

# NYHEDER

April, May & June, 2018

## DANISH SOCIAL CLUB OF VICTORIA



Hans Frederiksen  
President

*This spring we got off to a good start with our Annual General Meeting at which the members of the Board of Directors for the Danish Club of Victoria were returned to office by acclamation. Also, at this meeting Annie Huus explained to those present how the Lisa Huus Foundation aids disabled students to attain their post secondary education dreams. A lively question and answer period followed. The club then presented Annie with a bursary cheque for \$500.00 for the foundation to distribute as needed. The evening ended with tea, coffee, aebleskiver and good conversation.*

*Our May kroaften was a huge success. We fed 85 guests everything from herring, rye bread, shrimp and salmon to cheese, beef and kringle. Special guests were Pastor Susanne Rasmussen from Burnaby and Pastor Annelise from Denmark. Birgit Larsen gave a little talk about her 200 kilometres bicycle ride to raise money to fight cancer. Following this, members generously raised \$325.00 to help her cause.*

*The Danish Social Club of Victoria is successful because of the hard working Board of Directors, volunteers and membership. MANGE TAK!*

*Hope you are looking forward to our next event, a summer barbecue at the Frederiksen residence – date to be announced.*

*Venlig hilsen & god sommer fra,*

*Hans on behalf of the Board of Directors*



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### 2018 EVENT CALENDAR

Saturday	September 15/18	7:00 PM	Scandinavian Potluck
Friday	October 19/18	7:00 PM	Smørrebrød
Friday	December 14/18	7:00 PM	Christmas Dinner

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## Danish Canadian Conference in Halifax, May 24th - 27th, 2018

*This was the first Danish Canadian Conference in Halifax, and an opportunity to visit Pier 21, the old immigration shed, which is now the Canadian Museum of Immigration. Naturally, the theme of the Conference was Pier 21: Where we met Canada. At the opening reception of the Conference on Thursday, May 24, 2018, at the Delta Barrington Hotel, the guest speaker was Danish Ambassador Niels Boel Abrahamsen.*

*Friday was Museum Day, where the Danish Canadian Museum held its Annual General Meeting. The luncheon speaker was Danish Consul Melissa Mathers, a fifth-generation Danish consul. There was a guided tour to spectacular Peggy's Cove in the afternoon. In the evening there was a Museum presentation by Svend E. Nielsen as well as a presentation about explorer Jens Munk by Otto Christensen, and the work of the Danish Federation's Jens Munk Committee, by the chair, Carl Sorensen. This was followed by an auction in support of the Museum.*

*Saturday morning the Danish Federation held its Annual General Meeting at Pier 21. Vice-president Gert Andersen stepped down and elected new*

*vice-president was Ed Kuhlman of Port Coquitlam. Re-elected as president, secretary and treasurer were respectively Rolf Christensen, Aase Christensen and Sune Overgaard. Moreover, Ed Kuhlman was thanked for producing an excellent Heritage Book with a host of immigration stories. The luncheon speaker was Pier*



*21 historian Steven Schwinghamer, who then gave a guided tour of the premises. There was also time to do research and view the temporary exhibitions. Dinner was aboard a harbour cruise ship, which sailed along the harbour with a great view of the Halifax skyline as well as docks and container terminal, and many coves. Sunday offered a guided bus tour which included stops at the Victorian Public Gardens, the Halifax Citadel and a cemetery with many of the victims from the Titanic.*

*The Conference ended with a traditional Danish luncheon at the Austenville Owls' Club in Dartmouth, catered by the Scandinavian Society of Nova Scotia. At the closing, the participants thanked Larry Kjeersgaard as chair of the Conference Organizing Committee, as well as Birgit Ballantyne, who had been "the boots on the ground" in Halifax. Finally, Larry Kjeersgaard handed the Fane and Mailbox over to Karl Sorensen of the Danish Club in Winnipeg, which will be hosting the Conference in 2019.*

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## News and a bit of history from Denmark

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*Today is opening day for Copenhagen's new street food location.*

*'Reffen' is located on Refshaleøen, and the opening will be a welcome happening for street food fans left hungry by the closure of the city's original street food location on Papirøen.*

Copenhagen Street Food, the same outfit that operated the Papirøen location, is in the process of renovating a 1,042 sqm warehouse known as 'Maskinværkstedet'.

Maskinværkstedet itself will open a bit later on, but the market square outside is now open with 54 stalls food stalls, workshops and bars.



There is a large outdoor area where guests can enjoy both their meal and a view of the harbour. Reffen can accommodate 1,150 guests. In total, Copenhagen Street Food now occupies an area over 10,000 sqm – three times the size of the previous site on Papirøen.

### Doh! The Simpsons come to Denmark

America's favourite family's impressions of HC Andersen-land will be eerily familiar to expats

May 15th, 2018 1:12 pm |  
Last Sunday's episode of the long-running American TV series 'The Simpsons' sent Homer and his fabulously dysfunctional brood to Denmark.

*The episode is entitled 'The Simpsons Conquer Denmark'.*



#### And tattoos too

The 'ugly American' jokes were spot on, with Homer telling a Danish friend talking about moving to the US that

"foreigners are no longer welcome". He also has to dismiss any idea of socialism because, "All my radio loudmouths tell me to hate that!" The Simpsons animated TV series was first shown in 1989 on Fox TV in the US. Episode 636 was broadcast last month, making it the longest running primetime series in the history of American television.

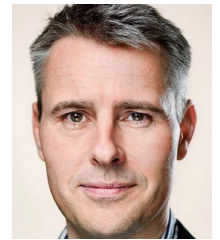
### Danish MP calls for decriminalisation of both cannabis and hard drugs

*In his new book, Henrik Sass Larsen calls Denmark's war on drugs "a total failure."*

Henrik Sass Larsen minces no words in his new book 'Exodus: The Way to the Centre-Left' in which he offers up his opinion on the Danish government's 'zero tolerance' drug policy.

Larsen, the chair of the Socialdemokratiet parliamentary group, calls the efforts "a total fiasco". "A humanitarian disaster".

In his book, Larsen goes far beyond the idea of simply legalising cannabis, which is already a break from his party's policy on cannabis – he calls for the decriminalisation of all drugs in Denmark. And he calls zero tolerance a "humanitarian disaster".



"Every school child knows where they can get cannabis," Larsen told Information. "It has served no other purpose than to send people to prison."

READ MORE: Record number of Danes charged with selling cannabis oil

Larsen calls Denmark's war on drugs "a total failure" and points at the huge amount of resources spent on drug enforcement – money he believes would be better spent on social programs.

Breaking with his party

Although he envisions a time when all drugs are legal in Denmark, he is clear he believes the first step is to legalise cannabis for adult use through a regulated, state-controlled market.

While far-left parties like Enhedslisten and Alternativet praised Larsen's comments, there is no sign that his own party is ready to take the leap into legalisation.

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## >> *Going Home* <<

### Part 1

Short story by Finn Sander

*The steady drone* of his fighter plane engine and the seemingly empty sky ahead lulled Carl into conjuring up images from the past. The first were from his boyhood days in the Montreal working class suburb of Verdun, where he spent the lazy days of summer on the neighbourhood sand lots vicariously living the feats of his favourite baseball players from the Brooklyn Dodgers, and the frigid winter evenings and weekends on the outdoor hockey rinks emulating the heroics of Montreal Canadiens' famed Howie Morenz. There were also pleasant images of adventurous swims in the St. Lawrence River above the Lachine Rapids and tobogganing on the slopes of Mount Royal. Even his school days afforded him

agreeable windows to past events. Then came the awful day when his father announced that they all - his German, immigrant parents and he, their Canadian-born, 16-year-old son - would return to the Fatherland to help the Fuehrer establish a new world order. Next came his initial struggle in Gymnasium (~high school); the mindless, anti-Semitic drivel to which he was exposed as a Hitler Youth; his induction into the Wehrmacht; his frightening experiences as a foot soldier in Poland in 1939 and France in 1940; and his transfer to the Luftwaffe, where he trained as a fighter pilot and learned to engage the enemy in the air. He remembered it all. Finally, he visualized the telegram he recently received informing him of his parents' death in an allied bombing raid over Hamburg.

bombers below at three o'clock. Assume attack formations and engage the enemy."

**Carl hurled his Messerschmitt** downwards and, with the sun behind him, managed to get one of the B-17 bombers in his cross-hairs. He pumped a stream of bullets from his 7.9 mm nose machine-gun into its fuselage - to no effect. The sturdy aircraft lived up to its reputation for absorbing catastrophic battle damage and carried on. In a fleeting thought, Carl cursed American technology and the efficient California sunshine girls who had assembled the aircraft. And the American tail gunner was no slouch either, but his 12.7 mm rounds all missed their target as Carl's Messerschmitt shot by at 350 mph and accelerated in an upward loop to make a full circle, again to press his advantage in speed and agility and attack the B-17's rear.

This time, though, Carl had lost his initial element of surprise, and the gunners in the defensive blisters in the bomber's chin, belly, roof, and tail were all on high alert and raring to put their Browning machine-guns to work. The gunners in the latter two turrets welcomed the Messerschmitt with a steady stream of bullets and were firing point blank at the intruder, as Carl closed the distance to 50 yards before peeling off to the side - just as the two Americans both found the mark and pumped volleys of bullets into Carl's tail rudder.

**Part 2 in the next Nyheder.**

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Just as reminiscing in his mind's eye returned to Verdun and the cute, little, red-headed girl next door on Wellington Street, he was rudely interrupted by harsh, guttural commands on the radio from the wing commander: "Achtung! Achtung! American

# DANISH SOCIAL CLUB OF VICTORIA

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of April 7, 2018

Present: Hans and Rosemary Frederiksen, Karen Kierkegaard, Tom and Grethe Russell, Finn and Gloria Sander  
Absent: Annemari Hermans and Jan Hermans

Hans Frederiksen called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Quorum was achieved with 31 members in attendance

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
Moved by Jette Denluck and Seconded by Al LeBlanc that the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 7, 2017 MEETING  
Moved by Hans Frederiksen and Seconded by Zita Kjaer that the minutes be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

3. SOCIAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT  
Karen gave a very positive report, thanking all who helped to work on our social events, most especially Annemari and Jan Hermans. Special mention was made of those who help in the kitchen and the clean-up crew who are available when necessary.

Karen read out a report from Annemari who thanked all who help on a regular basis but most particularly, all those who helped with food for our Christmas dinner.

Moved by Annie Huus and Seconded by Jette Denluck that the reports be accepted as read.

CARRIED

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4. TREASURER'S REPORT  
Grethe's treasurer's report shows a healthy bank balance of \$13,400.  
Moved by Birte Russell and Seconded by Ernst Nielsen that the report be accepted.

CARRIED

5. MEMBERSHIP REPORT  
Club has 98 paid members for 2018. Tom reported that this in an increase from 2017, likely a result of the wonderful club web page.

Moved by Bryan Atkinson and Seconded by Al LeBlanc that the report be accepted as reported.

CARRIED

6. BOARD REPORT  
Finn reported on the \$1500.00 bursary given by the club to Tara Zerbe.

Hans Frederiksen commented that the past year had been very successful and gratefully thanked all those who helped make this so. He read a short report from Jan Hermans regarding the Nyheder which he produces for the club four times a year. Jan thanked Finn for his story about arriving in Canada and encouraged other members to consider sharing their stories too. A thanks was also extended to those who advertise in the newsletter and an even bigger thanks was extended to Teresa the Web Lady who maintains our wonderful web page.

7. OLD BUSINESS  
Jette Denluck reported that drinks at the bar are priced to cover expenses and not make money. The cost of a drink is \$3.50 and an Aquavite is \$4.00.

8. ELECTION FOR 2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Bryan Atkinson handled the election of the new Board. He individually asked if Hans Frederiksen, Rosemary Frederiksen, Tom Russell, Grethe Russell, Karen Kierkegaard, Annemari Hermans, Finn and Gloria Sander and would stand for re-election. All confirmed that they would. Bryan announced that all were elected by acclamation.

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9. NEW BUSINESS  
Grethe Russell presented a letter from Birgit Larsen requesting some funds from the club to support her ride in August to raise money for the Alberta Cancer Foundation. Discussion followed. Many members said that such a request, though very worthy, should not be sponsored by the club but encouraged members to consider personally supporting her cause.

Moved by Birte Russell and Seconded by Annie Huus that the club does not formally support Birgit's request.

CAR-

*A Secretary has a huge job keeping track and recording all the board meetings. A **Very Special Thanks** to Rosemary for excellent recording of all the Board Meetings and AGM.*

RIED

Hans Frederiksen introduced Annie Huus who spoke about her physically disabled daughter, Lisa, and her struggle to obtain a post-secondary education. Upon her death, the Huus family created a memorial fund at Children's Health Foundation to support students like Lisa. A bursary cheque made out to the Children's Health Foundation of Vancouver Island in the amount of \$500.00 was presented to Annie for this great cause.

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Grethe Russell mentioned that Pastor Rasmussen and a friend would love to come to our next club Kroaften. Some discussion took place regarding a possible church service, perhaps at Christmas. It was explained that the club does not arrange church services and that if members wish to organize this, they may.

Finn Sander mentioned that he had VHS tapes of a Danish series called Matador which he is willing to lend out to those interested.

Moved by Birte Russell and Seconded by Al Leblanc that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 PM  
Aebleskiver, tea and coffee served



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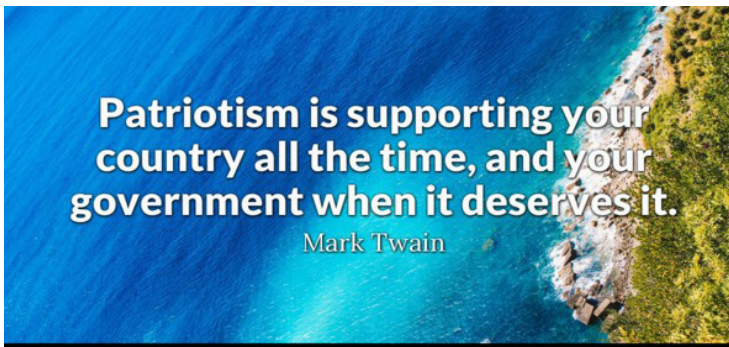
## Event Calendar - 2018

### Swedish Club of Victoria

June 25	Midsummer, Island View Beach
September 15	Scandinavian Potluck
October 17	Viking Night & Pea Soup
November 21	Membership Night
December	TBA

### Sons of Norway - Eidsvold Lodge #7-53

June 16	Golf Tournament
June 27	Torskeklubben
July 22	Salmon BBQ, Gorge Park
August 26	Corn Roast, Island View Beach



## More from the Danish Heritage Seminar in Halifax

*The theme of the Seminar this year was Danish Manor Houses: Past and Present. The Seminar was held from May 28 to June 2nd at the Atlantica hotel within walking distance of the Halifax Citadel. Various aspects of the Danish Manor Houses were explored, from daily life to war, the various forms of gardens, the Manor in film and reality, as well as ghost stories and the Manor today, with numerous uses, which could be a conference centre, museum, park, research station or different kinds of entertainment, including zoos.*

*The Seminar's headmaster was Pastor Birgitte Saltorp, who now lives at Tersløsegård, the Manor House in Dianalund, north of Sorø, which the playwright Ludvig Holberg used to own. Aase Christensen gave a presentation on Nisser, from kravlenisser to Santa's helpers, to nisser on the lofts of farm houses as well as Manor Houses. There was Show and Tell, singing in Danish from the Folk School Song Book in addition to excursions to and tours of Pier 21 – the Canadian Museum of Immigration and the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic.*

*At Pier 21 it was possible to do immigration research and at the Maritime Museum two highlights were the Titanic exhibition and the story and displays relating to the 1917 Halifax Explosion.*

*The Seminar ended with a dinner and party, where each participant chose to be a specific Count or Countess. Moreover, the twenty-four participants from across Canada had adequate free time to explore Halifax and enjoy the beautiful weather, some taking the ferry to Dartmouth, some visiting the brand-new Halifax Central Library, designed by a Danish architectural firm, while others fancied a stroll along the busy and charming harbour front.*

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Annemari

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Kirsten

Rosemary

Ilse & Grethe

Hans & Tom



Soldat Jensen



A heartfelt thanks to all the members and guests that came out and enjoyed the Kro-Aften. Thanks also to Pastor Susanne and to her Guest from Denmark, Pastor Annelise for making time to come over and visit with us. Congratulations to Linda Nielsen who won the 50/50 and to all the door prize winners. Million thanks to all those who donated the Door Prizes. There are two Directors that do not get enough recognition. Tom & Grethe Russell take care of membership and our money. Since they took over our membership has exploded. Back in May 31, 2016 we had 71 members paid, TODAY we have 107. There are many reasons why our list is growing, one is the Website, the other is a very good membership chairman who contacts potential members and will not let them go until they are signed up. Our WEB site is a tremendous success, our sincere thanks goes out to Teresa Laird who so masterfully looks after our site. I think the food may have something to do with it as well. jeh



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By then, to add to the aggravation, they had to travel quite a distance before they could find a place to turnaround, in order to return to the restaurant to retrieve her glasses.

All the way back, the elderly husband became the classic grumpy old man.

He fussed and complained, and scolded his wife relentlessly during the entire return drive. The more he chided her, the more agitated he became. He just wouldn't let up for a single minute.

To her relief, they finally arrived at the restaurant. As the woman got out of the car, and hurried inside to retrieve her glasses, the old geezer yelled to her, "While you're in there, you might as well get my hat and the credit card."



### Laughter is the best medicine

What happens when you leave the kids alone



**After 35 years of marriage**, a husband and wife went for counseling. When asked what the problem was, the wife went into a tirade listing every problem they had ever had in the years they had been married. On and on and on: neglect, emptiness, loneliness, feeling unloved and unlovable, an entire laundry list of unmet needs she had endured.

Finally, after allowing this for a sufficient length of time, the therapist got up, walked around the desk and after asking the wife to stand, he embraced and kissed her long and passionately as her husband watched - with a raised eyebrow. The woman shut up and quietly sat down as though in a daze. The therapist turned to the husband and said, "This is what your wife needs at least 3 times a week. Can you do this?"

"Well, I can drop her off here on Mondays and Wednesdays, but on Fridays, I golf."

It is better to keep your mouth closed and let people think you are a fool than to open it and remove all doubt.

Mark Twain

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