



Danish Christmas Party

Saturday December 12, 1998 at 6 p.m.

At the Melody Club, 3027 Crossview, Houston TX 77063

We are following up on last year's success by inviting you to yet another Christmas Party with the Danish Club. Like last year the party will be held at The Melody Club where traditional Danish Christmas food will be served by Dansk Catering who did such a wonderful job last year. Cash bar (Akvavit, Beer and Wine) will be available.

Menu

Marineret, Krydder og Karry sild
Fiske filet m/remoulade
Reje salat
Flæskesteg, Frikadeller & Medister m/rødkål
Sylte m/rødbeder, sennep
Leverpostej m/bacon, champignon
Skinke m/italiensk salat
Rulle pølse m/ løg & sky
Serveret med rugbrød, Franskbrød & smør
Fontina, Dana Blue Brie Serveret med vindruer,
radiser & kiks.
Samt kaffe og Sarah Bernhardt

Marinated, Pickled and Curry Herrings
Filet of fish, w/Danish remoulade
Shrimp Salad
Roast Pork, Danish MeatBalls, Sausage w/ Red Cabbage
Head Cheese with Red Beets & Mustard
Liver Pate, Bacon & Mushrooms
Ham w/ Peas & Carrot Salad.
Pork Roll w/Onion
Served with Danish Breads and Butter
Fontina, Brie and Danish blue Cheeses w/Grapes,
Radish & Crackers
Coffee and Sarah Bernhardt

There will be a **Raffle** and **Auction** with exciting prices, including a trip for two from an U.S. gateway city to Copenhagen, courtesy of



A Disc Jockey will provide music for after Dinner dancing until one o'clock.

The Christmas Party is \$ 40 per person for members, \$ 45 per person for non-members and other guests. Cash bar (no credit cards). Your reservation together with your check made payable to **The Danish Club of Houston**, must be received by **Mette Miller, 4759 Blueberry Hill, Houston TX 77084** no later than Tuesday December 1, 1998. After December 1 admission only if cancellations received.

This invitation is intended for all Danes in the greater Houston area. If you know of anyone interested in attending the party, please extend this invitation to them. We urge you to reserve early.

HOPE TO SEE ALL OF YOU AT THE DANISH CHRISTMAS PARTY!

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Name(s) _____ Day time phone # _____
Number of participant(s) _____ @ \$ 40.00 /45.00 = \$ _____

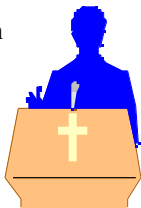


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Danish Christmas Service ...

Reverend Torben Poulsen from the Danish Seamen's Church in Brooklyn N.Y. is returning for our traditional Christmas Service in the Norwegian Seamen's Church. The service will be held in the Danish Language.



We look forward to see all Danish Families at the beautiful Norwegian Church at 4309 Young Street in Pasadena on

Sunday, December 13 at 3 p.m.

Following the service, Coffee and Cookies will be served, and you may have a look at the many Scandinavian specialties in the Church's store..

Anniversary Soccer Tournament at Norwegian Seamen's Church.

The Norwegian Church celebrated it's 40 years Anniversary in Houston on October 11 with an outdoor Family Service, followed by a Barbecue lunch and a Scandinavian Soccer Tournament.

The Danish and Swedish communities in Houston were invited for the event, and both the Swedish and the Danish Clubs brought regards and presented the Church with gifts.

The informal and very family-oriented service involved choirs and live music. The Church Band continued entertaining during the barbecue lunch and in the afternoon.

The Soccer tournament between the three National Teams, turned out to be a close race between the well-playing teams of Norway and Denmark. In a very equal game the Norwegians scored once – which was enough to claim victory.



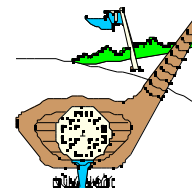
Both teams trounced the Swedes pretty decisively, although the Swedish team received reinforcement by enlisting Pastor Haga from the Church.

The Soccer Tournament is now an annual event. The Norwegian team is temporarily custodians of the "Viking" trophy until the Red and White Dynamite team claims it next year...

A fun day in Pasadena with some 40 Danes showing up, - including the soccer team. Next year we need all of you there to root for the Red and White Dynamite team..

Golf: Danish Club Invitational Postponed...

At Stop Press time the group of golfers, arranging the First Danish Club Golf Invitational, have informed us, that the tournament is postponed till early spring, - likely late March. With this kind of weather, it would have been water-golf. The tournament will be followed by a get-together, where also non-golfers are welcome. We will have details in the first Newsletter in '99 and we will also keep you posted by e-mail.



Christmas Party in Motion...

Before reading on... Did you cut out the coupon and signed your check for the party? Don't miss the big Houston event of the year. If you for some unbelievable reason are not already a member of the Danish Club of Houston, sign up for 1999 **now**, and save on your admission to the Christmas Party. Annual family membership for 1999 is only \$15.

See page 4 for membership information. Look forward to seeing you..

"Fastelavn's" – Party For The Kids..

A traditional Danish Fastelavns-Party (the closest we get to Carnival or Mardi Gras in Denmark) will take place

Sunday, February 21, 1999 at 3 pm.

at

The Challenger Memorial Park

Come and join in in celebrate Fastelavn with “Slaa katten af tønden” (Beat the cat out of the barrel...), “Cat Queen “ and “Cat King”, so bring the Kids and the whole family. There will be Coffee and Cake and Lisbeth has promised to bake “Fastelavns-boller”. Prizes for best Kid’s a coat and a blanket, ofadverse weather. information, call at 281-992-1136. Seven Memorial Park is located by Friendswood off NASA 1 west off I-45.



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Costumes. Bring just in case
It's free. For more
Lisbeth Mogensen
The Challenger

Successful Visit To Houston By Helsingør Pigegarde.

The visit to Houston by the Girls Guard Band from Helsingør, on October 24-26 turned out to be a great success, thanks to a group of individuals, who pulled it all together at the last minute.

Although we were informed by the Danes in San Antonio about the visit to Texas much too late to organize a visit, worthy of Houston, a group of volunteers, including Bridget & Al Jensen, , Louis Møller, Susie Ibsen & Johnny Larsen, Anna Thomsen and Lisbet Mogensen, (sorry, if some were left out) took up the challenge of transporting, housing, arranging concerts **and** sight seeing for a group of 65 people and a truck load of instruments and luggage.

The Band was picked up by busses in Danevang transported to Clear Lake, where they were accommodated together in a Motel next to NASA. The program included a visit to NASA, a concert at a nearby shopping center - co-sponsored by The Original Pasta Company – and a Tattoo Monday noon in front of the Houston City Hall. The midday-heat was tough on the girls in their warm uniforms, and a few of the them had to find shade and cold water during the concert.

During the City Hall concert the Band was presented with the Key to The City of Houston, presented by Ray Daugbjerg, honorary consul to Denmark. Monday’s program also included visit to the Museum of Natural Science and a Texas Barbecue dinner.

A Texas Big Thank you goes to the team who made this arrangement possible, and to the many sponsors who supported the effort. Especially to Samson Controls and Louis Moller, who provided the safety net as main event sponsor.

The sponsor list for the visit also included...
Bente Rawson - Dansk Catering, Inc. (Tommy & Tina Broberg) - Al & Bridget Jensen - Danish Inspiration, Inc. (Jan Christiansen) -Royal Danish Consulate (Ray Daugberg & Anna Thomsen) -.Clipper Americas, Inc. - DanTransport, Inc. - Hempel Coatings (USA) Inc. - The

Danish Club of Houston - FLS Miljo Inc. - Johnny Larsen & Susie Ibsen - Original Pasta Company - Grand Prize Bar-B-Q - City of Houston Parks and Recreation Department -Ocean Projects – Maersk Inc. – Moller Supply Service.

Danevang – Danish Cultural Heritage in Texas..

Exciting things are going on in DANEVANG, Texas. In case you don't know about DANEVANG, it is located 12 miles south of El Campo, which is about 70 miles out the Southwest Freeway. It was founded in 1894 as a Danish farming settlement (the only such Danish Settlement in the southern part of the United States)

The Society for Preservation of Danish Heritage has been formed and it has purchased land from the Danish Church and is in the process of renovating an early settler's home and shed which were moved to this new location.

Since many artifacts from Danish Texans are being donated, a group of Danish ancestors are busy organizing the building of a museum to house them and which will be reminiscent of the Danish settlement. The construction will be in the style of a Danish barn.

Danevang has been designated "The Danish Capitol of Texas" by the Texas State Legislature. If you have not yet visited Danevang, it is definitely worth a visit. \$300,000 building fund campaign has been launched. If you are interested in learning more about the project and/or make a contribution, please contact Bridget and Al Jensen at (713) 524-2328..



What's Goin' On...

The Danish Immigrant Museum, located in Elk Horn, Iowa, has picked Houston for their 1999 Annual Meeting, which takes place Febr. 5-7. The Danish Club is assisting the Museum with the Arrangement. The preliminary program includes a Reception Friday night, to which the Danish community is invited. The Annual Meeting is on Saturday, to be followed by a Dinner. More later on.

On Tuesday, November 10th our Members were invited to a pre-view of the Danish movie, Celebration (Festen) at Rice University. In spite of the sad subject, it's a great movie well worth seeing. The movie has already received various prestigious awards and is nominated for an Oscar (Best Foreign language). It is now playing in a local movie theater.

A visit to Rice University on a Sunday, co-hosted by Hannes Hofer, who apart from working for the Danish Club of Houston, is Facility Maintenance Manager at Rice and coach for the rowing team, will likely be in March. And we expect still to visit to St. Arnold's, the only micro brewery in Houston, hopefully early April.

Here follows the Updated Events Calendar...

Dec. 12: Danish Christmas Party, - Melody Club
Dec. 13: Danish Christmas Service - Norwegian Seamen's Church in Pasadena.
Rev. Torben Poulsen.
Jan. 11: Houston Marathon - Morale Booster..
Feb. 5- Annual Meeting in Houston – The Danish Immigrant Museum, Elk Horn
Feb. 21: "Fastelavns" Party for Kids.
March: Visit to Rice University. (tbc)
March: Danish Club Golf Invitational
April: Planned visit to St. Arnold's Brewery (tbc)
June 6: Annual Meeting & Constitution Day Picnic.
tbc: To be confirmed..

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The Danish Club has an e-mail news distribution list, and all information is also available on our Web site. News about "Last-minute arrangements" are easily and fast broadcasted by Internet, thus *we encourage all members to make sure that your e-mail address is registered and always up to date.*

Our Web site is open for your message too.. Just contact Hannes, who is constantly updating our impressive "Window To The World".

Change of Address:

All address changes, incl. e-mail, should be reported to Johnny Larsen, Treasurer. If you are new on the Internet, do not forget to send Johnny an e-mail with your address, and copy Hannes Hofer on your e-mail as well..

Membership:

Annual membership fee for 1999 remains at \$15 per family or individual. If you are not already a member, sign up now by contacting:

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Dues paid after October 1 are good for the following year.

Newsletter:

This volume is edited by Niels H. Kastrup and John Moyell, and mailed to paid-up members and to other Danes on the "extended mailing list". Normally, the Newsletter is mailed to members only, Therefore...***Be a member of The Danish Club of Houston!*** And join the other 100 families and individuals in the Danish Community.

In Memoriam..

We have just received the sad news that Lars Guldborg passed away on Thursday, November 12th. Lars was vice-consul at the Danish Consulate General in Houston from 1978 to 1982. At the time of his death, Lars was Attaché at the Danish Embassy in Prague. Our thoughts go to his wife, Lisbeth.