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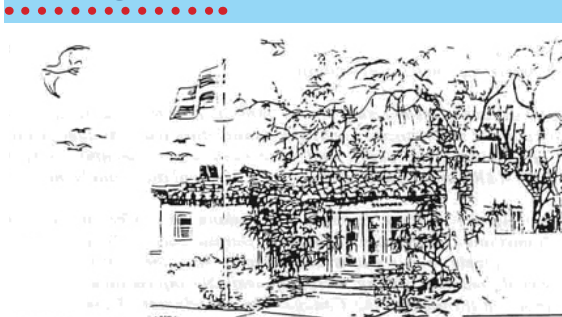
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Cottage



Thanks to Leif LeLoup, we now have a fabulous display rack at the cottage.

A large poster type display has been mounted on the wall and is ready for showing pictures and sharing information about Denmark and our organization.

We welcome display ideas.

Thank you, Leif!

Mark Your Calendars

February 19

Presentation about the Faroe Islands at the Cottage at 4:00 p.m. This Member Meeting is a potluck. Please bring something to share.

March 6

Fastelavn (Danish Carnival) at San Dieguito Park at 2:00 p.m. Bun bakers needed!

March 27

Wine and cheese at the Cottage with a visit and presentation from the Danish Immigrant Museum at 5:00 p.m.

April 23

Spring and Easter celebration with crafts and sweets at the Cottage and on the lawn at 2:00 p.m.

May 29

Food Fair

June 5

Lawn Program



Happy New Year!

2010 was an exciting year for the House of Denmark. We celebrated our 75th anniversary with a Danish breakfast and had several other well-attended meetings geared towards families. We are very happy that our membership has grown steadily and hope to continue that trend this year.

The activities in the House require lots of preparation and volunteer time. As you read the list of meetings and other activities coming up the next 5 months, please consider helping out with one or more events. If you have an idea for an event for the fall, please let us know.

Also, Alice Barnes, who for countless years has coordinated the hosting list, is looking for some relief. This is a very important job because if the House is not open every Sunday, we will get fined and may even lose the right to the House. So please let us know if you can help out with that.

...Oda Audish

Membership Dues

With the beginning of a new year comes the time to renew your membership at the House of Denmark. Thank you very much to all those who have already paid their dues for 2011. If you haven't, please take a moment to fill out the form on the back of this newsletter and mail it to Lissa.

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Cottage Hosting Schedule

February 2011

February 13

Barbara Riis

February 20

Alice Barnes

February 27

Kevin Goldman

March 2011

March 6

Frederik and Kathrine Selchau

March 13

Elsa Jensen

March 20

Margit and Ron Perfecto

March 27

Anne Hoiberg

April 2011

April 3

Lissa Kalledsoe & Charlotte Carroll

April 10

Anne Goldman

April 17 - Earth Day

Closed

April 24 - Easter

Alice Barnes & Bradley Arakelian

May 2011

May 1

Margit Bøjstrup

May 8 - Mother's Day

Ole & Patricia Prahm

May 15

Sven & Desrine Drastrup

May 22

Hanne & Leif LeLoup

May 29

FOOD FAIR

June 2011

June 5

LAWN PROGRAM

June 12

Mads & Birgitte Noesgaard

June 19 - Father's Day

Joan Rollins

June 26

John & Lene Hartvig

July 2011

July 3

Alice Barnes

Danish Language School

Danish classes are now taught in San Diego by Søren Finsen from the Danish Lutheran Church and Cultural Center Yorba Linda.

The following classes are scheduled every other Friday:

4:00-5:30 Children's class - beginners

5:30-7:00 Children's class - advanced

7:00-8:30 Adult beginners

Please contact:
Søren Finsen
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Letter from the Editor

Dear Reader:

I am writing this in Denmark, as I am staying here with my two boys for six months to allow them to experience living and going to school in my home country. It is really interesting to be back with the different perspective that comes with having lived abroad for about 20 years.

Unfortunately, this means that I will not be able to attend all the fun and interesting events that are coming up. I'm really missing out!

On the other hand, I got to see first hand how the Danes get involved when their handball team does well in an international tournament (the men took silver at the World Championship) and when the Crown Princess delivers a beautiful set of twins. - Celebrations all around.

I hope you enjoy your newsletter!

... Maj T. Rundlett



■ *Please provide juice, coffee, cake and/or treats when you are the host at the cottage.*

■ *If you find you cannot host from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. on the listed date, please:*

Call Alice Barnes at (858) 278-8156 to arrange to trade with another member.

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WHAT'S COMING UP

Faroe Islands Presentation 2/19

Our February potluck and members' meeting will be on

**Saturday, February 19,
at 4:00 p.m.
at the Cottage.**

We are very pleased that Anneyg Lamhauge and Hans Ellefsen, who are new members to the House of Denmark, have agreed to make a presentation about the Faroe Islands.

This is an opportunity to learn about these unique and beautiful Danish isles, situated in the



Atlantic Ocean and inhabited by 50,000 Faroese. Their striking beauty and remarkable situation are sure to intrigue.

After the presentation, we will have a potluck. Please RSVP with what you will be bringing so we will have a good variety of food. This meeting is mainly for adults, although children are welcome. Please call or e-mail Oda at (858) 254-6295 or oaudish@yahoo.com or contact Anne at (619) 449-2524 or dk@engdk.com

Fastelavn (Danish Carnival) 3/6

We will be celebrating the Danish tradition of Fastelavn:

**Sunday, March 6
from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
at San Dieguito Park**

We are looking forward to seeing the children in their costumes - and adults, too if they feel like it. The children will be invited to beat a barrel with a bat ('slaa



katten af toenden') to make the goodies inside fall out. There will be a chance for everybody to make 'fastelavnsris' (a traditional craft for the season), and to share 'fastelavnsboller' (lenten buns).

There is a \$3.00 parking fee at the park (exact change only). Participation is \$5.00 per person. The children of our member families, however, can join the fun at no charge.

We will be sending an invitation via e-mail where you can sign up for the event. Otherwise, please contact Oda Audish at oaudish@yahoo.com or (858) 354-6295.



**San Dieguito Park
picnic area 3 (upper park)
1628 Lomas Santa Fe Drive
Del Mar, CA 92014**

Directions: From I5 exit at Lomas Santa Fe Dr. and go east. At the 4-way stop at the top of the hill, turn left onto Highland Dr. The upper park entrance will be on your right.

Danish Immigrant Museum Presentation 3/27

**Sunday, March 27,
at 5:00 p.m.
at the Cottage.**

Bruce Bro from the Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, Iowa, will visit and share information

about the museum. It promises to be a very informative and entertaining event. Bruce has proved to be more than a friend to the House of Denmark as he spent 2 days with us in the Cottage during December Nights.

Let me tell you, he is a worker. We are planning to serve wine and cheese at this event and therefore the focus is on adults. Please RSVP to Oda Audish or Anne Goldman.

SINCE THE LAST LETTER

December Nights



Our December Nights fund raiser was again a very successful - end enjoyable - event.

It is wonderful to experience the commitment and participation from so many of our members.

A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who took part and made it all possible.



Make Your Own 'Flødeboller'

Like many of us, Susanne Harris sometimes misses a very Danish treat called a "flødebolle". But unlike most of us, Susanne decided to do something about it and took the initiative to contact a major Danish manufacturer of some of the ingredients in this treat to see if we could print their recipe.

The company, Odense, gracefully allowed the use of their recipe. You can find more information as well as a link showing who carries their products close to where you live at

<http://www.Odense.com>

Thanks to Susanne for doing the work.

Homemade Flødeboller (makes 30)

500 grams Odense Almond Paste
300 grams sugar
1 dl water (6 ½ tablespoons)
150 grams pasteurized egg whites
250 grams Odense Dark Coating Chocolate



The Marzipan

Cut the roll of almond paste into 30 pieces. Put them on parchment paper and bake at 350 degrees Fahrenheit for 5–8 minutes.

The Filling/'Guf'

Boil the sugar and water for 2 minutes while stirring. It is done when it starts to turn golden around the edges. Whip the egg whites. Add the syrup (while it's still boiling hot) to the egg whites slowly. Whip the mixture for about 15 minutes at medium speed with a hand mixer.

Spray the 'guf' onto the almond paste with a pastry icing bag. Make a tall swirl on each. Bake them for 5 minutes at 350 degrees F. When cool, brush them with the melted chocolate. You can sprinkle some with coconut sprinkles.

Denmark Most Innovative

If you're looking for innovation, look to the north, where you'll find Denmark, the most innovative nation in the world.

That's according to analysis by RealClearWorld based on 2010 global prosperity data and analysis from the Legatum Institute.

According to the study, the most innovative countries in the world are the ones "who contribute to the general advancement of mankind's wellbeing."

How do you measure that? By looking at the conditions that could foster such activity, such as:

- A strong entrepreneurial climate.
- Low costs to starting a business.
- Public perception of a good entrepreneurial environment.
- A country's ability to commercialize innovation.

• IT and telecom infrastructure (ICT) that enables productive commercial endeavors.

So what did they find? Here are the top 10 innovative countries:

Number 1: Denmark

The world's second highest level of innovation, with the seventh-best R&D levels. ICT comprises 5 percent of total goods exports, and business startup costs are the lowest in the world. Best yet, Denmark has the second lowest level of inequality in economic development.

Number 2: Sweden

This country ranks sixth for royalty receipts and second in R&D investment at 3.1 percent of GDP. ICT exports make up 9.5 percent of total goods exports, and business startup costs are the sixth lowest of any country. Equality is big, too: Sweden ranks fourth here.

Number 3: USA

It's not just an American dream: spending on R&D is about 2.2 percent of GDP, and income from royalty receipts (we're talking about intellectual property here) is tops, totaling almost \$92 billion. One downside: there's a bit of backlash in perception, thanks to recent "over-regulation" by "all levels of government."

The ranking continues with Finland at number 4, Britain at 5, 6 is Norway, 7 is Ireland, 8 is Singapore, 9 is Iceland, and Canada is number 10.

An interesting list for sure.

(To be clear, the above list is the work of RealClearWorld — Legatum's prosperity index lists the top 10 in the following order: Norway, Denmark, Finland, Australia, New Zealand, Sweden, Canada, Switzerland, Netherlands, United States.)

Queen Margrethe's New Year's Address

On New Year's Eve it is customary to look back at the year that past. I cannot do so without first and foremost saying thank you as I remember all the kindness and attention I have received, not least in connection with my 70th day in April. That day spread a light and a joy over the whole year that has warmed and touched me more than I can say. Not only was it present here in Copenhagen on the day itself, I also met it around the country wherever I went, alone or with my family, and it came to influence our visit to the Faroe islands.

Although we all may find much to be personally delighted about in the past year, it has nevertheless been a year dominated by the economic crisis that has hit the world community and thereby also Denmark.

It is worrying, because many have lost their jobs, stores earn less money when customers have less to spend, and the crisis' global scale means that companies are hit by lower sales both home and away.

Nevertheless, Denmark is among the nations where the crisis has not hit hardest.

Throughout the crisis we have been helped by the wealth and savings we have here in Denmark. But what we have for our defense is not only our robust material wealth. We are also rich in other ways. We have a deep-rooted community that we are proud of. It goes far, far back in history, back to the free constitution, yes, even longer, because the Constitution of 1849 can be seen as a confirmation of a community that already existed.

Our sense of community is a strong quality that we must appreciate, and that we need when times are less favorable. Together we must use our ingenuity, our hard work and creative power. These are characteristics we can draw upon when we seek to pry ourselves out of grip of the crisis.

When we see how others are improving, we must not let ourselves be intimidated by it, but let it be an incentive for us. We must not content ourselves with what we once were proficient at, but continue to use the mix of individualism and unity that has brought us this far.

Crises and difficult times have both been well known to Denmark through history, but we got through them together, and all have been involved.

But in recent years, are there signs that we are becoming more selfish, that we are more prone to first and foremost laying claim and making sure that we get what we believe we are entitled to? Are we becoming distrustful of each other and doubtful of each other's motives?

Then it is not only an economic crisis we find ourselves in, then it is our attitudes that are slipping. It is a crisis that is sneaking up on us and can poison our relationships with each other. Then we are putting something at risk which may be irreparable.

The crisis that can, so to speak, be measured and weighed, that one can quantify and draw graph curves to illustrate, is not nearly as serious as if it is our values and attitudes that falter. We will find our way out of the economic crisis we currently face sooner or later, but we need to get out of it with our decency intact and without putting the community at risk.

Over the past few generations, society has evolved such that we can live more safely, both economically and socially. We have become accustomed to freely picking and choosing in all matters, large and small. We are doing so well that we almost forgot that our choices also have consequences, and that we can't just pick and choose between all of life's circumstances.

We humans live in mutual dependence. This is true today, yesterday, and at all times. Previously, it was perhaps more evident when people lived in small villages, where many tasks had to be solved jointly, and when several generations often lived under the same roof, and everyone had their duties perform for the community. It was a relationship of dependency that was obvious to everyone. Today we let society cope with many of the obligations that were once everyone's job. Often this goes so far that we completely forget or overlook the fact that society is really ourselves, and that society does not work if we do not each make an effort and feel a commitment both to our loved ones and to those we do not see a daily basis.

We have achieved a freedom to shape our own lives that previous generations have never known, and this we must appreciate. But we should also remember that no one can fend for themselves alone. Therefore, we must also take care of our society, which we know as a safe setting for personal development, and have our eyes, ears and hearts open to our fellow man.

On the last evening of the year, when so many gather with family and friends, we must not forget those who celebrate the New Year far from here. Particularly, I think of our soldiers in Afghanistan. They are doing a task that is extremely difficult and dangerous, but they perform this task responsibly and with great courage. Both they and their relatives at home must be in our

The Queen's Speech - continued

thoughts tonight. It can be hard to sit at home while those who are dearest to you are far away in a dangerous environment. From the Crown Prince, who visited our soldiers shortly before Christmas, I have learned that they do their job with both seriousness and boldness, and that they are aware that they can handle their responsibilities.

Nevertheless, our efforts in Afghanistan have had a high price: many young Danes have been killed this year also. Let us remember them tonight and think of their relatives, their friends and comrades who are now left with the memories.

Some of our soldiers have returned home badly wounded, and others are mentally scarred by their experiences. They all deserve all our care and recognition. In the fall I had the opportunity to meet some of our wounded soldiers during their rehabilitation at Rigshospitalet [national hospital in Copenhagen]. They all show a spirit and an incredible will to overcome their disabilities, which made a big impression on me, and which can only inspire admiration.

I send my New Year greetings to all Danish men and women working for our safety and security within the Armed Forces, the Fire Brigades and the Police. I wish a happy New Year to all of you at home and abroad, wherever you are.

Around New Year's eve my thoughts go to the Danes south of the border as always. They are a part of our Danish community. The bond has never been broken, we are proud of that.

Every year it is a pleasure for the Prince Consort and me to visit different areas around the country. This year we went to the Faroe Islands, and this summer we are planning a longer visit to Greenland with Dannebrog [the royal yacht]. We are looking forward to that, and as I send my New Year greetings to the Faroe Islands and Greenland tonight, I shall send along my gratitude for the confidence and warm feelings shown to me and my family in both Greenland and the Faroe Islands, which I feel tie us together.

For my family and me, 2010 was a good year filled with happiness. Now we look forward to the new year with great anticipation, especially to the expected addition to our growing family, which we expect in January. We are delighted to feel the warm and loving interest which we encounter wherever we go.

In good times, we must remember that we should not take prosperity for granted, and that there are always some for whom everyday life can be hard. When times are bad, we must not forget our good spirits, and that a smile helps us through every day, even when it is gray.

So let us meet the new year with confidence and let's show each other trust and faith on all levels. That must be my wish for the year 2011.

GUD BEVARE DANMARK

[God preserve Denmark - the Queen's motto]

The Recipe Corner (Opskrifhjornet)

Nordic Cabbag Salad

Ingredients

Red cabbage
Green cabbage
Fennel
Fresh chopped herbs such as parsley and dill or others of your choice
Roasted blue poppy seeds, mustard seeds and onion seeds
Toasted pumpkin seeds
Roasted, chopped nuts (hazel)
Dried, chopped cranberries

For the Dressing

1/3 cup rapeseed oil
1/3 cup balsamic apple or plum vinegar
1 tablespoon honey

Cut equal parts red cabbage, green cabbage and fennel into very thin strips and mix with fresh chopped herbs. Add in all the roasted seeds, nuts and berries. You can add as many as you please.

Whip the ingredients for the dressing together and pour over your salad.

Enjoy!

Danish Saying

■ ***Du må tage skeen i den anden hånd.***

Literal meaning:
You must put the spoon in the other hand.

Translation:
You must change your ways.

2010 House of Denmark Membership

Name: _____ New member
Street address: _____ Membership renewal
City, state, zip: _____
e-mail: _____ Tel: _____

How many times a year do you want to host the House of Denmark? 1 2 3 more ____

If you do not wish to host, you will be called on to help at one of the House of Denmark's major events.

Amount enclosed: \$14.00 Single membership
\$24.00 Family membership
\$_____ Donation for the House of Denmark

Please fill out with your updated information and return to: Lissa Kalledsoe
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With your member's fee, you get:

- The newsletter, keeping you informed and entertained on a bi-monthly basis.
- Participation in great House of Denmark events.

The House of Denmark promotes the knowledge of

Denmark and its culture and provides a venue where we can come together, enjoy Danish traditions, connect, and get a warm dose of 'hygge'.

None of this is possible without you, our members.

Don't forget to renew your membership!

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