

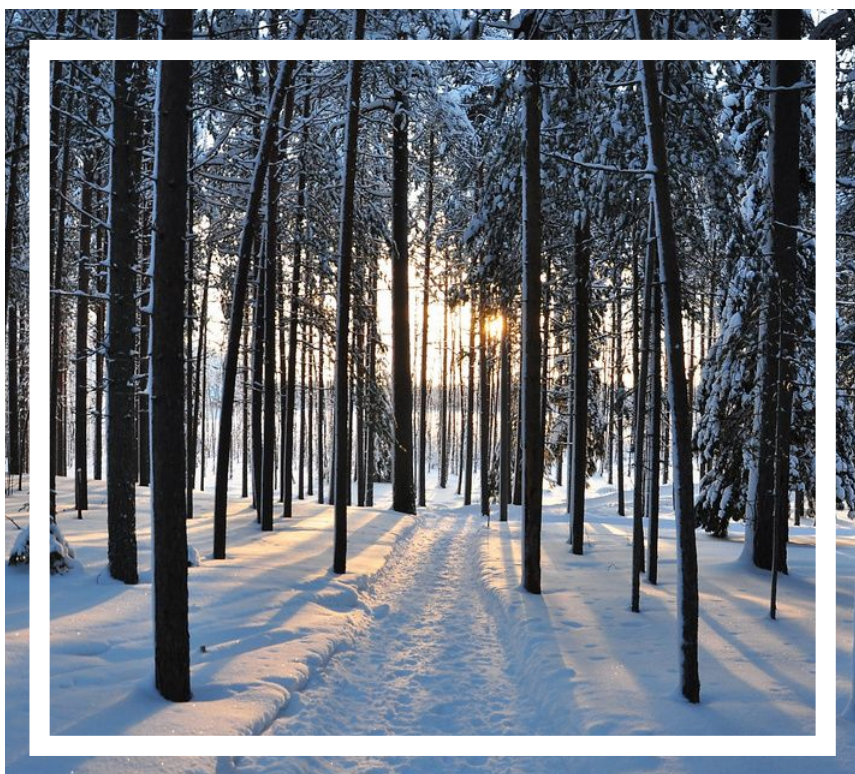
# SUNSET VILLA ASSOCIATION



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**MEMBERSHIP  
RENEWALS**

**ANNUAL GENERAL  
MEETING**

**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED**



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## BOARD MESSAGE

MONICA JENSEN  
ACTING PRESIDENT

Hello everyone!

We will never forget Covid 2020 but at least now in 2021 we can see the light at the end of the tunnel with a vaccine finally available! The pandemic has hit all of us in some way. Sunset Villa is currently still in lockdown, with no restaurant or events planned. The pandemic hit the restaurant industry hard and that included The Danish Place, whose doors closed Nov 1st. They couldn't weather the storm any longer even with the help of the generous GoFundMe donations. Not sure what the future holds but something we sure do know is that Sunset Villa must carry on with a restaurant onsite! Despite this setback, we did have a Baker Day in December with the Butik and a pop-up restaurant serving take-out smorrebrod.

Thank you Jessica Jensen, her helpers and of course Anna and Benny in the background giving her the support that she needed to pull this off.

At this time I would like to say thank you to Jennifer Higgins, who has left the Board, for all her professional work serving as Restaurant Liaison. She did a great job negotiating the Covid GFM contract and being a great liaison between restaurant and board for 3 years!

It takes a village to operate Sunset Villa. We are always looking for volunteers to help at large or step up on the Board. If you have time to help us do some work, please reach out! We need you! Spreading the 'hygge'! Keep safe and stay healthy! Monica



## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SUNSET VILLA?

Business is still going on and we are in a good financial standing even though we have been experiencing difficult times over this past year.

We have been able to adapt quite well and hope you all have personally been able to handle the COVID situation as best you can.

It has put many trials on each individual, families, schools, our seniors, hospitals and other essential workers and employers, which you all are in some way connected.

Sunset Villa has missed having you attend the many functions we usually had on location. We have had the disappointment of the Restaurant closing.

The apartment tenants and campers are enjoying their little spot out here while willingly adhering to the Government regulations of social distancing and wearing masks.

Because you are not coming out as often as you may have done in the past, **we encourage you to check what is happening on the website at [www.sunsetvilla.org](http://www.sunsetvilla.org)** which includes the Minutes from the Board of Director monthly meetings.

Just go to the website, in the Members only section and put in your password on the item you wish to review.

We have made one recent change.

We are extending the Family and Single Membership to include dependent children under the age of 25 years vs 19 years.

The Membership Form has been up-dated.

We hope soon we will have the freedom to socialize at Sunset Villa again and see you all to talk about what we have all done to get through this time and be an inspiration to others.

Tak for now.  
Your Board of Directors



# **SUNSET VILLA**

## **AGM 2021**

### **How will we execute the AGM this year?**

Covid lock-downs have been a fact of life for a year now. The Ontario government has just announced some easing of Covid restrictions. However, things could change fairly quickly and we could wind back in another lock-down. The Covid variants are a potentially serious risk factor that we are unable to properly assess at this time.

At this time it is way too risky to consider holding an indoor AGM. We simply don't believe that holding an indoor meeting with fifty or so participants will be allowed in the foreseeable future. Instead the Sunset Villa Directors have decided to hold an online AGM as all other organizations are doing. **Please reserve 2 p.m. on Sunday May 30th, 2021 on your calendars.** It will be held by Zoom and instructions and materials will be mailed to all active 2021 members.

**Membership Renewals and AGM attendance:** Holding an online AGM will require us to work in a new way. Directors have decided that no membership payments will take place on the day of the AGM. **Eligibility to participate at the AGM will be based on you renewing your membership by May 21, 2021.** If you plan on mailing your renewal notice in via Canada Post **you will need to mail it by Friday May 7th** to allow for postal delivery and membership processing. **Should you choose to renew your membership via e-transfer or Visa/MC, your deadline will be Friday May 21st.**

The AGM package will be sent by mail to all in May 2021, two weeks prior to the AGM for your review.  
Stay safe and stay healthy.  
Your Board of Directors.

# VACANCIES

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SUN MAY 30, 2PM: ONLINE

**Let us know by Apr 15 if you would like to run for the Board!** Because we will be having an online AGM, we will not be having nominations from the floor on a Zoom call. You can write us at [communications.sunsetvilla@outlook.com](mailto:communications.sunsetvilla@outlook.com) or call Monica at 416-414-0351 to get your name on the ballot! Let us know what position interests you!



## ALL BOARD POSITIONS ARE OPEN:

**President:** 15-20 hrs/wk. Oversee operations, assist all areas.

**Treasurer:** 4 hrs/wk. Pay bills, deposits, spreadsheets. All accounting entries are done by our paid accountant..

**Secretary:** 3 hrs/week. Take Minutes, correspondence

**Vice President:** 5 hrs/week. Assist the President

**Entertainment:** 10-15 hrs/wk in May/Jun and Oct/Nov. Other mths 3 hrs/wk. Recruit volunteers and lead events.

**Maintenance:** Assess and schedule repairs. 3-4 hours a week.

**Restaurant Liaison:** 5 hrs/week; recruit/lease to new operators

**Financial Reviewers** (2): 4 hrs in Feb each year

**Social Media/Communications:** 2-3 hours a week

**Tenant Liaison:** 3 hours per week. Field calls from tenants.

**Restaurant Liaison:** 3-5 hours per week. Finding a new operator and lease negotiation with the Board and tenant.

**Membership:** 5 hours per week. Administration of memberships.





# SEEKING NEW OPERATOR!

Are you an entrepreneur that sees potential operating a turn-key Danish restaurant during Covid-19?!

Be your own boss!

Accommodations onsite if needed, or rent for extra income.

The Board is open minded and want you to succeed!

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# 2020 IN REVIEW



**Fastelavn:** We learned that when we align this event with Baker Day, more people show up. Great fun for kids! Good turnout.

**Events:** Constitution Day, St Hans, Fashion Show & Tea Party, summer dinners, Nordic Market: Cancelled due to Covid19

**Dec Baker Day:** Hansen's Bakery, Pop-up takeout smorrebrod, the Butik and the Nisse trail for families to enjoy. Everyone followed Covid-19 protocols.

**The Danish Place:** A huge asset to Sunset Villa, and the main reason we have had so many new members. Closed due to Covid-19. Many thanks to Kristine, Jacob and Joanne for the three great years operating. We wish you well in your future endeavours. You were collectively awesome and a joy to partner with!

**Work Parties:** Thank you to the hard working volunteers that chipped wood and created the beautiful pond trail. And to those that cooked and served lunch - it made the hard work more worthwhile!

**Member Donations:** Thank you to the generous members who donated to the GoFund Me campaign! We raised approx \$139k. We were able to keep the restaurant open for the summer and fall season.

**New Bulletin:** Many thanks to Laura Qusen for the new look! And to Lisa Olsen for helping in 2020. We love it! We have had only positive feedback. We hope more people will read the Bulletin online. Go green like in Digital Denmark! Please opt out of paper mailings!

**Geritol Gang:** Despite Covid-19 a core group of socially distanced volunteers continued to maintain Sunset Villa and Mindepark on Fridays, despite no group meals! Thank you for your dedication!!



# 2020 IN REVIEW



**Social Media:** Thank you to Jessica Serre for becoming the new voice of our social media (Facebook, Instagram). Make sure you follow and like! :)

**Decreased membership:** We lost some new members but gained some too! Ended the year with 490 memberships. Hooray! We are so grateful to our loyal members who renew every year and kept Sunset Villa going through Covid Times!

**Meeting Minutes:** We have tried to stay current with meetings, typing and posting. Thanks to all the volunteers on the board who make this happen!

**Butik –** Wow! The outdoor pop-up shop was such a success! Gross sales of \$21k! Expenses are submitted and all money is deposited directly into the Sunset Villa bank controlled by the Board. Thank you to Birthe Rowell and Lisa Olsen, and everyone else that donated, created, helped organize or bought things!

**Campground:** All sites were rented. Thank you to Christiane for doing a great job as Camp Master. Thank you to the campers that help so much to keep the property maintained!

**Volunteering:** We want to thank everyone that came out to help this year! You made a difference!! Together we kept Sunset Villa going for another year!

**Vacant Restaurant:** We finished the year without an operator for the Danish Place. We are currently looking for an entrepreneur to take on the adventure. Do you see potential running a Danish restaurant in 2021? We are open to negotiation, to ideas and we want to hear from you! Email: [restaurant.sunsetvilla@outlook.com](mailto:restaurant.sunsetvilla@outlook.com)

# *thank you from the Butik!*

The Butik had record high gross sales of \$21,045 in 2020!

After taxes and expenses, net profit was \$14,203.

This was very exciting for us, since there was no Constitution Day, only five baker days, and the Butik inside the restaurant was closed the whole year!

To compare, net profit was \$8,203 in 2019, and \$8,362 in 2018.

## **So what changed to make this happen?!**

We changed locations and operated out of a shed which increased visibility.

We were open most weekends. We advertised Danish plates for sale online, learned to print tshirts, and sold 200 cookbooks.

We also accepted etransfers, credit cards & paypal, and offered shipping!

**We want to thank you, our customers** for generously supporting the Butik!

**And a big thank you also to everyone that created and donated things to sell!**

And lastly, a **huge thank you to the special volunteers** that helped at the new outdoor Butik! We love you and you make it fun!

**It takes a Villa to keep Sunset going!**



# *seeking donations for 2021!*

Danish plates, snaps glasses, figurines, tea cups,

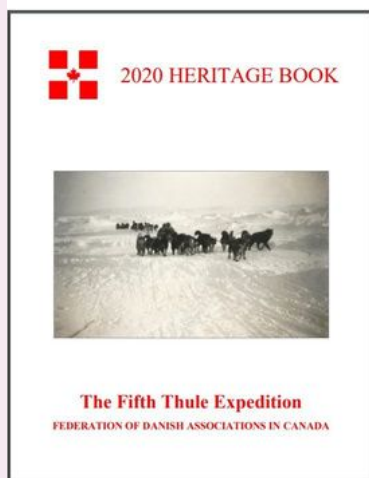
cookbooks, embroidery, needlepoint,

mid-century modern items, memorabilia, flags,

Nisser or anything Danish!!

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

## 2020 FEDERATION BOOK AVAILABLE



Support the preservation of Danish heritage in Canada! This yearly issue includes a six page feature on the history of Sunset Villa, commemorating our 70th Anniversary! Also includes articles by Board members Jennifer Higgins and Benny Beck. Stay up to date on how Danish heritage is being preserved across Canada with reports from all Danish organizations! \$15. Shipping available (extra). email: [lisaolsen@ymail.com](mailto:lisaolsen@ymail.com) or call 416-278-4817



### *A note about donations:*

Donations are re-sold to fundraise for Sunset Villa. If you do not want your donations used or sold, you will need to mark them as such, with your name, address and phone number. Unfortunately Sunset Villa does not currently have the climate controlled facilities needed for the creation of a museum.

Any Danish plates or artwork given directly to the restaurant operators become their property, as it is an independent operation, and they decorate as they like. There is some donated artwork (pre-2018) in the restaurant that still belongs to Sunset Villa, and this is noted in the lease.



# DANISH CHURCH TORONTO

## **The Snowdrops reminds us: Spring is coming!**

The snow is like a duvet that protects snowdrops, other flowers and plants from the harsh frost. The snow is freezing on the surface but protective like a duvet.

It is soon spring, and one of the first miracles that happens is that the snowdrops look out and say: spring is coming!

We have been under a corona-duvet for almost a year and want only one thing: to stick our heads out of the duvet and see the new possibilities of a new era.

"It will be good again," we say that to one another. The snowdrop indeed reminds us that is true. The small winter flower tells us that warmth and community are stronger than cold and isolation.

In the Danish Church in Toronto, **we meet online for services** and Zoom coffee (everyone is welcome - read more on the website [www.danishchurchtoronto.ca](http://www.danishchurchtoronto.ca)). We also invite you to an **online spring bazaar** where you can order sweets and goods from Denmark - another way to survive Corona restrictions.

I look forward to seeing you again - at Sunset Villa, in the church, virtually on the internet, or somewhere else where we together can experience that spring is coming!

Pastor Simon. The Danish Lutheran Church of Toronto

MAY 1 TO OCT 31, 2021

# SUMMER CAMPING '21



## PENDING COVID RESTRICTIONS:

Annual camping rates are \$1,283.19 plus \$166.81 HST.

Total \$1,450.00. Pending Covid19 restrictions, the campground will be opening April 24. All fees are due by May 2, 2021.

**We also have nightly RV or tent camping.**  
(pending covid restrictions).

Nightly Rates		
	Members	Non-Members
Trailers & RVs	\$40	\$50
Tents	\$20	\$30

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## **WE ARE IN NEED OF GARDENING HELP AND PERENNIAL DONATIONS**

We are looking for one or more gardening partners to restore Sunset Villa's gardens. We've started two gardens, and are struggling with the rock garden as it has three tiers and needs a complete uprooting of weeds and grass.

We're also in need of perennials for the gardens. For any donations, please mark pots with the name of the perennial. This will ensure proper placement in the gardens.

We're also in need of students looking for hours. They will learn about flowers, working outside and in the garden.

-Andra Jensen, [andraandpeter@hotmail.com](mailto:andraandpeter@hotmail.com)

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# REMEMBERING JORGEN IVERSEN



John Iversen (February 6, 1944 – January 11, 2021) passed away peacefully on January 11, 2021 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Hamilton with wonderful staff who gave him the greatest of care. Loved by his wife Camille Iversen, children Debbie (Steven), Gaynor, Sarah (Alex) and Denise and proud grandfather to Chelsea, Kiara, Joshua, Bram, Arianna and Talia. John was also loved by his family in Denmark the Iversens and the Smalls in Canada and Guyana.

John was born in Fredericia, Denmark as the second child to Annalise Schjodt and Erik Iversen and moved to Canada as a young man but also lived in Guyana and Belgium for some time. John was a skilled bricklayer who enjoyed his work. As a young man he was a member of the rowing club and played cricket for many years. He was an adventurous man with a passion for travelling, good food and conversation.

But above all, John was a family man proud of his children and grandchildren. He thoroughly enjoyed all family gatherings, big and small, in Hamilton or Toronto, as well as taking his children and grandchildren to Sunset Villa to share in his Danish heritage.

John was a believer in Christ and faithfully attended Victory International Church. It is his faith and fighting spirit that helped him to overcome various illnesses. Unfortunately, COVID would be his last fight.

John Iversen will continue to live in our hearts and will be dearly missed.

***Submitted by the Iverson family.***



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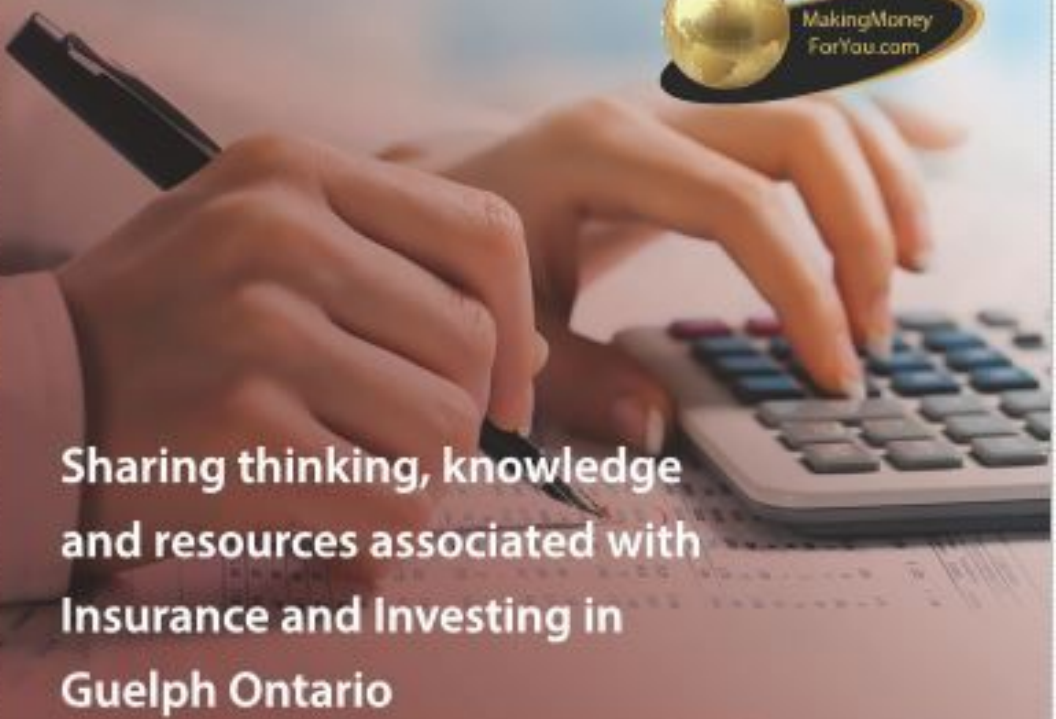
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# MEMBERSHIP

by Herman Glemser

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Sunset Villa finished 2020 with 490 memberships comprised of 59 new memberships and 431 renewals. January 2021 numbers are encouraging as we have gained an additional 8 new memberships.

**Reminder: your 2020 membership expires at the end of March this year.** Please join the other members that have already renewed this year. A membership renewal form can be found in this bulletin which you can mail in along with your cheque or you can send an e-transfer to [finances.sunsetvilla@outlook.com](mailto:finances.sunsetvilla@outlook.com). We are also able to process credit card renewals (\$3 fee applies)

Herman Glemser, Membership Director

## WE WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS:

**BARRIE:** I & J Eriksen

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N & D Christensen Dumelie

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**OSHWOKEN:** L & J Peters-Jamieson





# Membership Form

Membership Type	<input type="checkbox"/> New	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	Number:
Name			
Spouse's Name			
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Postal Code			Phone:
Email			

## Join our email list

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## Bulletin Newsletter (pick one)

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☐ Mail me a paper copy of the Bulletin

## Membership Type – Pick one

<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

<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
<input type="radio"/> Family Events	<input type="radio"/> Club Communications

## Payment Options:

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- **Pay by Cheque** payable to *Sunset Villa Association*. Mail to Sunset Villa Association, #11 - 7150 Concession 1, Puslinch, ON, N0B 2J0
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