



DANEWS

a publication of the danish american center

The Danish American Center supports and fosters Danish culture through education and the celebration of traditions, customs and history.

OUR YEAR END ANNUAL FUNDRAISER HAS A GOAL OF \$15,0000

We have begun our Year-End Annual Fundraising Campaign and have had an amazing start. As of November 17, which was Give to the Max Day, we have raised \$6,321!!!

As a 501c (3), we rely on your generous contributions to provide educational programs, like Danish language and cooking classes, beautiful art exhibits, and translation services.

Your donation is 100% tax deductible and will allow us to continue providing an incredible gathering place by maintaining our beautiful building and programming that celebrates Danish heritage.

Please help us raise \$15,000.

If you have any questions, please call Janet Ogden-Brackett at 612-203-3910.

JULESANG MED ÆBLESKIVER

Saturday, December 3: 9:30am-12pm

Led by Rita Juhl and Lisa Jensen at the DAC

Come join us for Sangaften in the morning!

In past years, Sangaften has been held on the first Sunday evening in December. This has been a time for us to sing many of our favorite Danish and English Christmas songs together with friends and family. We are going to try something new this year by having it in the morning! Æbleskiver will be served from 9:30-10am followed by singing until about 11:30am. After we finish singing, stay for a bowl of soup before you head home to work on your own Christmas preparations! No reservations are required and the cost is whatever you want to throw into the donation basket. We will focus on kid-friendly songs at the beginning. People are also free to come and go as needed during this busy time of year. Hope to see you there!



DECEMBER 2022

- Julefrokost
- Children's Christmas Party
- President's Happy Hour

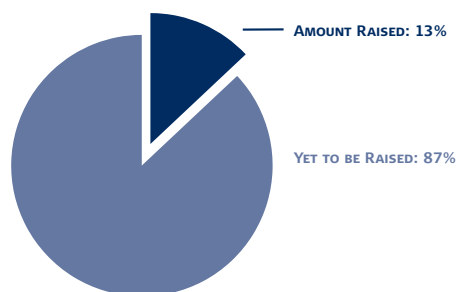
NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY

Glædelig Jul! The holiday season brings back memories of family and community traditions, and these thoughts warm our hearts on cold white winter nights. The DAC Jul events connect us to the generations of Danes who we count among our friends and families who have sung the songs, danced around the tree, and eaten foods as only Danes can prepare. It is through the myriad little touches that distinguish Denmark including special foods, heart baskets, flags decorating the tree, dancing around the tree, gathering, and singing that we stay connected as families and as a community, and the DAC is at the center of many of these living traditions. I say living because the heart of the tradition carries on sometimes in new ways. For example, our Jul Sangfest will move to the morning with the hope that more children and families can attend. Another long-standing tradition is the Danish decorated room at the American Swedish Institute where we share with the wider community the special ways Danes celebrate the holiday. This year's room is highlighted by a tree in the center of the room, showing how we hold hands and dance around the tree. You may not have space at your home, but we have several opportunities in December to celebrate and dance around the tree. Cross your fingers that the Jul

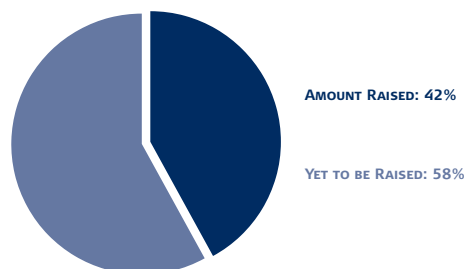
Frokost is not yet sold out and you might still be able to get a seat. A new generation is learning how to present this perennial favorite holiday meal. We want to keep traditions going that involve our members across generations. This season is also the time when we purchase presents for our loved ones. Do put DAC on your list this year. It is through your contributions we can offer the programs you identify with your Danish traditions. Please donate to the DAC so we can meet our end-of-year fundraising goal and keep these traditions alive.

Susan Jacobsen

INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS



YEAR END FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN



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Welcome New Members:

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 Julia Heinen
 Rebecca Parker Downs & Family
 Barb & Gerry Wildes
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 Pat & Googs Mingo
 Karma Ibsen
 Melinda Quivik
 Gina Kaju
 Marilyn McConnell
 John Harrer
 Leif Ahlgren
 Kirsten Kjersgaard-Ascanius & Family
 Anne Kelly Berg
 Barbara McBurney
 Carole Johnson
 Dianne Iverson

DAC Directory Information - For further contact information on new and current members, please visit the Members Only portion of the DAC website. Use the email you would have associated with the DAC and create your own password in this new system. If you have trouble, contact the DAC office at dainfo@dac.mn or phone 612-729-3800.

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LICORICE ANYONE?

The famous Danish licorice maker Lakrids by Bulow is now shipping to the United States. Check out their website at: <https://lakridsbybulow.us>. Great gift ideas for the holidays!

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Deadline for the January issue is December 10

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ASI'S 72ND HOLIDAY EXPERIENCE - SECRETS OF THE SEASON

November 12, 2022–
January 8, 2023

Danish Room - Light at the Center

During the winter, the Nordic region experiences deep darkness. For many in Denmark, the secrets to making it through this darkness are candlelight and dancing.

Trees are often placed in the middle of the room so that people can dance around them on Christmas Eve. Candles adorn the branches and bathe the room in a warm, soft glow. Gathering together to dance and share food and company brings comfort and cheer to winter's darkness. The familiar meets the unexpected in this one-of-a-kind holiday experience that brings the secrets of the holiday season to life. Explore the Mansion's galleries and immerse yourself in experiences

co-created by guest curators representing the Nordic Countries. Each country contributed its own secret to the experience— from that 'must have thing' for winter to that traditional trinket that gets placed on the mantel every year. Visitors will find vibrant seasonal décor and unique surprises around every corner of the Turnblad Mansion and ASI campus.

The Danish room was created by guest community curators Susan Jacobsen and Susan Loschenkohl of the Danish American Center. Special thanks to Svea Ernst who knit us a custom pair of Christmas-themed items for this year's exhibit (The French press coffee cosy is seen above). More information is on the American Swedish Institute's website ASImn.org.



PRESIDENT'S HAPPY HOUR-NEW MEMBERS INVITED

There are so many ways to participate at the Danish American Center, and we know it can be a little tricky to figure out what to do and when. The President's Happy Hour has turned out to be a great gathering place for all members. We are now dedicating the third Friday of

every month to new members. You'll always find Board members, and Executive Committee members, so ask all the questions you want to ask. Meet interesting people and have great conversations! We want to meet you and learn all about you. You are welcome every Friday from 4-6pm, but we will dedicate December 16 to all new members. Please join us.

JULEFROKOST CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Saturday, December 17:

Social Hour at 11am, Lunch at noon.

We do our best to make this luncheon as authentic as possible. Enjoy these Danish favorites: a variety of pickled herring, seafood, gravlaks, frikadeller, medisterpølse, Christmas salad, ris-a-la mande, Danish Christmas cookies, and much more. Cost for members: \$36, non-members: \$45. This popular event sells out quickly. To reserve your place, register and pay online at <https://danishamericancenter.org/> or contact the DAC office by Wednesday, December 7.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 18: 2-5pm

Come and enjoy making a Christmas ornament, eat a few æbleskiver, hear a Christmas story and dance around the tree. A light supper will be provided. This event is limited to 50 members—adults and children. Reservations are required by December 7. You can register at the website <https://danishamericancenter.org/> or contact the office at 612-729-3800. Donations are appreciated. If you wish for Santa to bring your child a gift, please have it wrapped and marked with the child's name. For more information call Grethe Petersen at 952-250-4086.

SILENT AUCTION

We are gearing up for our 3rd annual silent auction. The last two have been a huge success, and we are hoping this year will be a success as well. We need your help! We are looking for donations for the auction. Do you have something you can donate? Maybe a handcrafted item? Do you have something with Danish history that you would like to donate. We are also looking for gift cards and themed gift baskets. Get creative! We will accept gently-used items in good working order as well. Items can be dropped off at the DAC office during Wednesday office hours.

ONSDAG FROKOST – SIGN UP TO COOK IN THE NEW YEAR!

The very popular Wednesday Lunch concluded for the year on November 9. If you have a favorite dish you would like to share, please consider signing up to cook for one or more of the lunches next year. We hold these lunches on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. The cooks decide the menu, how many people they would like to feed (normally it is around 40) and do the shopping and the cooking. All costs are reimbursed. The cooks use the DAC's well-supplied kitchen and are honored at the end of the meal with a thank you song. Please contact Cathy Mahowald at cmahowal@hutchtel.net or 612-845-5562 if you are interested.

TRANSLATION SERVICE AT DAC

The DAC frequently receives requests for translators of documents. We are now offering a translation service. To request a translation, you can mail the materials to the DAC, or email to dainfo@dac.mn. Please send a clear copy. Do not send any original documents. DAC cannot be responsible for original documents. Documents can be sent via a picture file, a scanned document, or a word file. The documents will be reviewed, and the translators will determine if it is material that can be translated. Work will be returned by email. The rate is \$30 per hour for members and \$40 per hour for non-members. Payments can be made by check to the Danish American Center. Translated documents will be returned to you by mail. Postage and handling will be added. If you have any questions, please contact the DAC office at 612-729-3800.

BEGINNING DANISH 3 BEGINS JANUARY 7

Join fellow Danish enthusiasts for Beginning Danish 3. This course is for those who have previously completed Danish 2 at DAC or have previous Danish language instruction (with instructor permission).

We follow a textbook and enlist various online resources. There are weekly assignments to complete outside of class. Beginning Danish 3 courses are appropriate for high school age and up.

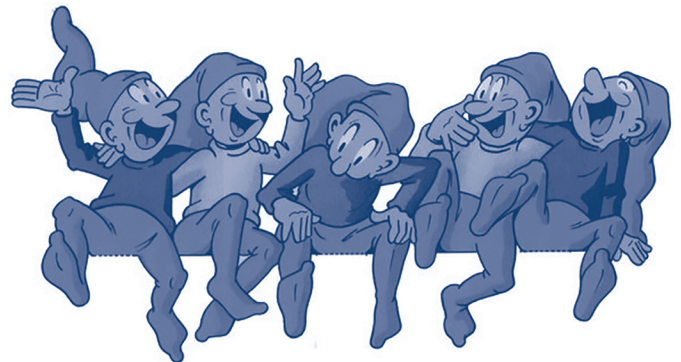
Students may attend in person or remotely via Zoom. We use Google Classroom and other online sites and tools.

Dates: 6 classes (January 7 - February 11, 2023)

Cost: Members \$90 & Nonmembers: \$120

Class time: Saturdays, 9:30 to 11am

Registration and payment for these Danish Language classes take place through the DAC website: <https://danishamericancenter.org>. Scroll down to the Event section and click on Danish 3 on January 7 to register.



ATTENTION VIRKELYST MEMBERS! JULEFROKOST DECEMBER 10!

Saturday, December 10: 12pm

Please mark your calendars and plan to register soon for our Julefrokost event on December 10 starting at noon at the DAC. This Christmas-time multi-course luncheon is for Virkelyst members only and we cannot admit guests. However, if your potential guest would like to join Virkelyst in the meantime, we would love to have her! We are delighted that Svea Ernst has agreed to cook for us again.

Registration is now open for the luncheon and information is listed below. The cost is \$27 per person.

Important note: all registrations/payments will be due by December 5. We cannot accept payment at the door.

To register, go to <https://DanishAmericanCenter.org>
Login to your account.

Go to Event Calendar

Select the Virkelyst Christmas Luncheon on December 10
Click on Register

Fill out the credit card information and click on Register.

If you prefer, mail a check made out to Virkelyst for \$27.00 to: Cathy Mahowald
6075 Lincoln Dr., #310
Edina, MN. 55436

Registration closes on December 5. We hope you can join your Virkelyst friends for this delightful event.

NOTARY PUBLIC

If you need a Notary Public, the Danish American Center offers this service for members in the Twin Cities Metro Area. Please contact DAC member Ardis Wexler at judgeardis@aol.com to make arrangements to meet at a mutually agreed-upon time and location. Rates are \$10 per document, and all proceeds go to the Danish American Center. This service is a convenient way to get your documents notarized and support the Danish American Center at the same time.



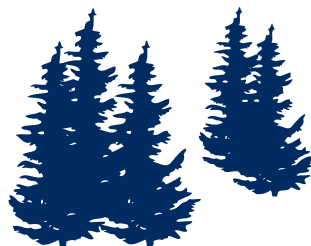
DONATIONS NEEDED FOR VIRKELYST ENDEAVOR

In celebration of our upcoming 85th birthday, Virkelyst would like to invite DAC members and friends to join us in our latest philanthropic endeavor. You may remember two years ago the DAC collected three van loads of household goods! These items help set up apartments to be ready for Afghan families resettling in Minneapolis. This was sponsored by the Minneapolis Council of Churches.

This year we are collecting feminine products for the same Refugee Resettlement program. We recently learned that very few people donate feminine products so there is always need for them. Culturally, Muslim women do not use tampons so please donate pads only.

Newer DAC members may not know about Virkelyst's history of donating to progressive causes that benefit women and children. For their first service project in 1938 Virkelyst members made and donated layettes for unwed mothers.

You may donate money and feminine pads until our Christmas Luncheon on December 10, 2022. If you are writing a check, please make it out to MCC Refugee Services. Shortly after the luncheon we will make the delivery. If you have questions, please e-mail Carla Mortensen at carla.s.mortensen@gmail.com.



DANEBO READING CIRCLE - BOOK LIST IS SET FOR 2023

Although the DAC's reading group is taking a brief winter break, members are using the time to stock up on books for the coming year. They also extend happy holiday greetings to everyone!

The Danebo Reading Circle meets on the third Sunday of eight months, taking the summer off. The schedule of meetings and books for 2023 is:

January 15: *Olav Audunssøn II: Providence* by Sigrid Undset (NO); 1925, 269 pages; translated 2021 by Tiina Nunnally.

February 19: *A Postcard for Annie* Short Stories by Ida Jessen (DK); 2013, 208 pages; translated 2022 by Martin Aitken.

March 19: *The Liar* by Martin Hansen (DK); 1950, 199 pages; translated 1995 by John Jeppson Egglishaw.

April 16: *Iceland's Bell* by Haldor Laxness (IS); 1946, 406 pages; translated 2003 by Philip Roughton.

May 21: *Summer Light and Then Comes the Night* by Jón Kalman Steffánsson (IS); 2006, 249 pages; translated 2021 by Philip Roughton.

September 17: *Ice* by Ulla-Lena Lundberg (FI/SE); 2012, 441 pages; translated 2016 by Thomas Teal.

October 15: *Lucky Per 1* by Henrik Pontoppidan (DK); 1904, 300 pages; translated 2019 by Naomi Lebowitz.

November 19: *So Much Longing in So Little Space: The Art of Edvard Munch* by Karl Ove Knausgård (NO); 2017, 233 pages; translated 2019 by Ingvild Burkey.

Bookmarks with the full schedule are available on the table outside the DAC Library.

In January, the group will pick up the second of the four books in the *Olav Audunssøn* series by Nobel Prize-winning Norwegian author Sigrid Undset. After reading *Book I: Vows* in September 2022, members were so enthusiastic about the story that they wanted to read *Book II: Providence* as soon as possible and keep following Olav and his beloved Ingunn in 14th Century Norway. In this volume, "Olav settles in at his ancestral estate and soon brings Ingunn home as his wife. Both

hope to put their troubles behind them, but the crimes and shameful secrets of the past have a long reach and a tenacious hold." (From the publisher, University of Minnesota Press.)

Current, former, and new members are always welcome to meet with the group on the third floor of the DAC or via Zoom. More details will be in the January issue of *DANews*. Until then, Glædelig Jul og Godt Nytår!



LIBRARY HOURS

The library is now open on the first Saturday of the month from 10am to 12pm or by appointment only.

You may make an advance reservation for appointments offered on Wednesdays and Sundays by calling 612-296-5193. We will do our best to accommodate your needs, but please allow a week or so notice so we can find a volunteer to staff the library for your appointment.

Saturday open hours are staffed by a volunteer from the National Danish American Genealogy Society, and they can help with genealogy research as well as the DAC library collection.

On Floor 2, the Steenberg Lounge, there are free Danish books for members to read/retain. The Lounge is open every day.

Please remember that any borrowed books (cookbooks, old books...) can always be returned into the box outside the library door at any time or, if signed out, returned by appointment or during library office hours so that we can check them back in.

DENMARK IN 2022 WORLD CUP

Tillykke Danmark! The Danish national football (soccer) team has made it to the 2022 FIFA World Cup! Not all countries' teams qualify, so it is exciting that both Denmark and the USA have a team in this event, which is only held every four years. Good luck to Denmark and the USA!

MUSIC ON THE MISSISSIPPI



On November 16, the Music on the Mississippi concert series was back to a sold-out crowd at DAC. Members and guests were treated to music provided by Connie Evingson, Dan Chouinard, and Dane Stauffer.



Connie is one of the Twin Cities' premier jazz vocalists. In addition to his passion for leading sing alongs, Dan is one of the area's most sought-after pianists. Renaissance man Dane may be most well-known for his award winning role in the musical "Glensheen." The jazz stylings of these three delivered a fun and swinging evening!



The next concert is planned for January 27, 2023, featuring three members of Minnesota's First Family of Music: Linda Peterson, Jason Peterson DeLaire and Billy Peterson. If you aren't familiar with them, check out their website: <https://petersonfamilymusic.com/bio> Watch the January *DANews* for more information. Tickets are limited and expected to sell out quickly.



DANISH RICE PUDDING (RISENGRØD)

Ingredients:

- 1 cup short-grained white pudding rice (grødris)*
- 1/2 cup water
- 4 cups milk
- 1 tsp salt

Cinnamon-Sugar

- 4 tbsp sugar
- 1 tbsp cinnamon

Instructions:

1. Pour the water and the rice into a large saucepan. Add salt, heat it up and let it boil for about 2 minutes while stirring. Don't let the rice stick to the bottom of the pan.
2. Pour the milk into the saucepan and bring it to a boil while stirring.
3. Reduce heat and cover the saucepan. Let the mixture simmer for about 35 minutes. Remember to stir regularly so that the rice does not stick or burn to the bottom of the pan. Watch the heat closely so that it doesn't boil over.
4. Make some cinnamon sugar by mixing the sugar and cinnamon in a small bowl.

* **Substitution:** Arborio rice can be used in place of grödris

Note: Serve the rice pudding to your favorite julenisser with a tablespoon of butter and the cinnamon sugar.



DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday	02	President's Happy Hour 4pm	Saturday	17	Beginning Danish 2 8:30-10am
	02	Fyraften 6pm		17	Christmas Frokost 11am-3pm
	02	Tøseften 6pm	Sunday	18	Children's Christmas Party 2-5pm
Saturday	03	Beginning Danish 2 9:30-11am	Monday	19	Board Meeting 7pm
	03	Christmas Singalong 9:30am-1pm	Wednesday	21	Office Hours 10am-2pm
Monday	05	Sing-along With Dan Chouinard 7pm	Friday	23	President's Happy Hour 4pm
Wednesday	07	Mah-jongg 10am-3pm	Saturday	24	Glædelig Jul!
	07	Office Hours 10am-2pm	Sunday	25	Merry Christmas!
Friday	09	President's Happy Hour 4pm	Wednesday	28	Office Hours 10am-2pm
Saturday	10	Beginning Danish 2 9:30-11am	Friday	30	President's Happy Hour 4pm
	10	Virkelyst Christmas Lunch 11am		30	Fyraften 6pm
Sunday	11	Scandinavian Social Dance 7-9pm			
Wednesday	14	Office Hours 10am-2pm			
Friday	16	President's Happy Hour 4pm			



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