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NWDA's New "Wall of Honor"

Updates from the 2017 Annual Dinner and Membership Meeting



Image: NWDA's new 'Wall of Honor'

The annual dinner of the Northwest Danish Association (NWDA) on Saturday, September 30th turned into an evening of appreciation and fellowship. The planned program included a three course meal, drinks, and live music. However, the evening also unveiled a few surprises.

Kenneth Olsen presented surprise awards in a mini ceremony after dinner to the most outstanding volunteers of NWDA, individuals who have deserved recognition for their endless hours of service to the organization over the span of many years. Kenneth

organized and presented these awards with Line Larsen. The lack of a symbol of appreciation in the organization of the grand efforts by certain individuals is what drove this idea to honor outstanding contributions. As Kenneth said, there have already been a few people from the past we may have missed, but now we have a chance to honor some of the people who are still around and continue to put their hearts and souls into the organization.

The individuals picked by Kenneth and Line for the first round of awards were Edith and Frank Christensen, Otto and Minna Brask, and Joe Matsen. They were commended for the passionate work they have put into NWDA, committing an astounding service to the organization for many years on a voluntary basis. Edith, Frank, Otto, Minna, and Joe were given awards to take home and their names have been en-



Photo: Kenneth and Line presenting awards to Joe Matsen and Edith and Frank Christensen

graved on the first three spots on a plaque that will be on display in the Seattle Danish Center (also known as Harmony Hall) in NWDA's building. (Otto and Minna unfortunately were not able to attend to receive their awards at the ceremony, but were given their awards later). Awards will be given each year to leading supporters of NWDA to honor the altruistic work done by individuals to keep the organization and its programs active.

The Annual Dinner

The annual dinner hosted by NWDA takes place each fall following the organization's annual membership meeting. 65 people attended the dinner this year, some were new faces in the organization and others were long standing members.

The evening festivities began around 5:00 pm after the meeting adjourned. Guests enjoyed their drinks and smells from the kitchen began to fill the room as chef Jørn Mathiasen was hard at work cooking up a delicious meal. To begin the meal, rejecocktail (shrimp cocktails) were served with dinner rolls and butter. This was followed by the main course featuring

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Photo: Chef Jørn Mathiasen and Kristin Miller working in the kitchen at the Annual Dinner



Northwest Danish Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and sharing with others our Danish culture, traditions, and values

President's Corner



Annual Meeting and Dinner

By Dr. Edith E. Christensen

The Annual meeting and dinner of the membership of Northwest Danish Association was held September 30, 2017. There were reports on activities of the past year and new programs sponsored by NWDA.

A new program Seattle is working on is a Danish class for children of upper elementary age into the teens. We have just about enough students to begin this class. It is being planned for Saturday afternoons and will run for the school terms. Please call now if you are interested in having your middle level child attend with an interest in learning or increasing Danish language ability.

Treasurer Ken Kromann gave a report from the auditor's review of the financial

statements for the last fiscal year with a power point presentation after which Ken and Frank Christensen answered questions regarding the finances. The NWDA is in a better position with the new mortgage of a year ago. Membership has increased, programs have increased, and attendance at new programs has increased. We are happy to report that finances continue to improve and the future looks brighter.

Programs in Seattle still include Onsdagsklubben, completely run by volunteers, which serves a great luncheon on the third Wednesday of each month with a program following. This is open to any who would enjoy a Danish style meal. Reservations are required by calling the office. Donations are accepted for the event.

The Work Party led by Joe Matsen, also a volunteer group, meet at the Meridian Office Building the first Tuesday of each month to attend to various jobs needed around the building. This may include clean-up of the grounds, light carpentry, painting, electrical, or whatever light jobs are needed. They share a coffee break in the morning and a lunch together.

A slide show of Himmelbjerget, the fun Danish Camp held for one week the end of June at Menucha in Corbett, Oregon, was presented by Annelise Kromann. Children from 10 to 18 attend this Danish camp where they experience a specific theme related to something Danish,

such as tales of Hans Christian Andersen, celebration of a holiday, or something historical, for the week. A counselor from Denmark helps with the language and experiences of the campers.

Line Larsen talked about volunteer committees and if time had permitted, she was going to share information on new programs which have been introduced in Seattle. There is a get-together the first Friday of each month (Fredagscafe) currently being held at The Dane (a Danish pub) in Ballard. Nordic Ventures continues from February to May with speakers, similar to the programs at the summer time Danish American Cultural Retreat held in Oregon at Menucha. In November we will celebrate the start of the Christmas season with Danish Christmas beer (similar to an event held in November in Denmark), which was begun last year and is being continued this year. For the month of October we have borrowed an exhibit from the Museum of Danish America in Elk Horn, Iowa, illustrating 'hygge', the Danish word which is now in the Oxford Dictionary. See the dates and times on our website.

Following the meeting there was a delicious dinner prepared by our member and chef Jorn Mathiasen. The menu was an old-fashioned Danish meal beginning with a shrimp cocktail and ending with citronfromage. Guests were entertained with folk music by Fleming Behrend. Read more about it in this issue of The Little Mermaid.

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Our Valuable Volunteers

Without the volunteers who help in so many ways, these programs and events would not be possible. Thank you one and all. If you have a little time to help with various programs, we really appreciate it. The program planning committee needs more members to be there to help us put on programs which you are interested in having. These include such diversity of activities as helping elderly, working on committees for fund raising, various dinners and festivals. Don't be shy, volunteers are extremely important. We couldn't do all that we do without you. Just call the office to say you will help and we will fit you in where you can be part of the organization, meeting others who have similar interests, and really know you are helping the Northwest Danish Association continue to keep a presence of Danish culture in the northwest.

NWDA News and More



2017-2018 Scholarship Recipients

For the 2017-2018 academic year, three students received scholarships from NWDA: Gabriela Capestany, Leif Hansen, and Taylor Younker. We wish them the best of luck in their academic endeavors! Thank you to our donors for making our scholarship program possible for students like Gabriela, Leif, and Taylor.

Gabriela Capestany



Photo: Gabriela in Denmark

Gabriela Capestany is a junior at the University of Washington, currently pursuing a triple major in cinema studies, Danish, and communication. Gabriela is originally from Olympia, WA. Her passion for Scandinavia began with her fondness for Danish film. When she started her studies at UW in 2015, she decided to minor in Scandinavian studies in conjunction with her other degrees.

In 2016 she completed an exchange program at the University of Copenhagen in Denmark. During her time in Denmark her interest in Danish culture and language grew to the point where she decided to pursue Danish classes at the UW upon her return. She eventually switched from a minor in Scandinavian Studies to a major in Danish studies instead. As Gabriela says, "The world of Denmark has a funny way of making you fall in love with it."

Leif Hansen



Photo: Gary, Leif, and Evan helping out at the 2017 NWDA Auction

Leif Hansen is enrolled at The Fletcher School at Tufts University in Medford Massachusetts, in the Masters of Arts in Law and Diplomacy degree program. The degree is a 2-year full time international affairs degree he began in September 2017. Leif was inspired to pursue this degree after working in the Peace Corps as a Water and Sanitation Volunteer in Peru. His ambition is to continue to work in international development.

Leif attributes his Danish background and associated values to his chosen career path: "Danish customs and values have been an integral part of my upbringing, especially in terms of service to others, valuing the collective well-being over the individual and maintaining ties to traditional roots... In terms of the contemporary arena of international policy-making and diplomacy, strong, rational voices are necessary in order to maintain the stability of our world. I intend to approach these global challenges armed with the Danish traditions of tolerance, equality, and collectivism."

From Dane Camp to Himmelbjerget, and volunteering at NWDA auctions, Leif has been involved in the Danish community in the Pacific Northwest from a young age. Leif was born in Seattle, but he and his family kept their

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New Membership Benefits!

Members of Northwest Danish Association now get 10% off at Java Bean Coffee in Ballard!

Just show your NWDA membership card to receive your discount.



Java Bean is located at
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Seattle, WA 98107

Open everyday 6AM to 6PM



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www.northwestdanish.org/membership
2. Click on the red "Become a Member" button
3. Fill out and submit the online membership form with your payment details

Once your payment has processed you will receive your NWDA membership card in the mail!

Community News



Danish *hygge* in Ballard: Java Bean Café



If you ever wondered how a combination of Northwest warmth and Danish *hygge* would look like you don't have to go far – just take a peek at Java Bean Organic Coffee House.

When Maria Beck decided to open her own coffee shop, she wasn't interested in opening yet another place selling ordinary coffee items while extracting maximum profits.

"I wanted to own a place with focus on organic and high-quality items, based on fair-trade and ethical values," said Maria. "In addition, I wanted to offer a place that would visually and aesthetically reflect the Northwest and Scandinavian values."

In the summer of 2016 while on a weekend trip in Portland, Maria found out about a unique opportunity that a long-time neighborhood café existing for over 25 years in Ballard, on 5819 24th Ave has come up for sale. "This was a perfect opportunity to build upon something that the whole neighborhood recognized while introducing new ideas and new style in this location," explained Maria.

Soon after, the cozy corner coffee received a well-deserved makeover. Maria applied her engineering back-

ground from DTU (Danish Technical University) to select the brand new Italian espresso machine and kitchen equipment able to deliver drinks and food items with the highest quality. She also worked with a local coffee roaster for three months to craft her own coffee blends with strict standards for the origin, roasting style, and flavor. The interior was refreshed and many details were added to create a perfect mix of a NW lodge with Danish elements and the new Java Bean was born.



Image: Maria serving coffee at Java Bean, her hyggelig café in Ballard

"We expected that we will continue to see the previous flow of customers coming to this favorite spot but we never expected to see so many new faces and increased interest from all over town," added Maria. "We now have regulars who travel from other parts of town to get a taste of our unique Eggels and homemade paninis with their espresso drinks. We even have orders from L.A. and the East Coast to deliver them Java Bean whole bean organic coffee."

If you would like to experience this unique combination of style and quality, and in addition have a chat in Danish, feel free to stop by Java Bean and ask for Maria. They also have a special discount for NWDA members and great kids drinks and snacks which have been exclusively approved by Marias' two small kids who love to lend a helping hand at the shop.



Hygge: The Exhibit

The Hygge Exhibit by the Museum of Danish America is in Seattle for the month of October!

The exhibit answers questions about the Danish word 'hygge', a word that has drawn such **international attention** that it now has a place in the Oxford dictionary. Visitors who don't speak Danish can even learn how to pronounce 'hygge'.

Experience it:

What are the ingredients of a cozy, enjoyable experience, according to Danes?

Hygge is a Danish word that encapsulates values of hospitality, nature, simplicity, and sharing.

You may already be a hygge expert – you just need to learn the word!

The exhibit is on display at the

Seattle Danish Center

1833 N 105th Street #205 Seattle, WA 98133

Doors to the exhibit will be open for walk-ins on:

October 18th 3-5 pm

October 19th 5-8 pm

October 21st 4-6 pm

Admission: Suggested donation \$10

Visit

www.northwestdanish.org/hygge-exhibit/
for more information

To inquire about other dates and times, e-mail seattle@nwdanish.org or call (206) 523-3263

This exhibition is provided by the
Museum of Danish America.

In Memory of



Larry West Appointed Honorary Director of NWDA

Long time NWDA member and board member, Larry West was appointed to be an Honorary Director of NWDA in June 2017 in recognition of his impact and his devoted support of NWDA.

Larry Dean West

March 5, 1943—August 11, 2017

Larry West passed away on August 11th 2017 after a long battle with cancer. He touched the lives of many and will be greatly missed in our community.

Larry was a “proud Dane”, serving as president of the Danish Brotherhood for a decade. He enjoyed traveling back to Denmark with his family.

Raised in Boardman, Larry was the son of Dewey and Jeanne West. He attended Eastern Oregon State College and Portland State College. After he graduated he was drafted into the U.S. Army where he served as a First Lieutenant in Vietnam. Upon his return to



Photo: Larry West winning the Scandinavian-of-the-Year award in 2012



Photo: Memorial Service for Larry West, August 30, 2017

Oregon, he began his 35 year career with Fred Meyer as store manager. During this time he met his wife, Carol (Sprague) West. Other than his involvement in the Danish community in the Pacific Northwest, he also volunteered with various veterans groups.

Larry is survived by his wife, Carol; children, Colin, Dawson, and Morgann; three grandchildren; three great grandchildren; and his sister, Dewena.

A beautiful memorial service was held on August 30th at the Willamette National Cemetery in Oregon. It was attended by approximately 170 people. The administrator of the Cemetery announced that he had rarely seen so many in attendance for a service.

The service was done with full Military honor and precision, which was followed by a nice service by the Chaplain, who told those in attendance that it was OK to laugh at a funeral. The service was then followed by a three gun salute, just as some imagined Larry would want it.

Afterwards there was a reception at Larry's daughter's house with smørrebrød and Carlsberg beer.

Based on information from The Oregonian and The Portland Dane. Photo source: Kyle Dittmer

Louis K. Christensen



Dr. Louis K. Christensen, PhD of music, passed away on August 27th 2017 at the age of 88. He passed away peacefully in his home surrounded by loved ones. Louis is survived by his wife, Anna Leena Christensen, daughters Louise Zak, Allison Dove, and Anne Christensen; son Scott Dove; granddaughters Nina, Melanie, Hanne, and Ariel; and family in Denmark.

A memorial service for Louis Christensen will be held on October 28th 2017 at 2:00 pm at Saint Johns United Lutheran Church (5515 Phinney Ave N, Seattle, WA 98103).

Herluf Andersen

Translated based on an article by Inge Miller: "Mindeord om Herluf Andersen"



Herluf Andersen passed away on September 10th at the age of 95. He

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Denmark



Guld og Grønne Skove

By Jan Bruun-Petersen



Photo: Jan Bruun-Petersen standing next to Grønholt Church

In Northern Zealand, where my mother, Aase Besson, grew up, Queen Margrethe has a castle in the town of Fredensborg. The Queen's mother, Ingrid, died in the castle. As a girl, my mother would often see Princess Margrethe on the streets of Fredensborg. My mother went to elementary school in Fredensborg. Between 2010-2012, I also came to live a couple blocks from the school.

In the municipality of Fredensborg (which is named after the town, which in turn is named after the castle, which in turn is named after a peace treaty as I described in a previous article) there are some other larger towns such as Kokkedal, Nivå, and Humlebæk. The municipality is nestled between Esrum Lake and Nivå Bay. Just south of the town of Fredensborg are the little towns of Lønholt and Grønholt. The ending, -holt, in this case means forest. So for example, Grønholt means green forest. My mother had a home in Lønholt and she was confirmed in the 1950's at the Grønholt Church. In English we have the expression: promise someone the world (or earth or moon). This means to make big, extravagant promises to someone where the chances of keeping the promises are unlikely. In Danish, they have a similar expression that goes like this: love guld

og grønne skove (translation: promise someone gold and green forests).

Grønholt church was built in 1150. In 1200, an altar was created from limestone from the island of Gotland. Gotland is Sweden's largest island just south of Stockholm. At that time the Grønholt church was the main church for the Hillerød area (today, the train line Lille Nord goes from Hillerød to Helsingør including stops in Grønholt and Fredensborg). In 1660, there was major renovation to keep the church from collapsing. In 1682, the village of Grønholt had besides the church, two houses and ten farms.

Today there are 1209 residents in the Grønholt Parish with 954 of them being members of the state church which is Lutheran. There are a little over 2000 parishes in Denmark with about one church per parish. There are eight Catholic churches and three state churches from neighboring countries (Germany, England, and Sweden). There are also about 300 free churches that are not part of the government.

Danish Classes for Children



Do you want your children or adolescents to learn Danish?

Contact us!

Saturday language classes are starting at the Seattle Danish Center in November. Watch the weekly e-bulletin and our website for updates.

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JUL in the Pacific Northwest



Portland

ScanFair

December 2 & 3

Enjoy the sights, tastes, sounds, and traditions of a glorious Nordic Christmas at the Portland Veterans Memorial Coliseum. This year's featured performer is Gangspil, comprised of 3 of Denmark's leading folk musicians: Sonnich Lydom, Kristian Bugge & Morten Alfred Høirup. Listen to music and enjoy other festivities such as the pickled herring and meatball eating contests. NWDA will be selling æbleskiver to raise funds for Himmelbjerg. Stop by our booth for delicious treats! Go to www.scanheritage.org/scanfair/ for more information



Julefest

December 9

Everyone is welcome to attend the Annual Christmas Celebration on Saturday, December 9 from 2 pm to 4 pm at Bethany Lutheran Church, 4330 NE 37th Ave. The event is sponsored by the Danish Sisterhood and NWDA. Julefest includes Danish crafts, singing and dancing around the tree, a visit from Julemanden, and more. Adults \$5/adult, children under 18 free. **RSVP:** tosallee@yahoo.com

Lillejuleaften Service

December 23

Join us for the Danish Christmas services in Portland on December 23 at 7:30 pm at Bethany Lutheran Church, 4330 NE 37th Ave. Jorn Muller will be the pastor for the service.

Following the service in both English and Danish, join us for coffee and singing of Christmas carols. Please bring your favorite pastry to share.

Seattle

Danish Xmas Bazaar

November 5

The annual Danish Holiday Bazaar offers unique gifts, Christmas items from Denmark, cookies, cake, and much more. Come by and enjoy delicious smørrebrød (authentic Danish open-faced sandwiches) and do your holiday shopping! The Bazaar is open from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.



Danish Xmas Beer Fest

November 10

The start of Christmas beer season is celebrated in high spirits in Denmark. NWDA is bringing the Danish festivities to Seattle for the second year in a row. Come join in and taste various Danish Christmas beer and other treats. The fest starts at 7:00 pm at the Seattle Danish Center.

Christmas Sanggruppe

December 3

Come be a part of sanggruppen for a special afternoon singing Christmas songs! Songs will be in both Danish and English so everyone can participate. The group will meet at 2:00 pm at the Seattle Danish Center.

Julestue

December 10

Julestue is Sunday, December 10 from 2 to 5 pm at the Seattle Danish Center (Harmony Hall). Come make traditional Danish decorations, learn about nisser and sing and dance around the Christmas tree. Refreshments will be served. Tickets will be available to purchase online or by phone starting in November. Ticket prices increase after December 4.

Onsdagsklubben

December 13

Make plans now to attend December's Onsdagsklubben on December 13 at noon. The menu will feature ham with kale, Danish style glazed potatoes, and risalamande for dessert!

Please **RSVP** by Friday, December 8th by calling us at 206-523-3263 or email seattle@nwdanish.org

Lillejuleaften

December 23

The Danish Christmas Service for Lillejuleaften in Seattle is planned to take place at St. John United Lutheran Church on December 23 at 7:00 pm. Come and enjoy a truly Danish tradition.

Watch our weekly e-bulletins for updates on this event!

Dawn of the Viking Age



"Viking Myths and Legends: Odin"

Viking Series: Part 11

Summarized based on Hudson Publications Event Bookazines 2013, "Vikings: Their Myths and Legends."

For Part 10 of this article, see Issue #2017/2018 Volume 1 of *The Little Mermaid*

Viking myths were one of a kind—some even include tales of human beings arising from the sweat of a giant's armpit! Icelandic sagas are the main source of these myths and legends, including tales of Odin, Thor, Loke, and others. To this day these myths are stories told, of Asgard and the Aesir and Vanir gods and goddesses, elves, dwarves, and Valhalla.

"In the beginning, before the heaven and the earth and the sea were created, the great abyss Ginungagap was without form and void, and the spirit of Fimbultyr moved upon the face of the deep, until the ice-cold rivers, the Elivogs, flowing from Niflheim, came in contact with the dazzling flames from Muspelheim. This was before Chaos.

And Fimbultyr said: Let the melted drops of vapor quicken into life, and the giant Ymer was born in the midst of Ginungagap. He was not a god, but the father of all the race of evil giants. This was Chaos.

And Fimbultyr said: Let Ymer be slain and let order be established. And straightway Odin and his brothers—the bright sons of Bure—gave Ymer a mortal wound, and from his body made they the universe; from his flesh, the earth; from his blood, the sea; from his bones, the rocks; from his hair, the trees; from his skull, the vaulted heavens; from his eye-brows, the bulwark card Midgard. And the

gods formed man and woman in their own image of two trees, and breathed into them the breath of life. Ask and Embla became living souls, and they received a garden in Midgard as a dwelling-place for themselves and their children until the end of time. This was Cosmos." - From "The Younger Eddas of Snorre Sturleson"

The Viking religion is violent and earthy, which likely stems from the harsh environment the Vikings lived in, which saw earthquakes, long winters, and glaciers.

The abyss (Ginungagap) was the beginning of it all and the Alfather, after which an ash tree, Yggdrasil, or "the World Tree" came into being.

In the South, under one of its roots Yggdrasil guarded an area with Surti, a giant. Muspell was an area of fire and heat, and sometimes ashes from it dropped into the Ginungagap. In the North, under another root, is the dark and misty area of Niflheim. Under Niflheim is Hvergelmir, which is a cauldron that pours boiling water to 12 rivers. Nidhug, a dragon, lives in this cauldron and chews away at the roots of the tree. The legend says that once

the tree is killed by Nidhug and his offspring, the world will end. Hvergelmir's waters flooded into Gingungagap and froze into huge blocks of ice.

Vikings believed in a pantheon that incorporated the Aesir and Vanir gods. The Aesir gods ruled over Asgard. Asgard is the home of the gods and was built by Odin and other gods and goddesses. It is located on Idawald which hovers above the earth, and is thus not visible to mortals. There is a river that creates a division between Idawald and the rest of the world. The only safe crossing is a bridge called Bifrost.

Odin

The highest god of the Viking pantheon is Odin. Odin fathered all the Aesir gods, according to the Younger Eddas. Odin never had to eat, but he did like to drink divine mead with the other gods. Gungnir was his precise spear. Any oath taken on his spear couldn't be broken. Draupnir, was his magical golden ring, which made eight duplicates of itself every nine nights. Sleipnir was his stallion with 8 legs, who could travel over the nine world as fast as the wind. The high seat, Hlidskjalf, where Odin sat, was in Asgard, and allowed him to see over all the nine worlds beneath him. Odin was also known as Alfather, the father of all gods and men and all things made through his power. Jord (earth) was Odin's first wife and the mother of his son, Thor. Odin's second wife was Frigga, the primary god of fertility.

Hugin and Munin were the names of the two ravens who flew out from Asgard every dawn and came back with news to Odin every evening. One legend says that Odin gave his left eye to the giant who was the guard for the Well of Wisdom in order to get a drink from the well, which held knowledge and wisdom.

Find out more about the Vikings in the next issue of The Little Mermaid.



Picture: Odin from the *Manual of Mythology: Greek and Roman, Norse, and Old German, Hindoo and Egyptian Mythology* by Alexander Murray 1874

Calendar



Oktober 2017

Søndag	Mandag	Tirsdag	Onsdag	Torsdag	Fredag	Lørdag
1	2	3 Work Party (S)	4 DBIA/DSS (S)	5 Opening Night: Hygge Exhibit (S)	6 Fredagscafe (S)	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Hyggefrokost (P)	17	18 Onsdagsklubben (S)	19 Hygge Exhibit (S)	20	21 Membership Welcome Event (S) Hygge Exhibit (S)
22	23	24	25 Sangaften (P)	26	27	28 DBIA Dinner (S)
29	30	31				

November 2017

Søndag	Mandag	Tirsdag	Onsdag	Torsdag	Fredag	Lørdag
			1 DBIA/DSS (S)	2	3 Fredagscafe (S)	4
5 Bazaar (S)	6	7 Work Party (S)	8	9 Hyggeaften (P)	10 Danish Xmas Beer Fest (S)	11 Frikadelle Dinner (P)
12	13	14	15 Onsdagsklubben (S)	16	17	18 Danes Soccer Club Dinner (S)
19	20	21	22 Office Closed at noon for Thanksgiving (S)	23 Office Closed for Thanksgiving (S)	24 Office Closed for Thanksgiving (S)	25
26	27	28	29	30		

December 2017

Søndag	Mandag	Tirsdag	Onsdag	Torsdag	Fredag	Lørdag
					1 Fredagscafe (S)	2
3 Xmas Sangaften (S)	4	5 Work Party (S)	6 DBIA/DSS (S)	7	8	9 Julefest (P)
10 Julestue (S)	11 Hyggefrokost (P)	12	13 Onsdagsklubben (S)	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Lillejuleaften (S/P)
24	25 Office Closed for Xmas (S)	26	27	28	29	30

(P)= Portland, (S) = Seattle

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Eastside Circle

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ties to Denmark. In 1991 Leif was baptized in Denmark. He also lived in Hellerup for a short time from 2000 to 2001, where he learned the Danish language. His mother, Marianne Stecher, is a professor in the Danish Studies department at the University of Washington. Leif's connection with the Danish community in Seattle has remained strong, despite his travels. When he visits Seattle, he attends Lillejuleaften and other Danish functions.

Taylor Younker



*Photo: Taylor helping out at
Dane Camp 2017*

Taylor Younker is a freshman enrolled in the visual communications program at Seattle Pacific University. Taylor is originally from Tacoma, WA but has grown up in the vicinity of Danish culture at the hands of her grandfather, Ernst Jensen.

Growing up Ernst exposed Taylor to Danish culture through Danish friends, Danish artists, and trips to the Nordic Heritage Museum. Taylor enjoyed watching the 17th of May Parade in Ballard. Her heritage has always been important to her, and her hope is to pass this on in her life: "I would love to bring more youth to understand their heritage as well, to build up a Danish voice."

Our 2017-2018 Community Members

The Swedish Club
Danish Brotherhood Lodge #29
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was born in Aarhus but grew up in Vejle and Roskilde. During WWII he was part of the resistance, where he was, amongst other things, involved in getting Danish Jews across Øresund to safety in Sweden.

Some years later Herluf and his brother decided to venture to the U.S. After 20 years in Los Angeles, he moved to Olympia with his wife, Else, who he had met during a visit to Denmark. During this time they had two daughters, Helen and Greta. Herluf got a job involving computers in the State of Washington Supreme Court. He retired in 1988. In 1998 he lost his beloved wife, Else, much too early. A few years after her death, he decided to sell his house and move into a retirement home.

Herluf was a positive person with a good sense of humor. He was active in the Danish Brotherhood Lodge #33 and was the president of the Danish Brotherhood's Pacific Northwest District. For a number of years he was also the editor of the lodge's newsletter "The Tacoma Dane". Tacomas Danske Sangvenner was also a group he was a loyal member of.

Herluf is survived by his two daughters, Helen and Greta, three grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.

On Sunday, September 24th, a Celebration of Life was held for Herluf in Olympia, where family, friends, Danske Sangvenner, and Danish Brotherhood members attended. The afternoon was arranged by his daughter, Helen. Kenneth Olsen, a long time family friend, was the Master of Ceremonies. Many spoke about their relationship with Herluf and shared humorous stories of their times with him. Danish musician, Flemming Behrend, entertained with a

few Danish songs, and ended with one of Herluf's favorite songs, "What a Wonderful World".

A buffet lunch with all sorts of dishes was complete with cold Carlsberg, followed by Danish pastries and coffee. Sunshine, blue skies, and a touch of fall in the air made for the perfect day to say farewell to a person who lived his life to the fullest and was there for his friends and families when they needed it most.

Æret være Herlufs minde. Inge Miller

The Annual Meeting and Dinner

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gammeldags oksesteg med ovenbagte rodfrugter, tyttebær, brun sovs og kartofler (old-fashioned beef roast with baked root vegetables, lingonberries, gravy, and potatoes). The delicious dessert Jørn spent days perfecting was a Danish favorite, citronfromage (lemon mousse).

Local Danish folk musician, Flemming Behrend, then wrapped up the evening with his happy free-spirited music. It turned out to be a wonderful evening event, with delicious food, great entertainment, and a cheerful atmosphere.

The Annual Membership Meeting

Before the dinner, NWDA had the annual membership meeting for the organization. The meeting began at 3:00 pm with an agenda that included a report by NWDA's treasurer, Ken Kromann, to provide members with an update on the positive trends currently taking place in the financial status of the organization. The Board Members who were up for reelection this year were Claus Windelev, Edith Christensen, and Gary Korsgaard, all of who were elected back on to the board at the meeting. To represent Southwest Washington and Oregon, Bo Schultz

Andersen was voted on to the board of directors. S. Erik Pedersen was also introduced as a new board member, appointed to complete the term of beloved board member Larry West who passed away this year. NWDA President, Edith Christensen, led a moment of silence in memory of Larry.

During the meeting, Mette Green-shields from the NWDA scholarship committee gave a short presentation on the NWDA Scholarship Program and Annelise Kromann shared information about the success of Himmelbjerget Danish Camp. Allan Olsen then gave a report from Oregon after which the meeting adjourned to begin the social hour and dinner portion of the evening.

Donate your time- Join an Event Committee!



We are setting up event committees for our fall and holiday events this year! Event committees are groups of dedicated volunteers who work together to make our programs possible. There are currently volunteer openings for the following events:

Lørdagshygge

Danish Xmas Beer Fest

Julestue

Lillejuleaften

Please contact us to sign up!

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October 3: Work Party
 October 5: Hygge Exhibit Opening
 October 6: Fredagscafe
 October 18: Onsdagsklubben
 October 18, 19, 21: Hygge Exhibit Open
 October 21: Membership Appreciation
 November 3: Fredagscafe
 November 5: Danish Jule Bazaar
 November 7: Work Party
 November 10: Danish Xmas Beer Fest
 November 15: Onsdagsklubben
 December 1: Fredagscafe
 December 3: Christmas Sanggruppe
 December 5: Work Party
 December 10: Julestue
 December 13: Onsdagsklubben
 December 23: Lillejuleaften

OREGON

October 16: Hyggefrokost
 October 25: Sangaften
 November 9: Hyggeaften
 November 11: Frikadelle Fundraiser
 December 9: Julefest
 December 11: Hyggefrokost
 December 23: Lillejuleaften

Check website for times and changes.

Monthly Events

- Work Party — First Tuesday, Seattle
- DBIA & DSS Seattle — First Wednesday of each month
- Fredagscafe— First Friday, Seattle
- Onsdagsklubben — Third Wednesday, Seattle

Watch our e-bulletins each week for specific times and dates of programs. Note: Some programs do not run in the summer.

The Little Mermaid



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