforbunds (Fifa) nye disciplinærreglement, der nu træder i kraft. Forbundet vil blandt andet fordoble minimumsstraffen for racistiske hændelser fra spillere eller trænere til udelukkelse i ti kampe.

Samtidig inviteres ofre for racisme til at komme og fortælle om deres oplevelser foran et dommerpanel i Fifa. Det skriver forbundet på sin hjemmeside. Hvis dommere oplever racistiske eller på anden måde diskriminerende tilråb fra tilskuere, skal de afbryde kampen.

Aalborg: Da sommerblæsten fejede henover Danmark, tog den ikke kun fat i træer og buske. Den fyldte også sejlene på de omkring 70 sejlskibe fra hele verden, som ankom for at deltage i den traditionsrige kapsejls The Tall Ship Races.

Sejlskibene har fundet sted siden 1956 og er et stort tilbløbsstykke. Alene i Aalborg ventes det, at 750.000 mennesker vil komme og se på skibene. Efter en afstikker til Norge kommer skibene også til Aarhus senere på sommeren.

Skibene kommer fra 30 forskellige nationer, og mens nogle har mere end hundrede år på bagen, er andre bygget for ganske nyligt. Fælles for mange af dem er, at de i dag fungerer som skoleskibe for unge, der har lyst til at prøve et liv på havet.

Paarup: Henover sommeren begynder By- og Kulturforvaltningen at nedtage den første af tre pavilloner ved Paarup Skole. Det drejer sig om pavilloner, som har været i brug siden 1970'erne, og nu er i meget dårlig stand. Derfor afsatte byrådet i 2019 i alt 48 millioner til at få erstattet pavillonerne på Paarup og andre skoler med nye løsninger.

De var egentlig kun tænkt som en midlertidig løsning for 30-40 år siden, men pavillonerne på Paarup Skole blev reelt til permanente klasseslokaler. I dag er de nedslidte og utætte, og det giver både børn og personale et dårligt arbejdsmiljø.

Det er på nuværende tidspunkt for tidligt at sige hvilken skole, der bliver den næste.

Hver sjette Danske Møbel- og Beklædnings-virksomhed har været udsat for Piratkopiering

3,4 pct. af virksomhederne i Danmark oplyser, at de har kendskab til, at deres produkter er blevet piratkopieret de seneste fem år.

Men for virksomheder, der arbejder med produktion, transport og salg af møbel- og beklædning, er andelen med 16,6 pct. markant højere. Det viser Danmarks Statistiks undersøgelse af virksomhedernes intellektuelle ejendomsrettigheder med data fra 2017.

”Andelen dækker kun virksomheder, der ved, at deres produkter er blevet ulovligt kopieret. Andelen, der bliver udsat for piratkopiering, kan derfor være langt højere. Endvidere kan piratkopiering inden for nogle områder - fx It og kommunikation - være vanskeligere at spotte end inden for møbel og beklædning,” siger Pétur Sólmes Jónsson, fuldmægtig i Danmarks Statistik.

Andelen, der har kendskab til, at de har været udsat for piratkopiering, er bortsat fra møbel- og beklædningsvirksomheder størst blandt medico- og sundhedsvirksomheder, hvor 8,0 pct. har kendskab til piratkopiering af deres produkter inden for de seneste fem år. Andelen er med 0,1 pct. mindst inden for turisme.

Tallene om piratkopiering i denne artikel er en del af Danmarks Statistiks undersøgelse af virksomhedernes Handel med patenter og IP-rettighejder. Undersøgelsen er en stikprøve på ca. 3.000 af omtrent 17.000 virksomheder med mere end 10 fuldtidsbeskæftigede.

Virksomheder med mere end 100 ansatte har oftere kendskab til piratkopiering end virksomheder med færre ansatte. 9,3 pct. af virksomhederne med 100-249 ansatte har kendskab til, at deres produkter er blevet piratkopieret de seneste fem år. For virksomheder med mere end 250 ansatte er andelen 10,4 pct. Til sammenligning er andelen for virksomheder med 20-99 ansatte omkring 4,5 pct., mens den er endnu lavere for virksomheder med 10-19 ansatte.

Størstedelen (63,4 pct.) af virksomhederne, der har kendskab til piratkopiering af deres produkter, søger forlig eller en anden aftale med modparten. Lidt mere end hver fjerde rejser et civilt søgsmål i retssystemet.

Nogle virksomheder indgiver desuden anmeldelse eller anmodning til politi eller toldmyndighed.

Nordiske energiministre enige om styrket samarbejde om CO2-neutralitet



Det nordiske energisystem skal udvikles for at sikre, at vi har verdens mest integrerede og intelligente grønne, klimaneurale økonomi med en høj konkurrenceevne og forsyningsikkerhed. Det fastslog de nordiske energiministre på et møde i Reykjavik.

På mødet udtrykte ministrene enighed om at styrke samarbejdet yderligere for at kunne nå målsætningerne i de nordiske statsministres erklæring fra januar 2019 om et CO2-neutralt Norden. Tanken er, at det nordiske energisamarbejde kan levere et afgørende bidrag til indsatsen for at nå de ambitiøse mål i erklæringen.

Energiministrene drøftede, hvilke nye krav omstillingen til en klimaneutral økonomi vil stille til energisystemet som helhed, herunder også det nordiske el-marked. Den nye vision for el-markedet, som ministrene vedtog på mødet i Reykjavik, skal bidrage til, at målene bliver nået.

Norden kan være foregangsregion

De nordiske energiministre konstaterede, at forskning og innovation er afgørende for udviklingen af de løsninger, der er nødvendige for omstillingen. På baggrund af dette gav ministrene deres støtte til, at Nordisk Energiforskning undersøger mulighederne for at styrke det nationale engagement gennem koordinerede nordiske forskningsindsatser. Målet er, at samarbejdet skal støtte de tiltag, som de enkelte lande iværksætter i forbindelse med den grønne omstilling.

Især omstillingen i transportsektoren er en fælles udfordring. Norden har i kraft af sin store andel af vedvarende energikilder gode forudsætninger for at være en foregangsregion på dette fokusområde.

– Vores ønske om at bidrage aktivt til at indfri ambitionerne i statsministrenes erklæring viser, at det nordiske energisamarbejde er både relevant og aktivt over en bred front. Det er et klart og tydeligt signal om, at Norden er klar til at fordybe samarbejdet yderligere, og at vi er godt klædt på til den grønne omstilling, siger Islands energiminister Þórdís Kolbrún Reykfjörð Gylfadóttir, som er formand for de nordiske energiministre i 2019.

Kernen i den nye vision for el-markedet er, at Norden senest i 2030 skal have verdens mest konkurrencedygtige, innovative og forbrugerorienterede el-marked, som bidrager til, at vi når klimamålene.

Visionen er blevet udarbejdet i dialog med aktørerne på det nordiske el-marked. Fra deres side lyder det, at det nordiske el-marked skal fungere som en positiv drivkraft bag den europæiske el-markedsintegration og markedsudvikling samt i indsatsen for at nå ambitiøse klimamål.

Med den nye vision understreger ministrene, at det nordiske samarbejde på el-markedet står godt rustet til en fremtid med en større andel af fluktuerende energikilder som sol- og vindkraft, hvor udviklingen styres af Paris-aftalen og målet om en bæredygtig energiproduktion.

Nordisk Ministerråds generalsekretær, Paula Lehtomäki, er tilfreds med resultaterne af mødet og ser dem som et bevis for, at energiministrene er parat til at tage yderligere skridt i integrationen af det nordiske energimarked.

– Norden er verdensførende, når det gælder bæredygtige energiløsninger. Samarbejdet, som ikke mindst illustreres af den nye vision for el-markedet, styrker denne position i en tid, hvor verdens lande tilpasser sig efter de forudsætninger, der er nødvendige for at opfylde Paris-aftalen. Det er vigtigt, at det nordiske samarbejde fungerer som et relevant instrument for landenes egne ambitiøse mål. Vi får større gennemslagskraft på den internationale scene, hvis vi arbejder sammen, siger Lehtomäki.

Da Danmark nyligt har haft valg til Folketinget, og da regeringsdannelsen skete den 27. juni, vil Danmark træffe beslutning i en senere skriftlig procedure.

Film på Plænen i Tivoli

Igen i år inviterer Tivoli i samarbejde med CPHPIX til Film på Plænen. Der er en ny film på storskærmen hver søndag i juli. Programmet indeholder masser af romantik og musik, som passer perfekt til Havens omgivelser. Filmene vises under åben himmel på Plænen's storskærm, og du er mere end velkommen til at tage et tæppe, en ven, en kæreste eller familiemedlem med i hånden. Mærk magien og kom i Tivoli med dem, du holder af - der venter store oplevelser med underholdende søndagsfilm.

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Cityringen åbner den 29. September

Metroselskabet har nu sat dato på åbningen af byens nye metro-linje. Dørene ventes at gå op søndag den 29. september 2019.

Efter mere end otte års anlægsarbejde er der nu blot tre måneder til, at Cityringen med dens 17 nye stationer kan åbne søndag den 29. september.

Arbejdet med at bygge de 17 nye stationer og få de førerløse tog til at køre er ved at være afsluttet. I perioden frem til september skal de sidste tests gennemføres og dokumenteres, og metrodriften skal køre som almindelig drift – dog uden passagerer. Dette arbejde danner grundlag for den endelige myndighedsgodkendelse, hvor der gives tilladelse til at køre med passagerer. Tilladelsen er derfor afhængig af, at tests og dokumentation er i orden, og kan først opnås kort tid før, Metroen er klar til åbning i september.

”Vi har bygget Metroen til glæde for de mange passagerer, der om kort tid vil opleve, at de kan komme nemmere og hurtigere rundt i byen. Vi er meget tæt på mål og glæder os til at kunne slå dørene op. De kommende måneder skal vi have de sidste tests på plads og køre normal metrodrift, så myndighederne får mulighed for gennemføre deres arbejde med den afgørende godkendelse til at vi må køre med passagerer, siger Metroselskabets administrerende direktør, Henrik Plougmann Olsen.

ENGLISH SUMMARY: *After more than eight years of construction work, it is now only three months before Cityringen with its 17 new stations will open on Sunday, September 29. The work of building the 17 new stations and getting the driverless trains to run is about to be completed. In the period up to September, the last tests must be carried out and documented, and the metro operation must run as ordinary operation - though without passengers. This work forms the basis for the final regulatory approval, where permission is granted for driving with passengers. The license is therefore dependent on the tests and documentation being in order and can only be obtained shortly before the Metro is ready for opening in September.*

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SUMMER BALLET AT SØLYST IN GENTOFTE, DENMARK:
For the 5th year in row, the World Ballet premiere for its summer performance was at Sølyst in Gentofte, Denmark. Eight dancers, two singers and two musicians entertained on July 10, 2019. (Photo: Hasse Ferrolld, The Danish Pioneer Newspaper's Staff Photographer)

Ti byer forvandles til een stor scene

Gigantiske dukker midt på gaden, mekanisk virtual reality-teater og en bæredygtig gadeparade... Alt det, og meget mere, kan opleves gratis under Danmarks Internationale Gadeteaterfestivaler 2019, der netop har frigivet årets program.

For sjette år i træk, forvandles gader og stræder til festlige teaterscener, når noget af det bedste indenfor internationalt gadeteater besøger ti danske byer. Danmarks Internationale Gadeteaterfestivaler har netop afsløret årets program, der består af 11 forestillinger fra Frankrig, Spanien, Holland, Canada, Australien, Chile og Argentina. Børn og voksne i alle aldre inviteres til gratis teateroplevelser i det offentlige rum fra 12. til 25. august.

”Vi glæder os til igen at dele et program med de bedste eksempler fra den internationale gadeteaterverden,” siger festivalleder Zelis Niegaard. ”Det bliver muligt at opleve gigantiske dukker midt på gaden med *Big Dancers* fra Spanien. Man kan også opleve en mekanisk virtual reality-forestilling med *Headspace* fra Holland. Med udgangspunkt i en sand historie kan man i *A Flock of Flyers* også se, hvordan Canadiske jægerpiloter måtte lære at flyve helt uden flyvemaskiner. Vi har også valgt en af verdens mest miljøvenlige og underholdende tekstilproduktioner med *The Sound of Sewing*. Tag et gammelt stykke tøj fra klædeskabet med, og få det forvandlet til et splinternyt sexet festivalklæde.”

Som noget nyt, inviterer festivalen ligeledes publikum til at deltage i en stor bæredygtig gadeparade: ”For de danseglade er det også muligt selv at være med i *franske Les PO'Boys Street Parade*. I stedet for at flyve 70 dansere til Danmark, skræddersyer vi en stor gadeparade i hver by med hjælp fra det lokale publikum. Det bliver en unik og bæredygtig opsætning, hvor publikum kan deltage som dansere sammen med et fransk brassband. Man behøver ikke at være professionel. Vi afholder en workshop inden forestillingen, hvor alle er velkomne, dog med et begrænset antal på max 70 deltagere,” siger Zelis Niegaard.

I alt gennemføres mere end 200 opsætninger, når festivalen besøger Esbjerg, Aabenraa, Randers, Silkeborg, Ikast-Brandø, Nykøbing Falster, Gentofte, København NV, Valby og Frederiksberg. Festivalen udfoldes i mindst tre byer på samme tid, så der er rig mulighed for at se forestillingerne i nabobyerne også.

”Gadeteater skaber en hyggelig, familievenlig og ren byfest i dagtimene. Alle kan nyde forestillingerne i fællesskab – ligeegyldigt om man er 3 eller 99 år. Med gadeteateret i centrum er alle med til at skabe et nyt og fantasifuldt bybillede under festivalen,” siger Zelis Niegaard.

Danmarks Internationale Gadeteaterfestivaler har eksisteret siden 2013, og gennemføres i år med både private og offentlige støttemidler.

ENGLISH SUMMARY: *For the sixth consecutive year, streets and alleys will be transformed into festive theater scenes when some of the best in international street theater visit ten Danish cities. Denmark's International Street Theater festivals have just unveiled this year's program, which consists of 11 performances from France, Spain, Holland, Canada, Australia, Chile and Argentina. Children and adults of all ages are invited for free theater experiences in the public space from August 12 to 25.*

As something new, the festival also invites the audience to participate in a large sustainable street parade: “For the dance lovers, it is also possible to participate in the French Les PO'Boys Street Parade themselves. Instead of flying 70 dancers to Denmark, a large street parade in each city will be tailored with help from the local audience. It will be a unique and sustainable setup where the audience can participate as dancers along with a French brass band. You don't have to be a professional. We hold a workshop before the show, where everyone is welcome, but with a limited number of max 70 participants,” says Zelis Niegaard.

In total more than 200 setups will be carried out when the festival visits Esbjerg, Aabenraa, Randers, Silkeborg, Ikast-Brandø, Nykøbing Falster, Gentofte, Copenhagen NV, Valby and Frederiksberg. The festival unfolds in at least three cities at the same time, so there is ample opportunity to see the performances in the neighboring towns as well. “Street theater creates a cozy, family-friendly and clean city party in the daytime. Everyone can enjoy the performances jointly - no matter if you are 3 or 99 years old. With the street theater in the center, everyone contributes to creating a new and imaginative cityscape during the festival,” says Zelis Niegaard. The International Street Theater Festivals of Denmark have existed since 2013 and are being implemented this year with both private and public funding.

Flere og større krydstogtskibe lægger til i danske havne

Ifølge Danmarks Statistik er antallet af krydstogtskibe i danske havne steget siden 2014. Uden for København er der tale om mere end en fordobling. Passagertallet tyder desuden på, at skibene er blevet større.

I 2018 lagde 520 krydstogtskibe til i de danske havne. Går man ti år tilbage til 2008 var tallet 366, hvilket svarer til en stigning på 42 procent fra 2008 til 2018. Stigningen fra 2008 til 2018 dækker over en meget forskelligartet udvikling fra år til år, men skyldes i høj grad, at havnene uden for København har fået besøg af flere krydstogtskibe siden 2014. I Københavns Havn har antallet af krydstogtskibe ligget på et relativt jævnt niveau fra 2008 til 2018. Havnen i hovedstaden er dog fortsat landets absolut mest besøgte havn, når det kommer til krydstogtskibe.

Antallet af havne med anløb af krydstogtskibe er steget. Indtil 2014 blev der hovedsageligt registreret krydstogtskibe i København, Rønne og Aarhus Havn. Men fra 2014 og frem er der også anløb i Kalundborg, Aalborg og Skagen Havn. Især de to sidstnævnte havne har oplevet stor udvikling i antallet af krydstogtskibe, der kigger forbi. I Aalborg anløb to krydstogtskibe havnen i 2014, mens det samme tal var 33 i 2018. Skagen Havn fik besøg af fem krydstogtskibe i 2014 og 43 i 2018. I perioden 2014 til 2018 har 49 krydstogtskibe også besøgt havne, der falder i kategorien øvrige havne.

Ser man på, hvor mange gennemgående passagerer - altså passagerer, der besøger Danmark og sejler videre - der er på krydstogtskibene i de danske havne, er der en generel stigning i perioden fra 2008 til 2018. Stigningen i passagertallet er mere markant end for antallet af krydstogtskibe, men tendensen er den samme. Sammenhængen tyder på, at krydstogtskibene er blevet større og dermed kan medbringe flere passagerer. Der indsamles udelukkende oplysninger om krydstogtskibenes størrelse fra de største havne, og her viser data, at krydstogtskibene generelt er blevet større - særligt i København.

ENGLISH SUMMARY: *According to Statistics Denmark, the number of cruise ships in Danish ports has increased since 2014. Outside Copenhagen it has more than doubled. The passenger number also indicates that the ships have become larger.*

In 2018, 520 cruise ships docked in the Danish ports. Going ten years back to 2008, the figure was 366, which corresponds to an increase of 42 percent from 2008 to 2018. The increase from 2008 to 2018 covers a very diverse development from year to year. In the Port of Copenhagen, the number of cruise ships has been at a relatively even level from 2008 to 2018. However, the port in the capital remains the country's most visited port when it comes to cruise ships. Until 2014, mainly cruise ships were registered in Copenhagen, Rønne and Aarhus Harbors. But from 2014 onwards there are also calls at Kalundborg, Aalborg and Skagen Harbor. Especially the two latter ports have seen great development in the number of cruise ships that are passing by.



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Wednesday, August 21: Monthly Birthday Party at The Danish Home of Chicago sponsored by Danish Brotherhood Lodge #35.

Sunday, August 25: Danish Brotherhood will have the annual Midwest District Tournament at Dwight Country Club, starting at 9 am.

Sunday, September 8: Scandinavian Day Festival at Vasa Park, Rt. 31, South Elgin, IL from 10 AM to 5 PM featuring ABBA Salute, Smorgasbandet and more. Visit www.vasaparkil.com.

Saturday, September 21: The Danish Home's Benefit Concert & Essence Award Dinner at the Oak Park Country Club at 6 PM.

Saturday, October 12: Women's Auxiliary Annual Membership Meeting/Brunch at The Danish Home of Chicago at 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, November 3: Fall Festival with Frikadelle luncheon at The Danish Home of Chicago from Noon to 3 pm.

Saturday, December 14: Annual Danish Christmas Church Service at the Edison Park Lutheran Church at 3 pm. More details to follow.



First Visit to Denmark

The Danish Home of Chicago's President/CEO Scott L. Swanson and his wife, Amy, had the chance to visit Denmark for the first time on June 30 - July 7, 2019, including a tour of the "Nursing Home of the Future" (*Fremtidens Plejehjem*) in Nørresundby and a Hospice Center in Frederikshavn. Scott and Amy also participated in the Danish American Club and Rebild events July 2 - 5 and they enjoyed the Tall Ships in Aalborg.



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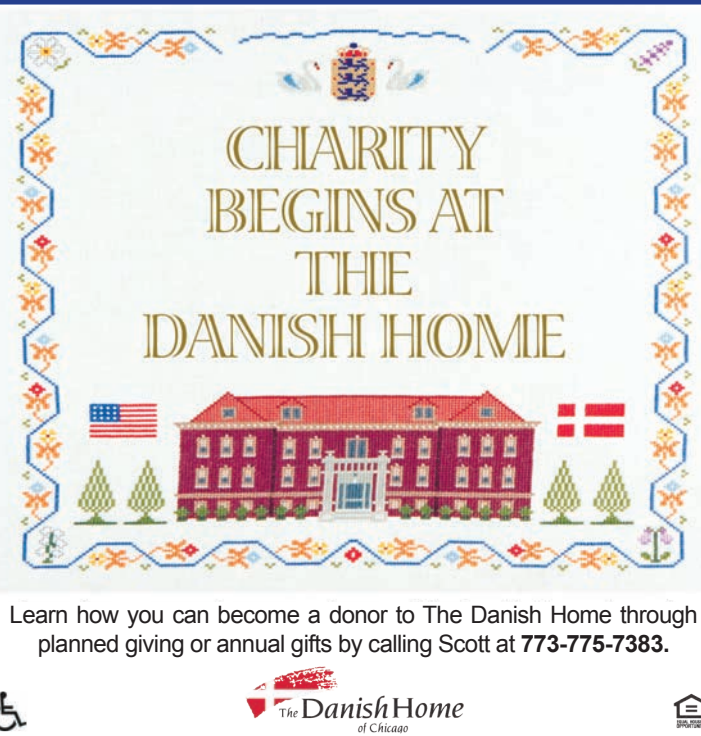
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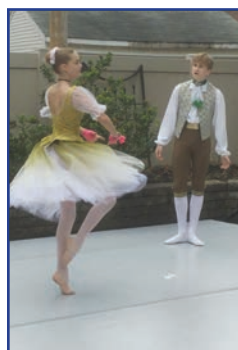
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Royal Danish Guard Society Holds 13th Annual Bird Shoot in St. Charles, Illinois

The traditional group photograph was taken on the Bailey Bridge at the Royal Danish Guards' Bird Shoot at Midwest Groundcovers in St Charles, Illinois on Sunday, June 9, 2019. (Photo courtesy of Keith Olson)

“A summer afternoon with the Scandia String Ensemble”

By Kassi Dougherty

It's June 16, and a lovely warm Sunday afternoon in Upper Manhattan. The Billings Lawn of Fort Tryon Park is a sea of wild flowers against a backdrop of a dozen different shades of green. Fans of the Scandia String Ensemble are spreading out blankets and setting up lawn chairs, even though the sky is threatening rain. Family, friends and neighbors with picnic baskets in tow, are here to enjoy the great civic tradition of an outdoor concert. It's nice to get there early and have a stroll through the heather garden, which is now in the full bloom of late Spring. It's also one of my personal favourite ways to honor the longest days of the year - the couple of weeks on either side of the summer solstice.

This is the 15th year of the Scandia Symphony's concerts in Fort Tryon Park, and it has become a tradition for the people of Washington Heights and Inwood that no one wants to miss. Thankfully, the clouds blow over, and the concert can begin. It opens with a selection from the Baroque era - an excerpt from a sinfonia by Johan Helmich Roman. A contemporary of Handel and Bach, his work is little known outside of Sweden. This is something I've come to expect from the Scandia Symphony and conductor Dorrit Matson - being introduced to Scandinavian composers that I would otherwise never get to hear. I'm also reminded of the connection to the past that classical music is, especially when played live as originally intended. How many human beings have enjoyed this sinfonia in the 250 years since it was written?

Next we move on to a contemporary piece - the Suite of Scandinavian Folk Melodies for Viola and String Orchestra, by Frank Foerster, principal violist of the New York Scandia Symphony, and the 2014 recipient of the ASCAP Composers' Award. Another tradition of the Scandia Symphony - introducing new works, by contemporary Scandinavian composers. It begins with the introduction of a traditional melody - the “Song of the Sea,” reminiscent of a sea-shanty sung by sailors in a 19th century tavern. We will hear this theme, again and again, as we move from one country to another, connecting our journey like a boat sailing the North Atlantic. From here, we proceed to Norway, in the playful, dance-like second section. Then we visit Sweden, represented with an energetic waltz. In the fourth section, we visit Denmark, with a lyrical melody that reminds one of nature, family, and home, and then to Finland, in the fifth section - beginning joyfully, but swelling to a melody line that feels deeper, and more serious. We end our journey in Iceland, with a driving bass section that adds warmth and excitement to the finale.

In the day's last selection, Ms. Matson once again introduces us to a lesser known Scandinavian gem - the Sinfonie Spirituelle of Asger Hamerik. This symphony for string orchestra was written in 1883, and is rarely performed. It really has that sense of passion and longing that you hope to hear in a piece from the Romantic era, and it left me with a wish to experience a simpler time.

You forget how powerful it can be - the act of listening and being present to musicians who are equally present, and expressing themselves in real time, right in front of you. Living in this world of dizzying change, distracted by our phones, live music is something that demands you to be fully present. You can't hit pause, or add it to a playlist, or go back and listen again when you have the time. It can only be enjoyed in real time. You must sit and listen. The New York Scandia Symphony's A Musical Journey Through Scandinavia Fort Tryon Park Summer concert series, is an opportunity for the whole community - all ages and walks of life - to enjoy something together. As our lives become more and more insular, it's a chance to join with our neighbors in a friendly sense of communion - face to face, and picnic basket to picnic basket.

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Danish National Committee

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By Danish National Committee Secretary Arne Brinkland –

See The Danish National Committee website for details: www.dnscocal.org

July 2019

The Danish Brotherhood, on vacation July & August

The Danish Soldiers Club, no meeting in July.

August 2019

Friday, August 2: The Danish Soldiers Club, Extra ordinary lunch meeting & Election of officers, the Alamo.

Friday, August 9: The LA Naver Club, dinner & meeting, social 5:30 pm, Monrovia.

Sunday, August 11: The Danish Sisterhood, Lunch and social, private house.

Monday August 19: The Danish Lunch Club, Lunch and meeting, the Alamo.

Friday, August 30, 31 & September 1: Orange International Street Fair. Visit Danish Street downtown Orange.

September 2019

Friday, September 13: LA Naver Club dinner/meeting.

Sunday, September 29: LA Naver Club picnic.

Danish Church & Cultural Center, YL

Church services are held every Sunday at 11 am followed by lunch unless otherwise specified.

Every second Sunday from October through May, we offer Danish Services at 3 pm. These services are officiated in Danish but we do provide translated sermons for non-danish worshippers.

Please contact Pastor Anne-Grethe Krogh Nielsen info@danish-churchsocal.com

Sunday, July 21: Sunday Service and lunch at 11 am.

Sunday, July 28: Sunday Service and lunch at 11 am, followed by Semi Annual Meeting.

Genealogy Center Manager Wanted Application Deadline: July 31, 2019

The Museum of Danish America in Elk Horn, Iowa is seeking a personable, organized and energetic individual to do genealogy research and manage the genealogy department of a national ethnic institution situated in beautiful rural western Iowa. The Genealogy Center houses a non-circulating reference collection serving both museum staff and programming as well as researchers interested in Danish-American immigration, family history, and genealogy. The Genealogy Center Manager is responsible for day-to-day operations of the department, including but not limited to: coordinating research and translation requests; communicating with patrons via phone, written correspondence, and in person; recruiting and supervising department staff, volunteers, and interns; and delivering public programs onsite and offsite. This position is full time with a benefits package that includes paid vacation, sick leave, and health insurance.

Established in 1983, the Museum of Danish America (formerly known as The Danish Immigrant Museum) is located midway between Des Moines, IA and Omaha, NE on 35 acres of recreated prairie in the heart of the largest rural settlement of Danes in the United States. The museum's mission is to celebrate Danish roots and American dreams and is the only accredited national museum dedicated to collecting and interpreting the Danish-American experience. Guidance is provided by a twenty-five member Board of Directors from across the United States and Denmark. The museum has a collection of over 30,000 artifacts, an active traveling exhibit program, and a membership of over 3,000 from across the United States, Denmark and seven other countries. It has a staff of eleven full-time employees, six part-time employees and an active internship program hosting up to four Danish graduate students and an American graduate student annually.

For a complete job description, visit www.danishmuseum.org/visit/about/employment

WISCONSIN NEWS:

Upcoming Events:

* Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, WI meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm at the lodge hall, 2206 63rd Street, Kenosha. Call 262-657-9781 or visit www.danishbrotherhood.us.

* Danish Sisterhood Lodge No. 15, Milwaukee, WI meets the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm. Please contact secretary Ann-Marie Bergman about upcoming events by emailing annmarieccc@gmail.com.

* Danish Sisterhood Lodge No. 20, Kenosha, WI is holding regular meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at the Festival Foods Community Room. Call Betty Lasch at 262-554-0278 for info.

Danish Brotherhood

Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI

1st and 3rd Fridays of each month BINGO NIGHT:

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Wednesday, July 31: Supper Club - Cocktail service begins at 6:00 p.m. Dinner is served at 7:00 p.m. Menu: Stuffed Cornish Hen. Stink Cheese is only \$4.00 extra! Only \$14 per person.

Open to the public! Open to women and children! Call lodge for reservations.

Sunday, August 4: Arlington Horse Race Trip. If you are planning on attending please reserve early. This is always a sell out! All for just \$48.00! First to sign up will go! Contact the Lodge at 657-9781 or 657-3895

Dronning Margrethe Lodge #15, Milwaukee, WI

Wednesday, July 17: Join the hunt, when the Sisterhood will journey to the Morton Arboretum in Lisle, Illinois to travel throughout the forest to hunt for six colossal trolls crafted from reclaimed wood by Danish Artist Thomas Dambo.

Sunday, August 25: Sisterhood Summer Picnic at the Home of Sandy Simon at 12 noon.

Wednesday, September 18: Scandinavian Women in an Home of Ruth Ann Higgins at 6:30 pm. Historic Perspective by Nellie Schmidt

Wednesday, October 16: The Whimsical World of Bjorn Winblad at 6:30 pm - Home of Randy Hayward

November: Annual Craft Meeting held with Kenosha Lodge. Place and time to be determined

Wednesday, December 18: Annual Christmas Party.

MINNESOTA NEWS

Come Visit DAC in Minnesota

Are you looking at getting in touch with your Danish heritage and become part of the Danish community in Minnesota?

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Upcoming Events at DAC in Minneapolis - See www.dac.mn

Wednesdays from 10 am Mahjongg at DAC.

Wednesday, August 21 - 25: 73rd Annual Danebod Fold Meeting at the Danebod Folk School in Tyler.



Winners of the annual Dane of the Year award were Paul Jensen (left) and Peter Gantriss (right). Ginny Leppart (center) chaired the selection committee. Paul and Peter served as the chairs for Danish Day in the past three years and have volunteered many hours serving on the board and at the various events at the Danish American Center. Their families have strong roots in the Danish American community.



Conversations with new comers and long timers took place around the grounds. Here Paul Lyndgaard (left) visits with Susanna and Poul Bertelsen (right) as he is taught the proper order to eat the meal in Danish style.

Minneapolis Danish Day 2019

Story and photos by Tina Paulsen and by Diane Greve, Minnesota Local Editor

The 2019 Danish Day in Minneapolis was a big success thanks to hard working volunteers, enthusiastic attendees and a perfect weather day. As, according to legend, the Dannebrog is now 800 years old, the theme for the day centered around the Danish flag. A new Dannebrog was raised next to the Danish American Center and Erik Bruun told the story of the battle in which the flag fell from the sky to help Denmark win.

Rikke Dierssen-Morice, Honorary Consul of Denmark in Minneapolis spoke of the new Danish ambassador to the USA and possible future visit to Minnesota. Anne Marie Sawkins, Honorary Consul of Denmark in Wisconsin spoke of the events in Milwaukee.

Several vendors and displays were present as well as the Viking Club encampment. Mange tak to Christina Zettel who took on the role of chair for the event, to Rikke Dierssen-Morice with Ted and Annette Jaeger who organized the making of 400 smørrebrød and to Gitte Mohr for supervising their authenticity, and to Cathy Mahowald who organized the bakery and Svea Ernst who oversaw and conducted much of the baking.



(The photo of the smørrebrød is credited to Tina Paulsen.)



The line formed to come and select the smørrebrød of one's choice!



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Every Sunday morning at 11 am: A service is held at The Danish Seamen's Church in Brooklyn, New York. See www.dskny.org.

Friday meetings for Danish Brotherhood Lodge #325 in 2019
in the American Legion Hall, Malverne, NY will be Sept. 13, Oct. 11 and Dec. 13, 2019. INFO: Birgit Jacobsen at 516-593-5358 or birgitj@optonline.net

Now through October 12: Cutting Edges: Nordic Concrete Art from the Erling Neby Collection presents key works in painting, graphics and sculpture by artists including Richard Mortensen and Robert Jacobsen from Denmark.

Every Saturday in July, August and September: Storytellers from the Hans Christian Andersen Story Telling Center will perform at the Hans Christian Andersen statue in Central Park. The program is free. The program lasts an hour from 11 am to 12 pm and is geared for children six years and up. Parents or guardians are required to sit with their children, and the storytelling is held rain or shine at 72nd Street and Fifth Avenue in Central Park.

Sunday, September 22: Danish Home, Edison NJ will hold a Harvest Festival. More information at a later date.

Danish Home & DANE Archive & Museum, Edison, New Jersey

The Danish Home located at 855 New Durham Rd. Edison NJ is a Cultural & Heritage Center housing an archive and museum. DANE offers a museum as well as genealogy research and is open to the public Tuesdays and Thursdays or by appointment. Information can be gotten by calling 732-287-6445, danenj@aol.com or visiting DANE website: <http://sites.rootsweb.com/~njdane/>. Information about events at the Danish Home can be had by calling 732-287-9855.

North East Events in June

Most of the Lodges are taking a break for the Summer months of July and August. It is vacation time and lots of members are away.

The Home Board, since its very beginning in 1914 meets every month on the second Sunday of the month. The exception to this is the month of May. It is when we have our Annual Memorial Service. These Services were started by Elsie Stub when the Mausoleum was built and completed in 1953. It is a time of remembrance for all our Lodge members who have passed on. There was a sizable gathering in attention.

On Saturday June 29th Lodge 36 Freja and Lodge 46 Thor held a joint picnic. This is a very nice way to get together and honor our young people. DDS Lodge 36 announced scholarships were awarded to Nicholas Eldridge, Courtney Little & Nicholas Smythe. DBIA Lodge 46 Thor awarded scholarships to Nicholas Eldridge, Courtney Little, and Mathew Nielsen.

Congratulations to all the recipients. We wish them all much success in their studies and great achievement in their future endeavors. Their parents and grandparents are to be congratulated as well.

Hope everyone has a good, fun-filled Summer with family and friends. See you in September.

DANE's newest exhibit is located in the West Wing hall of the Danish Home. A complete set of framed Danish Christmas stamps was donated by Ellen and Manfred Schneider. Each year Denmark issues special stamps for the *Jule* season. We Danes here in the United States also follows in this tradition. Special thanks go to Wendy and Bill Hudson and Chris Svane for mounting the display.

All of St. Stephen's Danish Lutheran Church photos and articles have been scanned. These are excellent references for research and will be part of a future exhibit.

Grundlovsdag celebrated at the Danish Home, Croton-on-Hudson, NY with perfect weather

The weather was perfect for Grundlovsdag! The food was wonderful, Ellen Lindstrom and the Meatballs entertained. We enjoyed reviewing the Dannebrog 800 banner exhibit lent by the Museum of Danish America, and displayed some of our oldest flags, including the first to fly over the Home in Brooklyn in 1906. We said *farvel* to Herb "Herky" Mathiasen, associated with the Home for more than 50 years as volunteer, board member, president and resident, as he is moving to Texas.

Delightful Maine: Fourth of July 2019 enjoyed in small-town Celebration in Lubec, Maine

By Kirsten Philippides,
New York Local Editor

When the temperatures rise to uncomfortable degrees in Manhattan, Maine always just hits the spot with its welcoming hospitality, long, dramatic coastline and cool temperatures.

My family owns a delightful seaside cottage in Lubec, ten minutes from the Canadian border. It is our refuge and joy when the heat reaches uncomfortable heights in New York City. It is somewhat remote, requiring a fifty minute plane ride to Bangor International Airport and then a 2 ½ hour ride in a rented vehicle. We usually arrive at obscure hours, often necessitating a long nocturnal ride, arriving at ungodly hours. Departures also mostly take place at the wee hours of the morning, and only after large amount of strong coffee for fortification of the driver. Our trusty friend Joe at the airport is often on hand to greet us with a happy "Welcome to Maine". This time tickets were at a premium, necessitating Joe to announce 900 dollar gift checks in return for giving up a seat. (What he forgot to mention was that the tickets are so hard to come by at this premium time of the summer that takers might consider the possibility of having to spend the next three days put up in a hotel, unable to make it out sooner). The ticket price rises to uncomfortable heights during this most popular time of the year. We were not tempted, however enticing the offer.

This time my family had invited a houseful of family and friends for our first full-fledged Fourth of July vacation.

Lubec is a very small fishing village, formerly known for its sardine industry, now long time gone. It is a very sleepy town during the winter months, reaching its peak during the summer months when the seasonal residents and residents from Texas and California flock to enjoy its exquisite seafood, scallops, lobster and fried clams and most of all its delightful cool temperatures. Make no mistake about it, its beaches do not invite to cool dips, they are far too cold for swimming. The beaches bear no resemblance to Jones Beach's sandy stretches.

All throughout the busy summer months SUMMER KEYS lures all manner of music students and professional musicians, participating in music workshops through the summer months, delighting the Village



Birgitte and John in their backyard producing a proper menu consisting of baked potatoes, barbecued corn, hot dogs and hamburgers.



The Fourth of July Parade itself before the dinner.

with sophisticated musical entertainment.

Plein-air artists are also found painting the many enticing landscapes. Many local art galleries sell the results of their efforts to the visiting tourists.

Naturally, no proper Fourth of July festivities without a parade! Its participants proudly paraded in all the firetrucks and other Important vehicles through Main Street, all dressed up appropriately in red, blue and white. Our house was also fixed up properly, displaying a large American flag and bunting on all fences.

The kids were scrambling to

pick up the candy the parade folks dispensed along the route.

After the hot dogs and hamburgers were consumed in the backyard we scrambled to view the considerable fireworks coming from the barge anchored up in Johnson Bay.

Well, the fireworks provoked oh's and ah's from the crowd, especially from some of the children visiting us who had never seen fireworks before.

A lovely typical small time USA Fourth of July Celebration which was probably more enjoyed by us because of the facility of viewing. It beat the huge crowds we normally have to endure in Manhattan.

New Grant in Support of Scandinavia House

At the Executive Trustee meeting in March ASF President Edward Gallagher announced that the Jane and Aatos Erkkö Foundation has made a grant of \$750,000 in support of the Scandinavia House Renewal Initiative, which has been undertaken in anticipation of the 20th anniversary opening of the building in October 2020.

In recognition of this generous grant, the Park Avenue staircase of Scandinavia House will be named in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Erkkö. Jane Erkkö was an Overseas Advisory Trustee of ASF from 1997 until 2014 and Aatos Erkkö was an Overseas Advisory Trustee from 1986 until 1992.

The Scandinavia House Renewal Initiative will support the building refurbishment and enhancement, as well as technical upgrades that will further establish Scandinavia House as the primary resource for New Yorkers and visitors seeking to experience and learn about all aspects of Nordic life and culture.



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Smil.....

Per havde geografitime og blev spurg om, hvorfra storm og uvejr kommer.

- Det kommer fra bedstemor, svarede drengen.

- Hvad mener du med det? spurgte læreren.

- Jo, hver gang det bliver uvejr, siger hun, at det har siddet i hendes krop i mange dage.

Bare i dag. . .

Vil jeg gøre et alvorligt forsøg på at være mod andre, som jeg gerne vil, de skal være mod mig. Jeg vil være optimist og ikke lade mig påvirke af noget, som er negativt.

Bare i dag. . .

Vil jeg prøve at finde det gode, som jeg ved findes i alle mennesker uden undtagelse.

Bare i dag. . .

Vil jeg være venlig og hjælpsom mod alle, jeg møder, og kun tænke kærlige tanker. Jeg vil bestræbe mig på at huske, at der er en mening med alt . . . også selvom det ikke går efter mine ønsker.

Bare i dag. . .

For en enkelt dag må det kunne lade sig gøre. Det vil jeg sige til mig selv.

- Nu bliver der oprettet komiteer, som skal forhindre lægerne i at foretage ukontrollerede forsøg med patienterne.

- Så mangler vi bare en komitee, der kan forhindre regeringen i at gøre det samme med skatteborgerne.

- Hvad ønsker du dig til din 18-års fødselsdag, Susanne?

-En stereoradio - med en bil udenom.

Smile.....

A farmer was out working in his field one day, when a carload of politicians came flying by. They were going too fast for the curve and turned over in the ditch. Later the sheriff stopped by and asked the farmer if he had seen the car.

- Yep, replied the farmer.

- Where are they? asked the sheriff.

- Over there, replied the farmer, pointing to the ditch filled with fresh dirt.

- You buried them? asked the sheriff.- Were they still alive?

The farmer answered: - They said they were, but you know how those people lie.

- I used to think I was poor. Then they told me I wasn't poor, I was needy. Then they told me it was self-defeating to think of myself as needy. I was deprived. Then they told me that underprivileged was overused. I was disadvantaged. I still don't have a dime, but I have a great vocabulary!

Just as the elderly woman was turning her Mercedes into a parking-space at the mall, she was edged out by a red Firebird.

- You've got to be young and fast, jeered the teenaged driver as he jumped out from behind the wheel.

The woman reversed, revved her engine and rammed the Firebird. As the Mercedes reversed and headed for his car again, the teenager turned and gaped, then ran over and banged on the woman's window. -

- What the hell do you think you're doing? he screeched.

She smiled sweetly and explained: - You've got to be old and rich.

Midsommer celebrated by Danish Sisterhood Kathrine Lodge #20 in Kenosha, Wisconsin

Submitted by Jim and Anna Nielsen (secretary of Kathrine Lodge #20)

Many greetings from your long time Danish friend Jim and daughter Anna Nielsen from Racine, Wisconsin and another Midsommers Eve greeting to you all. I would again like to write to you telling you of one of the finest Midsommers Eve Events the Racine/Kenosha Danish Sisterhood Katherine Lodge #20 has ever experienced. My daughter Anna Marie Nielsen, the secretary of the Katherine Lodge, stepped up above all expectation in securing one of the best restaurants in Racine, Wisconsin for the purpose of providing a 2-day event of celebration for the entire Danish community of Racine, Kenosha, Milwaukee, and Chicago areas. The Ivanhoe Pub and Eatery, 231 Main St. in Racine was the location of the event. The restaurant's most gracious owner and host of our celebration, Douglas Nicholson, provided everyone some of the finest of authentic Danish cuisine seen in Racine and Kenosha areas in a very long time. A 2-day event was held both Saturday and Sunday evening June 22, 6:00 to 10:00 pm and June 23, 2019, 5:00 to 9:00 pm with a "Sold Out" number of Danes in attendance. National Trustee, Karin Wasler, from the Danish Sisterhood of America attended the Saturday celebration, originating all the way from Los Angeles, California.

A most spectacular four course dinner started out with 3 selections of Smørrebrød: *gravad lax med dill og citron, leverpostej med agurk, bægstrenger og svampe*, and *Dansk blåst med kandiserede valnødder*

og druer. This course was followed by *Kartoffel og porresuppe med selleri*.

Everyone was given a choice of one of three main course selections: *medisterpølse, torsk med senep sovs, eller frikadeller*. All entrees came with *Stuvete ærter og gulrødder* (creamed peas and carrots in white sauce) and choice of *Brunede Kartoffler* (caramelized potatoes) or *Stuvete Kartoffler* (parsley creamed potatoes). The frikadeller and medisterpølse also came with homemade Rødkål, (Red Cabbage). Finally, the meal was finished with a sweet dessert of *Brødbudding med Cognac Sovs* (bread pudding with brandy sauce).

Flights of a selection snaps including Aalborg Jubilæum, Aalborg Taffel, Celebration or Northshore Akvavit were available along with imperial glasses filled to the rim of the finest of øl (Beer) on earth, Carlsberg on tap.

There was 10 very large and very full raffle baskets of authentic Danish products provided such as Danish books, Racine's authentic famous Danish kringles, B&G and Royal København plates, Danish Flags and dolls, a Bloody Mary basket with all the makings, and an Akvavit basket, provided by our host Doug Nicholson that literally topped the evening off like no other.

I would like to thank our good friend Doug Nicholson and all of his hard working associates, Anna Marie Nielsen for her constant drive and ambition and all of the loyal Danish Sisterhood Katherine Lodge

#20 members who provided a most magical evening for the entire Danish Community of the Southeastern Wisconsin.

Lastly, I thank Elsa, Linda and Elizabeth Steffensen for their continued dedication to the Danish communities throughout America and Danmark alike. *Mange tusind tak til jer alle.*



All enjoyed the Danish dinner.



Lillian Andersen & Anna Nielsen



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