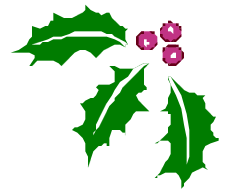


Danish Club of Houston



Annual Christmas Party – Danish Style



Once again Christmas is sneaking up on us, and it is time to invite you to the Danish Club's favorite activity – the Christmas party!

We invite you to bring your friends.. The more the merrier!

By signing up already today, you make sure not to miss highlights such as:

- ✓ The Big Raffle
- ✓ Live Auctioning of great prizes
- ✓ Sing Christmas songs with live music by Carole Hedemann
- ✓ Dancing to Danish and other classics until 11.30 p.m.

Don't delay – send your check today to:



Hannes Hofer
4042 Silverwood
Houston, TX 77025

Your check will serve as your reservation, and must be received by Hannes no later than **24 November, 2000.**



Bring your Santa Claus hat to add to the spirit!!

- When:** Saturday 2 December, 2000
Time: 6:30 pm Social Hour (cash bar all evening)
 7:30 pm Dinner and Party until 11:30 pm
 - After 11.30 pm. at "Bronx" in Rice Villace
Place: Cohen House Faculty Club at Rice University
 (see directions)
Cost: \$40 per person for members
 \$45 per person for non-members and guests

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This year's menu:
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On the table/appetizer
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Herring in wine sauce and curry, dark bread. One snaps included.

Buffet

Green Salad w/ dressings
Roast Pork Loin with brown gravy
Poached Salmon with dill sauce
Herb roasted potatoes
Red cabbage
Glazed carrots

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Dessert table
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Assorted cheese tray
Assorted fruit tray
Ris a la mande with sauce
(Prices for whole almonds)

Coffee & tea with cookies
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This year we thank the following gift donors:

- ✓ Danish Inspirations
- ✓ IKEA
- ✓ Moller Supply Services
- ✓ Anna Thomsen
- ✓ BISCA
- ✓ Aegis Asset Management Inc.
- ✓ FLS miljø
- ✓ Samson Controls
- ✓ Clipper Americas
- ✓ Hempel Coating
- ✓ Haldor Topsoe
- ✓ - More to follow



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Visit to The Ocean Star Drilling Rig

We will meet Sunday Nov. 12 at 2 pm. at Wharf C on Pier 19 in Galveston to explore the Drilling Rig and Museum. We have arranged a guided tour on the refurbished jack-up, which three decks feature various exhibits: Off shore drilling and production, marine transportation, environmental protection, and construction. After the tour we will gather at a close by waterhole for chop and refreshments (optional). This trip will be a sure hit for big boys and small boys – as well as oil freaks in general.

Admission fee and guide will be max. \$ 5 per person. RSVP to Carl Steffensen no later than **November 8** by phone or e-mail, so we can advise guide and restaurant.

Phone: 281-493-4801 (h) / 281-336-0809 (w)
E-mail: Steff@flash.net or steffeck@bp.com

Season Calendar 2000-20001



Further events for the Spring Season will be added

Friday, Nov. 10 & Saturday, Nov. 11, 10 am–5 pm

Christmas Bazaar at The Norwegian Seamen's Church in Pasadena.

Sunday, November 12, 2 pm:

Visit to The Ocean Star Offshore Drilling Rig and Museum in Galveston. Guided Tour, to be followed by casual get together for some chop.

Saturday, December 2, 6.30 pm:

The Annual Danish Christmas Party for adults. At Cohen House, Rice University Faculty Club.

Sunday, December 10, 11 am:

Danish Christmas Service at the Norwegian Seamen's Church in Pasadena, with rev. Torben Poulsen from the Danish Seamen's Church in Brooklyn, NY. Followed by Christmas Tree party for the Kids, coffee and Aebleskiver for everybody.

Sunday, February 25, TBA:

Fastelavn Party for Kids and their Parents, most likely in the Sugarland area.

Sunday, June 3, TBA:

Annual Meeting and Grundlovsdag Picnic.

Great Picnic with the Daugbjerg's

The weather did not cooperate, but that did not really matter... We all had a very nice Saturday afternoon in Gay Hill north of Brenham, where Cherry and Ray Daugbjerg had invited The Danish Club for a barbeque picnic.

Coming from the flat Houston, the Gay Hill area is wonderful, with rolling hills and a great view from the nice residence on top of the hill. Unfortunately we could not fully enjoy the planned outdoor sports activities because of heavy rain showers, but we did throw some horseshoes in between the showers.

We counted some 60-70 participants, representing members from the Danish Club, family and friends to the Daugbjergs. Ray's cousin Jorn, who immigrated from Kolding in the 40'es was in from San Diego together with his mother, and they enjoyed the chance to listen to some Danish small talk. Also fun to meet the Skriver family, who had enough of Houston some years ago, so they bought a big piece of land and moved to a small town halfway to Dallas, where Frank is a cabinet maker.

Thanks to Cherry and Ray for their hospitality and generosity. Hopefully we did not leave too many wet and muddy footprints in the house.

New Members:

Since our last Newsletter, we welcome the following new members to the Danish Club:

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| Grethe Barthou, | 281-568-4545 h |
| Christina & William Clark | 713-529-8981 h |

Viking Cup & Scandinavian Cook-Out

If you missed out on the Cook-out and Soccer tournament on October 15 in Pasadena, then too bad. It was a lot of fun.

The famous Cook-out Team The Danish Deep Friars, sponsored by the Danish Club, had been out borrowing extra equipment, so we were almost as prof as the other teams this year.

The Friars, with Jan Mogensen, Mike Miller and Johnny Larsen, started out Saturday night with all the preparations and smoking of chicken and

brisket. The rules for the Cook-out were very strict: Absolutely no preparations outside the church compound was allowed. With only a few hours sleep it took some Gammel Dansk to get the Friars back in shape for the show.

The Cook-Out was a success for the Friars who took second place in Brisket, - maybe the most competitive of all the categories. Other categories were Chicken, Fajitas, Seafood and Beans.

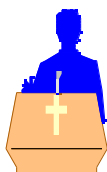
Our Soccer team was close to washing away the memories from last years beating, but Norway's team one ended up with the Viking trophy after a close final against the Danes.

We started out beating Sweden narrowly with 1-0, followed by a 0-0 tie with Norway II. As Norway I had beaten both Sweden and Norway II, we were ready for the real final, and the Danish underdogs started out in great style.

A nice shot after a free kick, followed by an error in the Norwegian defense brought Denmark up 2-0 in the first half. From there on it was nerve racking with Norway pressing the Danes hard, and Norway managed to tie the game in the last seconds. We of course claimed they scored too late to count..

In the overtime the Norwegians scored the Golden Goal. Too bad, but in all fairness – they are a pretty good team. Thanks to the Danish team, consisting of 3 ladies and 11 gent's, for some good matches.

Reverend Audun Haga, who was on crutches following a car accident, has now left Houston for a job as priest in a parish in southern Norway. His position has been taken over by Jan Stellef Roenningen, who has been with the church for a couple of years as chaplain. – Both Audun and Jan are by the way good soccer players.



The Danish Club said goodbye to Audun Haga after the Service on October 15, where Lisbeth and Niels presented Audun with a nice grill-set and our thanks for a great job for the Scandinavian Community during almost ten years.

We look forward to continue the good relationship with Jan Roenningen and the whole staff at the Seamen's Church in Pasadena.

Check out our web-site for photos from the Cook-Out and Soccer Cup.

The Scandinavian Calendar:

Also the Norwegians and Swedes in Houston have things going on. Here follows some further events that could be of interest to our members and other readers:

Nov. 15: Nordic Women's Club: Talk on Antiques
Nov. 22: SVEA, Thanksgiving Dinner
Dec. 10: SVEA, Lucia
Jan. 18: Nordic Women's Club: Pat Duncan on Arboretum and Horticulture.

For information about Nordic Women's Cultural Club, call Bente Rawson at 713-782-4108. The Club is open to all women from the Nordic Countries. Associate membership is open to other women, who speak one of the Nordic languages.

Play Group For Young Children

Some of the new Mom's, Mom's-to-be and some Mom's with young kids would like to establish a Play Group for pre-school kids. If you are interested, then call Dorte Equitz at 281-491-4800. Dorte lives in Sugarland, but the group would meet at different locations to accommodate all the Mom's and Dad's.

Danes Worldwide – Dansk Samvirke

Have you thought about joining Dansk Samvirke / Danes Worldwide, with their Summer school, Remote School Program, and special member offers and events in Denmark? Annual fee is DKK 325, including the interesting monthly magazine "Danmarksposten". All information and the magazine is in the Danish language.

Please call or e-mail Niels Kastrup, if you want more information or a brochure.

Gulf Coast Scandinavian Folkdancers

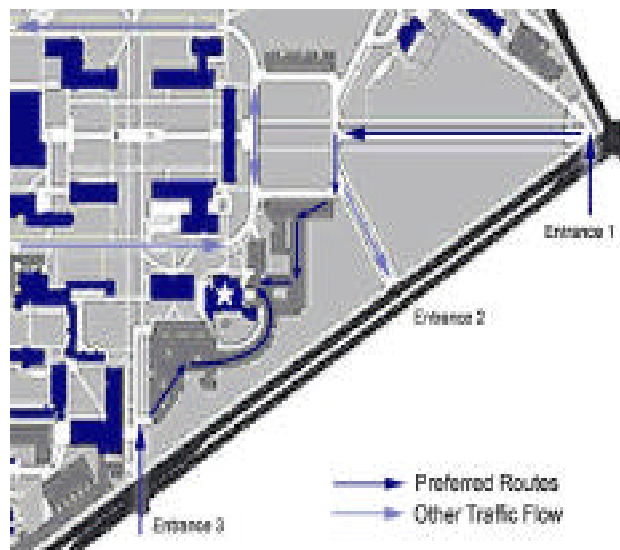
Would you like to do some Scandinavian two-stepping ? For more information, contact Carl Steffensen at 281-493-4801 (steff@flash.net)

www.dkhouston.org

Wanna read or print this Newsletter in flying colors ? Don't forget to visit our web site to check on the latest news from the Danish Club, to review our photo archive from previous events, or maybe buy an air ticket.

How to find Cohen Faculty Club:

The Cohen House is located on the Rice Main Campus, just south of the main building. See the detailed map. Access through Entrance 1 or Entrance 3 from Main Street. Follow the arrows on the detailed map. As you may recall, both Main and Fannin runs parallel from Downtown to the 610 loop at Astrodome. Rice is in the Museum / Medical Center area. If you come from Hwy 59, take Greenbriar exit, go south to Rice Boulevard. Take a left to the Main entrance (Entrance 1) on the corner of Main. Coming from Downtown on 59, you can also exit directly to Main Street.



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New memberships after October 1, 2000 are valid for the full year 2001 !! So if you know of any non-believers, now is the time for them to cut Hannes a check for 15 \$ and look straight out again..

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