

House of Denmark

Newsletter May 2018



Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

Ethnic Food Fair

Sunday May 27, 11 am – 5 pm

House of Denmark joins with the other Houses in the International Village to share traditional dishes and entertainment. We'll be making and selling Æbleskiver (although on a smaller scale than December Nights).

We need volunteers to help with baking, serving, and selling the æbleskiver, so please come to the park and give us a hand for a couple of hours. If you are able to help out, please contact Oda Audish at (858) 254-6295 or at odaaudish@gmail.com. It is also an opportunity to try some delicious food from one of the Houses that you may not have tried before.

Lawn Program

Saturday June 2, 11 am – 5 pm

Our Lawn Program is back to its traditional date – the weekend closest to Grundlovsdag (Constitution Day), although on a **Saturday** rather than a Sunday so that we can avoid the Rock 'n Roll Marathon. We have some exciting things planned:

Reenactment group *The Guardians of Midgard* will be setting up their Viking Village on the lawn and there likely

will be some Viking battles and mayhem happening.



The San Diego Lego Users Group (Sandlug) will set up some of their amazing Lego creations.

At 2 p.m. our stage program will start



including a performance by world-renowned storyteller Randel McGee

portraying Hans Christian Andersen – he will entertain by telling stories while making paperclips. Local jazz band *Hot Buttered Biscuit* will entertain with music.



And you don't want to miss the food that will be for sale, including

frikadeller (meatballs), medisterpølse (sausage), rødkål (red cabbage),

potato salad, and pølser (hotdogs) with remoulade and crispy onions. There will be Kringle and other delicious goodies. Please contact Oda Audish at (858) 254-6295 or at

odaudish@gmail.com if you are able to help out.

Sankt Hans Aften (Midsummer Eve)

Saturday, June 23rd

East Mission Bay

Join us on the beach for hygge, *snobrød* and songs and to see the witch fly off to Bloksbjerg.



We will be sending out our "scouts" early in the morning to secure a fire pit near East Mission Bay Drive south of the Mission Bay Park Visitor Information Center and north of the Hilton. To find us, exit I5 at Clairemont Drive/Mission Bay Drive, then go west towards the bay, turn left at the stop sign and look for a Danish flag.

Bring a blanket or beach chairs, a picnic dinner and dough and sticks for *snobrød* (s'mores are also welcome); and feel

free to come early and enjoy the afternoon or the day on the beach. We'll have some firewood but we're happy if you bring more.

Remember to bring something warm to wear when it cools down, and don't forget your sunscreen.



Summertime at Danish Church and Cultural Center in Yorba Linda

Sunday, June 24, 2018 11:00 AM to Wednesday, June 27, 2018 8:00 PM



The Danish Lutheran Church and Cultural Center in Yorba Linda offers a "Royal Danish Summer Camp" for children ages 5 to 13 years where they learn about Denmark and its traditions. For more information about these fun-filled days, please contact the Church and Cultural Center at (714) 993-6362 or info@danishchurchsocal.com.

House of Denmark offers a stipend for each participating child of its members. If you have a child who plans on attending, please send Randy Nielsen an email at rgniel7@gmail.com.

Nordic Heritage Night at Petco Park

Friday, August 31 San Diego Padres vs Colorado Rockies at 7:10pm

San Diego Padres is having a Nordic Heritage Nights. Padres is offering us discounted ticket prices in Section 231 for \$23.50 per ticket and will give away a customized Heritage Night hat featuring the Nordic Countries to the first 500 tickets. House of Denmark will be purchasing a block of tickets so you avoid the processing fee and so we can sit together and proudly display our red and white colors (if you don't have a Padres shirt).

The various Houses representing the Nordic Houses are planning a tailgate party starting at 4 p.m. More info will follow so we can determine how many tickets to buy up front.

Have you seen the Cottage lately?

The cottage has had a freshening up, with new paint and new flooring. The Board is working on replacement curtains and also some new furniture pieces. Pix to come.



Membership Dues Reminder

If you haven't sent in your membership dues for 2018 yet, we'll still be happy to receive them. The dues are \$20 for an individual membership and \$30 for a family.

Please send payment to Treasurer

Charlotte Carroll
6233 Lake Alamor Ave
San Diego, CA 92119

The PayPal link on our website is not currently working; we hope to have an updated website shortly. If you would like to pay via PayPal, you can direct the payment to Paypal@houseofdenmark.org. Or email Charlotte at harliec@cox.net and she can send you an invoice through PayPal.



Events held in early 2018:

Fastelavn



We celebrated a chilly Fastelavn with friends and family at the cottage. Most of the children showed up in costume (witches, princesses, superheroes, and dragons). After the traditional decorating of branches, all the children took turns batting the wooden barrel suspended from a tree. Oda Audish led some songs and reviewed the rules for the whacking the barrel. The barrel finally broke raining candy on the ground. Once the children picked up the candy everyone went inside the cottage for refreshments (coffee, tea, at least four varieties of Fastelavnsboller and cookies) and more visiting. Everyone seemed to have a good time.



Påskebord – Easter

The Hall of Nations was transformed into a banquet room full of tables with tablecloths and Easter decorations. Heidi Campbell ran the crafts table while others visited. The menu included Det Store Kolde Bord (the big cold table)



favorites such as pickled herring, medisterpølse, frikadeller, shrimp and eggs, ham and Italian salad, as well as potato and green salads. This was followed by cheese, fruit, and several desserts, including citronfromage (lemon mousse) and Ris à l'amande which we missed out on at the Julefest. So no one went home hungry. Jonathan Davis (son of members Lorelee and David Evans) was asked to share some of his observations after returning from his 2 year ministry mission in Denmark. The things he will miss the most were the baked goods, Danish sarcasm, and Hamlet's castle. About 60 people showed up to celebrate together making this a very successful first time event.

Hosting Updates

Thank you to all for helping us meet the City of San Diego's requirement of opening the Cottage on both Saturday and Sunday and for an additional hour. The new requirements have been a challenge for all of us, especially our hard-working Hosting Coordinators, Janni Pedersen (619) 784-9940 / pedersenjanni@gmail.com and Oda Audish (858) 254-6295 / odaaudish@gmail.com.

Flexible Hours – You now have the option of opening the Cottage at 11:00 instead of noon. The Cottage needs to be open for 5 hours, so if you open at 11:00 then you may close at 4:00. This allows for some flexibility in case of traffic or parking challenges. The Cottage must be open by noon in order to meet the 5-hour requirement.

Serving Treats – With the recent hepatitis outbreak, the County Health Department added some additional rules relating to serving food to the public. Rather than placing a tray of treats/food on the counter and letting the public serve themselves, the County is requiring that the items are either handed directly to the visitor by the host, or be individually wrapped. There are plastic sandwich bags on the counter that you can place your cookies or other goodies in.

Did you Know - ?

Grundlovsdag (Constitution Day), observed on June 5, commemorates the signing of the Danish Constitution of 1849 which establishes Denmark as a constitutional monarchy. The Act outlines the citizens' rights or human rights such as freedom of expression and freedom of assembly, which is intended to protect citizens against infringement of their rights by the State.



"This was something Danish defendants of frihed (freedom) had been dreaming of for decades: King Frederik 7 putting his quill to a piece of paper, agreeing to share his power with a regering (government) that was to be elected by the citizens. It was the end of enevælden (Absolute Monarchy, literally 'the absolute monarchy'), and the beginning of democracy in Denmark. The King was still there to sign laws and wave to people from his cart. But he was no longer a dictator." (Blogpost by Bjørn A. Bojesen on Jun 5, 2012).