

NEWSLETTER

SOMMERFEST AND ANNUAL MEETING AT THE NOTTINGHAM FOREST CLUB IN JUNE



The Club's summer party and annual business meeting was held poolside at the Nottingham Forest Club in West Houston on June 5th. Nearly 50 adults and children attended, with the adults participating in the business meeting before dinner. Steen Pedersen chaired the meeting which began at 5:45 p.m. and included reports from President Michael Jensen and Auditor Frances Steffensen.

The Board was discharged and re-elected unanimously for the 2010-2011 season, with the only changes being the election of Frances Steffensen as Treasurer and Niels Kastrup as Auditor.

Frances replaces Ghislaine Thompsen as Treasurer, to whom we owe many thanks for her years of service on the board.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m., and everyone enjoyed a buffet barbeque dinner courtesy of the Club. Special thanks to Hannes Hofer for diligently the brats and pølser for everyone!

Upcoming Events:

October 24th

Scandinavian Family Fun Day & Soccer Match

The Danish, Norwegian and Swedish clubs of Houston get together to have a fun day of games, activities and even a soccer match square off!

At the Norwegian Seaman's Church this coming Sunday! Soccer players and referee needed! Contact Michael Jensen, if you want to play.

December 4th

Christmas Party at the Nottingham Forest Club.

December 5th

Christmas Service at Christ, The Lutheran Church on Rice blvd.

January 23rd

Louise Kaempe Henriksen from the Viking Museum in Roskilde, Denmark, will give a talk to the Danish club at the Defrog Gallery.

February 3rd

Susanne Thea will show off her new tapestries at the Museum of Printing History.



**THE SCANDINAVIAN
FOLKDANCERS TOUR
DENMARK**



The Scandinavian Folkdancers of Houston toured Denmark this summer and included 3 very successful performances in Copenhagen, Horsens, and Rebild. Eighteen folkdancers, under the leadership of President Kathy Bjork and direction of Danish Club of Houston members Carl and Frances Steffensen, met in Copenhagen on June 27th for a workshop with their hosts, the Amager Folkedansere. The Amager group introduced the Houstonians to Copenhagen with a workshop and welcome dinner, a canal tour, and a tour of the museum and crown jewels at Rosenborg Slot. The highlight of the Houston group's first 3 days was their performance at Tivoli's Open Air Stage "Plænen" on June 29th, where the audience included family, friends, and many casual visitors who were surprised to find Texans in Scandinavian folk dress! The Houston dancers next traveled to Horsens, where they were hosted by the Hatting IF Folkdansere. On June 30th the two groups met for a nice dinner, and the

next day they all boarded a tour boat to sail across Silkeborgsø and hike up to Himmelbjerget; the evening held a dinner and a workshop at the local school. The next day the Scandinavian Folkdancers performed at the community center in Skipperparken, Juelesminde, for an enthusiastic audience of area residents. Finally, the groups drove to the harbor in Juelesminde and took a ferry out to the small island of Hjarnø in Horsensfjord for a visit to the second smallest church in Denmark, an evening "grillaften", and of course more dancing! The Houstonians left these gracious hosts on 3 July, as their third stop meant joining the Rebild Kvadrillen folkdancers in Rebild for another workshop, this time in the large tent at the top of Rebild Bakker. The rain that night didn't stop the dancing, and fortunately the weather cleared before the July 4th festivities began the following morning. As the luncheon tent opened its doors to the waiting crowd, guests were welcomed into the tent by the Scandinavian Folkdancers dancing.

Everyone enjoyed the terrific lunch and the various speakers, and those dancers who were new to the Rebild tradition were quick to learn the "Snaps" anthem! When the Rebild program ended, guests of the Rebild Society were entertained by the Folkdancers at a private reception, where guests included American Ambassador to Denmark Laurie Fulton and Danish speaker Ditlev Engel

from Vestas. The Scandinavian Folkdancers of Houston would like to invite you to join us at our weekly practices, held every Monday evening from 7:00 until 9:00 p.m. You can find us in the basement of Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2353 Rice Blvd.

For more details, please contact Frances & Carl Steffensen, co-Directors, at 281-493-4801 cfsteff@comcast.net or Kathy Bjork, President, at 281-480-4163 / kebjork@academicplanet.com.

**THE CLUB'S FIRST
PRESIDENT RETURNS
TO HOUSTON**

If you attended any of our events in the spring, you have already met John and Gurli Moyell, but in case you haven't, we wanted to let everyone know that one of the club's founders and first president John Moyell has returned to Houston with his wife after 10 years in the Bahamas. They can be contacted at jom@moyell.com, and 713-344-0459.



**SCANDINAVIAN FAMILY
FUN DAY
THIS SUNDAY
GAMES AND SOCCER
TOURNAMENT WITH THE
NORWEGIAN AND
SWEDISH CLUBS OF
HOUSTON**



Sunday, October 24th:

The Danish Club of Houston, the Swedish Club of Houston and the Norwegian Club of Houston will be have a Family Fun Day at the Norwegian Seaman's Church!

It will start off with a church service at 11am, followed by a barbeque to get charged up before the soccer tournament starting at 1:00pm, where each country will be represented by a their national team.

We would like to repeat the success we had in the Spring where Denmark took the gold, but we are still looking for people willing to play. We are also looking for a referee for the Norway - Sweden game.

There will be games available for the children starting after the church service.

Please come join us for a lot of fun, and to cheer on our Danish team!

Where:

Norwegian Seaman's Church
4309 Young Street
Pasadena, Texas, 77504, USA
phone: 281- 998-8366

When:

11am - Family Sermon outdoors.
12pm - Barbeque for everyone.
1pm - Scandinavian soccer tournament.

Players and referee RSVP

to: Michael Jensen @ (832) 607-4892 or mjensen@prospricing.com

**CHRISTMAS SERVICE
DECEMBER 5TH**

The Danish Christmas service will be held on Sunday 5th at 2 p.m. at Christ the King Lutheran Church on 2353 Rice Blvd.

We need volunteers to help bake some Aebleskiver. To volunteer, please send an email to Michael Jensen at mjensen@prospricing.com.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY
DECEMBER 4TH**



The Danish Christmas party will be held on Saturday December 4th at the Nottingham Forest Club, 325 Kickerillo Dr Houston, TX 77079-7425.

Gløgg will be served at 6pm, followed by great food and party around 7pm.

We will have a raffle for which tickets can be bought at the door.

Memberships can be renewed at the party or renewed together with purchase of tickets to the party.

The party invitation will be send out in November.

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**LOUISE KAEMPE HENRIKSEN
FROM THE VIKING MUSEUM.**

JANUARY 23RD 2011.

January 23 a Sunday, Louise Kaempe Henriksen from the Viking Museum in Roskilde will give a talk to the Danish club, at the Defrog Gallery at 218 Westcott, Houston, Tx, 77007, the time of day is yet to be decided.

Following the talk at Defrog gallery there will be a film about Havhingstens voyage from Roskilde to Ireland at 6pm at the Museum of Nat Science.

**SUSANNE THEA WILL SHOW
OFF HER NEW TAPESTRIES ON
FEBRUARY 3RD 2011.**



Susanne Thea is showing us the honor of returning to Houston to show us her tapestries : 'Paraphrase of the Bayeux Tapestry'. The exhibition will be held at the Museum of Printing history.



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