



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.

ÆBLESKIVE BREAKFAST

Sunday, January 19: 9:30am-12:30pm

Come join us at the Danish American Center for our 2020 Æbleskive Breakfasts! Mark your calendars with the breakfast dates for this winter and spring:

February 9, 2020 (Valentine's Day Brunch)

March 15, 2020 • April 19, 2020

May 10, 2020 (Mother's Day Brunch)

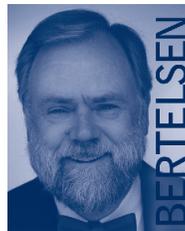
Cost for regular "all you can eat and drink" breakfast is \$10 per adult and \$5 for children ages 5-12. Younger children are free. The menu includes æbleskiver, scrambled eggs, sausage, juice and coffee. Brunch has a different cost and menu. Every breakfast runs from 9:30am-12:30pm and no reservations are required.

If you are interested in volunteering, please let us know. This is an important fundraiser for the DAC, and we would love to have you help out if you are so inclined. You can work anywhere from one Sunday to serving/baking skivers at every single breakfast! You can also work half shifts if that is all time and/or energy allows. It is flexible and we have a really good, fun crew. Email Joel and Carla Mortensen at morte007@umn.edu or call (612)724-1814 for more information.

AN AFTERNOON WITH POUL BERTELSEN

Sunday, January 26: 1pm

All DAC members are invited to hear Poul speak at the DAC on Sunday, January 26 at 1pm. His topic will be "Living Danish Values in an American Landscape." His talk will focus on his journey coming to the United States and how he has continued to work here as a Danish immigrant. Refreshments will be served by members of Virkelyst following his talk.



SINGALONG WITH DAN CHOUINARD

Monday, January 6: 7-8:30pm

The monthly singalong with Dan Chouinard is a fun time. If you have not been to one yet, you should come and experience the joy of singing along with a fun group of people. It is on the first Monday of every month, unless you see differently in the *DANews*. Free and open to all, with a free will donation.

JANUARY 2020

- Fyr Aften
- HC Andersen Birthday Event

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

Godt Nytår! Happy New Year! With the holiday celebrations behind us, the days are getting longer. There are many activities coming up in 2020 to which I want to invite you to participate and/or volunteer. Claiming our Danish culture past and present is core to the purpose of the Danish American Center. Make the most of your membership.

Ron Grand and the Building Committee are working to get the sign on the Parkway replaced soon. It will look similar to the old sign but sadly, it will not be hand-carved by our members. Other smaller projects to freshen up the space will continue in 2020.

Planning for Danish Day on June 7, 2020, will begin on Thursday evening, January 9 at 7pm. If you have ideas or are interested in taking some leadership for this annual event, please come or let me know (dkgreve@gmail.com). At least save the date!

Some members have asked about printing a new membership directory. When the board decided to move to an online directory, Wild Apricot, all members with internet access can view an updated directory at any time. I realize that this requires going onto the DAC website (www.dac.mn) and going into the Members Only tab. If you don't have your password, you may contact dainfo@dac.mn to request assistance. Or you may also use your Facebook or Google account to sign in. It is an amazingly current resource for all of us.

Enjoy the new year with the DAC

Diane Greve

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Welcome New Members:

Reuben Correa
Dawn R & Brian R Erdman
Kirsten & Jason Goode & Lochlan
David & Annice Gregerson
Zylpha Gregerson & Family
Susanne E & John B Huntly
Jesper & Krysti Jensen
Patricia (Pat) L & Ernest Q Johnson
Rachel Knudson & Martin Johnson
Mark Lenling
Liza Lomax & Family

DAC Directory Information - For further contact information on new and current members, please visit the Members Only portion of the DAC website. The necessary user ID and password can be obtained by emailing dainfo@dac.mn.

Please note that membership information may be used ONLY by members of DAC for personal, non-business networking purposes. **Use of this information for sales or business solicitations or the like, by or for commercial entities or interests is strictly prohibited.** The DAC Board reserves the right to telephone, mail or e-mail solicitations that are deemed necessary for the operation of the DAC.

DAC LIBRARY

The DAC Library is no longer accepting book and materials donations. If you have questions about the items you want to donate, please contact Julianne Haahr at jehaahr@uwalumni.com or Jytte Svarre at jytte.svarre@yahoo.com. The DAC Library is truly grateful for all of the donations we have received over the years. Thank you—tusind tak!

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Deadline for the February issue is January 10

HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN BIRTHDAY EVENT—SAVE THE DATE!

April 5: 2-5pm

Hans Christian Andersen turns 215 on April 2nd. Join us April 5 from 2-5pm for a multi-generational Hans Christian Andersen Birthday-themed event with music, kids theater, a presentation by Poul Houe from the University of Minnesota, and Danish birthday cake. This event is open to members and guests and is suitable for all ages.

Look for more information in the February *DANews* and please let us know if you are interested in having your kids or grand-kids be part of this. For information please contact Steen Moeller at moellersteen@gmail.com.

DANISH 3 LANGUAGE CLASSES

Join fellow Danish enthusiasts for Danish 3 this winter. This course is for those who have previously completed Danish 1 & Danish 2 or have some language experience. (Instructor approval required)

Danish 3: January 11, 18, 25; February 1, 8, 15

Time: 10 to 11:30am

Cost: Members: \$75 Nonmembers: \$100

Please register at http://bit.ly/Danish3_2020 or contact instructor Michelle Potter-Bacon at danskmn@gmail.com or (612) 309-3797.

Learn more on the DAC website: <http://bit.ly/DACLlanguage>

CONVERSATIONAL DANISH AT DAC BEGINS IN FEBRUARY

Intermediate students are invited to participate in a new conversational Danish course starting Wednesdays in February. Details on how to participate will be available in the February *DANews*.

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Office Hours: Wednesdays: 10am-2pm

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Contact information for all of our affiliate organizations can be found on our website: www.dac.mn

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For submissions, advertising, or any other inquiries, please contact us at danews@dac.mn.

FOOD AND AQUAVIT PAIRING EVENT

Sunday, March 1: 12:30 pm

It is time again for our annual food and aquavit pairing event. This will be our 9th event.

Like the years before, we will be featuring a variety of selected food dishes and pairing them with aquavits to enhance the experience. Some of the dishes will be new and some will be old favorites.

Each year we try to learn a little more about both locally produced and celebrated Danish aquavits, and discuss cocktail options with them. Last year we had both Gamle Ode (www.gamleode.com) and Vikre Distillery (www.vikredistillery.com) in attendance. We are working with them again, and also with local representatives from ARCUS (the distributor of Aalborg Aquavits).

The cost for this event is \$30 for members and \$40 for non-members and it is a fundraising event for the DAC. There are only 50 spots available on a first come first served basis, and these sold out quickly in past years, so don't delay with sending in your donation. For questions contact Steen Moeller at moellersteen@gmail.com

For reservations, mail your payment/donation to: DAC, 3030 West River Parkway South, Minneapolis, MN 55406 before Wednesday, Feb. 26th, or pay online at dacmn.wildapricot.org

FYR AFTEN

Friday, January 24: 6pm

Fyr Aften would officially like to invite the men of the Danish American Center and the extended Danish community to join us for a monthly "guys' night out". Food, drinks and good company have been our staple so far. But it's really left to our imaginations and creativity as a group to decide what we do each month. The group meets on the 3rd Friday of all months except for December, June, July and August. For more information or to add yourself to the email list, please contact: Michael Petersen at constructionbydesign2004@yahoo.com or (651) 247-4878. Tak!

DANEBO READING CIRCLE

Sunday, January 19: 1:30-3:30pm

On January 19, the Danebo Reading Circle will discuss *A Fairy Tale* by the Danish writer Jonas T. Bengtsson, the author of two previous novels, *Amina's Letters* and *Submarino*. He has won several awards including the Danish Debutant Award and BG Bank First Book Award for his first novel and the Nordic Council Film Prize for the film adaptation of *Submarino*. *A Fairy Tale*, his third novel, won the Martin Andersen Nexø Literary Award and was a finalist for the Danish Radio Literature Prize for Best Novel of the Year. He lives in Copenhagen.

In *A Fairy Tale*, a young boy grows up with a loving father who has little respect for the law. They are always on the run, and as they move from place to place, the boy is often distraught to leave behind new friendships. Because it would be dicey for him to go to school, his anarchistic father gives him an unconventional education intended to contradict as much as possible the teachings of his own father, a small-town preacher. Ten years later, when the boy is entering adulthood, with a fake name and a monotonous job, he tries to conform to the demands of ordinary life. But the lessons of the past thwart his efforts, and questions about his father's childhood cannot be left unanswered.

Spanning the mid-1980s to the early twenty-first century in Copenhagen, this coming-of-age novel examines what it means to be a stranger in the modern world, and how, for better or for worse, a father's legacy is never passed on in any predictable fashion. As Lawrence Hill, author of *Someone Knows My Name*, writes "With controlled and measured prose, Jonas Bengtsson builds subtle suspense, describing the experiences of a young boy who is at once protected by his father's love and under constant threat of the darkness of their daily reality. *A Fairy Tale* is a profound and penetrating novel about the unbreakable bond between a father and son."

The February 16 gathering will discuss *Love*, the 1997 novel by Norwegian Hanne Ørstavik, published in English translation in 2017 by Martin Aitken. As at every meeting, come for good conversation—and treats!

JULEFROKOST 2019

On Saturday December 14th, approximately 120 people gathered at the Danish American Center for Julefrokost. Everyone had a wonderful time feasting on an impressive array of food, singing Christmas carols and socializing. Thank you to all the volunteers for making this wonderful event happen. A special thank you to Grethe Petersen for planning this event and the children's Christmas party



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY 2019

Over 100 people attended the children's Christmas party on Sunday, December 15th. This was a fantastic turnout for this annual event. Attendees enjoyed a light meal, Christmas story and dancing around the Christmas tree. Thanks again to all the volunteers that made this event a success.



DANISH HOLIDAY EXHIBIT AT ASI

Open through January 12, 2020

There's still time to see this year's Nordic Jul Rooms exhibition at the American Swedish Institute (ASI). This year's immersive exploration takes a tour of the decades since ASI was



founded in 1929 through the lenses of the Nordic and Celtic people. Set in the decades of the 1960s & 1970s, this year's Danish Room explores the sculptural aspect of Danish Modern design.

The Danish room shines a light on the height of all things "Danish Modern" with a mid-century lamp installation suspended above the Library's table. Thanks to our partners at Danish Teak Classics, we see notable pieces of furniture from Arne Jacobsen's masterwork, the SAS Royal Hotel in Copenhagen, and a number of examples of the futuristic genius of Vernor Panton. A Christmas-

themed seating area features a pair of iconic Grete Jalk chairs alongside their nesting side table counterparts. As you exit the reading room to the north, don't miss the vintage 1960s Anton Michelsen Christmas spoons. These stunning miniature works of art are from the collection of Mariana and Craig Shulstad.

Free with museum admission

NEWS FROM OUR ASSOCIATE & AFFILIATE GROUPS

GENEALOGY

Saturday, January 18: 10am

The Danish Genealogy Group hosts one off-site meeting each year in January. The January meeting will be at the Family History Center, 2801 Douglas Drive, Crystal. A tour of this family history center will occur which will provide the opportunity to learn about the unique resources available to do research and with a trained librarian available to give assistance.

Please RSVP to Heather Mullen at tillygen@yahoo.com if you plan to attend.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January

Mahjongg: Every Wednesday from 10am-6pm

Wednesday	01	Sewing Club 12-2pm
Friday	03	Tøseften for dansk talende 7:30-11pm
Monday	06	Sing-Along with Dan Chouinard, 7-8:30pm
Wednesday	08	Onsdag Frokost 11:30am Social 12pm Lunch
Thursday	09	Scandinavian Collectors Club 6-10pm
	09	Danish Day Meeting 7-9pm
Friday	10	Viking Age Meeting 7-10pm
	10	Danish Dancing 7:30-9pm
Saturday	11	Danish Language 3 10-11:30am
Monday	13	DAC Exec Comm Mtng 7-10pm
Friday	17	Hyggeaften 5:30-10pm
Saturday	18	Danish Language 3 10-11:30am
Sunday	19	Æbleskive Breakfast 9:30am-12:30pm
	19	Reading Circle 1:30-3:30pm
	19	Nordic Roots Dances 2020 6-9pm
Wednesday	22	Onsdag Frokost 11:30am Social 12pm Lunch
Friday	24	Fyr Aften 6pm
	24	Danish Dancing 7:30-9pm
Saturday	25	Danish Language 3 10-11:30am
Sunday	26	Poul Bertelsen Presentation 1-3pm

February

Mahjongg: Every Wednesday from 10am-6pm

Saturday	01	Danish Language 3 10-11:30am
Monday	03	DAC Sing-Along 7-8:30 pm
Wednesday	05	Sewing Club 12-2pm
Friday	07	Tøseften for dansk talende 7:30-10pm
Saturday	08	Danish Language 3 10-11:30am
Monday	10	DAC Board Meeting 7-9pm
Wednesday	12	Onsdag Frokost 11:30am Social 12pm Lunch
Thursday	13	Scandinavian Collectors Club 6-10pm
Friday	14	Viking Age Meeting 7-10pm
	14	Danish Dancing 7:30-9pm
Saturday	15	Danish Language 3 10-11:30am
Sunday	16	Valentine Brunch 2020 9:30am-12:30pm
	16	Reading Circle 1:30pm-3:30pm
Friday	21	Hyggeaften 5:30-10pm
Sunday	23	Papegojeklubben Fastelavn 2020 2-4pm
	23	Nordic Roots Dances 2020 6-9pm
Monday	24	Genealogy 7-9pm
Wednesday	26	Onsdag Frokost 11:30am Social 12pm Lunch
Friday	28	Fyr Aften 6pm
	28	Danish Dancing 7:30-9pm
Saturday	29	Danish Language 3 10-11:30am



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