



### President's Report

Spring is here after a very mild winter and everyone will be enjoying the wonderful Spring flowers and warmer, dryer weather. A reminder that the Scandinavian Community Centre AGM will be on Thursday, April 2 at 7pm.

I would like to remind you that the Danish House Society AGM is on March 16<sup>th</sup> starting at 7pm, in the Lounge of the Scandinavian Centre.

We are in the middle of planning the Scandinavian Midsummer Festival that will be held on the weekend of June 20 & 21; Pia Petersen and Tina Hansen will again be the Denmark Mayors organizing the tent. All popular food is back including the outstanding open-faced sandwiches with Tina Taylor managing the inside food and Keith Colby commanding the Hotdog Booth.

This is a HUGE undertaking, and we need lots of volunteers! If you would like to volunteer, please let us know by sending an email to [danishhousesociety@gmail.com](mailto:danishhousesociety@gmail.com)

The Scholarship deadline is fast approaching on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Checkout this newsletter for the information and the Danish House website page at [www.scancentre.org](http://www.scancentre.org).

Kro Aften continues to be a great place to have wonderful sandwiches, drink Snaps and beer, and have wonderful socializations with your friends and new friends. We thank you for attending and bringing prizes that we use to fundraise for our Scholarship fund. It is a huge help and a great chance to win some fantastic prizes. The Kro Aften menu has changed slightly with a few new variations to the traditional open-faced sandwiches. So far the response to the changes has been positive.

Peter Praegel, President

## Headlines from Denmark

**Greenland Dispute & Snap Election:** Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen has called a snap election for March 24, 2026, centering on the defense of Greenland's sovereignty against U.S. annexation efforts. Denmark is pushing back against U.S. intelligence gathering and pressure regarding the territory.

**Immigration Policy Shifts:** The Liberal Alliance has proposed bypassing international conventions to stop accepting "spontaneous" asylum seekers. The government is also setting up a new body to handle challenges to deportations.

**Citizenship & Immigration:** Almost all citizenship applications have been suspended, causing widespread concern.

**Energy & Infrastructure:** Denmark is investigating ending its 40-year-old nuclear power ban and has entered a new agreement with France.

**Health Milestone:** Denmark has become the first EU country to eliminate mother-to-child transmission of HIV and syphilis.





### Calendar of Events

#### April 2026

April 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7pm ..... SCCS

SCCS AGM

April 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6:00pm..... DHS

Kro Aften Club Night

#### May 2026

May 1<sup>st</sup> – 6:00pm..... DHS

Kro Aften Club Night

May 9<sup>th</sup> – 9:00am ..... DHS

Spring Clean Up Day

#### June 2026

June 5<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 pm ..... DHS

Kro Aften Club Night

June 20<sup>th</sup> – 10am to 6pm

& June 21<sup>st</sup> – 10am to 4pm ..... SCCS

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



### Membership Committee Report

The 2026 DHS MEMBERSHIP dues were due and payable by the deadline of December 31, 2025. If you have not renewed your membership for this year, please do so. Contact via email to: [danishhousesociety@gmail.com](mailto:danishhousesociety@gmail.com) or phone Else Rollke at 604-620-1632.

#### Membership Dues are:

**One Year Individual \$30.00, One Year Family \$50.00, Corporate/Organization \$150, Lifetime \$360.00 and Family Lifetime (pair) \$600.00**

#### New Memberships:

Dorothy Hamilton

Erik Bruun

Marie Lightbown

Keith Kejser

Dennis Isbister

Jessica Madsen

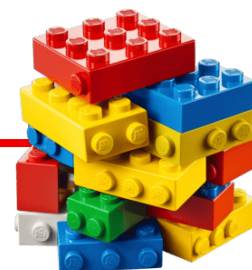
Respectfully submitted by:

Else Rollke, Membership Committee

### LEGO WANTED

Do you have LEGO hiding around in your cupboards or basement or attic looking to bring new life to a good home? Donate your LEGO to the Danish House Society. The Midsummer Festival Danish Tent is looking for old, used, unwanted LEGO to give to children at the 2026 festival. LEGO never dies - we will gather, clean, package your donations into small starter kits to give your well-loved treasures a new life. Drop it off at the Scandinavian Centre Office next time you are in.

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# Kro Aften March 2026



DHS KRO AFTEN





### Calling Volunteers of all Ages!



### Spring Work Party

**Date: Saturday May 9th**

**Time: 9am to 2pm**

Come out & help keep your Centre beautiful!  
Bring pails and rags, work inside or outside. Rain or Shine!

8:30am Breakfast

12 Noon 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](mailto:info@scancentre.org)

### Danish House Members 2026

#### It's time to renew!

Thank you for your interest in joining and supporting DHS.

It is easy to renew! **Pay by eTransfer** to:

[danishhousesociety@gmail.com](mailto:danishhousesociety@gmail.com)

Include the Member's name you are renewing for.

You can also **pay by cheque** to: Danish House Society, 6540 Thomas Street, Burnaby V5B 4P9

#### Types of Membership:

- \$30.00 Individual Membership (per year)
- \$50.00 Family Membership (per year)
- \$360.00 Lifetime (individual) Membership (one-time payment)
- \$150.00 Corporate/Organization Membership (per year)
- \$600.00 Family Lifetime Membership (one-time payment)



**MARK YOU  
CALENDAR!**

### Scandinavian Midsummer Festival 2026

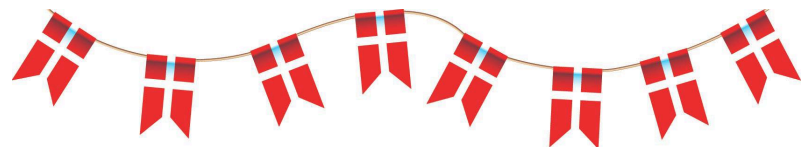
**Saturday, June 20 and Sunday, June 21**



### FRIENDS OF DHS

#### Oluf Folkersen

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





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### DANISH HOUSE SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2026:

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

- \$ 30.00 Individual Membership (per year)
- \$ 50.00 Family Membership (per year)
- \$ 360.00 Lifetime (individual) Membership (one-time payment)
- \$ 150.00 Corporate/Organization Membership (per year)
- \$ 600.00 Family Lifetime (pair) Membership (one-time payment)

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



### **Movie Matinee**

**Date:** Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> 11:30am

### **Spring Tea & Bake Sale**

**Date:** Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> 11am – 2pm

### **Movie Matinee**

**Date:** Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> 11:30am

### **Movie Matinee**

**Date:** Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> 11:30am

### **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.

Jobs can include recycling, light maintenance items, racking leaves, cutting lawns, changing light bulbs, setup for events, maintaining the parking lot etc... If you have a specific trade or skill you want to share, let us know and jobs could possibly be found.

Please let the office know if you'd like to attend, [info@scancentre.org](mailto:info@scancentre.org) or just show up!



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### Donations to the Danish House Society

Dec 14, 2025 – Feb 28, 2026

**Donations:**  
Ole Syberg

Thank  
you ❤️

Respectfully submitted by: Else Rollke, Treasurer

### SENIORS LUNCHEON

April 10 – May 8 – June 12

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:** Laura Olufsen 604-294-0749 or by [tmolufsen@gmail.com](mailto:tmolufsen@gmail.com)



In Danish, **skål** (pronounced *skawl*) is the universal toast for "cheers," used to express friendship, goodwill, or to celebrate at gatherings. Historically linked to Viking traditions, it is commonly said while making eye contact and raising a glass.



**Café Hygge**

☀️ Cafe Hygge is now open — join us for cozy vibes, great coffee, and delicious treats!

Now open 7 days a week:  
 Monday–Saturday: 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM  
 Sunday: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

We can't wait to welcome you! ☕🌿

4277 Norland Ave Burnaby BC V5G0C5



### 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 (**\$7 each**), dessert (**\$5 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](mailto:danishhousesociety@gmail.com) before 6pm Tuesday on the week of Kro Aften.

**Step #3** – Confirmation email: Once your order is received by the Danish House, within 3 days, we will send you a confirmation email saying “Your order has been received!” **Please make sure you receive this confirmation;** if you don’t, please send an email. NOTE: If you don’t have a reservation that has been confirmed, we will not be able to serve you if you show up.

#### Guidelines:

- **Large Groups:** Maximum size for a group is 16 persons. Larger groups will not be accommodated.
- 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.

**For any questions, call 778-866-7078**

Please note: Non-members will be charged \$5.00 per person surcharge to attend.



### NEXT KROAFTEN

**April 3**

**May 1**

**June 5**



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## Danish House Society Scholarship Applications

**Deadline – June 30, 2026**

Danish House Society offers several scholarships: two at \$2,400 from the estate of Ruth and Johannes Pedersen and up to 10 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 member or connected through family to a member of the Danish House Society. **Note: Your membership or membership affiliation must have been valid for at least one year.**

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 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 (e.g. Volunteer at Kro Aften, Midsummer, or write an article for the newsletter, etc...)
- g. The institution you will be attending, with proof of registration, including your 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, on 8 ½ x 11 paper only
- j. *Electronic applications submitted* – must be in one email, in one file.

Your scholarship application must be received by **June 30, 2026**, 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](mailto:danishhousesociety@gmail.com)



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## NOTICE

### OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TAKE NOTICE: The Annual General Meeting of the Scandinavian Community Centre Society will be held at the Scandinavian Centre on Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026 at 7:00pm to:

1. Consider the reports of the Directors.
2. Consider the Financial Statement for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2025.
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.

Dated the 12<sup>th</sup> of February 2026

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

Ron Stubbings

President



# My Original Danish Pastry Baker

4831 C Delta Street, Ladner



## VOLUNTEER GARDENER NEEDED

The DHS is looking for an avid volunteer gardener who would like to help look after the gardens around the Centre building.

Robert Rollke, for many, many years has done a fantastic job planting, taking care and nurturing the gardens but has now decided to retire.

If you are interested or have questions, please contact the Danish House:

[danishhousesociety@gmail.com](mailto:danishhousesociety@gmail.com)



### EXECUTIVE

President	Peter Praegel	SCCS Board / Building Comm.
Vice-Pres.	Pia Petersen	SCCS Board / Midsummer
Secretary	Tina Taylor	Kro Aften
Treasurer	Else Rollke	SCCS Board / Membership

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Director	Mik Petersen			<a href="mailto:danishhousesociety@gmail.com">danishhousesociety@gmail.com</a>

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