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*King Frederick X and
Queen Mary
of Denmark
January 14, 2024*





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President's Report

On behalf of the Danish House Society, I wish to congratulate King Frederick X and Queen Mary of Denmark on their succession to the throne. I also want to thank Queen Margrethe for her 52-years of service to Denmark. It was remarkable to see the people in Denmark crowd into Copenhagen to wish them well.

The DHS will still be celebrating Queen Margrethe's birthday on April 20 with a dinner/dance (see ad within newsletter).

We had a great Christmas Kro Aften with a sellout crowd; we were able to squeeze in over 140 people. The food was wonderful along with the festive mood.

We also had a wonderful night celebrating Christmas by the Fireside with Lucia and Santa in attendance. We were over 130. We enjoyed aebleskiver, pastry, and of course, glogg.

We are hopefully close to spring time and we are already planning for Midsummer 2024. If you would like to volunteer, please let us know.

Thank you for your support and hope to see you at our AGM on March 18 at 7pm.

Peter Praegel
President



CALLING VOLUNTEERS OF ALL AGES!

Spring Work Party

Saturday, May 11th

9am to 3pm

Come out & help & keep your Centre beautiful!

Bring pails and rags,

work inside or outside. Rain or shine.

8:30am, Breakfast

12:30pm, Lunch

Please let the office know if you are coming,

and if you are joining us for

breakfast and/or lunch at info@scancentre.org



Nordic Baking Classes

Jan 24 – Kransekage

Jan 31 – Pulla with Raisins (ZOOM)

Feb 5 – Hazelnut/Almond Cookies

Feb 7 – Danish Kringle

Feb 26 – Semla Buns

Course includes 2-hour class, recipe and baked goods to take home.

Email for more information:

scanbake@gmail.com





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A Royal Evening Celebration

Honouring Her Majesty Queen Margarita II's 52 Year Reign

April 20, 2024

6:00 p.m. *No Host Bar*

6.45 p.m. *Opening Ceremony performed by the Royal Danish Guards*

7:00 p.m. *Dinner*

Seasonal Salad with Assorted Breads

Baked Salmon stuffed with Shrimp and Crab

Béarnaise Sauce

Hasselback Potatoes

Fresh Seasonal Vegetables

A Trio Dessert Plate

Coffee or Tea

-Wine will be offered with meal -

(Vegetarian option available- please pre-advise)

After Dinner..... Dance the night away with the Silver Star Band

Tickets: \$50 each

Order: Else Rollke

604-620-1632

danishhousesociety@gmail.com



**Deadline to purchase
tickets:**

April 10th

Tickets must be pre-paid



Calendar of Events

January 2024

<u>Jan 20th – 1:00 pm</u>	SCCS
Genealogy	
<u>Jan 28th – 12 noon</u>	SCS
SCCS Volunteer Luncheon	

February 2023

<u>Feb 2nd – 6:00pm</u>	DHS
Kro Aften Club Night	
<u>Feb 9th – 12 Noon</u>	SCCS
Scandinavian Seniors Lunch 55+	
<u>Feb 10th - 1:00 pm</u>	SCCS
Genealogy	

March 2023

<u>March 1st – 6:00 pm</u>	DHS
Kro Aften Club Night	
<u>March 8th – 12 Noon</u>	SCCS
Scandinavian Seniors Lunch 55+	
<u>March 9th - 1:00 pm</u>	SCCS
Genealogy	
<u>March 18th - 7:00 pm</u>	DHS
DHS AGM	

April 2024

<u>April 5th – 6:00pm</u>	DHS
Kro Aften Club Night	
<u>April 12th – 12:00 Noon</u>	SCCS
Scandinavian Seniors Lunch 55+	
<u>April 20th - 6:00 pm</u>	DHS
Queen's Birthday Event	

For more events:

<https://scancentre.org/events-calendar/>

Membership Committee Report

The 2024 DHS MEMBERSHIP dues were due and payable by the deadline of December 31, 2023. If you have not renewed your membership for this year, please do so. Contact via email to: danishhousesociety@gmail.com or phone Else Rollke at 604-620-1632.

Membership Dues are:

One Year Individual \$25.00, One Year Family \$40.00, Corporate/Organization \$100, and Lifetime \$300.00

New Memberships:

Ole Damsgaard, Jacob Andresen, Kristi Lauridsen

Respectfully submitted by:

Else Rollke, Membership Committee

Donations to the Danish House Society

Oct 16th – Dec 31st, 2023

Donations:

In Memory of Alf Kilrich–
Betty Mortensen

General Donations:

Anna-Margrethe Hiebert, Ole Syberg

Total donations \$400.00

Thank
you ❤️



KRO AFTEN – BRING YOUR FRIENDS!!!

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



Enjoy a fine selection of open-faced sandwiches (\$6 each), dessert (\$4 each) and coffee or tea (n/c). Wash it down with snaps and Carlsberg beer on tap (no host bar). Meet at about 6pm to get your meal tickets and table number - **smørrebrød is served at 7 p.m. Credit/debit cards now accepted.**

BY RESERVATION ONLY

Step #1 - An email with the menu and order form will be sent out the 2 weeks before the Kro Aften.

Step #2 – Your order must be emailed to danishhousesociety@gmail.com before 6pm Tuesday on the week of Kro Aften.

Step #3 – After you've emailed your order to Danish House, you will receive a confirmation email "Your order has been received." You will receive a confirmation email within 3 days. Please make sure you received this confirmation; if not, email danishhousesociety@gmail.com.

Guidelines:

- No changes/cancellations/seating changes accepted after 3:00pm, Wednesday on the week of Kro Aften.
- No outside alcohol is permitted to any Danish House Society event. No exceptions are allowed as it contravenes the SCCS Liquor License.
- Dietary Requirements: Only GLUTEN FREE will be accommodated. Write GLUTEN FREE beside the specific sandwich and that way your request will be recognized.
- Please redeem your dessert ticket at the Kro Aften it was ordered for. Dessert tickets are colour coded and cannot be used at a future Kro Aftens.
- Please note: NON MEMBERS will be charged \$5.00 per person surcharge to attend.

NEXT KROAFTEN

February 2nd

March 1st

April 5th





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Everyone is invited to attend and participate!

Danes can sing!

**LIP SYNC
Contest**

Friday February 23, 2024
Scandinavian Centre, Burnaby
Doors at 6:30, Singing at 7:00
Prizes, snacks, singing & more... don't miss out!

 \$10 entry (free for contestants)
Please RSVP
vfclubmembers@gmail.com or on
vancouverfinlandiaclub.com



Mark your Calendar

Scandinavian Midsummer Festival 2024

Sat. June 22 and Sun. June 23

DANISH LANGUAGE CLASSES

Winter Semester is starting in January 2024! We have 3 classes including Beginners and Intermediate on Mondays. *Beginner classes will be in person and Intermediate class will be Hybrid (part in person and part on Zoom)*

The schedule is:

Beginner class will meet on Mondays, from 5:00pm, starting on: *Monday, January 22, 2024 (last class April 22, 2024)*

Beginner class will meet on Mondays, from 7:00pm, starting on: *Monday, January 22, 2024 (last class April 22, 2024)*

Intermediate (Hybrid part in person / part on Zoom) class will meet on Mondays, from 7:00pm, starting on: *Monday, January 22, 2024 (last class April 22, 2024)*

This semester, the classes will run for 12 weeks, and the fee will be \$125.00.

There will be a limit of 16 students per class. Make sure to sign up as soon as possible to make sure you get a spot. All classes will be held, in the Danish Room, at the Scandinavian Centre.

The cost is \$125 for 12 weeks, payable on the first day of your class or prior. Payment can be made in advance by credit card or a cheque made out to Danish House Society.

To register or inquire indicating your level: danishhousesociety@gmail.com



Danish House Society Scholarship Applications

DHS offers several scholarships: one at \$2,500 from the estate of Ruth and Johannes Pedersen, one at \$2,000 from the Danish Sisterhood of America, Lodge 179, and up to 9 at \$1,500 from the DHS.

To be considered for any of these scholarships, you must be of Danish heritage, with either yourself or a close family member (parent, grandparent, sibling, aunt or uncle) a paid up member of the Danish House Society, for at least one year. If you are not of Danish heritage, you may still qualify if you are a DHS member or connected through family to a member of the Danish House Society.

You must be a resident of British Columbia working towards a degree or diploma at an accredited post-secondary institution (the institution can be outside of BC).

Be of good character and provide 3 current written references: at least one from a high school or college/university administrator or faculty member, and the remainder from other sources, including an employer, if applicable. References are to be current, dated, and signed; if electronically submitted, should clearly show the source.

Your application **MUST** include:

- a. Your letter, typed, one-sided, on standard 8 ½ x 11 letter-sized paper, maximum 2 pages
- b. Your name, mailing address (or addresses, local and at your place of study if that is out-of-province), phone number, email address
- c. Your Danish House connection, with name(s) and relationship to you
- d. Reasons for requesting the scholarship; your goals
- e. A brief description of your personal interests
- f. Any volunteer experience, especially with DHS
- g. The institution you will be attending, with proof of registration, and student ID number
- h. Transcripts of your past performance, showing latest marks. From high school if you are starting first year; from university, college or institute if applicable
- i. Three references, as described above, 8 ½ x 11 only.

Your scholarship application must be received by June 30, 2024, at this address:

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

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

Pia Christensen, Margit Hansson, and Ulla Prip Larsen

danishhousesociety@gmail.com



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Christmas By the Fireside - December 2023





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Christmas Kro Aften

December 2023



*Getting to Know
Smørrebrød:
The Ultimate
Guide To Danish
Open Faced
Sandwiches*





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Civil Courage Society
in honour of Wallenberg and Sugihara

Vancouver
Nineteenth Annual

RAOUL WALLENBERG DAY

Sunday, January 21, 2024
1:30 p.m.


Congregation Beth Israel
989 W 28th Ave (at Oak St)

Wartime Civil Courage in Scandinavia


During World War Two, in German-occupied Denmark and Norway, dramatic events demanded that people exhibit Civil Courage to defy Nazi policies that threatened the human rights of their countrymen.

GUEST SPEAKERS -


- Local researcher and author Tore Jørgensen will tell the story of hundreds of Norwegian policemen who refused to collaborate with the occupiers.
- Norman Gladstone, long-serving volunteer leader of the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre, will speak about the inspiring rescue of Denmark's Jewish population from the Holocaust.



FILM - Passage to Sweden tells the story of diplomats who saved Jews in Scandinavia and the rest of Europe.




Thornhill CC



WSSCCS.CA

Doors open 1:00 p.m. • Donations are appreciated (at door or wsscs.ca)
Parking underground (limited) & on Oak St

Presented in partnership with  CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL

Friends of DHS

Alf Kiilrich

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



Scandinavian Centre - Tuesday Gang Volunteering

Our fantastic, super-competent and dedicated Tuesday gang works wonders maintaining the Scandinavian Centre. We are therefore looking to recruit some additional Tuesday gang members. And we hope you will continue volunteering! The gang meets **every Tuesday** throughout the year. Coffee breaks are guaranteed along with a variety of lunches. The gang **starts at 9am on Tuesdays**, and goes until about noon.

Please let the office know if you'd like to attend, info@scancentre.org or just show up!

SENIORS LUNCHEON

Feb 25 – March 24 – April 28

All seniors welcome (non-seniors can accompany seniors).

Time: Noon

Cost: \$3 if you bring a plate of sandwiches, cakes or cookies to share, OR \$8 if you prefer not to bring food.

Contact: Tor Olufsen 604-294-0749 or by tmolufsen@gmail.com



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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: _____

Membership: ☐ New Membership ☐ Renewal

Membership Dues

<input type="checkbox"/>	\$25.00	Individual Membership (per year)
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$40.00	Family Membership (per year)
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$100.00	Corporate/Organization Membership (per year)
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$300.00	Lifetime (individual) Membership (one-time payment)
<input type="checkbox"/>	TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____	



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If you have not received an email from us the last month please send us your new email address, so we can update our records. Send to our email address danishhousesociety@gmail.com

Any errors or omissions to the newsletter please also send feedback to our new email address.



The Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre needs our help!

The Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre of Vancouver (<https://www.vhec.org/>) is developing an exhibit and education program that will be launched in early 2024. The exhibit's theme will be "Rescuers," emphasizing the rescue of Denmark's Jewish population in 1943. The role that Danes played in this historic event presents us with the concepts of moral choices and decisions. Whereas there were individual rescuers of Jews in other parts of Second World War-occupied Europe, the Danish episode is unique as it involved thousands of "ordinary" Danes who saved their fellow countrymen.

The Danish people helped many Jewish civilians escape from Nazi's during World War II (1940-1945). Do you happen to know of someone that helped the Jewish people escape from the Nazi's? How did they help them escape? Do you have a story or pictures, letters or artifacts to share?

Next September (in 2024) the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre would like to share these stories, letters, pictures, artifacts with high school students. They would appreciate any information that you can share with them and honor the Danish contributions to the war effort.

If you can help, please contact:

Lise Kirchner
Program Consultant
604-786-5985
l.kirchner@vhec.org



My Original Danish Pastry Baker

Tsawwassen Mills Mall
5000 Canoe Pass Wy #306, Delta

