

<u>Kirkebladet</u>

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Pastor's Report

When we were to select a topic for this issue of 'Kirkebladet' the subject was easy: It had to have something to do with Her Majesty Queen Margrethe. Not only because she decided to abdicate on the 14th of January after 52 years on the throne, but also because we will be celebrating her birthday in April and because she – before she abdicated – was the protector of DSUK.

As a protector of DSUK her role was to engage in the work and broaden the knowledge of the organization. A role she took very seriously – not only in Denmark, but around the world as well. In Vancouver we are so lucky that we have a testimony of this: Our Altar Rug. As you can see on the picture to the right, she embroidered three golden stitches into it when she visited our church back in 1991.

It was her second visit to the church. Her first visit dates to back to 1967 – five years before she was appointed Queen of Denmark. With her abdication she also stepped down as protector of DSUK. A successor has not yet been appointed but it will be interesting to see who (if any) of the royalties will take over the role after her. One thing is certain: Here in Vancouver, we will always greet any Danish royalty with open arms as they are an inseparable part of our roots, culture, and organization.

On the front page of this issue of Kirkebladet you can see the tremendous crowd, when Queen Margrethe's son, His Majesty King Frederik X was proclaimed king of Denmark. Due to my recent holiday, I was lucky to be able to participate in the celebration. It was a huge experience. People waved their flags all over – even from the windows – and it is estimated that 300,000 people were on the streets of Copenhagen that day. One thing is sure: I have never seen that many people in the city center. People came from all over Denmark, and everyone seemed to be happy and 'united' – a word that starts the newly appointed king's royal motto: "United, committed, for the Kingdom of Denmark." May he be as good a king for Denmark as Queen Margrethe was a queen.







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From the Board

In last issue, I talked about the hurdles we are facing between generational gaps. However, there were some people who felt slighted because I referred to the "Silent Generation (1924 - 1945)". They felt minimized and maybe forgotten. I want to apologize to anyone who felt I was diminishing them in any way. The title was not mine and has been around for some time. However, I could have tried to explain the title a bit better. Up front I want to say that this group of people are by no means silent. This so called "Silent Generation" is who built what we have today and continues to ensure it functions. It is, by no means silent, other than in statistical title only. I appreciate the hard work our volunteers continue to do so that we can move forward on a solid foundation.

This issue's theme is the Danish Royal Family. The Danish monarchy is near and dear to the Danish people's hearts. The Monarchs are respected and supported as was witnessed during the recent handover between Queen Margrethe and Prince, now King Frederik.

The Danish people is a family that rallies round all that is Danish, including the Danish monarch. In a similar way, the people of the Danish Lutheran Church rally around the church as a symbol of Danish community in Vancouver. We provide a strong link for Danes in Canada. We have links to many organizations that support and propagate Danish culture abroad. We are Danish and we are proud of it. As we should be.

As we move forward this year, we would like to broaden our exposure into the community. We would like to have the local community know and feel that they are welcome into our church. We want to support the local community in ways that Danes have supported their heritage in the past. We want people to know we are here to support this country as well as Denmark. Help us help others know that we care.

Thank you for all you do for the church. Help us move to the next level of being the Danish church that helps support the people in need here and now. Thank you again for being strong.

> Robert Taylor, President Kirkebladet

Queen's Birthday Party

On the 20th of April – the Saturday following Her Majesty Queen Margrethe's birthday – the Royal Danish Guard Association Pacific North West and Danish House Association invites you to a royal evening celebration honouring Her Majesty's 52 years of reign.

The Queen decided to abdicate on the 14th of January making this year's event a memorable celebration. The Royal Danish Guard will participate and following the dinner, the Silver Star Band will invite people to the dance floor. The program is as follows:



6pm – No Host Bar

6:45pm – Opening Ceremony performed by the Royal Danish Guards

7pm – Dinner

After dinner - Dance the night away with the Silver Star Band

Tickets: \$50 per person (tickets to be pre-paid) To order: call Else Rollke 604-620-1632 or email danishhousesociety@gmail.com Deadline: April 10th



THE DANISH LUTHERAN CHURCH OF VANCOUVER, B.C.

89th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Sunday, March 17, 2024 1:00 pm

- 1. Welcome: President, Robert Taylor
- Opening prayer: Pastor Carsten Molgaard Hansen
- 3. Election of Chairman: Robert Taylor
- 4. Quorum Report: Secretary Ida Taylor
- 5. Approval of Agenda: Chairman
- 6. Approval of 2023 AGM Minutes: Chairman
- 7. Annual Reports:
 - A. President's Report: Robert Taylor
 - B. Treasurer's Report: Ulla Larsen
 - C. Accountants' Report: Ulla Larsen
 - D. Pastors Report: Carsten Molgaard Hansen
 - E. Cultural Family Coordinator Report: Camilla Ejsing
- 8. Annual Committee Reports:
 - A. Church Building Report: Jack Larsen
 - B. Parsonage Building Report: Steen Larsen
 - Auxiliary Reports:
 -Ladies Auxiliary: Ebba Grey
 -New Auxiliary: Doris Nielsen
 -Sunday School Auxiliary: Gerd Molhoj
 - D. Music Committee: Janet Mowat
 - E. Memorial Walk: Steen Larsen
 - F. Scholarship Committee: Jorgen Rohweder

- 9. Coffee
- 10. Budget 2024: Ulla Larsen
- 11. Annual Dues: Ulla Larsen
- 12. Election of Accountant: Ulla Larsen
- Review Engagement Report, and Waiver of Audit: Ulla Larsen
- 14. Nomination Committee: Ebba Grey
- 15. Election of Church Board: Election Chairman
 - A. Group "B" [even years]
 - B. Alternate 1
 - C. Alternate 2
- Election of Representatives to other boards:
 - A) Federation of Danish Associations in Canada
 - B) Danish House Society
 - C) Scandinavian Cultural Society
- 17. New Business
- 18. Announcements
- 19. Volunteer Appreciation
- 20. Adjournment
- 21. Closing by Robert Taylor and Pastor Carsten Molgaard Hansen

Church Board Nominations AGM 2024

End of Term		Group A One year to go	Nominated Group B		
Pres		Robert Taylor			
VP	Gwen Dahl		Ingelise Nielsen		
Sec		Ida Taylor			
Treas	Ulla Prip Larsen		Jorgen Rohweder		
Dir	Karen Andersen		Steen Larsen		
Dir	Jorgen Rohweder		Tove Markussen (1yr)		
Dir		Poul Erik Rasmussen			
Alt #1	Gyrithe Rickenbacher		Cydney Rasmussen		
Alt #2	Ingelise Nielsen		Claus Sorensen		
Nominating Committee: Ebba Grey, Gwen Dahl, Pastor Carsten					



Spring Tea & Bake Sale



Please join us for our annual Spring Tea and Bake Sale

At the Danish Lutheran Church 6010 Kincaid Street, Burnaby, BC

Saturday, April 13th from 11am to 2pm

Please join us for smørrebrød, lagkage, (open-faced sandwiches, cake) coffee and real Danish pastries. Our volunteers will be hard at work getting ready for you. There are treasures to buy, including homemade goods, Danish magazines, books of all kinds, knitting and lottery prizes to win !







Do you have kids or grandkids that need volunteer hours for high school credit? We can use their help. Currently we are looking for young people to help at the Spring Tea and Bake Sale (clearing tables, serving coffee, etc.). Call the office if interested.

Spring Work Party

Join us for our Spring Work Party on the 27th of April where we give our church a shine-up. A light breakfast will be served at 9:30am and the cleaning will start at 10:00. When we are finished, lunch will be served as a thank you for your effort.

If you want to participate in the breakfast and the lunch, please let Ebba Grey know in advance (604-990-3550, ebba@shaw.ca)



Danes Worldwide – Event in Danish

Danes Worldwide inviterer, i samarbejde med den danske ambassade i Ottawa, De Danske Sømands- og Udlandskirker i Canada, Dansk Canadisk Handelskammer og Federation of Danish Associations in Canada til et gratis online infomøde på dansk eksklusivt for danskere bosat i Canada **torsdag den 4. april 2024 kl. 09:00 - 10:30**.

Mødet er åbent for alle danskere og ægtefæller, familiemedlemmer eller andre med tilknytning til Danmark. Mødet giver en unik mulighed for at få en opdatering på regler og problemstillinger, som berører mange danskere bosat i udlandet. Blandt emnerne på dagsordenen er følgende:

- Hvad er mulighederne for at vende hjem til Danmark med en udenlandsk ægtefælle (reglerne for familiesammenføring)
- Bevarelse af statsborgerskab for danske børn født i udlandet (22 års-reglen)
- Dansk folkepension
- Optagelse på dansk universitet
- Danskundervisning for både børn og unge, men også f.eks. udenlandsk ægtefælle

TILMELDING

Arrangementet er gratis for alle deltagere. Et medlemskab af Danes Worldwide er ikke påkrævet.

Arrangementet foregår på onlineplatformen Zoom, og du får tilsendt et link, når du har tilmeldt dig.

For yderligere information om arrangementet og tilmelding, kontakt venligst netværkskoordinator Anette Ketler på ank@danes.dk





Easter Calendar

- Victoria Easter Service on Thursday March 21st at 4:30pm. This service will be held in Redeemer Lutheran Church in Langford. The service will be a mix of Danish and English.
- Nanaimo Easter Service on Saturday March 23rd at 2pm. This service will be held in Hope Lutheran Church in Nanaimo. The service will be a mix of Danish and English.
- **Easter Family Service** on Sunday March 24th at 11am. A shortened and kid friendly service followed by an egg hunt and a creative workshop. Make sure to bring your entire family. The service will be in English.
- **Maundy Thursday Dinner and Service** on Thursday March 28th at 6pm/7:30pm. An evening service will be held on Maundy Thursday at 7:30pm. If you are interested, a dinner will be held before the service. The dinner will cost \$15, and you must sign up by calling the church office. The service will be in English.
- **Good Friday Contemplative Service** on Friday March 29th at 11am. On Good Friday we will have a contemplative service with no communion reflecting on the suffering of Christ. The service will be in English.
- **Easter Day Service** on Sunday March 31st at 11am. Join us for the main Easter Service proclaiming the resurrection of Christ and the salvation of the human race. The service will be in English.



March 2024

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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3 Service (Danish) 11am Youth Club 2pm	4	5 Knit2gether 1pm	6 Yoga 11am/ 5:30pm	7 Bib. Study 9:30am Ladies Aux. 12pm Mini conf. 4:30pm	8	9
10 Service (English) w/lunch 11am	11	12 Board Mtg. 7pm	13 Yoga 11am/ 5:30pm Kom-Sam. 1:30pm	14 Bible Study 9:30am Dan. Man. 10am (Moved from 21 st) New Aux 7pm	15	16
17 Service (English) 11am AGM 1pm	18	19 Baby/Tod 11am	20 Yoga 11am/ 5:30pm	21 Bible Study 9:30am Victoria service 16:30pm	22	23 Nanaimo service 2pm
24 Family service (English) 11am	25 Swe./Can. Rest Home 10am	26	27 Dania Hom. 11am	28 Maundy Thursday w/Dinner 6pm	29 Good Friday service 11am	30

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April 2024

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
31 Easter day service (English) 11am	1	2 Knit2gether 1pm	3 Yoga 11am/ 5:30pm	4 Bib. Study 9:30am Ladies Aux. 12pm Mini conf. 4:30pm	5	6
7 Service (English by Clifford) 11am	8	9 Board Mtg. 7pm	10 Yoga 11am/ 5:30pm Kom-Sam. 1:30pm	11 Bible Study 9:30am	12	13 Spring Tea and Bake Sale 11am
14 Service w/lunch (English) 11am	15	16	17 Yoga 11am/ 5:30pm	18 Bible Study 9:30am Dan. Man. 10am Mini conf. 4:30pm	19	20
21 Service (Danish) w/Livgarden 11am	22 Swe./Can. Rest Home 10am	23	24 Yoga 11am/ 5:30pm Dania Hom. 11am	25 Bible Study 9:30am	26	27 Spring work party 9:30am
28 Service (English) 11am	29 Swe./Can. Rest Home 10:30am	30				

Church Services

Funerals

Hildegard Christa Madsen was celebrated in the church on the 22^{nd} of December.





If you are considering any kind of church service, please contact the pastor and he will inform you about procedure, availability etc.

If you have special wishes, we will do our utmost to facilitate whatever you have in mind.

Obituary – Lilly Lava Hildebrandt

November 9, 1928 – December 17, 2023

Lilly, a devoted member of the Danish Church, passed away peacefully on December 17th, in the company of loved ones. Lilly is predeceased by her beloved husband Poul and grandson Curtis. Lilly will forever be in the hearts of her surviving family - sons Peter (former spouse Dawn, granddaughters Alicia and Cassandra, and great grandson Kristian), Frank (spouse Tammy, granddaughter Miranda, spouse Brody, and great grandsons Regan and Mason), and daughter Tina.

Lilly was born in Tórshavn on the Faroe Islands to Hans Olav and Magnina Lava Hansen. When she finished school, she moved to Denmark, where she studied



Nursing in Copenhagen. Lilly would soon meet the love of her life, Poul Hildebrandt. They married in Haarby Denmark, and had three children.

The family moved to British Columbia in 1964, and lived in Vancouver, Surrey, and 100 Mile House. Lilly was a Nurse and worked at Saint Paul's Hospital, Vancouver General Hospital and

100 Mile District General Hospital. When Lilly and Poul retired, they moved to Richmond.

When Poul passed in 2003, Lilly was blessed to find comfort and companionship with a dear family friend, Frode Jensen, who lost his wife, Susan, in 2003. Lilly and Frode would go on to have 15 wonderful years together, actively participating at the Danish Church, enjoying family dinners and good wine, travelling, and keeping each other company.

Lilly worked tirelessly to care for her family, was always a joy to be with, and was adored by all who knew her.



Save the Date

Important future church dates we want you to reserve.

• Flag Day Service

Sunday May 5th 11am. During this Sunday Service we will celebrate the liberation of Denmark.

• Spring Lunch

Sunday May 5th at 12:30pm. We have decided to throw a Spring Lunch instead of a Spring Dinner. The lunch will follow the Flag Day Service.

 Guitar Concert with Mikkel Andersen Wednesday May 22nd at 7pm.
 Once again, the Danish guitarist, Mikkel Andersen, will come and play his classical and South American music for us.

• 'Grundlovsdag' at SCC

Sunday June 2nd at 11am. This year we will try to make the 'Grundlovsdag' event at the Scandinavian Community Center kid friendly by arranging fun activities following the service.



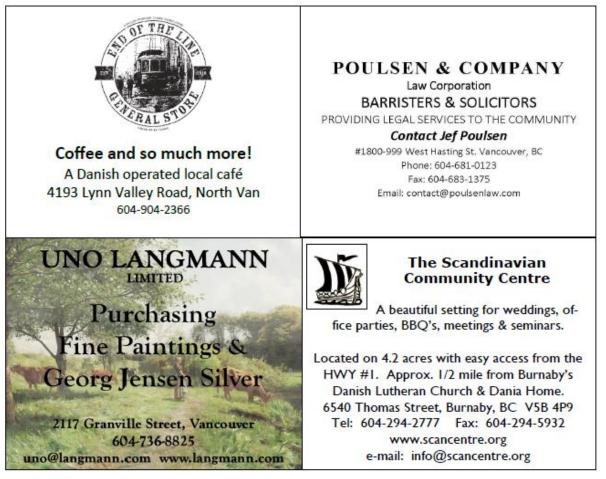




Spring Lottery Prizes

1 st prize	\$1,000 donated by anonymous donors.
2 nd prize	\$200 Gift certificate donated by Hart House Restaurant
3 rd prize	Gift cards 2x\$100 SaveOn Foods donated by anonymous donors.
4 th prize	28 pieces of Smørrebrød donated by anonymous donor.
5 th prize	Gift Basket from SaveOn Foods donated by anonymous donors.
6 th prize	Cloverdale Deli Basket donated by Hansen Deli.

Raffle tickets will be mailed out – or you can buy your tickets during the Spring Tea and Bake Sale. Thanks to those who donated the prizes – without you there would be no lottery!



Easter Family Service

On Palm Sunday – the 24th of March – we will have a kid friendly service in the church. Following the service, we will have something to eat and a creative workshop. We will end the activity with an egg hunt in the church or outside (depending on the weather).

Bring your entire family. The service will be in English.







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Danish Community Events

Kroaften at SCC

Friday March 1st Doors open 6pm. Food served at 7pm. For reservations contact: *danishhousesociety@gmail.com* Deadline February 27th at 6pm.

• Seniors Luncheon at SCC Friday March 8th at 12noon. For reservations contact: *tmolufsen@gmail.com*

Kroaften at SCC Friday April 5th Doors open 6pm. Food served at 7pm. For reservations contact: *danishhousesociety@gmail.com* Deadline April 2nd at 6pm.

- Seniors Luncheon at SCC Friday April 12th at 12noon. For reservations contact: *tmolufsen@gmail.com*
- Queen's Birthday at SCC
 Saturday April 20th at 6pm.
 See article on page 5 for more details.



Church Directory



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