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BOARD MESSAGE

**MONICA JENSEN
PRESIDENT**

Hello everyone!

The Danish Place has reopened and we are thrilled. We are lucky that Mark Mogensen has stepped forward to take this on during Covid. The restaurant is now licensed and we hope that everyone will start coming back to support the business. We know they are working on adding more Danish meals to the dinner menu. Like all restaurants, finding staff is especially challenging right now, and the Danish Place is no exception. They are looking for help, if you happen to know anyone looking for work in the service industry.

Bad news: the septic system for Apartments 1-6 has failed and will need to be replaced. Engineers are currently working with Rick Rowan to establish what we need to replace it. This is going to be expensive and we may need to fundraise. Thank to Rick Rowan for your expertise as an engineer and for pumping out the apartments

twice a week since this problem arose, which has almost been a year now. We are so lucky to have your help.

We received a generous donation from Anne Lise Miller & family to improve the tired playground. You are thoughtful and wonderful! We repainted the playground and removed or fixed anything broken, got some new bikes and made a bike shed.

Thank you to the volunteers that did the improvements! The kids are loving it!

Thank you to all the volunteers that came to the work parties! We are busy planning the Nordic Market. It's a great event and we really want to keep it going! We need help selling memberships, parking, crowd control and general help on both Sat Dec 4 and Sun Dec 5! Please come forward so that we can pull off this fun Jul event! We need you! Keep safe and stay healthy!
Monica



We need Nordic Market Volunteers

Can you help?

Christmas is the time for giving, and what better way than volunteering at our Nordic Market! We are looking for a few volunteers to help out on Sunday, December 5th. Please contact any of the Board members or you may email lisaolsen@gmail.com. Here are some of our volunteer opportunities:

Sun Dec 5:

- Parking Control
- Membership Sales
- Greeters
- Door Control
- Beverage sales

Sat. Dec 4?

- Set up the Market.
- Outdoor work & set up the Butik

Glaedelig Jul





SUNSET VILLA

Nordic
Christmas
Market

Sun. Dec. 5, 2021
ONE DAY ONLY!

Christmas Gifts | Baker's Sunday

The Danish Place restaurant

Danish Food Truck | Æbleskiver

Nisse Trail, Firepits, SANTA!

10 am to 3:00 pm

Kim Johannsen: The making of Viking Shields

Recently I met Kim Johannsen, a Viking history enthusiast, at his home in Cowichan Bay, BC, who, as an artist, creates Viking shields as a hobby for his friends. Each shield is researched and customized to suit the personality, or coat of arms, of the lucky person he gifts them to. Making each shield is a 20-30 hour process. Kim starts by cutting



from a sheet of 1/2" G1S plywood into a 30" circle using a jigsaw. Real Viking shields were made from several planks of wood, but to mimic this effect, Kim cuts fine lines into the plywood, creating the "plank-like" effect. He then jigsaw cuts the wood hand grip for the back, from a piece of 2" X 2" wood and bolts it on.



Viking Shields Step by Step



He primes or stains the wood, and creates the design. For the shield boss (the steel center that protects the hand) he buys parts from www.viking-shield.com. He then uses spray paint or acrylic to hand paint the design, which makes the shields come alive as a beautiful work of art.



Kim's Danish Heritage:

Born to Danes (Sysse Pedersen and Peter Johansen), who immigrated to Vancouver in 1960, Kim is proud of his Danish heritage, speaks the language and cooks Danish food and is particularly proud of his Red Cabbage! He loves everything Viking, especially themed costume parties, and loves to introduce his friends to smørrebrød. He's visited the Roskilde

Viking Museum twice, been to the Icelandic Viking Museum and a number of historical Viking sites in Danmark and plans to visit York (Yorvik) in England and do the Viking Cruise in the Baltic after COVID.

During the visit he told me a fascinating story about his father who came from Åbenrå in the southern Jutland area of Danmark, near the German border. When his father, Peter (now passed) developed dementia, he reverted to his Danish mother tongue and expressed an unusual fear of German soldiers that he saw everywhere. Kim had thought this quite odd as while growing up his father had never mentioned any trauma relating to the war or Germans.

Peter had many scary flashbacks while in a care home be they could not figure out why. Recently Kim came in contact with a Danish genealogy expert he met online. Soon he knew everything about his family tree dating back to the 1800's. This revealed that his father's father, Nis Kruse, who actually served with the German Army in WWI, had married a Jewish woman named Johanne Rosenthal. Kim recalls while growing up that his Dad said that he believed he had "Spanish: blood in him and he would joke about that as he tanned very quickly when out in the sun, not like most Danes, including Kim! So Kim's Dad had taken the family secret to the grave. With the anti-semitism of that era and Germans persecuting maternal Jews in WW2, it



Four generation: (L to R): Nis Kruse, (great grandfather), Peter Johannsen (father), Kim Johannsen, Erik Johannsen (son)

became a matter of survival for the whole family to deny Jewish ancestry. This family secret made total sense, after the fact, and explained Peter's fears under dementia, and it must have been a huge burden and such a closely guarded secret that he never even shared it with his wife, his friends or his children.

Interestingly, Nis Kruse, Kim's great grandfather, had been a

soldier for the German Army in WWI as Danes were conscripted in the Schlesweig-Holstein region near the border at that time. The Johannsen family's call for service continued in subsequent generations with Kim's father serving in the Danish Army in the 1950's, Kim in the Canadian Navy in the 80's and now Kim's son, Erik Johannsen, serving as an Infantry Reservist in the Canadian Scottish Regiment in Victoria, BC. Here's some extra irony; Erik's unit, The Can Scotts, fought with distinction in Mons, Belgium, in WWI, likely against the very unit that his great, great, grandfather served in but on the opposite side! What a great visit with Kim and his wife Jitka. It is always fun to meet other Danes in Canada, hear their stories, and I am now inspired to make a Viking shield for myself!

by Lisa Olsen

**Create your own Viking Shield
with parts from**

www.viking-shield.com



Kim and wife Jitka

THE DANISH PLACE OPENS



Chef Mark Mogensen is very excited to be branching out from Black Birch Restaurant to now also operate The Danish Place. Mark brings more than 30 years of cooking experience to The Danish Place and will be offering both traditional and modern Danish dishes.

Mark received his chef training at George Brown College (after studying Chemistry at Waterloo University) and along the way earned his Red Seal. Since 2007, he has owned and operated Black Birch Restaurant in Mono, Ontario. Prior to that, his varied career has included cooking at tony Yorkville restaurants (even cooking for stars such as Marlon Brando and Matthew Broderick), as well as on a small cruise ship in northern Ontario, and at St. Anne's Spa.

Born in Canada, Mark's father is from Thorsager, Denmark near Aarhus, and his mother is of Ukrainian descent. Mark's grandparents immigrated from Denmark to Canada in 1948 on one of the earliest transatlantic commercial flights direct to Canada, settling first in Lucan near London, and then moving to Burlington.

Mark and his large extended Danish family have been coming to Sunset Villa since the beginning, and many have been members for decades.

The Mogensen and Bolt clan were well known for their picnic style lunches in the park on Constitution Day. Many joined them, including the Pastor from the Danish Lutheran Church in Toronto. Mark's

grandparents Henry and Petra Mogensen and his father Ebe are all laid

to rest in the Mindepark, the urn cemetery adjacent to

Sunset Villa. Mark makes his own rullepølse, as well as rye bread, and leverpostejis. He is really looking forward to sharing his love of his Danish heritage and of Danish foods by providing other authentic Danish foods for everyone to enjoy!



L to R: Mark's family on Opening Day in July: Katlyn, Colin, Inga, Jane, Mike, Mark, Jimmy, Paige, Brian, Ray.

Christmas at the Butik!



Come visit us in the restaurant Butik where we have calendar candles, Nisse, figurines, books, Hygge napkins, and hand made knitwear!

Or find us outside on Baker Days and at the Nordic Market where we have even more things Danish, and Danish Christmas cookies!

SEEKING DONATIONS FOR 2022!

Danish plates, snaps glasses, figurines, tea cups, cookbooks, embroidery, needlepoint, mid-century modern items, memorabilia, flags, Nisser or anything Danish!!

To donate, please contact Lisa Olsen at 416-278-4817 or lisaolsen@gmail.com (not gmail).



Its time for the Christmas season in the Danish Church in Toronto
November and December are full of "hyggelige" Danish Christmas traditions in the Danish Church of Toronto - and many of them will take place in a Corona safe manner during the Christmas Season. Here you can see some of the activities - welcome both in-person and online*:

November 20: Christmas Bazaar at the church with "vinter-hygge," pick-up of Danish Smørrebrød and Danish Imports.

November 27: Christmas songs and music in the church

December 5: Lucia pageant for the kids

December 19: The nine readings - a Christmas tradition

December 24 at 2 pm: Christmas eve service (English)*

December 25 at 11 am: Christmas Morning service (in Danish)*

January 2: New Year Service* with the Danish Queens New Year Speech

Read more on www.danishchurchtoronto.ca

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www.lowcarbcanada.ca or

www.supplementsource.ca

Tell me what you think!

Is this the perfect solution for you?

by Lisa Olsen

Thanks

Thank you to all the volunteers that came out to the two work parties, and to those that have now been "chainsaw certified".

The camping season is now over. Thank you to Sue Hansen for being Camp Master? Thank you also to all campers who volunteered this year to keep the park beautiful.

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Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hIWFLjTMMXs>



thank you!

TO THE GERITOL GANG!

Many thanks to the Geritol Gang
for keeping Sunset Villa grounds maintained
and beautiful during 2021!



Our Campers

ARE THE BEST!

A very special thank you goes out to Sue Hansen and May Davies for organizing another successful Penny Sale at the Villa in August. A total of \$700 was raised and 100% of the proceeds were donated to Sunset Villa Association. Thank you to everyone who donated items and bought tickets for the sale. Can't wait until next year!





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MEMBERSHIP

by Herman Glemser

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Sunset Villa has grown to 550 memberships with 878 members. As of the end of September, 83.33 % of the 2020 memberships have been renewed and we have issued 53 new memberships this year.

Unfortunately our membership numbers are going to be reduced a bit later on this fall when I clean up the membership file by removing any non-renewed memberships. Reminder: if you haven't yet renewed your membership please do so by completing the membership renewal form that can be found in this bulletin. You can mail the completed membership form along with your cheque to "**Sunset Villa Association**" at:

#11 – 7150 Concession 1, Puslinch, Ontario N0B 2J0

Or you can send an e-transfer to finances.sunsetvilla@outlook.com.

WE WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS:

The following 18 new memberships were issued between June and September of this year.

Brampton: E & J Nojd

Brantford: G Foster

Carlisle: P & O Nielsen

Dublin: V Jensen Goettler

Guelph: J & P Traulsen, C Davison, D & G Perks

Hamilton: L & E Andersen

Kemble: K & S Carstens

Kitchener: R Pratt, R & Z Madsen Graziano, E & P Atcheson

Port Stanley: S & G Barker

Puslinch: M Mogensen, M Buratynsky, R Welsh

Thorndale: T & R Kuenzlen

Toronto: T Henriksen



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- Mail me a paper copy of the Bulletin

Membership Type – Pick one

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Family | including children less than 25 yrs. | \$80 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Single | including children less than 25 yrs. | \$70 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Senior - Family | 65 years & up | \$65 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Senior - Single | 65 years & up | \$55 |

Annual Membership fees cover April 1 of current year to March 31 of next year.

Volunteer Options – Select all interests

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| <input type="radio"/> Constitution Day & /or Nordic Mkt | <input type="radio"/> Long Term Planning |
| <input type="radio"/> Gardening & /or Property Mtce. | <input type="radio"/> Board Member |
| <input type="radio"/> Fundraising | <input type="radio"/> Membership growth |
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- **Interace-Transfer®** The club email is finances.sunsetvilla@outlook.com. Also, please email finances.sunsetvilla@outlook.com with your e-Transfer® password, your Membership Number or Mailing address (for Renewals).
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- **Visa / Mastercard / PayPal** (\$3 fee applies). Email finances.sunsetvilla@outlook.com to arrange or go to **Membership>Join Us** page on www.sunsetvilla.org to pay online via PayPal.

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