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Balboa Park, San Diego



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Mark Your Calendars

Saturday, February 6

FASTELAVN (Danish Carnival).

Dress up and join us at 2:30 p.m. on the lawn of the International Village by the House of Denmark. Bring twigs for *fastelavnsris*!



Saturday, March 19

PÅSKEKLIP (Easter crafts) at 2:00 at the Cottage or Hall of Nations.

Sunday, May 8

The House of Denmark's **LAWN PROGRAM**.

Sunday, May 29

ETHNIC FOOD FAIR in the International Village. We turn the Cottage into a great Danish bake sale.

Saturday, June 25

SKT. HANS (midsummer celebration) at the beach.

Membership Dues

House of Denmark membership dues are:

Single member: \$20
Couple/family: \$30

Please don't forget to pay your dues!



Happy New Year

The House of Denmark's fiscal year follows the calendar year, so it's now time to submit dues for 2016. If you haven't already done so, please take a moment to write a check and send it to Charlotte. The address and information you need are on the back page of this newsletter.

Board members also serve for one calendar year at a time. This year, we bid a warm welcome to Heidi, Randy, and Gert. We're excited to have you on board! We also say a sad goodbye to Anne and Kevin. Thank you, both, for your many years of exceptional service.

Danes Have Top Game

Subway Surfers, which is produced by the Danish company Kiloo, was 2015's most downloaded game. Based in Aarhus, Kiloo is owned and operated by brothers Jacob and Simon Møller. The company has about 100 employees.

According to the analytics company App Annie, downloads at Apple's App Store and Google Play combined to make Kiloo's hit game the number one.

Subway Surfers is a 'freemium game', which means it is free to download and play while offering in-app purchases.

Even though Subway Surfers was the most downloaded game, it was not one of the top ten highest earners.

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Cottage Hosting Schedule

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Heidi & Scott Campbell

February 14

Eugene Davis & Marie-Louise Harms

February 21

Gary Rold

February 28

Erik Rasmussen

March 2016

March 6

Erick Albretsen

March 13

Lene Rickey

March 20

Eric & Janet Deitz

March 27

Kathy Shumway

April 2016

April 3

Joy & Justin Clarke, Anne Goldman

April 10

Niels Lund

April 17 (Earth Day)

Margit Bøjstrup

April 24

Betty & Tom Jensen

May 2016

May 1

Hanne & Leif LeLoup

May 8

House of Denmark Lawn Program

May 15

Peter Shah & Henriette Franck

May 22

Elsa Jensen

May 29

Ethnic Food Fair

Nielsen Beats Jensen

As of this year, referring to the quintessential Danish couple as Mr. and Mrs. Jensen may be a bit old-fashioned.

Statistics Denmark revealed this month that, for the first time since the agency began keeping official records, Nielsen is the most popular last name in Denmark.

Of the nearly 5.7 million Danes, 255,138 people are named Nielsen, topping the 254,675 Jensens. Rounding out the top five were the family names Hansen, Pedersen and Andersen. All five names have decreased in number since 2002.



Please provide juice, coffee, cake and/or treats when you are the host at the cottage.

If you find you cannot host from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. on the listed date, please arrange to trade with another member.

Among Denmark's entire population, 48 percent have last names ending with -sen. Thirty years ago, that number was 66 percent.

Peter and Jens are the most popular first names for men, while Anne and Kirsten are the most frequent amongst women.

Among 15-year-olds, the most common names are Julie and Mathias. Emma and William are the most popular names for newborns.

The average first time mother is 29, and the average first time bride is 32. Danish men are almost 35 years old, on average, when they marry for the first time, making them the oldest in the world in that category.

45% of 35-year-old Danish women hold a college degree versus only 31% of men. The country's unemployment rate is 4.5%.

The average Dane spends almost three hours per day watching TV and borrows five books at the library each year. 10% of all Danes are members of a soccer club, and 41% of children ages 7-14 play the sport regularly. Gymnastics is the second most popular organized sport, followed by swimming, badminton, and team handball.

The Danes' favorite destination for a vacation outside Denmark is Spain.

89% of Denmark's inhabitants are of Danish heritage, while the remaining 11% are immigrants and their descendents.

About 78% of the population is a member of the Danish State Church (Folkekirken). The number of people giving up membership each year was on the rise until 2012 but is now falling.

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WHAT'S COMING UP

Fastelavn (Danish Carnival) 2/6



We celebrate the Danish tradition of Fastelavn:

**Saturday, February 6th,
from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.
at the House of Denmark
Cottage and on the Lawn**

We are looking forward to seeing the children in their costumes - and adults, too, if they feel like it. The children will be invited to beat a barrel with a bat ('slå katten af

tønden') to make the goodies inside fall out. There will be a chance for everybody to make 'fastelavnssris' (a traditional craft for the season), and to share 'fastelavnsboller' (lenten buns).

Please bring your own twigs for the 'fastelavnssris'!

Participation is free to members of the House of Denmark. Guests (children as well as adults) may join the fun for \$5.00 per person.

Påskeklip (Easter Craft Event) 3/19

Come celebrate spring with traditional Danish Easter crafts

**Saturday, March 19th,
at 2:00 p.m.
at the Cottage or
Hall of Nations**

Enjoy a few treats together and get a chance to make gækkebreve and Easter decorations. Fun for the whole family!

We look forward to seeing you!



Lawn Program 5/8

We celebrate *grundlovsdag* and host the entertainment on the lawn

**Sunday, May 8th,
noon to 4:00 p.m.**

The entertainment is from 2:00 to 3:15. The program will be of interest to the whole family.

This is an important fund raiser for

us and there is a lot to do. If you are able to help, Oda would love to hear from you at

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We hope to enlist our friends from the San Diego Lego Users' Group and the Guardians of Midgaard again, and we will be serving a Danish meal from the Cottage so

visitors get a chance to sample our cuisine.

The bbq will be sizzling, and Danes will take the stage in front of the audience on the lawn.

Come join us for a festive afternoon!

Food Fair 5/29

We turn the Cottage into a wonderful Danish bakery

**Sunday, May 29th,
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

The International Cottages host the annual Ethnic Food Fair starting at 10:00 a.m.

Over 30 nationalities serve their traditional foods as stage performers share music and dance from many different countries.



Please consider giving a hand at the Cottage. Volunteering opportunities start at 10:00 a.m.

If you can bake, we'd love your help!

Even if you cannot join us at the Cottage, your baked goods are much appreciated, as long as we can work out a way to get them there.

2016 House of Denmark Membership

Name: _____ New member
Street address: _____ Membership renewal
City, state, zip: _____
e-mail: _____ Tel: _____

How many times a year do you want to host the House of Denmark? 1 2 3 more ____

Hosting is essential to the survival of our organization. If you have questions or concerns about it, please let us know.

Amount enclosed: \$20.00 Single membership
 \$30.00 Family/couple membership
 \$_____ Donation for the House of Denmark

Please fill out with your updated information and return to: Charlotte Carroll
6233 Lake Alamor Avenue
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With your member's fee, you get:

- The newsletter, keeping you informed and entertained.
- Participation in great House of Denmark events.

The House of Denmark promotes the knowledge of Denmark and its culture and provides a venue where we can

come together, enjoy Danish traditions, connect, and get a warm dose of 'hygge'.

None of this is possible without you, our members.

Don't forget to renew your membership, which is due at the beginning of the year.

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