

Danish Club of Houston News



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Invitation

Mark your calendars for Vikingeskolen's Annual Meeting and Cocktail Party. A very special evening for adults celebrating Vikingeskolens third year of operation and thanking its dedicated teachers and volunteers. This year, the event will be held:

Thursday, January 15, at 7 p.m.
at the residence of
Anna Thomsen Holliday
Honorary Vice Consul of Denmark

It is an open invitation to all Danes and families in the Houston area who wish to learn more or contribute with ideas or simply just have a fun evening mingling and networking with other Danes, including parents, adult students, teachers, assistant teachers, volunteers, sponsors and future sponsors of the school. Please invite your friends and family.

If you would like to help organize this event, please contact Christina Clark at 832.660.6496 or Vikingeskolen@gmail.com

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Fall

As you might have noticed, this issue is arriving a little later than normal. Another victim of Ike. I hope everybody got through the storm and the aftermath without much damage or problems, and that things are getting back to normal.

The Danish Club of Houston is supporting DABGO (Danes Abroad Business Group Online) which was founded in 2006 and now has chapters around the world. The Houston chapter started their Stambord event in August. It is held the first Wednesday of every month and everybody is welcome to show up to network. More info about DABGO can be found at their web site <http://www.dabgo.net>

Vikingeskolen started their third year a few weeks ago. Everybody involved with the school are hard at work. See story in this issue.

Our Fall schedule has a few events on the list. The committee is busy at work getting everything ready for our annual Christmas Party, which will be held on December 6th this year. The following week, we are planning for Pas-

tor Hein from New York to come back for our Christmas Service at the Norwegian Seaman's Church.

Stay tuned to your e-mail and our web site for more information as we get closer to the events.

As usual I am encouraging all our members to contact any of the board members with suggestions, questions and concerns. We need the involvement of our members.

Sincerely,



Vikingskolen Opens Doors for Third Year

Patiently waiting for power outages and other havoc caused by Hurricane Ike to disappear, Vikingskolen finally opened its doors on Saturday, September 27.

With 30 students enrolled, the first day of school was a happy start with lots of new and familiar faces excited to see each other after a long summer holiday. Students looked cute in their new “school uniform,” a bright red Vikingskolen t-shirt generously sponsored by Danish Inspirations.

Classes this year are headed up by enthusiastic and well-pre-

pared primary teachers: Karoline Mortensen and Lene Kiersted (Børnehaven), Helle Jørgensen (Børnehaveklasse), Conny Rævmann (1. Klasse og op) and Bo Jakobsen and Ole Sørensen in the Adult Class. The teachers are supported by several wonderful teaching assistants who made the class rooms buzz with Danish language and activity.

One of Vikingskolen’s core values has always been to “Engage active and involved parents and volunteers” and, this year, to accomplish this goal, Vikingskolen has implemented a new tuition

option which offers families the opportunity to reduce tuition costs significantly through volunteering for six sessions or more. This in turn helps the school provide more engaging and fun classes due to increased interaction with Danish speakers, while financially advantageous to families with several students and those who cannot or do not plan to come every Saturday.

For more information about Vikingskolen, please visit www.vikingskolen.com, or contact Christina Clark at vikingskolen@gmail.com or 832.660.6496.



CALENDAR

First Wednesday every month:
DABGO Stambord
Time: 6:30 - 9:00 PM
Location: Sonoma Wine Bar,
2720 Richmond, Houston TX 77078

Saturday, December 6:
Annual Christmas Party
Time: TBA
Location: Nottingham Forest Club

Sunday, December 14:
Christmas Service
Time: 11:00 AM
Location: Norwegian Seamen’s Church

Thursday, January 15:
Vikingskolen Annual Meeting & Cocktail Party
Time: 7:00 PM
Location: Residence of Anna Holliday,
Honorary Vice Consul of Denmark



Summer Party 2008

The Danish Club held its annual Summer Party and “generalforsamling” (= annual meeting) at the Nottingham Forest Club Pool from 4 PM to 8 PM on June 21, 2008.

In the week leading up to the party, we had seen quite a bit of rain in the afternoons, but a unified Board had decided, that Saturday would be different. We still had memories of the previous years’ summer party, which was postponed and postponed (by weather) until we barely had time to squeeze it in before the Christmas Party – we did not want a repeat of that.

This time, the party started out really good – people used the pool, listened to Danish Music and enjoyed the keg of beer and the hot dogs served up by James Coney Island in their little portable hot dog stand. The uniformed staff made your hot dogs just the way you liked them.

The Generalforsamling was held around 5 PM with a surprise MC – Niels Kastrop presided over the meeting, which included the Treasurer’s report from Ghislaine Thomsen (we’re doing fine) and the President Lillian Jensen’s report (see this newsletter).

Sometime just after the Generalforsamling, the rain began – we quickly packed the PA system and everybody tried to huddle under the little tent that James Coney Island was using. That, however, proved way too small, so many people retreated to the second floor of the Club House. Under this kind of pressure, the Danish community showed continued strength and resolve and swiftly transported the still-not-empty keg of beer and several trays of hot dogs upstairs, where the

party continued.

All in all it was a memorable day – we had our Summer Party, we had fun with our friends and our spirits were not dampened by of a little June rain in Houston.





The Board 2008-2009.
Carl Steffensen, Linda M. Martin, Flemming Mengel,
Majken Diederichsen, Ghislaine Thomsen and Lillian
S. Jensen

Vikingskolen

A Danish Saturday School for Children & Adults in
the Houston Area
For more information, visit www.vikingskolen.com
or call 832.660.6496

DABGO

Danish Abroad Business Group Online - The Largest
Global Danish Business Network
For more information, visit www.dabgo.net

The Houston Chapter meets the first Wednesday
of every month at Sonoma Wine Bar @ 2720
Richmond from 6:30 - 9:00 PM

Young Danes Network

The Young Danish Network (YDN) usually meet on
the third Friday of each month for Happy Hour at a
centrally located watering 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, con-
tact the ring leader Pernille Thomsen at
youngdanes@dkhouston.org. YDN operates as a
separate group under the Danish Club with own
mailing list and activities.

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Have you visited our web site lately? We have plenty of
interesting links, and you can view the Club's impres-
sive Photo Archive. An updated member address list
is also available for members' private use. The ad-
dress 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.

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T-shirts and Hats:

The Club is still selling T-shirts and hats with our logo.
We now have child-
rens' T-shirts and baby
onesies along with
the adult size shirts.
Please, contact Lillian
Jensen if interested
(stuff@dkhouston.org).



Newsletter:

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