



Danish House Society



Reports - News

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President's Report

Spring is just around the corner and so is another set of Annual General Meetings. First up is the DHS AGM on March 15th and then the Scandinavian Centre AGM in April. Both of these meetings will be Zoom meetings because of the current restrictions on public gatherings. Hopefully you can find the time to attend so that we have quorums for these meetings.



The current DHS Board will undergo significant change as two directors have decided to step down. With one position already vacant and with the sad passing of Annette Lauridsen the board will have 4 new faces. Longtime directors Gunnar Jensen and Ebba Grey both decided after many years of dedicated service to step down. On behalf of the Board and the membership I offer a collective thank you to both Gunnar and Ebba for all their hard work and service throughout the years. It was a pleasure to work with them on Kroaftens and the Midsummer Festivals were Gunnar was busy in the salmon BBQ and Ebba was running her feet off selling lottery tickets.

The year 2020 was a particularly difficult year as the pandemic forced the cancellation of the Kroaftens, the Language Classes and all other scheduled events including the Midsummer Festival and The Christmas by the Fireside. Unfortunately there will be no Midsummer Festival in 2021 either, but with the provincial vaccination program beginning in March hopefully we will soon be able to once again host some events and get the Language Classes started again..

The one program that did not completely fall victim to the pandemic was the scholarship program. You can read about 2020 scholarship winners in this newsletter. Annette Lauridsen who served on the committee will be sorely missed and we must also say Thank You to the other members of the Committee, Margit Hansson, Dave Buchmann and Ella Wolder for all their dedicated service. Ella has decided to step down and her place will be taken by past DHS Board member Paul Christensen while Annette Lauridsen's replacement is new DHS Board member Dexada Jorgensen. The folding of the Danish Canadian Community Centre of BC means that the scholarship program, which was an equal partnership between the DHS and the DCCC will now continue as an entirely DHS program. Danish House received a substantial bequeathment of funds from the DCCC and \$200,000 has been set aside for the scholarship program ensuring adequate funding will be available for the next 12 years and beyond.

Stay safe and stay connected and hopefully we will soon be able to enjoy a beer or two and some smorrebrod at the Centre in the not too distant future.

Ed Kuhlman, DHS President

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TAKE NOTICE:

The 25th Annual General Meeting of the Danish House Society will be held at the Scandinavian Community Centre, 6540 Thomas Street, Burnaby, B.C. Transmitted on ZOOM.

On:

**Monday 15th of March 2021
at 19:00 (7:00pm), to:**

1. Consider the reports of the Directors to the members.
2. Consider the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st of December 2020.
3. Resolutions:
4. Elect Directors for the coming year.
5. Transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Dated the 8th of February 2021
By order of the Board of Directors
of the Danish House Society.
Ebba Grey, Secretary

REMINDER:

If you have not yet renewed your membership for 2020 please take a moment to do so prior to the AGM.

NOTE:

E-Mailed Minutes of DHS AGM 16th March 2020 and Financial Statements 2020 available on request from Ebba Grey ebba@shaw.ca.

If you would like to attend the meeting via Zoom, please email or phone Ed Kuhlman kuhlman@shaw.ca or phone (604) 942-8499

A quarterly newsletter from Danish House

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



The Scandinavian Centre is Closed until Further Notice

Based on the guidance of public health authorities, we have made the decision to close the Scandinavian Centre to the public as of March 20, 2020. The Centre is a community gathering place where we share Scandinavian culture with people of all ages and backgrounds. However, we must do our part in social distancing.

While the Scandinavian Centre is closed, the Office is still open for administration. You can contact us either by phone or e-mail info@scancentre.org. If you wish to come to the Centre please contact us first.

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.

DONATIONS TO THE DANISH HOUSE SOCIETY

May, June, July & August 2020

Names of Donors:

General Donations:

Dorit and Lars Larsen

Midsummer Raffle Ticket Refunds Donated to DHS:

Ruth & Tom; Peter Jensen; Fred Jorgensen;
Jens Madsen; Bent Ostergaard; Niels Jensen;
Erik Esman; Carl Campen; Kjeld Frederiksen;
Derek Pointon; Phil El Nur; Svend Olesen;
Bill Baarschers; Poul Ostergaard;

Scholarship Fund:

Hilda Hewalo: In Memory of Knud Hewalo

**September, October, November
& December 2020**

Names of Donors:

General Donations:

Linda Jorgensen; Margrethe Hiebert, Debbie Denault;
Ole Syberg; Gwen & Frits Dahl

Scholarship Fund:

Anne Woodsworth

Special Donation:

Danish-Canadian Community Centre of BC a General
Donation of \$345,000 of which \$200,000 is to be used
for Scholarships Only.

Total Donations: \$ 348,550.00



Respectfully submitted by:
Else Rollke, Treasurer

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 last 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.

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

Membership Dues are:

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

Family Memberships

Jette and Norman Elliott	Surrey
Doug and Yvette Menges	Vancouver
Annette, Jan, Joey & Katie Kristiansen	White Rock

Individual Memberships

Joyce Stratton	Vancouver
John Petersen	North Vancouver

Respectfully submitted by,
Ebba Grey, Membership Committee

ALL "KRO AFTENS" AND DANISH LANGUAGE CLASSES ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE



Provincial Government Order With Respect To Mass Gatherings

The current restrictions prohibit gatherings and events of any size - including everything from live theatre performances to events held outdoors - with limited exceptions for things like small weddings and funerals.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TAKE NOTICE: The Annual General Meeting of the Scandinavian Community Centre Society will be held on Zoom on:
Thursday, 8th of April 2021 at 7:00 pm to:

- 1) Consider the reports of the Directors.
- 2) Consider the Financial Statement for the year ended 31st of December 2020
- 3) Resolutions.
- 4) Elect Directors for the coming year.
- 5) Transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Agenda for the Annual General Meeting will be posted at the Scandinavian Centre 30 days before the Meeting.

If you would like to attend the meeting via Zoom, please email info@scancentre.org by Thursday March 31st and include the name of the member organization that you belong to.

Dated the 11th of February 2021.

By order of the Board of Directors of the Scandinavian Community Centre Society.

Pauli Juoksu,
President.

UPDATE FROM ONE OF OUR SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

TO THE DANISH HOUSE SOCIETY:

I look back and it has probably been 10 years since I was fortunate enough to win one of the Danish House scholarships of \$1000. At that time I was in my first year of university doing my Bachelors of Athletic and Exercise Degree. Since then, I have graduated and have worked various jobs in my field which include: Canadian Football League 's BC Lions football, long term care facilities providing physical rehabilitation, running my own clinic space in a gym, to now managing a case load of catastrophic injury files for the Insurance Corporation of BC (ICBC). I am very grateful to have won that scholarship and the pressure it took off of me as I had to work every summer to save up rent and tuition. I am very lucky as well to have amazing supportive grandparents who I know help out tremendously for the Danish House Society. All of the best and good luck to future winners.

**Regards,
Kevin Christensen**

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 September 3, 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 **June 30th, 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:

Dave Buchmann	(604) 760-7705
Paul Christensen	(604) 944-9686
Margit Hansson	(604) 533-5719
Dexada Jorgensen	(604) 314-8978



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

THE 2020 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Ten \$1,200 Scholarships were available for 2020 - funded equally by the Danish House Society (DHS) and the Danish-Canadian Community Centre of BC (DCCC). Only six of these scholarships were awarded due to a lack of qualifying applications. Due to the current pandemic, the presentation of the scholarships to be made at the September 4th Kro Aften had to be cancelled because of the government restrictions on group meetings. Three additional \$2,400 Scholarships were awarded by the DHS in appreciation of funds willed to the DHS for 2 scholarships by the Estate of Ruth and Johannes Pedersen and 1 additional scholarship for 2020 only, from funds received from Hilda Hewalo in honour of her late husband Knud Hewalo. Twelve applications were received by the deadline of 30th June 2020. Of those, 9 applications qualified for review and consideration and 3 applications were rejected as no connection to DHS or DCCC could be established. A total of 21 applications were submitted in 2019. The scholarship committee assessed each application, awarding points for academic achievement, application presentation, goals, and references, etc. **Committee members recused themselves from assessing the application of any related person.**

Emma Carle - Vancouver



Emma is the granddaughter of longtime DHS member and supporter Rita Carle. Emma earned a DHS/DCCC scholarship in 2016. She is attending the University of Victoria. She is currently completing her Bachelor of Geography and a minor in French. Emma's grandmother has taught her a lot about Danish culture. She has always loved the outdoors. Studying Geography has provided her with more opportunities for field research and labs. Emma has been working during the summer and also during school to pay for her living costs. She has done some volunteering in the past. The DHS/DCCC scholarship will be very appreciated.

Lia Elrick - West Vancouver



Lia is the granddaughter of DHS members Vera and Niels Andersen. She is the grandniece of Margit Hansson. Congratulations again to Lia for representing your Danish Heritage well and making all your relatives proud, while taking on a tough UBC Mechanical Engineering course combined with Environmental Science to end up with sustainable solutions to conserve carbon usage. Lia's other interests include photography, volleyball, and helping preserve her Danish culture here at the Scandinavian Centre. Lia started babysitting when she was eleven, and set aside a portion of her earnings for her university fund. In June 2019, Lia wore a Danish folk costume and carried in the Danish flag at the opening procession of our Midsummer Festival. Lia also won a scholarship in 2018.

Carl Kejser - New Westminster



Carl Kejser is the son of Danish House member Michelle Madsen, the grandson of Johan Madsen, and the grandson of Eileen and Kel Kejser, all Danish House members. Carl is a frequent volunteer around the Scandinavian Centre. He has excelled in Music and is studying Psychology at Douglas College and at Simon Fraser University. In July 2018, Carl was in the French immersion program at Trois Rivieres, Quebec. We foresee a great future for Carl.

Michelle Madsen - New Westminster

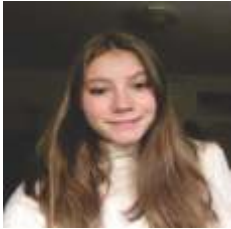


Congratulations to Michelle, a single parent of 3 aspiring teenage students. She is taking on a Human Resources education to compliment her existing Chartered Accountant designation. She has a long history with the Danish House Society, having done a lot of volunteer work. Michelle manages to stay on the Dean's honour roll while maintaining this busy pace. Michelle is a life member of Danish House herself. Her father is Johan Madsen and her aunt is Anna Kask.

Thank You to all DHS Members and Non-Members for your Generosity at Kroaftens buying the raffle tickets that make the scholarships possible.

OUR 2020 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS - continued

Sarah Madsen - North Vancouver



Sarah is the niece of DHS member Michelle Madsen. Sarah earned a DHS/DCCC scholarship in 2019. She is currently studying at the University of Victoria and working towards a major degree in History. Sarah has much volunteering experience both within the Scandinavian community and outside of it. She loves music, the arts, and connecting with nature by going on hikes and gardening. Sarah believes it is important that we understand the past so we can learn and succeed in the future. She is thankful for being considered for this scholarship.

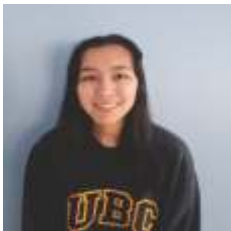
Dylan Nielsen - Surrey

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Dylan is the son of DHS member Andrea Nielsen and the grandson of DHS members Knud and Doris Nielsen. Dylan is attending Kwantlen Polytechnic University and is working towards a degree in Chemistry to pursue a degree in Chemical Engineering. Dylan's involvement in learning and honouring his Danish roots is an ongoing part of his life. He has volunteered at the Danish Lutheran Church. He has also volunteered as part of the Scouts Canada Program. He occasionally bikes and plays Pickleball. Dylan has been tutoring at home, in high school mathematics, as a job. Receiving a scholarship will help greatly so that he can have more time for his university studies.

DHS - Ruth & Johannes Pedersen Scholarships (awarded to top 2 applicants)

Amanda Lauridsen - Surrey



Amanda is the daughter of Steen Lauridsen and Jenny Tan. Her grandparents are Arne and Annette Lauridsen. Amanda is another winner of the Ruth and Johannes Pedersen Scholarship of \$2400. Amanda maintained a 4 plus grade point average throughout her high school years and will do well in her chosen field of Bio-medical engineering. She excels in trumpet, piano and cadets while volunteering at a seniors home and at Midsummer Festivals. She proudly represents her Danish-Chinese heritage.

Brennan Strandberg-Salmon - Burnaby



Brennan is the son of DHS member Coro Strandberg and grandson of Arne Schou. Congratulations once again to Brennan for winning one of the top awards, The Ruth and Johannes Pedersen award for \$2,400. We recognize his great effort to mix studies in Climate control and conservation while attaining a very high GPA of 4.14 at Simon Fraser University. He also has done a lot of volunteer work, both at the Scandinavian Centre and local Stream cleaning for Salmon spawning.

DHS - one time \$2400 Hilda Hewalo Scholarship in Memory of Knud Hewalo

Megan Lauridsen - Surrey



Megan's high marks made her a very deserving recipient of the \$2,400 award donated by Hilda Hewalo in memory of her husband Kud Hewalo. Megan is the daughter of DHS member Steen Lauridsen, sister to Amanda, one of our other big scholarship winners, and granddaughter of DHS member Arne Lauridsen and our dear scholarship committee member, now deceased, Annette Lauridsen. Megan is attending the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at Kwantlen Polytechnic University. She has enjoyed and learned from the different placements during the program and already looks forward to next semester's placement. She has volunteered much in our community. As the maximum number of scholarships to be received by one applicant is three, this will be the last DHS scholarship to Megan as she won in 2018 and 2019. She is thankful for all the support she has received.

Friends of DHS:

Margaret Eli Hoover: July 21, 1932 - August 19, 2020



Margaret Eli Hoover (also know as Margaret Chester), passed away peacefully on August 19, 2020 in Victoria, BC at the age of 88. Margaret was born in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan on July 21, 1932, the first Canadian born child of Danish immigrants, Christian and Kristina Henriksen. The family relocated to the Kootenay region of BC when Margaret was a year old. Margaret started her working career as a secretary and grew it over the years through hard work and continuing education until she became a professional human resources practitioner. She culminated her career as a successful independent business owner providing HR services in Vancouver for her last 10 working years before retirement. Margaret was an avid gardener creating a beautiful garden at her West Vancouver homes and attaining the status of Master Gardener, volunteering many hours mentoring others across the Lower Mainland. Margaret was very proud of her Danish roots, travelling to Denmark many times during her adult life, connecting with her family there.



In addition to passing on this love of Denmark to her children and grandchildren she kept her Danish connection alive through membership in the Danish Lutheran Church of Vancouver and volunteering on the Board and as a member of the Ladies Auxiliary for the Dania Home Society in Burnaby, for which she had a particular passion. Her exercise group, the Better Bones Bunch, became a beloved social group and she often hosted them at her home for one of her fabulous meals. She was an amazing cook and entertainer and her many, many friends can attest to the wonderful, welcoming evenings spent in her home. In 2018, Margaret and her husband Stan relocated to Victoria.

Annette Lauridsen: July 19, 1946 - October 1, 2020



It is with great sadness that we announce that long time Danish House Society member Annette Lauridsen passed away on October 1, 2020 at the age of 74, after a nearly decade long battle with cancer. Annette was born in Aalborg on July 19, 1946, and immigrated to Canada with her parents and younger sister in 1959. They lived in Ottawa for a while before finally settling in Vancouver. Annette met Arne at a Danish Constitution Day picnic at Peace Arch Park, and in 1965, Annette and Arne were married.

After focussing on being a mom to her three kids, Annette went back to school, earned a Bachelor's Degree and became a university instructor, mostly teaching Math and English. Annette always enjoyed maintaining and preserving her Danish culture and heritage. She combined this with her teaching skills, becoming a teacher for Granly's Danmark Skole in the early 1980's. Since then, Annette has also served on the board of the Danish Church, and the Danish House Society. She has also been a teacher and organizer of the Danish Language classes for the DHS, as well as a DHS Scholarship Committee member.

In her spare time, Annette enjoyed travelling the world with her husband Arne, socializing with friends and family, and participating in and organizing many community activities. Following her cancer diagnosis she continued as best she could to live life to the fullest without outward complaints of her discomfort due to her illness.

Terje Hartvigsen: 1946 - September 4, 2020

Terje Hartvigsen passed away from cancer Sept.4th. Born in Norway in 1946, he came to Canada with his family as a young person. Terje got his wings in the military and was employed as a pilot for major airlines until retirement. He was married for 52 years to his loving wife Jette, his high school sweetheart, and he leaves behind his two children and seven grandchildren. He loved being a husband, father and grandfather, and he loved golf.

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Friends of DHS continued:

Gordon James Hindle: November 25, 1940 - October 25, 2020

Gordon passed away peacefully at the Saanich Peninsula Hospital on Vancouver Island after a lengthy battle with cancer. Gordon is survived by his loving wife, Hanne, of nearly 39 years.

Gordon was born in Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire, England, and after graduating from Burton-on-Trent Grammar School he worked at the Grammar School in the Physics and Biology department as a Laboratory Technician for four years. From 1964 to 1968 Gordon attended the City of Coventry College of Art where he passed the City and Guilds of London Institute Final Examination with Credit in Technical Illustration.

In September 1968 Gordon immigrated to Canada with his first wife, Susan. He had been hired by the United Aircraft Company of Canada Ltd. in Montreal on a two year contract as one of ten illustrators in the Publications Department. The contract was extended, but in April 1972 Gordon resigned because of the worsening social and political situation in Quebec.

Gordon, his first wife and their two infant sons, headed west to BC to start a new life in the Vancouver area. After nine years of marriage, Gordon and his first wife divorced, and in December 1981 he travelled to Denmark to get married to Hanne, his second wife, who then immigrated to Canada to be with her new husband.

In 1976 Gordon started the construction of his Rutan Vari-Eze, a fast two-seat touring aeroplane of composite construction, which he built in the basement of his house in Tsawwassen. The plane flew for the first time in the summer of 1984 ready for the Abbotsford Airshow. Gordon had the honour of winning the award for the best homebuilt aircraft at that year's Fly-in in Arlington, Washington.

Gordon was known for being a perfectionist and extremely meticulous as well as for his vast knowledge of aviation and for his British sense of humour.

Henri B. Clausen: June 6, 1929 - 2020

Henri was born on June 6, 1929 in Denmark. He trained as a precision tool room machinist and immigrated to Canada in November 1952. Henri leaves Yvonne, his wife of 68 years and three daughters to mourn him. Henri was a great father and a loving husband to wife Yvonne with whom he enjoyed a great marriage.

Eve Green Lyth (Thomsen): May 18, 1926 - June 9, 2020

Eve was born in Skt. Jorgensbjerg area of Roskilde in Sjælland on May 18, 1926. Predeceased by her husband Gunnar on July 31, 2004. They both were DHS lifetime members. They attended Kroaften, silent auctions and other functions. Gunnar made flagpoles for the House. Eve volunteered in the kitchen making smorrebrod for Midsummer Fest. She also made aebelskiver and frikadeller. When she went out, she always proudly wore her red DHS vest.



Eve, Gunnar and son Tom, came to Canada in September 1951. Took the train from Quebec City to Victoria, BC where they stayed for a few months, then moved to Comox Street by Stanley Park where daughter Julie was born. They lived there for a year or so. A single workmate of Gunnar had a house on William Street in East Vancouver and three teenaged daughters. He offered to rent/sell the house in exchange for looking after his daughters, which Eve agreed to. When the daughters had moved out, Gunnar wrote his 7 brothers, 1 sister and parents telling them how wonderful it was here. Around 1956 the first ones came to stay with them until they found accommodations. One brother remained in Denmark. Eve was busy cooking and taking care of them all. At one point there were 16 people in the house. They eventually all moved out but then came birthdays and Christmas and once again the house was full with family and Eve preparing food an at Christmas, fleskestege. They were wonderful times, getting together with family and cousins. Eve's parents, 1 brother and sister came to visit, that was also a good time.

In 2012 Eve moved from William Street to Winfield (Lake Country) to be close to Julie. She bought a bungalow, and had it fixed up and transformed it into a cute, up to date house. She was a florist in Denmark, so of course, many flowers were around her house and plants inside. She could be stubborn, but she had a big heart and was generous to her family. She is greatly missed by Tom and liisa, Julie and Gary, 7 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

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