

# Newsletter

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## Next Events

NOVEMBER

5 & 6

Tuesday &  
Wednesday

Passport  
Renewal

320 Westcott,  
Suite 106  
Houston, TX  
77007

NOVEMBER

15

Friday

Danish Movie  
Night

Rice University  
Faculties and  
Engineering  
Training Room

7.30 PM

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES.

BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE VERY SPECIAL EVENTS!

### DANISH MOVIE NIGHT



We will be showing the Danish Film the film “*Den skaldede frisør*”, on Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at the Rice University Faculties and Engineering Training Room, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The film stars Pierce Brosnan and Danish actress Trine Dyrholm and is directed by Danish film director Susanne Bier. It tells the story of a hairdresser who has lost her hair due to cancer, only to find that her husband is having an affair; she travels to Italy for her daughter's wedding and meets a widower who still blames the world for the loss of his wife. Known in the US as “*Love is All You Need*”, this entertaining film had a brief run at the River Oaks Theater in May.

For those interested in having dinner before the movie, please meet at Hungry's in Rice Village (2356 Rice Blvd., 77005) at 6:00 p.m. The movie is free, but please RSVP to [www.danishclubofhouston.org](http://www.danishclubofhouston.org) (select the “Events” tab, and then select “Danish Movie Night” on November 15th) if attending. We hope to see you there!

### DANSK JULEFEST

Your Board is actively working on our annual Christmas party, and it promises to be yet another great event! This year's party will be on December 7<sup>th</sup> and we are excited to be having it at Kris Bistro at the Culinary Institute Le Nôtre in near-north Houston – a more centralized location with a guarantee of wonderful food and a “hyggelig” ambience!

Social hour will begin at 6:00 p.m., with rich Scandinavian *gløgg* procured from the Scandinavian Folkdancers of Houston. Then a 5-star traditional Danish *julefrokost* will be served at 7:00 p.m. Each of the courses will be plated for you at individual stations – *sild & gravet laks*, *frikadeller*, *leverpostej*, & *rollepølse*, *flæskestej* & *medister pølse*, and finally, cheese and *risalamande* for dessert. All of these Danish holiday favorites will be prepared by the Institute's Master Chef and his staff, with recipes and guidance provided well in advance by several DCH cuisine experts.

The price for members is \$55 per person, and \$65 per guest. The Club will provide the *Akvavit*, and you can bring your own beverages or take advantage of the Bistro's cash bar. We have already begun collecting donations for the raffle, and there will be plenty of opportunities to buy tickets before and during the dinner. After-dinner dancing and socializing will be encouraged until they kick us out!

This promises to be a truly wonderful evening, and we hope that you will come and support the DCH and the activities we organize for you year round on December 7<sup>th</sup>. Seating is limited, so RSVP at [www.danishclubofhouston.org](http://www.danishclubofhouston.org) beginning November 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Culinary Institute Le Nôtre is located at 707 Allensby, Houston, TX 77022

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## Dansk Julefest

# HO | HO | HO

## EAT DRINK LAUGH ENJOY

### WHEN?

Saturday, December 7, 2013  
Gløgg & Mingle @ 6.00 pm  
Dinner @ 7.00 pm

### WHERE?

Culinary Institute Le Nôtre  
Kris Bistro & Wine Lounge  
7070 Allensby  
Houston, TX 77022

### RESERVATIONS?

RSVP by November 18, 2013 at  
[www.danishclubofhouston.org](http://www.danishclubofhouston.org)  
Pay via PayPal at  
[www.danishclubofhouston.org](http://www.danishclubofhouston.org)  
or by check payable to the  
Danish Club of Houston  
c/o Frances Steffensen  
14354 Broadgreen Dr.  
Houston, TX 77079

### PRICE?

Price per person: Members \$55  
Non-members \$65  
Incl. tax and gratuity  
You may BYOB

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Saturday

Christmas Party

6:00 PM

Culinary Institute  
Le Nôtre  
Kris Bistro & Wine  
Lounge

DECEMBER

15

Sunday

Julegudstjeneste

11.00 AM

Norwegian  
Seaman's  
Church



would be interested in lending a helping hand. We need 400-800 *æbleskiver*, and there are never any leftovers!

The Norwegian Seaman's Church is located at 4309 Young Street in Pasadena.

## JULETRÆSFEST

On December 21<sup>st</sup> the DCH will co-host the children's *Juletræsfest* together with *Vikingskolen*, beginning at 11.00 a.m. until 1.00 p.m. The day will be jam-packed with special activities, including *juleklip*, *juletræ*, *julesange*, *julemad* and – of course – a visit from *julemanden*!

There will be plenty of food, drinks, and homemade *risalamande* for all to share. There is no charge to attend, but it is necessary to RSVP to [www.danishclubofhouston.org](http://www.danishclubofhouston.org) select the "Events" tab, scroll to the December calendar, and select "Children's Juletræsfest on December 21<sup>st</sup>."

Vikingskolen's address is: 11250 S. Wilcrest Drive (Stepping Stones School), Houston, TX 77099



## JULEGUDSTJENESTE

The Danish language *Julegudstjeneste* will be held at the Norwegian Seaman's Church in Pasadena on December 15<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 11:00 a.m. Pastor Andrés Albertsen will be joining us from the Danish Seaman's Church in New York once again to lead the service. After the service we'll serve coffee and *æbleskiver*, thanks to Ericka Lawson and her crew of helpers.

Please contact Carl Steffensen at [cfsteff@comcast.net](mailto:cfsteff@comcast.net) / (281) 493-4801 or Erika Lawson at [ealawson@swbell.com](mailto:ealawson@swbell.com) / (832) 372-7631 if you



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## WELCOME NEW DCH MEMBERS!

Michael Newman  
Heidi Lundberg  
John Hansen

Diane Nielsen  
Dina Rudaizky



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Saturday

Juletræsfest

11.00 AM to  
1.00 PM

Vikingskolen

## Sargent Beach Day!

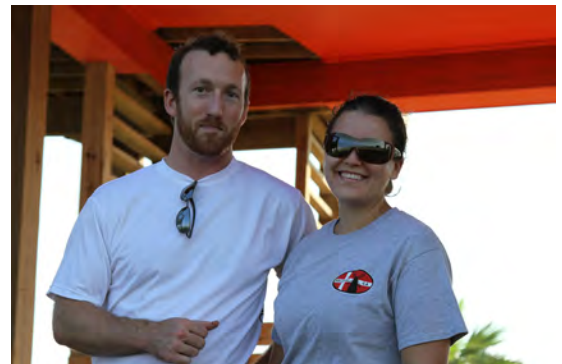
In a perfect ending to summer vacation (and a perfect start to the Club's social season), Steen Pedersen and Ericka Lawson invited the DCH to their beautiful beach house at Sargent's Beach on August 17<sup>th</sup>. About 20 members and guests (and several dogs!) took advantage of this generous invitation and had a great time socializing, swimming, and walking on the beach. The Club provided hamburgers and hotdogs and all the condiments, and everyone brought something to share. In between mixing up batches of frozen margaritas, Steen kept busy at the grill cooking the burgers and hotdogs to perfection! Although most people left around dusk, one brave family camped out overnight on the front lawn, lulled to sleep by the sound of the Gulf waves rolling across the beach; their "roughing it" paid off, when they were treated to a gourmet breakfast the next morning! A special thanks to Steen and Ericka for their gracious hospitality!



A view of Steen & Ericka's beach house



Mogens Johansen, Katrine Kofoed Howard, Robin Ann Johansen, Jason Howard, Ericka Lawson and Rikke Lund Tafelmeyer



Anton Boose and girlfriend Halley



Mogens Johansen, Robin Ann Johansen, Jason Howard, Katrine Kofoed Howard, and Neil Olsen coming back from a walk on the beach



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## LET'S EAT & MEET



Patricia García Bentzen, Anna-Louise Plougmand, Mette Thomsen Egholm, Robin Ann Johansen, Helle Bradsted, Ericka Lawson and Eydstein Egholm



Sisters Britta Borg & Helle Kastrup

The Club held another “Let’s Eat & Meet” in early September at Kris Bistro at the Culinary Institute. Forty members and guests, many who were first-time attendees to a DCH event, enjoyed a delicious 5-star dinner of either a Grilled Swordfish Steak in Lime Reduction or Grilled Pork Chop served with Carmelized Peach – you couldn’t go wrong, no matter which entrée you selected! The main course was preceded by a marinated Gulf Oyster Appetizer served on Yucca Chips and a Watermelon-Tomato-Feta salad. And for dessert – a Hazelnut Meringue Biscuit with Praline Butter Cream. Of course the excellent wait staff at Kris Bistro provided exceptional service, including the recommendation of the perfect wine or beer to compliment your meal. The feedback was outstanding, and we’ll be returning the Kris Bistro for our Christmas party in December.



Lisbeth Skjærbæk Mogensen & Frances Steffensen

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## RESCUE OF THE DANISH JEWS

The Danish Club was one of the sponsors for the exhibit “**Denmark: October 1943**” at the Holocaust Museum Houston, in commemoration of the rescue of the Danish Jews during the Second World War. The exhibit opening was marked with a reception at the museum on October 17<sup>th</sup>, which included two very impressive speakers, both of whom studied the Jewish refugee situation from very different perspectives. Danish expert Dr. Cecilie Stokholm Banke provided intriguing insights from the Danish perspective, describing how the Danes reacted to the change in German occupation philosophy by helping the Danish Jewish population escape persecution. Then Dr. Karin Kvist Gerverts provided a very interesting summary of how Sweden came to accept those same refugees. It was the first time that many in the audience of over 250 guests had heard many of the details that the two speakers described, and it was a very enlightening evening. The exhibit, which runs through November 3, 2013, is underwritten by the Embassies of Denmark and Sweden and the Consulate General of Germany, with additional support from Anna Holliday, the DACCSW, Danish Inspirations, Maritime Logistics LLC, Ocean Projects Inc., and the Danish Club of Houston.



Honorary Consuls General of Germany, Denmark and Sweden, Mr. Klaus-Jochen Guhlcke, Mr. Ray J. Daugbjerg accompanied by his wife Cherry, and Ms. Astrid Marklund



Anna Thomsen Holliday, Honorary Vice Consul of Denmark, Hal Holliday and Kelly J. Zúñiga, Executive Director of the Holocaust Museum Houston



Honorary Consul General of Denmark Ray J. Daugbjerg and Mrs. Cherry Daugbjerg



Cherry Daugbjerg, John Moyell, Frank Meckel, Anna Thomsen Holliday and Hal Holliday



John Moyell, Harriet and George Selnau

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## DYNAMO TAILGATE

Cool temperatures and a sunny sky greeted members and their guests at the first DCH Dynamo Tailgate on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>.

Nearly 40 members and their guests stopped by the tailgate to enjoy a refreshing beverage and some of the abundant food, including chicken wings, meatballs, potato salad, fruit kabobs, fresh veggies, and a delicious assortment of desserts.

A special thanks to Lisbeth Skjærbæk Mogensen for bringing TWO cakes, TWO marzipan pies, and homemade *leverpostej*! And thanks to Frances Steffensen for the delicious chicken wings!

We proudly flew our Danish flag, which attracted the attention of several other Danes who just happened to be going to the game – what a great recruiting tool!

It was the last home game of the season and the crowd was ready for a big win, but the #1 (or 2!) New York Red Bulls kept the Dynamo scoreless throughout the game, winning 3-0. There's still hope for the Dynamo to get into the playoffs, but it might take a miracle! Nonetheless, with so much positive feedback we'll be back to tailgate again next season and cheer them on!



Michael and Catherine Keen with their sons John and Paul and Sarah Jespersen



A little bit of everything



Daniel Mogensen



Carl & Frances Steffensen

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Marcus Thymann Nielsen



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Keld Nielsen and Carl Steffensen



Lisbeth Mogensen, Niels Kastrup and Ryan King



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## GOING TO THE DANES WORLDWIDE SOMMERKOLE

Story courtesy of Liv Clark

It was so different to go to a camp in Denmark. Three weeks is a long time, but it was really fun! At first, I did not know anyone except for my mom's friends son Sam who I did not talk to. The bus ride was three hours, but I made a friend named Saraline, and I sat next to her the whole ride. When I got to the school I went up to the front desk, and I took my baggage up to my dorm and I met my roommate Karoline.



The first day I moved in and the bell rang for dinner. Their food was great because they cooked Danish dishes like *koldskål* and *tarteletter*. Later I met all of the girls in my dorm. There were 10 and each dorm had a name, mine was Iceland. I found out that the girls in my dorm were from Brazil, London, Norway and my roommate was from Berlin, Germany. We had to be in bed by 9 o'clock, but I did not fall asleep until 9:15 p.m.

We had to wake up at 7:30 a.m., but I did not really care because I slept well. Breakfast was always at 8:00 a.m. and it was black bread and cereal. Then we went back to our dorms. Assembly was shortly after and then we had classes. The classes were actually really fun! We played games with fly swatters. Now it was around 11:30 a.m. and classes were over so we had lunch. Then we signed up for our activities and we went back to our dorms. The activities are all different. We can play battle with balls, go swimming or make accessories. Then we have dinner while signing up again. We had activities again and go to our dorms and eat snack like apples and watermelon. I love snack time because this is when you get letters or packages from your family. Sometimes you get candy.



My favorite part is going on field trips. I went to a farm and we went to Tivoli. Then there's a parents weekend where the second weekend you get to spend time with your *mormor* or *morfær*. The week you get back, we have the Olympics where we are divided into groups and we see who does the best. My group was not very good, but we got to pull cars and throw bean bags. The water fight was awesome. The teacher

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told us to go out on the lawn and they sprayed us with hoses.

Camp was a lot of fun especially since it was my first one. We even got a camp T-shirt that says the three extra Danish letters on it, *æøå*. The last day, I did not want to go. I made so many really good friends there. I still talk to them on Skype, especially a girl from London. I will always remember all the great things there. I can't wait to go there next year!

For more information regarding the Danes Worldwide Summer School, please visit:  
<http://www.danes.dk/danskundervisning/sommerskolen/sommerskolen/>

## NEW APPOINTMENTS ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Mira Berdien Bush



Steen Pedersen

Steen Pedersen, who has served as a Substitute on the Board of Directors for several years, was selected to serve as Vice President during Mira Bush's maternity leave. Thanks to both Mira and Steen for their support and service, and we wish Mira and her family all the best with the new addition!

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FOR MORE DETAILS ON UPCOMING EVENTS  
PLEASE LOOK US UP ON THE WEB

[www.danishclubofhouston.org](http://www.danishclubofhouston.org)

or



## PASSPORT RENEWAL • DEN FLYVENDE PASKUFFERT

### Visits with a 'biometric kit' by staff from the Danish Embassy or Consulate-General

To assist Danish nationals living in Houston to renew their passports without having to travel to New York, Chicago or Los Angeles, staff from the Danish Embassy in Washington, DC will visit Houston with a 'mobile biometric kit' for a second time this year on November 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>. Please make your appointment by calling the Consulate at (713) 622-9018

### Where and when will the 'mobile biometric kit' be available?

At the Danish Consulate. The Consulate offices will be open each day from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM. (the hours of processing may be adjusted depending on availability and demand)

320 Westcott, Suite 106  
Houston, Texas 77007  
Ph. (713) 622-9018  
E-mail: rdconsul@aol.com

Please e-mail the Consulate the names and ages of each applicant and the Personal Identification number.

### Who needs to apply for a new passport?

Your current passport is valid until it expires. If it expires within the next twelve (12) months or has already expired, you should apply for a new passport. If you do not apply for a new passport at this time, you will have to travel to Denmark, New York, Chicago or Los Angeles to make an application at your own expense. The equipment will only be available once a year in Houston. Please pass this information on to all the Danes you know.

### How to apply for your new passport?

Please download and complete the passport application form at <http://usa.um.dk/en/~media/USA/Documents/Other/Nyepasansoegningsskemaer1008283.pdf> and bring two (2) copies with you.

You must also bring your "old" passport with you, together your US Visa stamped within or accompanied by your 'Green Card'.

### Fees

Please note that the representations do NOT accept payment by credit/debit card or personal checks. Only cash or Money Order made out to the representation at which the application is directed, in this case the Consulate of Denmark in Houston.

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Description	Price (USD)
Issue of passports (to persons aged between 18 and 65)	164
Passports for persons under 18	164
Passports for persons over 65	164
Provisional passports, EU emergency passports, laissez-passer, alterations to passports etc.	164

### Can't make it?

Click on this link to find out about other locations to get your new passport:  
<http://usa.um.dk/en/travel-and-residence/passport/danish-passport/>