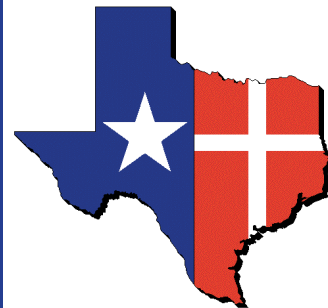


# Danish Club of Houston News



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## Thanks.

We would like to thank our generous sponsors who donated items, money and services for our Christmas Party. It would not have been possible without your help.

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The Royal Danish Consulate  
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Scandinavian Folkdancers of Houston  
Bill & Agnete Vaughn

## Something New

This newsletter is an experiment - we are going digital. We will not be mailing this issue out by snail mail. It will be located on our web site only. We want to hear from you - good idea or bad idea?

We have now entered 2006. How time flies. I would like to thank our sponsors and volunteers from last year. Our organization is depending on our members participation. I would like to encourage anybody to pitch in. We need a new committee for our Christmas Party this year and it is not too early to sign up. Also, we need people to help make "œbleskiver" for our Juletrøesfest. Let us know if you are interested. It is a lot of fun.

Our Spring schedule will kick off with our Fastelavnsfest on February 26 at Hermann Park. The following Sunday, The Royal Danish Consulate and The Danish Club are collaborating on a Hurricane Preparedness Seminar. After last years events we feel this information is very important. Please, mark your calendars.

In April the Royal Danish Ballet

and Dansk Danseteater is visiting Houston to participate in Dance Salad. The Royal Danish Consulate is planning a reception, of which the Danish Club is a proud co-sponsor.

We know many of you have questions regarding American immigration law. We are putting together a seminar to help answer some of those questions. This event will take place in May.

Our last event of this season will be our Annual Sommerfest and Annual Meeting in June.

For more information, keep an eye on your email and visit our web site at [www.dkhouston.org](http://www.dkhouston.org).

I am looking forward to seeing a lot of our members this Spring.

*Lillian Jensen*



## Danish Saturday School

We are looking for volunteers to join a committee to meet and discuss the demand and objectives for establishing a Danish Saturday School for kids in the Houston-area. The concept would be similar to the very successful German Saturday School, currently offered at Christ the King Lutheran Church at Rice Village ([www.deutschesamstagsschule.org](http://www.deutschesamstagsschule.org)). We may already have facilities secured at the Stepping Stones School in South West Houston, but are looking for a few

dedicated people to help establish it.

We will have a kick-off meeting on Wednesday, February 15, at 19:00. Location to be determined. Please contact Christina to sign up or to express your interest (no commitment required at this stage). We are also looking for Danish people who have a teaching background, for example from a Danish pre-school, elementary or middle school, who would be interested in

teaching a class on a volunteer or salaried basis.

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## Houston Welcomes Royal Danish Ballet & Danish Dance Theater



Houston's premier international dance festival, Dance Salad, showcases world-class performers from the far corners of the globe. Modern, contemporary and classical dance merge on stage to form a magnificent mélange of styles and music. Mark your calendars for the 2006 Dance Salad Festival sea-

son: April 13, 14 and 15, 2006 at the Wortham Center, Cullen Theater. This year will include: China's Beijing Modern Dance Company, Netherlands' Dutch National Ballet, Denmark's Royal Danish Ballet, and Danish Dance Theater, Ben Stevenson's Texas Dance Theater, Trey McIntyre Project, Sweden's Göteborgs Opera Ballet, and much more!

Danish Dance Theater, or in Danish "Dansk Danseteater," is Denmark's largest international modern dance company. Choreographer Tim Rushton has received two Reumert Awards for his intriguing mix of ballet, music and pictures. For more information, visit [www.dancesalad.org](http://www.dancesalad.org), [www.danskdanseteater.dk](http://www.danskdanseteater.dk) or [www.kgl-teater.dk](http://www.kgl-teater.dk).

## CALENDAR

February 26:  
Fastelavnsfest for the children,  
Hermann Park, 10-12 am

March 5:  
Hurricane Seminar, 3-5 pm

April:  
Dance Salad - Royal Danish  
Ballet and Dansk Danse Teater  
- [www.dancesalad.org](http://www.dancesalad.org) for more  
information

April 22:  
Queen's Birthday, Danevang

May:  
Immigration Seminar

June 24:  
Sommerfest and Annual Meeting



## 2005 Christmas Party

The Danish Club held its annual Christmas Dinner on Saturday, December 10 at the Nottingham Forest Club in west Houston. Despite the “un-December” like temperatures, the evening started with a social hour accompanied by warm gløgg to get people in the holiday spirit. About 110 people attended the wonderful Danish dinner catered by “Dansk Deli”/“Great Foods” - the Danish Club has come to really look forward to Johnny and Susie’s great spread. From the initial servings of pickled herring and various breads, to flæskesteg med svær and red cabbage, browned potatoes, leverpostej, and many other delicious treats to choose from, many “Skåls!” could be heard throughout the evening from the different tables. The Club Board

orchestrated several raffles throughout the evening, as well as the singing of a number of Christmas favorites lead by Hannes Hofer at the microphone. Coffee and ris a l’amande were served for dessert, and those who were interested left the party with a nice assortment of leftovers to make recovering in time for the Julegudstjeneste the following morning a little easier. A special thanks goes out to Party Committee members Lillian Jensen, Grethe and Ib Lauritzen, Flemming Mengel, and



Carl Steffensen. Also, a big thank you to Avram Blair for being our last minute toastmaster. He did a great job. If you’ve enjoyed coming to the Christmas party for the past few years, please consider volunteering to serve next year as the current committee is retiring.

## Julegudstjeneste

The following Sunday found many of the party-goers at the Norwegian Seaman’s Church in Pasadena. About 40 members and their families were there to hear the debut of the new pastor from the Danish Seamen’s Church in New York, Pastor Kristian Hein. Pastor Hein had been in Chicago the day before, and weather problems getting out of Chicago resulted in his arriving in Houston minutes before the service was supposed to start. Thanks to some quick thinking by Mette Miller, Lisbeth Mogensen, and Helle Kastrup, their æbleskiver

was served before the service in order to give Pastor Hein some time to prepare. The service was very nice, with one baby being baptized. Afterwards, the children were rewarded for their patience by a visit from Santa Claus, who distributed goodie bags filled with candy to all the children. It was noted by some that Santa smelled a little like the flæskesteg from the night before...

## Brunch

The Danish Club held its first Club Brunch on Sunday, November 6th at Ziggy’s Healthy Grill. Some twenty-four people joined us at this central and casual place. The event gave our members an opportunity to meet each other over brunch (and Danish wienerbrød) then head off to other downtown/ galleria shopping and museum activities.

The next Club Brunch will be held while this newsletter is being edited. We hope you were able to join us or that we will see you at a future Brunch.



From left: Carl Steffensen, Lillian S. Jensen, Hannes Hofer, Mette Miller, Christina B. Clark and Linda M. Martin

## New Members

We welcome the following new members to the Danish Club of Houston. We are looking forward to meeting you at events.

Christian & Jacqueline Oestlund  
Ghislaine & Henrik Thomsen  
Nadine Grau

## Danish Language Teacher

The Club has had several requests for a freelance Danish instructor who teach Danish as a second language to smaller groups. Currently, we have a group of 3-4 non-danes looking for a class.

For more information:

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## Young Danes Network

The Young Danish Network (YDN) usually meet on the third Friday of each month for Happy Hour at a centrally located water hole. You do not need to be young to show up, just don't try to keep up with the young crowd!

If you are not on the mailing list, contact ring leader Nadine Grau at [youngdanes@dkhouston.org](mailto:youngdanes@dkhouston.org). YDN operates as a separate group under the Danish Club with own mailing list and own activities.

## Facts About The Danish Club

### Board of Directors:

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### [www.dkhouston.org](http://www.dkhouston.org)

Have you read our web site lately? We have plenty of interesting links, and you can view the Club's impressive Photo Archive. Updated member address list is also available for members private use. The address list may not be used as a commercial mailing list.

E-mail Hannes or ask a friend if you do not know the password.

Hannes is always thankful for ideas or suggestions for further improvements of the site.

### Address & E-mail Changes:

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### T-shirts and Hats:

The Club is still selling T-shirts and hats with our logo. We have just put in an order and will be having T-shirts for kids available shortly. Please, contact Mette Miller if interested ([stuff@dkhouston.org](mailto:stuff@dkhouston.org)).

### Newsletter:

This volume is edited by Lillian S. Jensen, and mailed to members in good standing and selected friends of the Danish-American community in Houston.

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