

## **Welcome to the Danish Club of Houston's 3<sup>d</sup> Season !!**

The Danish Club entered its third season in September, and we look forward to an active fall and spring season. The board met in September to plan for the upcoming season, and to discuss new ideas and events.

With this newsletter you will find enclosed the 1999-2000 membership roster. At our Annual Meeting in June, members expressed interest in receiving a membership list, with nobody declining to be listed. We have excluded business phone and fax numbers from the list, but included both home phone numbers and e-mail addressees. The member roster will not be distributed outside of the membership, and should also be considered confidential by all members.

The member list includes only families who have paid their dues for 1999. Unfortunately, we still have some 20 members who have not yet renewed their membership for 1999.

The membership database is maintained by Niels H. Kastrup, and in order to minimize errors and a delay in posting the information, all address changes, new e-mail addresses or phone numbers should be sent directly to Niels. Also membership dues and new enrollments should be directed to Niels.

We have problems keeping track of e-mail addresses, mainly because members forget to report changes. So before you get annoyed not having receiving any e-mails from us, please make sure we have your latest e-mail address.

If you are not listed in our member list and you believe that the 1999 dues have been paid, then please contact Niels. We apologize for any errors, but mistakes can happen, - even for Johnny the Money man.

If you have not paid your due's for 1999, then hurry up and pay the \$ 15 dollars for the whole family. We count on your support to the Danish Club of Houston, - and in your active participation in the 1999-2000 season.

## **Victor Borge Concert in Houston - A Great Evening With "The Great Dane"**

A Group of fifty-plus members from The Danish Club had a wonderful and very memorable evening with "The Great Dane", Victor Borge. Victor Borge's concert with the Houston Symphony on September 13 in the Jones Hall was in celebration of his 70 years anniversary as an entertainer. Following the concert, The Danish Club

hosted a reception at the Lancaster Hotel for Mr. Borge, which he attended accompanied by his son Ron.

The concert showed the many sides of Victor Borge's talents. He played the piano with grace, conducted the Houston Symphony, joked with the audience and the orchestra, and although he had clearly stated five minutes earlier, that he was getting too old (90) for that kind of stunts, he could not help sliding off the piano bench...

Victor Borge honored the Danish Club by playing a medley over Danish folk songs, including *Det var en lørdag aften* and *Jens Vejmand*. The music was beautiful, and not only the Danes

in attendance, but everybody in concert hall loved the Danish tunes. The program also included music from *A Midsummer Night's Dream* by Mendelsohn, *La Boheme*, *Claire de Lune* by Debussy, and *Piano Concerts* by Rachmaninoff. The large attendance greeted Mr. Borge with standing ovations after two and a half hours of fun and wonderful music by The Great Dane..



## **Reception with Victor Borge**

The fun continued at the Danish Club of Houston's reception, following the concert. John Moyell, who of course was interrupted more than once by the Guest of Honor, welcomed Mr. Borge.



Also the Danish Consul Ray Daugbjerg welcomed Victor Borge to Houston, and excused that his command of the Danish language would not permit him to speak in Danish. Mr. Borge answered:

That's good - then there's a chance we won't have too many long speeches tonight..

To quote Mr. Borge: " A smile is the shortest distance between people", but it was more than smiles, it was an evening of much laughing and a lot of fun. Thanks to Victor Borge for attending the reception - it was a real pleasure to meet The Great Dane. We hope to see him back in Houston soon. Also thanks to the more than 50 members of the Danish Club, who attended the reception.

## **Victor Borge Receives Kennedy Center Honor.**

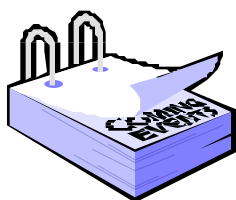
During his rehearsal for the concert in Houston, Victor Borge was informed that he is one of the recipients of the Annual Honor from the Kennedy Center of Performing Arts. Other recipients this year are actors Sean Connery and Jason Robards, singer Stevie Wonder

and choreographer Judith Jamison. According to the New York Times, the awards will be presented at a December 4th award dinner, followed by a White House reception and gala performance the next day.

Victor Borge kept the great honor a secret while in Houston, preventing us from congratulating him personally. We congratulate Victor Borge with the great honor, and we also hope that President and Mrs. Clinton will get a chance to enjoy Mr. Borge's medley of Danish Folk Songs.

### **Season Calendar 1999-2000**

Unfortunately, we had to cancel some arrangements because of interest or conflicts, we however, try reschedule these events coming



last year limited calendar will, to some of for the season.

Although there undoubtedly will be some changes down the road, the preliminary calendar for the 1999 - 2000 season is as follows:

### **Sunday, Oct. 17 - 12:00 to 3:00 pm:**

*Viking Cup & Scandinavian Cook-Out.*

### **End October / early November:**

*The Danish Opera Singer Bo Skovhus is performing in title role "Don Giovanni" at The Houston Opera.*

Group tour will be arranged, - a reception is also in the works.

### **November:**

*Golf Tournament*

### **Saturday, December 4, at 6.30 pm**

*The Danish Club's Big Christmas Party.*

We are changing the format of the party, which will be hosted by Quasimodo's Restaurant, located at 1985 Welch St. at McDuffie, in the Westheimer / Shepherd vicinity. We have booked the entire restaurant, and there will be Danish supervision in the kitchen to make sure that the dinner will include crunchy pork skin.

### **Sunday, December 12, at 3 pm.**

*Danish Christmas Church Service*

Rev. Torben Poulsen from The Danish Seamen's Church in Brooklyn, NY, will again this year officiate at the Christmas Service at The Norwegian Seamen's Church in Pasadena. The Service may be followed by a Christmas party for the children.

### **January / February**

*Visit to a local Micro Brewery*

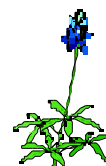


### **February**

*Fastelavns Party at Bear Creek Park.*

### **March**

*Visit to Rice University*



### **April**

*Blue Bonnet Picnic tour*

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*Celebration of Queen Margrethe II's Birthday in Danevang,*

This event is hosted by the Danish Heritage Preservation Society in Danevang.

### **Sunday, June 4**

*Danish Constitution Day Party & Annual Meeting*

### **Viking Cup & Cook-Out 1999**

### **Sunday, October 17 - 12:00 - 3:00 pm**

The Norwegian Seamen's Church is hosting the 1999 Viking Cup soccer tournament for teams representing Norway, Sweden, and Denmark. Last year's tournament was a great success although Norway beat Denmark 1-0 in the final.



The Seamen's Church has added a cook-out competition to the 1999 event. The arrangement is also a fundraiser for the Norwegian Seamen's Church, and we hope that many from the Danish community in Houston will show up and support the Church and the

Danish Soccer team! Barbecue is \$ 7 per person, and you are free to sample all the delicacies created by the cooking teams.

Beside the Viking Cup Cook-out, there will be soccer tournament and activities for the The Danish Club will cook-out team and if individual or company to participate please John Moyell.



and the also be a other children. sponsor a any other teams wish contact

The event will start at 11 am with an outdoors Lutheran Family Church Service, with live music and children's choir. We trust many Danish families will show up for the service, which is conducted in the Norwegian language. – Both pastors at the church are speaking "main stream" Norwegian without local dialects, so you should not have problems following the service.

### *Danish Club in Dallas, TX.*

The Danish Club in Dallas has launched a nice Web-site with the address:  
<http://www.imitexas.com/danish/>.

John Moyell has on behalf of the Danish Club in Houston sent greetings to the Dallas Club, and has suggested that we may look for opportunities for some joint activities. Bookmark the Dallas web-site if you want to follow what is going on in our neighboring club to the North.

### *Danish Constitution Day Celebration and Annual Meeting*

The Annual Constitution Day and our Annual Meeting was again this year held at the Nottingham Forest Club. The weather was great and not too hot for the outdoor picnic under the big trees. Approximately 70 adults and kids attended the event and had a wonderful day.



Ray Daugbjerg, Danish Consul of Houston, was the key note speaker, and John Moyell spoke on the history and background of the Danish Constitution celebrating it's 150 years birthday.

Tonny Jensen chaired the Annual Meeting. The members approved the Financial Statements for 1998 as well as the President's report for the year, and all six board members were re-elected. The members also approved,

that a member address list should be distributed to all members.

Following the Annual Meeting there were kids and family games, arranged by Fran Steffensen. Water balloon throwing, watermelon spitting and other games were on the program, and everybody had fun cheering the kids and their parents during the tough competitions! Thanks to Fran and Carl Steffensen for hosting the Picnic at their Subdivision Club, and for arranging the event.

### *Lise LeSec in Memoriam*

The Danes in Houston mourn the tragic and untimely death of Lise LeSec, age 39.

Lise was born in Viborg, Denmark and came to Houston close to 20 years ago. She worked for over 16 years for Scandinavian Airlines (SAS) of which the last few years as SAS' Manager for this region.

Lise leaves behind her two sons, Jacques 14 and Nicholas 11, and her mother Birgitte Kuscher of Cathedral City, CA. A memorial trust fund, benefiting her sons, has been established and is handled by the Royal Danish Consulate. Contributions should be sent to:

Lise LeSec Children's Fund  
c/o Royal Danish Consulate  
4545 Post Oak Place, suite 347  
Houston, TX 77027

The outpouring of love, respect, and caring for Lise is huge in our Scandinavian community and, while our thoughts and prayers go to her family, we will miss her.

*John Moyell*

### *John Moyell is Jumping Ship...*

After 35 years in the States of which the last 22 has been in Houston, Gurli and John Moyell will be relocating to The Bahamas in January, 2000, where John will take up a position with The Clipper Group's Head Office. A successor will be elected at the next Annual Meeting in June, 2000, but in the interim period Vice President Niels Kastrup will take over the gravel.



It is not too early to start looking for candidates for the position as President. If you are interested, or would like

to nominate a candidate for the position, please give John Moyell a call as soon as possible. It's a lot of fun, you work with great people, lick many envelopes and you can't beat the salary.

### ***www.dkhouston.org***

Don't forget to visit our web site at

<http://www.dkhouston.org>

to check on the latest news from the Danish Club or to review our photo archive from previous events, or maybe link up to other web-pages of interest to Danes and people interested in Denmark.

We are still looking for sponsors to advertise on our site. This provides interested firms with a way to support the club and at the same time reach the Danish community through the web.

Prices for commercial ad's are  
\$40 for three months,  
\$60 for six months and  
\$100 for a full year.

Links will be provided to company web sites if desired. Please send an e-mail to Hannes ([hofer@ruf.rice.edu](mailto:hofer@ruf.rice.edu)) if you are interested, or if you have any comments or suggestions for our website. Why not support the Club by having a very visible ad at a very low price?

Members may post classified, non-commercial ads, on our page. If you want to sell your car, rent your vacation home, or if you are looking for a Danish video or CD, send an e-mail to Hannes, who will place your ad in the Classified section. This service is free to all members.

News, information and reminders breaking too late to be included in the regular Newsletter, will be broadcasted via our Club's Internet e-mail distribution list, and is also available on our Web site. *We therefore urge all members to make sure that your e-mail address is registered and always up to date.* You can do that by e-mailing Niels Kastrup at [nhk@flsmiljo.com](mailto:nhk@flsmiljo.com)

### ***Roller Blade Reminder:***

Let's get the wheels rolling again !! Join us at the Cullen Park / Bear Creek nature trail for a Roller blade workout. We are blading every other Sunday from 4 p.m., weather permitting. No blading in case of rain or wet pavement.



Note the following dates in your calendar:

Oct. 10 & 24, Nov. 7 & 21, Dec. 5 & 19

Meeting point is Cullen Park across from Houston West Airport. No need to register - just show up and bring a friend. Bikes and joggers are of course allowed on the trail - and in our group.. For more information - call 281-855-9299. Coordinator: Helle & Niels Kastrup.

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#### ***Change of Address:***

Please report all address changes, incl. e-mail, to Niels H. Kastrup. If you are new on the Internet, do not forget to include your e-mail with your address. E-mail contact preferred, when possible, at [nhk@flsmiljo.com](mailto:nhk@flsmiljo.com)

#### ***Newsletter:***

This volume is edited by Niels H. Kastrup and John Moyell, and mailed to members – and the families we believe just forgot to renew their membership. The Newsletter is also available on our Website.

### ***Membership Dues For 1999***

Did you forget to renew your membership ? If yes, hurry up and mail your check for \$ 15 to

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***Membership Dues Cover The Whole Family !!***