



The Little Mermaid

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Nordics and Moomins

By Emily Olsen, NWDA Staff

The Finns hosted the spring 2026 Nordic Mixer gathering. This is now our 3rd Seattle-area Nordic Mixer and was very well attended. Finlandia Foundation Seattle Chapter coordinated with the National Nordic Museum to hold the mixer there in the Fjord Hall (the main space when you first walk into the museum). Thank you to Finlandia for hosting and to the National Nordic Museum and their staff for all their hard work to get the space ready.

We filled the space with pushing 200 people. The sign-in table had flag stickers for the nametags again, to indicate which countries people had connections to, and also had a large sign with Nordic flags on it. The goal of this sign was to capture an idea of the country and organizational affiliations of our attendees. It wasn't perfect, but we know we had quite a few Finns, Danes, Swedes, and Norwegians in attendance.



Images: Left – Part of Fjord Hall before people arrived; Right – Stickers representing attendees country affiliations (Photo by Preben Pedersen)

Besides mingling, there was a table of information and flyers from the different organizations people could grab to take home. Some extras were left behind at the museum for their patrons. There were two other draws to this edition of the Nordic Mixer – the Moomins Exhibit (Moomins' Sea Adventures & Tove and the Sea – on display until September 6, 2026) and the Freya Café's curated Moomins-inspired menu. The special exhibit had only been open for a couple of weeks at the time of the Mixer. The timing was fortuitous, since Tove Jansson was Finnish and the Finns were hosting. The whimsy of the Moomins and the fascinating history of Tove added another layer to the Mixer and gave attendees a quieter space to explore as part of the event.

It was amazing to see so many new and familiar faces gather. I hope these continue far into the future and can grow. **The next one is planned for Friday, October 16, 2026. Us Danes are hosting at the Swedish Club. More info to come** in the next few months, but it will be Beserkaraoke Night at the Club – so come ready to sing (if you want)! If you are interested in volunteering in any way with the Mixers, please contact Emily.

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Executive Director's Corner



The New Membership Year Is Upon Us

By Preben B. Pedersen, NWDA Executive Director

Summer has arrived in Seattle, and as usual NWDA's hard-working Work Party is on summer vacation for 2 months in July and August before starting again in September 2026. Thanks to the Work Party and enjoy the summer.

In July 2026 NWDA also starts the new membership year 2026-2027 and hopefully all 2025-2026 NWDA members will renew their NWDA membership and hopefully we will also see some new NWDA members. Below is today's status of NWDA membership 2025-2026 vs. renewal 2026-2027.

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|---------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| | | Number | Mix | Number | Mix |
| Individuals & Families | | | | | |
| Adult Individual | \$65 | 41 | 22% | 25 | 13% |
| Couple or Family | \$95 | 36 | 19% | 16 | 9% |
| Senior Individual | \$45 | 69 | 37% | 44 | 24% |
| Senior Couple | \$75 | 36 | 19% | 27 | 14% |
| Student Individual | \$45 | 5 | 3% | 5 | 3% |
| TOTAL | | 187 | 100% | 117 | 63% |
| Organizations & Businesses | Price | Number | % | Number | % |
| Bronze | \$250 | 2 | 67% | 1 | 50% |
| Silver | \$500 | 1 | 33% | 1 | 50% |
| Gold | \$1,000 | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% |
| TOTAL | | 3 | 100% | 2 | 100% |



Image:
The NWDA Building in Seattle


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As can be seen from the above we still have a way to go before exceeding last year's membership.

May I ask all past and current members of NWDA to consider reaching out to potential new members of NWDA. This can include family members, friends and whoever you think would appreciate being a member of NWDA.

Business wise we have had a satisfying 2Q-2026 operation of the MOB (Meridian Office Building) with currently only one vacant office, the smallest office in the building, which means we currently have a tenant occupancy rate of about 95%. NWDA had financial Year-End on June 30, 2026, and for the financial year 2025-2026 NWDA has achieved it highest rental income ever, which means NWDA will have a satisfying 2025-2026 financial result.

I wish you all a wonderful and enjoyable summer and see you at Generation Lunch Sunday, July 19 in Harmony Hall and at the summer picnic Sunday, August 9, at the Buus residence in Woodinville. Thanks to the Buus family for again this year being the hosts of the Danish Summer picnic.

NWDA News and Programs



Scrumptious Spring

By Emily Olsen, NWDA Staff

I am still in awe about how popular our quarterly Generations Luncheons are. Then I remember three things: 1) Jørn Mathiasen makes amazing food, 2) It is a pretty inexpensive meal, and 3) We have an awesome community of Danes. Thank you to everyone who joins in whenever they can for an afternoon of good food, friends, and bingo.

Chef Jørn made shrimp and asparagus salad stuffed croissants, chicken fricassee with vegetables, and homemade meringue nests with rhubarb compote and vanilla crème for the meal and it was all delicious. I think the shrimp and asparagus salad was my favorite this time. No one ever walks away from this luncheon hungry!

People chatted before, during, and after the luncheon. We also had our traditional bingo game during dessert with many winners taking home prizes and having fun along the way. A few people also leveraged their access to our Danish library at this event to peruse the shelves and check out some books. The library is available during all Seattle events in Harmony Hall, by appointment, and even by just dropping by the building during office hours. Preben and I are always happy to let you into Harmony Hall to look at the library if the space isn't in use.

If you have attended before or have always wanted to, our next Generations Luncheon is Sunday, July 19th. Doors open at 12:30pm and lunch is served around 1:00pm. Reservations are required and are open now. You can sign up online at www.northwestdanish.org/generations-luncheons or call the office at 206-523-3263 to talk to Emily to reserve your place. If we fill up, there will be a waitlist. Jørn has a true summer menu planned with chilled pea soup, barbeque spareribs and ice cream planned.



Image: Some of the spring Luncheon attendees during dessert with the library behind them.

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The Seattle Danish Center is available for special events such as birthdays or anniversaries.

Conveniently located near Northgate between Aurora 99 and I-5, the Center features a full kitchen, dance floor, and can host up to 112 people or can be divided in half.

Call NWDA at 206-523-3263 for more information.



Images (from left to right): Croissant with shrimp and asparagus salad; chicken fricassee with vegetables and potatoes; meringue nest. (Photos by Preben Pedersen)

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Some History of the Danish Conference [Now Called DACR]

By Karen Nielsen

In 1979, the Danish cultural convention met for the first time at Menucha retreat center. Two major Danish communities from Oregon and Washington met there for the first time. Karen Madsen McCumsey from Junction City, Oregon, had met the singing group in Seattle, and she wanted to get the two Danish communities together. Karen Madsen McCumsey was the executive secretary to the University of Oregon president, so she had organizational skills to beat the band. She found the Menucha retreat center near the Oregon-Washington border, and in 1979, the first conference was held. Some of the names I remember from that conference were Otto and Minna Brask, Ove and Edith Kilgren, George and Elsie Normann, and Pastor and Oda Sørensen. From Oregon I remember Gerry and Sigrid Rasmussen, and Arnold Bodtke. I was also there in 1979 with my own infant son, Tyler. I think my mother had paid my way to make sure there were enough people at that first Danish Conference. The Danish conference continued on as it exists to this day. It has been a success. In the beginning, Inge Olsen taught Danish and held conversation groups. They had lectures, Danish singing, and more Danish singing in the "Kro" in the evenings.

DACR 2026 – What to Expect If You Join Us!

By Emily Olsen, NWDA Staff



Image: DACR 2025 attendees with the Menucha flagpole flying Dannebrog.

The Danish American Cultural Retreat hasn't substantially changed since its inception in 1979. Our focus is still to be a gathering place for Danish-Americans, and those interested in the connection between Denmark and the US, in Oregon and Washington. We start at lunchtime on Friday and go through lunch on Sunday. This year's Retreat has a fabulous collection of speakers with varied topics. You can read the abstracts for the talks in this article. Registering for the full weekend gets you access to all lectures, weekend events, meals, coffee breaks, the Kro, evening entertainment, and online access to recordings of the lectures after the event. You have choices of lodging level. Please talk to Emily if you have any questions before registering. You can sign up for DACR online at www.northwestdanish.org/dacr or call into the office to talk to Emily.

Sojourner in a foreign land & Jørgen 4 sal til højre (Books Talk) – Flemming Oppenhagen Behrend, Olympia, WA - This talk will focus on the two most recent published works of Flemming Oppenhagen Behrend. *Sojourner in a Foreign Land* This is the story of my first forty years, of my experience as an immigrant and the life-long impact of childhood trauma, lack of parenting, and sexual abuse on a human soul. It is like a fairy tale although fairy tales most often end with the prince marrying the princess and inheriting half the kingdom. I did not have such luck although I did experience success. The meaning of sojourn refers to a temporary condition, it reflects my experience in America as an immigrant, as well as in my life. I am still on a visit as a sojourner. This journey is but a temporary experience, and my soul will always belong to Copenhagen, Denmark. Out of respect for family and friends, some places and most names has been changed. *Jørgen, 4. sal til højre* fortæller den fiktive historie om Jørgen' liv, en omhyggelig og lidt ensom mand, der boede i København i 1976. Historien dykker ned i hans daglige rutiner, relationer og indre kampe, og maler et levende billede af hans verden og indre uro. Den udforsker temaer som isolation, søgen efter forbindelse og virkningen af uventede begivenheder på almindelige menneskers liv. Gennem Jørgen' livsbane og hans relationer inviteres læseren ind i den foranderlige og spændende verden i København i 1970'erne. Historien minder os om dette transformerende årti, samtidig med at den fremhæver universelle temaer om kulturel identitet, samfundsmæssige forventninger og kampen for personlig frihed.

Dynamic Geology of Denmark – Dr. Scott Burns, Portland State University, Portland, OR - Denmark is a small country but has an interesting geological history. Dr. Burns is excited to give the talk of the land of his ancestors. It is a country he has visited many times. The geology is very simple with some simple bedrock with many glacial deposits on top of them. There are some

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From Denmark



Finding Danish History and Comics History at a Medieval Church

By Jan Bruun-Petersen



Image: Jan Bruun-Petersen standing in front of Bavelse Church..

I was taking my girlfriend, Lise, out for a drive in Næstved Kommune, where I live. I was hoping to look for some large lakes and perhaps a nature walk. Near Bavelse Lake, we found Bavelse Church. The only neighbor to the church is the Bavelse Estate (first documented in 1383). The church itself was built around 1200. Even though Bavelse Church began as a Romanesque church, during the Gothic period it was expanded with a tower, Gothic windows, and rib-vaulted ceilings. That is why it looks like a mixture of those two periods.

As we were looking around the churchyard, Lise said she recognized the names of one of the people buried there. It was a famous comic book creator and historian. It was Claus Deleuran, born August 4th 1946 in Odense and died January 31st 1996 in Regerup. He had died just a mile east of the church at the age of only 49, but he had a large impact on the public with his creative endeavors.

He and his brother, Jesper, had made many comics since the sixties. His comic "Trip to Saturn" was made into a movie. When I showed some of his artwork to my daughter, to ask if she recognized the style, she actually did, so she showed me a 22 minute animated film by Deleuran called "The Tale of the Wonderful Potato" which tells the story of how the potato started in the Andes Mountains and ended up in Europe. The film has been used in schools

throughout Europe to teach about health, food and history.

However Deleuran's most ambitious work was based on a work by Adam Kristoffer Fabricus. In 1854 and 1855, Fabricus created in two volumes of 1600 pages total a work called "Illustreret Danmarkshistorie for Folket" ("Illustrated History of Denmark for the People"). So Deleuran, over 130 years later adopted the same title to remake Fabricus' work on an even more ambitious scale to cover all of Danish history past and present. And like Fabricus' work it would be engaging and easy to understand for the common Dane. So Deleuran created nine comic-book volumes at 56 pages each, but unfortunately he only got to the year 1074 before he died of a stroke.

His storytelling ability will not be forgotten. Each year the Claus Deleuran Prize is given to Danish comics professionals decided by other comics professionals. This prize is similar to the Harvey Awards in the USA in memoriam of Harvey Kurtzman, who is most famous for creating the Mad comic book that later changed to a magazine format to avoid censorship in the 1950's.

Write for The Little Mermaid!

Write about your experience at Danish events in the PNW or other topics related to Denmark or Danish culture.

Contact us at seattle@nwdanish.org if interested in our publication.

Friday, October 16, 2026 | 5-10pm

NORDIC MIXER



Hosted by Northwest Danish Association
at the Swedish Club

Friday, October 16 | 5:00 - 10:00pm



It's on Beserkaraoke night! So, plan to stay for the singing! More info to come!

NWDA News and Programs



Tillykke, Kong Frederik X!

By Emily Olsen, NWDA Staff

His Majesty, King Frederik X of Denmark turned 58 years old on May 26, 2026. He celebrated with his annual Royal Run and by greeting the public on the balcony Frederik VIII's Palace at Amalienborg with his family. NWDA celebrated with stories of Kenneth Olsen's time as a Royal Guard, cake from Larsen's, and royal trivia.

An intimate group of NWDA members and friends gathered to celebrate the King. It started as mingling with light refreshments. Then Kenneth Olsen read the birthday message he sent to the King on behalf of himself and the Pacific chapter of the Royal Guards Association. He had even received an emailed reply that day before our event. He also told some stories about his time as a guard – the places he was posted and officers and royal family members he served.

We toasted the King with sparkling apple cider and the traditional nine hurrahs for a royal birthday.

Since we are nine hours behind Denmark, that gave plenty of time for recordings of the King's balcony appearance to be online for our viewing. We watched some of the festivities as King Frederik, Queen Mary, and two of their children, Prince Vincent and Princess Josephine, waved from the balcony as is the long-standing tradition on the monarch's birthday.

All attendees had the opportunity to participate in a trivia sheet. Questions ranged from specifics about King Frederik, his time as monarch, and his earlier life, to older royal history. Many people turned in their answers and the top three, with the most correct answers, went home with a small prize.

It was a lovely evening to celebrate the King on his third birthday as monarch of Denmark.



Image: Marzipan birthday cake from Larsen's Bakery for King Frederik's 58th birthday surrounded by his official photograph and Danish flags.

Image: Kenneth Olsen reading his birthday greeting to the King. (Photo by Preben Pedersen)



Image: Attendees Bailey, Wendy, Jason, and Benjamin Shaver (from left to right) ready to toast the King with apple cider. (Photo by Preben Pedersen)



Image: Attendees listening to Kenneth Olsen speak.

NWDA News and Programs - Oregon



Summer has arrived here in Portland!

By Kimbra and Lars Kasch, NWDA Board



Image: Mini Troll dolls (for the kids who bring their parents to the NWDA booth at Oregon Midsummer)

I hope you have all been enjoying the beginnings of summer. We've been spending time outside in the splendid sunshine and trying to stay cool on the hot days, too, and it's only June.

We've been holding our Conversation Classes, Book Club, Sangfest, and Coffee Hours at Nordic Northwest, although the coffee hours and Book Club meetings are on hold now, for the summer.

Today, we are hurriedly making preparations for the Midsummer Celebration at Nordic Northwest, where we will be handing out tiny trolls to every child who stops by our Northwest Danish Association booth with their parents or guardians, at least for as long as supplies last:

OREGON MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL

Dates: **June 26 & 27, 2026**
 Times: Friday, June 26th: 5 pm - 9 pm
 Saturday, June 27th: 10 am - 5 pm
 Location: Nordic Northwest Campus
 8800 SW Oleson Rd | Portland, OR 97223

Plus, the ("DACR") **Danish American Cultural Retreat will be at Menchua September 18-20th.**

And even though it's only June, we have been planning lots of NWDA events in the not-so-distant future.

Although we all might be looking forward to celebrating a little "Christmas in July", I want to encourage you to grab a pen and mark your calendars to **SAVE-THE-DATE for Wednesday, December 23, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for our candlelight JuleFest** in the Great Hall at Nordic Northwest. Once again, we will have some delicious risalamande (which always includes a little fun searching for the hidden almond in the bowl), with prizes and dancing around the Christmas Tree to round out the evening.

Plus, we are working on setting up another fun fall Harvest Festival and another Viking School for kids to learn more about our Danish culture.

So, mark your calendar for the upcoming events and look for us to say "Hello!" when you come and join us in celebrating our Danish Heritage. Plus, please let us know if you are interested in volunteering for any of our events. We would love to have a few hands to help out.

Hope to see you soon!

Membership

The NWDA membership year is from July 1st to June 30th each year. If you haven't gotten your membership renewed, you still can!

Benefits include:

- Discounts on all NWDA events and programs
- Free access to our Danish library in Seattle with over 2,000 books and films available
- Occasional discounts and/or free tickets from community partners



DACR 2026 – What to Expect If You Join Us!

By Emily Olsen, NWDA Staff

Continued from page 4 extensive sand dune complexes too. The small islands also have some interesting outcrops. There are some beautiful beaches too. Come and see about this exciting country!

Inge Lehmann, Pioneering Seismologist – Shaking Up the World – Kyle Dittmer, Battle Ground, WA - Learn how Inge Lehmann fundamentally transformed our thinking in how the Earth's interior is structured. Her early 20th Century groundbreaking work provided the basis for modern seismic imaging techniques, which have become essential for exploring Earth's interior. Inge's work would later be highly valuable during the Cold War with the monitoring of nuclear blast tests. She often faced fierce resistance from male geophysicists in her 40+ year career but persevered and helped pave the way for other women entering Physical Science professions. Inge's life story is as interesting as her science discoveries.

Nordic Travel Log – Christian Holtz, Seattle, WA - As of late, Christian Holtz has embarked on Adventure Travel which has taken him north of the Arctic Circle in Greenland to mentor Greenlandic children, to Tasmania to skipper a whaleboat with crew in the 2025 Tawe Nunnugah Raid, to New Zealand to experience its incredible railway journeys, and off the west coast of the U.S. crewing aboard Norway's largest tall ship on a voyage from Seattle to San Francisco. Christian will share images and stories of his summer travels by rail and sea throughout the hinterland of Scandinavia.

Greenland and the Kingdom of Denmark – Benny Nybo, Det Grønlandske Hus i Odense, Odense, Denmark - Greenland has garnered international attention in recent months. Greenland is a majestic country that has a rich culture and natural beauty. 17,000 Greenlanders live in Denmark and many of them visit The Greenlandic House in Odense, one of four houses in Denmark. Some visit for educational reasons, some for socializing in the café, some for getting some help to cope with the Danish welfare system (nogle for at navigere i det danske sociale velfærdssystem) and some for big events like Greenlandic National Day. Many Danes come to learn about Greenlandic culture, art exhibitions and lectures. Schoolchildren come to learn about Greenland and climate change. This talk will highlight the work of The Greenlandic House in Odense, as well as discuss the multitude of political, governmental, and economical ties between Greenland and Denmark. It will also touch on the history of settlement and rule over Greenland going back to Eric the Red in 986 CE, priest Hans Egede's arrival in 1721 signally the start of Danish rule, and Denmark's declaration of Greenland under Danish suzerainty on May 21, 1921.

Hans Christian Andersen – Benny Nybo, Det Grønlandske Hus i Odense, Odense, Denmark - Benny Nybo's life with Hans Christian Andersen took off after reading an article about the late actor and HCA Ambassador, Danny Kaye. Unemployed at the time, Benny presented several ideas to the mayor of Odense about bolstering HCA's presence in the city and beyond, including the HCA Street Theatre attending Rebild Festival. This began a decades long dedication to all things HCA in Odense. This talk will explore Benny Nybo's creation of the HCA Awards, his time on Odense city council, HCA's birthday celebrations in the Odense Concert Hall for school children, the so-called Tina Turner scandal of 2005 connected to HCA's 200th birthday, and later events bringing other world-famous authors to Odense, the HCA Forest, HCA Prizes, and more. Woven into the talk are HCA fairy tales including Clumsy Hans, The Ugly Duckling, the World's Most Beautiful Rose, and The Princess and the Pea.

Darn Cute, Dam Things: The Origin of Troll Dolls [Part I] – Britte Rasmussen Marsh, Portland, OR - In the aftermath of World War II, Danish baker Thomas Dam found himself sans flour, sans shop, sans job. He had a wood carving talent and a family who supported a career change, but how did one Jutland man take his unfortunate situation and launch it towards transforming the world of children's toys? Namely, by selecting one infamous, mythological Nordic creature—the fearsome, loathsome troll—and by applying a shock of hair too bright to ignore, and by casting a smile too sweet to resist for his Good Luck Troll Doll. How did Thomas Dam come to design these decisions: what were his inspirations, materials, and methods? Who were the lucky first customers? In Part I: the origin story.

Dam It, They're Everywhere: Troll Dolls Go Global [Part II] – Britte Rasmussen Marsh, Portland, OR - Thomas Dam's Good Luck Troll Dolls were a sell out success across the European continent thanks to the invention of [drumroll] PVC, baby! That's polyvinyl chloride—plastic—which allowed the Dam family to broaden their production horizons to foreign shores. In Part II: the troll doll diaspora reaches 1960s America. Don't you remember the proverb? "Ask not what your troll can do for you—ask what you can do for your troll!" Discover the apex and nadir of the Danish Invasion: rabid consumerism via Sears catalogue; *Life* (magazine) imitating art; troll doll factory blues; patent problems; counterfeits. And finally: their '80s resurgence.

NW Danish Calendar

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July 2026

| Søndag | Mandag | Tirsdag | Onsdag | Torsdag | Fredag | Lørdag |
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| SLI Bogklub 1 & 3 start on W 6/24 (online) | SLI Bogklub 2 starts on Sat 6/27 (online) | | 1 SLI Bogklub 1 SLI Bogklub 3 | 2 | 3 | 4 SLI Bogklub 2 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 SLI Bogklub 1 SLI Bogklub 3 | 9 | 10 | 11 SLI Bogklub 2 |
| 12 | 13 Conversation Group (P) | 14 | 15 SLI Bogklub 1 SLI Bogklub 3 | 16 | 17 | 18 SLI Bogklub 2 |
| 19 Generations Luncheon (S) | 20 | 21 | 22 SLI Bogklub 1 SLI Bogklub 3 | 23 | 24 | 25 SLI Bogklub 2 |
| 26 | 27 Conversation Group (P) | 28 | 29 SLI Bogklub 1 SLI Bogklub 3 | 30 | 31 | 1-Aug |

August 2026

| Søndag | Mandag | Tirsdag | Onsdag | Torsdag | Fredag | Lørdag |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|---|
| 2 | 3 Dane Camp (S) | 4 Dane Camp (S) | 5 Dane Camp (S) | 6 Dane Camp (S) | 7 Dane Camp (S) | 8 SLI Bogklub 2 All Dane Picnic (P) |
| 9 All Dane Picnic (S) | 10 Conversation Group (P) | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 SLI Bogklub 2 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 Last day to register for DACR! | 21 | 22 SLI Bogklub 2 |
| 23 | 24 Conversation Group (P) | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 SLI Bogklub 2 |

September 2026

| Søndag | Mandag | Tirsdag | Onsdag | Torsdag | Fredag | Lørdag |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| 30-Aug | 31-Aug | 1 Work Party (S) | 2 DBIA/DSS (S) | 3 | 4 Fredagscafe (S) | 5 |
| 6 | 7 Labor Day - NWDA Office Closed | 8 | 9 | 10 DBIA (E) | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 Conversation Group (P) | 15 | 16 Book Club (P) | 17 | 18 DACR (OR) | 19 DACR (OR) |
| 20 DACR (OR) | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 Conversation Group (P) | 29 | 30 | | | |

(P) = Portland (S) = Seattle (E) = Eugene

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In Memory – Ruth Tove Dally



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Ruth Tove Dally was born in Chicago, IL on April 14, 1925. Her parents, Henry Hans Hansen and Tove Dagmar Petersen immigrated from Denmark and ended up in a wonderful Danish Community in Chicago. They raised Ruth and her elder sister Elsa Petersen with love and compassion. Ruth met Francis Dally (a Navy man) on a blind date at Navy Pier, in Chicago during WWII. They fell in love and were married six months later. They went on to raise 3 children in Chicago, Scott, Susan and Greg and then moved to California and rounded out the family with another daughter, Joyce. After a few years in California, they ended up in Aloha, Oregon where they would live out their lives. Ruth was very involved with the Danish Brotherhood in Portland (DBIA #167). Ruth sent some of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren to Himmelbjerget Danish Camp. Camp became a big part of their lives and Ruth even served as the camp Mormor for several years. Danish culture was brought into the family, thanks to Ruth, and every Christmas the extended family gathers for a wonderful smorrebrod meal that everyone loves. After almost 60 years of marriage, Francis died in 2003. When Ruth turned 91, she decided she was tired of living on her own and moved to Philomath for the last 10 years of her life to live with Joyce and her husband. Family was the most important thing to Ruth and she was surrounded with love. After a fall and a few short days on May 12th, 2026 Ruth took her last breath and went to see Jesus. She had just turned 101 years old and was loved by so many!

Memorial Service will be
Saturday, July 18th at 1:00pm
Peace Lutheran Church
2540 Applegate Street
Philomath, OR 97370

Everyone is welcome!

Cards can be sent to Ruth's daughter
Joyce Maier
585 N 9th Street
Philomath, OR 97370

Donations can be made to Himmelbjerget Danish Camp



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FREDAGSCAFE, Seattle—Sept. 5th
WORK PARTY, Seattle—Sept. 1st
BOOK CLUB, Portland—Sept. 16th
GENERATIONS LUNCHEON, Seattle—Jul. 19th
DANISH AMERICAN CULTURAL RETREAT, Corbett –
Sept. 18-20th

**Monthly Events
(subject to change)**

- Work Party — First Tuesday, Seattle
- Fredagscafe — First Friday, Seattle
(all events listed above are not held in July & August)

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

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