



Danish House Society



Reports - News

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Summer 2021

President's Report

July 2021

It has been a hot dry summer and we are finally on the road to things getting back to normal. So much has happened and also not happened since the last newsletter. Covid has not gone away and there was no Midsummer this year. But AGM's and Board Meetings were held.



At the Danish House AGM the Board again chose me to continue as your President and elected four new Directors including a brand new Secretary, Tina Taylor. The other new Directors are Elisabeth Carstensen, Lars Lyngsoe, and Ulla Larsen. Please welcome them to our Board and let me be the first to say that I am excited about the skills and dedication they bring, and about working with them.

The March DHS AGM was followed by the Scandinavian Centre AGM in April and I received the privilege of being elected as the new Centre President as it was Denmark's turn to fill that position. So now I get to wear another hat. Hopefully my head will not swell and I will be up to the task of filling the big shoes of the last Centre President Pauli Juoksu.

I am excited about what is going to happen and that is the Centre will reopen on a limited capacity basis on August 3rd and things like language classes can start again. For Danish House the first scheduled Event will be the Annual Family BBQ on August 22nd. Because this is an outdoor event we are not limited in terms of the attendance but existing Covid rules will continue to be followed.

There will be a limited capacity Kroaften in September and if the province continues with its current reopening plan all restrictions should be lifted on September 7th and a full house Kroaften is a serious possibility for October.

It is with the greatest sadness that I have to report the sudden passing of longtime DHS Director and past President of the Centre, Dave Buchmann. Dave passed away in his sleep during the recent heat wave in the last week of June. Dave was an energetic Director and member of the "Tuesday Gang" and played a major role on the DHS Scholarship Committee and in the planning and organization of events like the Midsummer Festival, DHS Family BBQ, and so much more. He will be sorely missed. A celebration of his life will be held at the Centre on September 17th.

Lastly, I want to mention that 2021 is the 25th Anniversary of the Scandinavian Centre and also of the founding of Danish House. The Centre will host an Anniversary celebration on September 25th and all members of all the Houses are encouraged to drop by and help celebrate. Stay tuned for further details.

Ed Kuhlman, DHS President

DHS ANNUAL FAMILY BBQ

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 2021
4:00pm - 9:00pm

Door prizes and Raffle Prizes
Beef Steak or Salmon Fillet
Corn-on-the-Cob
Green Salad or Potato Salad
Assorted Pies and Ice Cream
Hot Dogs and Pop for Kids

CASH BAR BEER AND WINE



BY RESERVATION ONLY

\$20.00 per Person (Kids Free)

TO RESERVE

Phone: Ebba at 604-990-3550
Deadline: August 17th

A quarterly newsletter from Danish House

Calendar of Events: "What's on at the Centre"



Scandinavian Centre Restart of Activities

The Scandinavian Community Centre will carefully re-open on August 3, 2021 with limited capacity. Language Classes (both for youths and adults) will be permitted starting September 7th, 2021. All current maximum occupancy limits will be in effect until further notice. That means that a room with maximum occupancy of 10 can only host a group gathering of maximum 10 persons. Please note that the dates and the scope of the re-opening may change at any time, as we need to follow all updated Covid-19 directives from the BC government and PHO Office.

Maintaining the health, the safety, and the well-being of those visiting and working at the Centre is our goal. Any further updates will be posted on our websites.

August 2021

August 13 - 6:00pm (SCCS)

Scandinavian Business Club Summer Social

August 22 - 4:00pm (DHS)

Annual DHS Family BBQ

September 2021

September 3 - 6:30pm (DHS)

"Kro Aften" Club Night

September 8 - 6:00pm (SCCS)

Scandinavian Business Club AGM

September 17 - 3:00pm (SCCS)

Celebration of Life: Dave Buchmann

September 25 - TBA (SCCS)

Scandinavian Centre 25th Anniversary Celebration

October 2021

October 1 - 6:30pm (DHS)

"Kro Aften" Club Night

October 13 - 6:00pm (SCCS)

Scandinavian Business Club Dinner

October 23 - 8:30am (SCCS)

Scandinavian Centre Fall Cleanup Day

Danish House Kroaftens:

Friday, September 3, 2021

Limited to half- capacity maximum of 105
Phase3 of provincial restart guidelines

Friday, October 1, 2021

Full House

If under Phase 4 of provincial restart guidelines,
(all restrictions lifted)

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

All 2021 DHS MEMBERSHIP dues were due and payable by the deadline of December 31, 2020. The Danish House Board at its February Board meeting voted to forgive membership fees for the pandemic year 2021.

Any payments received to date for memberships in 2021 will be considered as payment for the year 2022 and credited to end December 31, 2022.

If your membership was due December 31, 2021 and you have not yet paid, you will automatically be considered a member in 2021.

Anyone who has forwarded payment for their 2021 membership will be offered the option of having their payment returned - just let me know.

Membership Dues are:

One Year Family \$40.00 and One Year Individual \$25.00
Lifetime \$300.00

A Big Welcome to the following new members that have been approved by the Board of Directors since the last newsletter:

Family Memberships

Jesper Rahlffe Burnaby

Life - Upgrades from Family & Individual

Peri Hansen Burnaby

Kjeld Frederiksen Surrey

Inge Frederiksen Surrey

Respectfully submitted by,
Else Rollke, Membership Committee

DONATIONS TO THE DANISH HOUSE SOCIETY

January thru June 2021

Names of Donors:

General Donations:

Ole Syberg; Margrethe Hiebert; Anne Woodsworth;
Peter Bladt

In Memory:

Oluf Folkersen: In Memory of Kate Praegel

Total Donations: \$ 510.00



Respectfully submitted by:
Else Rollke, Treasurer

Calling Volunteers of all ages!

Fall Clean Up

Saturday, October 23rd

9 am to 3 pm



Come out & help keep your Centre beautiful

Bring pails and rags, work inside or outside. Rain or shine.

Breakfast (by the Finnish War Veterans) is served at 8:30am

Lunch (By Icelandic Club of BC) at 12:30pm

Please let the office know if you are coming, and if you are joining us for breakfast and/or lunch info@scancentre.org



“KRO AFTEN” ! BRING YOUR FRIENDS

This fun-filled Danish House Event is held the **first Friday of every month, except August and December.**

Enjoy a fine selection of open-faced sandwiches (**\$5 each**), dessert and coffee or tea. Wash it down with snaps and Carlsberg beer on tap. Meet at about 6ish to get your meal tickets and table number - **smørrebrød is served at 7 p.m.**

BY RESERVATION ONLY

Put your order in by Monday, the week of the Kro Aften Friday. This very popular event fills up quickly so be sure to book early!

TO RESERVE

Send Ebba an e-mail at ebba@shaw.ca and receive the menu a week in advance. Order must be e-mailed to Ebba by the Monday before the Kro Aften. Phone Ebba at 604-990-3550

Please note that non-members will be charged a \$2.00 per person surcharge to attend.

DANISH LANGUAGE CLASSES - NEW TEACHERS NEEDED

Our teachers are one of the most valuable resources that we have, and we are always keeping an eye open for new people to join our team. If you know of new people that are coming into town, might be planning to come here, or already living here, and have an interest in teaching, please ask them to get in touch with us. Teaching at the Danish School is a great way to keep teaching activities on your resume, get to know fellow Danes in the area, learn about bilingualism, subsidize your income and have fun. We offer lessons two times a week, each lesson consisting of two hours plus prep work. Excellent verbal and written proficiency in the Danish language is a requirement. **Please do not contact the Scandinavian Centre Office.**

For more information contact the President, Ed Kuhlman: kuhlman@shaw.ca

DANISH HOUSE SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION:

Thank you for your interest in joining and supporting DHS. Please make your cheques payable to: “Danish House Society, 6540 Thomas St., Burnaby, BC V5B 4P9

Name(s): _____

Street: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

I prefer to receive my newsletter by: Email Canada Post New Membership or Renewal

- Membership Dues: \$25.00 Individual Membership Due enclosed
 \$40.00 Family Membership Due enclosed
 \$100.00 Corporate/Organization Membership Due enclosed
 \$300.00 Lifetime (individual) Membership Due enclosed

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____



**DANISH HOUSE SOCIETY
AND
THE ESTATE OF RUTH & JOHANNES PEDERSEN
SCHOLARSHIPS**

ATTENTION! STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS

To qualify for any of the ten \$1,500 scholarships offered by DHS and two scholarships from the estate of Ruth and Johannes Pedersen (\$2400 paid to each of the two top students), you must meet the following criteria:

- a) Be of Danish heritage *and/or* family member of a past or present member (*name please for verification*) of the Danish House Society. If you are *not* of Danish heritage you may still qualify if you are a member or connected through family to a member of the Danish House Society. **Please note: The membership in the Danish House Society must have taken effect at least one year prior to your scholarship application.**
- b) Be a resident of British Columbia working towards a degree or diploma in an accredited post-secondary institution. Evidence of registration in such an institution is required along with a **transcript of latest marks** and studies.
- c) Be of good character and provide written references from a high school or college administrator, and at least **two current references** including an employer, if applicable.

Application should be made by a **hand-written letter** giving your reasons for requesting the scholarship and describing your personal interests, hobbies, goals, dreams, financial need, and volunteer experience. Participation as a volunteer in Danish House Society activities should be noted. All of the Scholarships will be awarded at the October 2021 kroaften at the Scandinavian Centre depending upon the lifting of current government pandemic restrictions on gatherings.

To be considered for a 2021 DHS scholarship or Estate of Ruth and Johannes Pedersen Scholarships, your application and relevant information (**including your phone number, postal and e-mail addresses**) must be submitted by **July 31, 2021** to:

Danish House Society, DHS - Scholarship
6540 Thomas Street
Burnaby, BC V5B 4P9

Please note that each applicant is limited to receiving no more than three DHS scholarships.
For further information please contact any of the DHS scholarship committee members:

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DOGWOOD LODGE 179

VANCOUVER - CANADA

Join our Lodge.

Danish Sisterhood Canadian Lodge 179 is a non-profit organization with the mission to strengthen, maintain and preserve the Danish heritage and traditions for future generations. If you like to socialize and participate in various events, we welcome not only Danes but all Nationalities as members.

Members meet at **Carl Mortensen Manor, 4035 Norland Avenue, Burnaby, V5G 4T7** (Entrance on Kincaid) every 3rd Thursday of the month at **5:30 p.m.** (except July, Aug. & Dec.)
For more details visit: www.danishsisterhood.ca or contact lodge179@danishsisterhood.ca



Friend of DHS:

David Ronald Buchmann: April 5, 1943 - June 29, 2021

"Dave" passed away peacefully in his sleep on June 29, 2021. He had a big personality and lived a full life, which started in northern Ontario before moving to British Columbia. His work in heavy civil construction and real estate took him to many areas of the province. During his retirement years Dave lived in Burnaby and was an active member of the Danish House Society, "The Tuesday Gang" and the Scandinavian Community Centre.

Dave's father, Karl Emil Buchmann (1896 - 1966) was born in the town of Nakskov, Denmark located on the island of Lolland on October 5th, 1896. "Looking for an adventure", Karl immigrated to Canada in 1912 when he was just 16 years old. Karl joined his cousin Axel Clausen in northern Quebec where they worked in the forestry industry.



Dave's mother, Astrid Horning (1906 - 1979) was born on May 28th, 1906 in Aalborg, Denmark. She was educated and trained in Denmark to become a "Children's Nurse". Karl and Astrid immigrated to Canada at different times and met each other in Canada.

After working in the forestry industry, Karl attended Mount Allison University in Sackville, Nova Scotia. He eventually attended the University of Toronto and graduated in 1923 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Karl and Astrid were married on December 17th, 1932 at the Kirkland Lake United Church. Coincidentally, many years later, Dave would marry his first wife, Karen at the same church. Karl worked at the Lakeshore Gold Mine in Kirkland Lake before moving to the Timmins area. Dave was born at the St. Mary's Hospital in Timmins on April 5th, 1943. Karl first worked at the Buffalo Ankerite mine just outside of Timmins and then moved his family to Schumacher to work at the McIntyre Gold Mine.

The Buchmann family consisted of Karl, Astrid, Peter (1937 - 1998), Jenny Anne, Karol and Dave. Dave attended Schumacher Public School, graduated from Malvern Collegiate High School (Toronto) and then graduated from the Civil Technology Program at Northern College.

Dave married Karen Patricia Duffield at the Kirkland Lake United Church on August 21, 1965. Shortly after the wedding, Dave and Karen moved to Hope, British Columbia. Dave worked for Emil Anderson Construction and Karen worked as a school teacher and figure skating teacher in Hope, BC.

Dave and Karen's first son Brent (1971 - 1974) was born in Hope, BC. Tragically, Brent drowned in the town of Vernon, BC in April 1974. Dave and Karen moved to Maple Ridge, British Columbia and had three more sons, Trevor (1973), Blair (1975) and Neil (1977). All three boys were born at the Maple Ridge Hospital and are now residing in Ontario with their families. Trevor lives in Kenogami with his wife Erin and their 3 kids Brennan, Nora and Graeme. Blair lives in North Bay with his wife Mandy and their 2 boys Alex and Karter. Neil lives in Oakville with his wife Heather and their boys Nolan and Ross. Up until travel restrictions were in place Dave enjoyed his trips to Ontario to spend time with his family and visit the cottage at Nellie Lake.

Dave worked many years for Dawson Construction. He left Dawson to start his own construction company, Coastal Pacific Contracting in 1981. Karen and Dave separated and Karen moved back to Kirkland Lake, Ontario with their three sons. Dave eventually shifted from construction to real estate sales.

Dave remarried on July 6, 2002 to Hui ling Zhu and they lived together in Burnaby, BC. In 2013, Hui Ling moved to Kelowna to help out her son, Ryan Chen and his wife Yan Liu. Dave enjoyed going to visit them in Kelowna, especially to play with his two granddaughters, Kristy Chen and Kathy Chen.

During his retirement years, Dave was an active member of the Danish House / Scandinavian Community Centre in Burnaby. Dave spent many years on the Board of Directors for the Danish House Society and was the President of the Scandinavian Community Centre in 2016. Right up until the end, he enjoyed being an active member of the "Tuesday Gang" - helping out with the weekly maintenance tasks.

There will be a celebration of Dave's life at the Scandinavian Community Centre on Friday, September 17th. Dave has been cremated and his ashes will rest in Northern Ontario and at the Danish Lutheran Church of Vancouver. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Danish House Society in Dave's name.

**Our sincerest condolences go out to the families and with sadness in our hearts
we say goodbye to our friend.**

DANISH HOUSE SOCIETY - 25 YEARS OLD

The Beginning - Our Dream Became a Reality

From the start, in the fall of 1995, when the germ was planted to create the Danish House Society (DHS) until the final installment of the DHS's share of the Scandinavian Community Centre was paid in November, 2003, an awful lot of hard work was done by many, many people. All volunteers!

Poul Moller-Hansen recalls the beginning as follows:

A meeting was initiated by Lennart Osterlund, the then President of the Scandinavian Community Centre Society (SCCS), at Erik Unheim's office. Lennart suggested to me, that the Danes should establish their own House Society. After 15 years on the Board of the Scandinavian Businessmen's Club, I thought it was about time to step down from any kind of board. However, Knud Peter Nielsen, also present at the meeting, took the initiative, at a later date, to call a meeting, to see if we could get anything going. He and Svend Gerslund talked me into at least coming to the meeting, along with about 15 other people.

Al Paquette chaired the meeting and his wife, Inge took the minutes. The result was the formation of the Danish House Society's steering committee with Lise Shearer as Chair.

The first meeting of the committee took place at Lise Shearer's home, where each one of the board members pledged 1,000 dollars towards our petty cash, since we had no money, period.....

We were faced with the enormous task of raising \$550,000 to become equal partners with the Finns, the Norwegians and the Swedes in the Scandinavian Community Centre, previously known as The Roald Amundsen Centre, purchased from the Norwegian Government for \$1,350,000. In addition, when we were asked to join, the three other countries had already spent \$100,000 each on improvements.

Svend Gerslund, Knud Peter Nielsen, and Poul Moller-Hansen were involved right from the start.

On January 8th, 1996 a meeting was held at the Danish Church in Burnaby where a small group of 15 people attended to discuss the possibility of forming a Danish House Society, similar to the Norwegian/Sweden/Finland House Societies. Erik Unheim and Marian Toft from the Norwegian House Society attended, giving us an insight into their experiences in forming their society.

Subsequently a meeting was called on February 15th, 1996 to be held at the Roald Amundsen Centre, where a steering committee was established with Lise Shearer as Chair; Pia Christensen as Vice-Chair; Secretary Inge Paquette; Treasurer Poul Moller-Hansen; Directors-at-large: Elin Beall, Knud Peter Nielsen; Jens Rasmussen; Svend Gerslund.

The name Danish House Society (DHS) was approved in late February, 1996 by the BC Societies Registry, and the Danish House Society was officially registered in Victoria on May 9th, 1996.

The membership fee was set at \$25 and these fees were to be used as operating funds.

In 1996 there was a 'Fabulous Fund Raiser Festival on June 1st. Fifty to sixty people attended this event.

On October 19, 1996 a gala night was held to celebrate the official opening of the Scandinavian Community Centre (SCC). A large tent was erected on the grounds and over 200 people attended the event.

The evening festivities were opened by Knud Peter Nielsen playing on a Danish lure. A colourful procession of national flags was followed by singing of the national anthems. The event was attended by representatives from the diplomatic corps of Denmark, Finland, Norway, and Sweden. The guests enjoyed a scrumptious catered dinner and finished off the memorable evening by dancing to live music.

The Danish House Society's logo was designed early in 1996 and was officially used for the first time at the Gala opening.

A General Meeting was held on October 28th, 1996. Twenty-two members were present out of 90 members. The following members were elected to the Board of the DHS:

President Lise Shearer; Vice-President Knud Peter Nielsen; Secretary Pia Christensen; Assistant Secretary Elin Beall; Treasurer Poul Moller-Hansen; Assistant Treasurer Elin Beall; Directors-at-large: Svend Gerslund, Ingrid Lyth; Inge Paquette; Bernie Cramer.



Pia Christensen (Left) and Lise Shearer (Right) unveil the new Danish House Society Logo

DANISH HOUSE SOCIETY - 25 YEARS OLD - continued



Danish House Board of Directors for 1996

L to R: Inge Paquette, Ingrid Lyth, Pia Christensen, Knud Peter Nielsen, Lise Shearer, Elin Beall, Poul Moller-Hansen, Svend Gerslund, and Bernie Cramer,

It was subsequently decided that Poul Moller-Hansen would look after the fundraising, and Elin Beall would take over the accounting for the Danish House Society. Elin did a tremendous job for the DHS as well as for the Scandinavian Community Centre Society. Our first newsletter was issued in December, 1996.

The first 'Christmas by the Fireside' was celebrated in 1996 with glogg and 'aebleskiver' at the suggestion of Lise Shearer. Many people attended this event, which became a cherished tradition.

The year 1996 was the year that work was begun on our very own meeting place, the Denmark room. It was a big job to turn a sport changing room, complete with showers, into a cozy, inviting environment for board meetings and other activities. Jack Larsen and a crew of volunteers renovated the space and Heinrich Hansson took on the installation of the beam, and Karl Madsen the construction of the large wall unit.

Sadly our very active Board member and tireless promoter of the DHS, Knud Peter Nielsen passed away on December 30th, 1996. It was an exceedingly busy year for the Board, and it logged 29 meetings from February to December that year. Luckily, in subsequent years the number of meetings dropped to between 11 and 13 a year.

The Board of the Centre agreed to give each house a monthly rent free evening. The Danes chose the first Friday of each month at the insistence of Lise Shearer.

The first 'Pub Night', as our 'Kroaften' originally was called, took place on Friday, June 6th, 1997. Lise Shearer says it would never have been a success without the help of Aase Larsen, who volunteered to serve both a hot meal and sandwiches. It took quite a while for this new event to become popular. Many times we had fewer than 20 people but we persevered every first Friday of the month (except the month of December). Later on a full house would be the norm..

Selected edited excerpts from "Danish House Society - The First 8 Years" by Jorgen Rohweder

Note: In the fall of 2013 Lise Shearer, Poul Moller-Hansen, Niels Andersen and Jorgen Rohweder thought it would be worthwhile to capture the spirit of the endeavour of the founding of Danish House and compile a record of the first 8 years of the Danish House Society story. The full article can be found in the 2015 Federation of Danish Associations in Canada Heritage Book on pages 57 thru 74. The Book is available for loan from the Danish House Library.



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Please send Newsletter Submissions to the Editor: Ed Kuhlman - kuhlman@shaw.ca

Deadlines for submissions of quarterly ads are February 1, May 15, August 15, and November 15. If you wish to place an ad in the newsletter, payment requested is in the form of a donated gift item to Danish House Kroaften or a cash donation to DHS.

If you would like your newsletter by e-mail instead of print, please let us know Thank You.

DANISH LANGUAGE CLASSES

With the limited reopening of the Scandinavian Community Centre on the horizon it will soon be time to once again host language classes at the Centre. Sadly with the passing of Annette Lauridsen our language classes co-ordinator and the loss of some of our language teachers there is a little bit of work to be done getting the classes going again. One of our previous instructors, Elisabeth Carstensen has joined our Board of Directors and we are excited to have Elisabeth spearhead our efforts. Elisabeth will continue her excellent work as an instructor and we are in the process of trying to find teachers in order to offer a full compliment of Danish language classes.

We will begin taking registration for the Fall 2021 session on August 16th.

Adult: Beginners' Danish language lessons will start **Wednesday, September 22nd and end November 24th** This class is open to anyone of any level. The curriculum is adjusted to the needs and wishes of the students. There is very little homework: typically students will write a sentence or two about their weekend and read it to the class. This vocabulary will be the basis of the lesson for the evening. Dates are tentative and class is dependent on the number of registered students and the availability of a qualified Instructor.

Adult: Intermediate Danish language lessons will start **Thursday, Sept. 23rd and end Dec. 2nd.** Students should have some knowledge of Danish and be working towards fluency. Content is adjusted to the needs and wishes of the students. There are no exams. Dates are tentative and class is dependent on the number of registered students and the availability of a qualified Instructor.

Adult: Advanced Danish language lessons will start **Monday, Sept. 13th and end Nov. 22nd.** This class is mostly in Danish, and the content is adjusted to the needs and wishes of the students. Dates are tentative and class is dependent on the number of registered students and the availability of a qualified Instructor.

The cost is \$100 for ten lessons, payable on the first day of your class. A cheque made out to Danish House Society is preferred.

Please register or inquire by e-mail indicating your level to Ed Kuhlman: kuhlman@shaw.ca

All classes start at 6:30 pm and end at 8:30 pm in the Danish Room at the Scandinavian Centre.