

# SUNSET VILLA ASSOCIATION BULLETIN

MARCH | APRIL | 2020



MEMBERSHIP  
RENEWALS

ANNUAL GENERAL  
MEETING

VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED

# APRIL

**SAT APR 25 | ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2:30-4:30 PM**

Free coffee & Danish Pastries!

Duff's Church, Guelph (Hwy 401/Hwy 6)

# MAY

**SAT MAY 2 | DANISH FEDERATION MEETING 2:00-4:30 PM**

Danish Heritage meeting. All welcome.

**SUN MAY 3 | BAKER DAY 10 AM TO 1 PM**

Hansens Bakery onsite and smorrebrod smorgasbord at The Danish Place!

**SAT MAY 16 | WORK PARTY! 9 AM TO 1 PM**

Work is rewarded with a hot Danish lunch!

**SAT MAY 30 | WORK PARTY! 9 AM TO 1 PM**

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# JUNE

**SAT JUNE 6 | AEBLESKIVER COOKING PARTY! 9 AM - 4 PM**

Drop in! Snacks provided. A great way to learn a Danish tradition!

**SUN JUNE 7 | 65TH CONSTITUTION DAY 10 AM - 4 PM**

A wonderful multi-generational Danish festival.  
\$10 adults, kids under 18 free.

**SAT JUNE 27 | SANKT HANS FIREWORKS 8:30 PM TO MIDNIGHT**

Fireworks, music, hotdogs & icecream. Dance party and aebleskiver in the Dome after.

**SUNSETVILLA.ORG/EVENTS**

*For more information on events, please contact  
Pernille Jorgensen, Entertainment Director  
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# PRESIDENT'S LETTER

## The future of the Board

Every year very few people volunteer for the Board and those that do, burn out from being overworked. Something has to change. The workload must be reasonable. Most non-profits have hired help to solve their workload problems. We need this too, because the days of hundreds of volunteers are over. Either more people need to help (on or off the Board) OR we pay to get work done. If we pay, fees will need to go up. The Board can no longer be held hostage to the idea that fewer people helping equals more work for Board members - the "you signed up for it" mentality. Or that paying for necessary help is a "slippery slope" to nobody volunteering. We will volunteer. If you have time to help us do some work, please reach out! We need you!

LISA OLSEN, PRESIDENT  
lisaolsen@gmail.com

YOUR MOST IMPORTANT MEETING OF THE YEAR!

## 65th Annual General Meeting

Saturday April 25 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm  
Duff's Church, Guelph. Save the date!

### AGENDA

- Financial Report for 2019
- Membership Fee change
- Question / Statement Period
- Elections: 1 President, 1 Treasurer, 4 other positions

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Doors open at 2 pm  
Free Coffee & Danish Pastry!  
Door Prizes! 50/50 Draw

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Following on the heels of The Danish Place Restaurant renovation and success, you have shown that Sunset Villa still has a relevant place here in Ontario representing a current vision of Denmark today as well as preserving the history of our founders from 1955.

Your Board stands for positive change that was long overdue at Sunset Villa. Change is never easy, it is uncomfortable for most, but change done for the right reasons, with compassion and respect for the past is the only way for us to not only survive, but yes indeed, THRIVE! Being at the AGM will confirm to the Board that we are heading in the right direction. Positive and constructive input is welcome, however this is not the venue for lengthy complaints or grand standing. We expect this meeting to be done in the Danish hyggeligt manner. This is also your chance to vote the best people onto the Board to take care of Sunset Villa!

**Your attendance at the AGM is not only greatly appreciated, but required. We can't do this without you!**

# Board positions open!

We have 6 empty Board seats this year. Do not hesitate to help, we will find a role for your skills and work within your time constraints. Yes, you can still go on vacation and miss a meeting! This is volunteer work! If you cannot be on the Board but would like to help, please contact us. We are ready to welcome you to the team. [lisaolsen@mail.com](mailto:lisaolsen@mail.com)

## find a position right for you!

**President:** 15-20 hrs/wk. Oversee all operations. Assist where needed. Chair meetings.

**Vice President:** 5 hrs/wk. Assist in all areas.

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

**Membership:** 3 hrs/wk. Spreadsheet work, mailouts.

**Camground:** 5 hrs/wk seasonal. Oversee operations.

**Parks:** Ensure park is maintained. Lead work parties.

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

**Secretary:** 3 hrs/week. Take Minutes or hire it done. Answer emails. Keep track of motions. Document prep for AGM.

**Bylaws:** 2 hrs/wk. Clarify bylaw inquiries. Change bylaws as needed.

**Bulletin:** 3 hrs/wk. Assemble content and layout.

**Social Media:** 2 hrs/wk. Facebook/Instagram content.

**Website:** 4 hrs/wk. Update and Redesign.

**Restaurant Liaison:** 2 hrs/wk: Handling tenant concerns.

**Tenant Liaison:** 2 hrs/wk. Handling resident concerns.

**Fire & Safety:** 2 hrs/wk. Monthly and yearly safety inspections, safety initiatives.

**Water & Sewage:** 2 hrs/wk. Ensure compliance with regulations.

**Mediation:** 2 hrs/wk; Handling issues





# 65TH CONSTITUTION DAY

Sunday June 7th  
10am - 4pm



CELEBRATE DANISH FOOD & CULTURE!

NEW! MEMORY LANE EXHIBIT - 65 YEARS OF SUNSET VILLA!  
 CARDBOARD VIKING SHIP CONTEST - KIDS DISCOVERY TRAIL!  
 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! 2-3 HOURS. CAN YOU HELP?  
 WE NEED YOU! [LISAOLSEN@YMAIL.COM](mailto:LISAOLSEN@YMAIL.COM) OR 416-278-4817  
 WE HAVE ROLES TO FIT YOUR INTERESTS AND ABILITIES!



## DO YOU HAVE ANY OLD PICTURES OF SUNSET VILLA?

We are trying to gather old pictures for the new Memory Lane exhibit on Constitution Day! And maybe a book one day!

Do you have any pictures?  
Send us what you've got!

- Gun range
- Playground
- Picnics
- Sewing Girls
- Bazaar
- Events
- Campground
- Guards
- Restaurant
- Constitution Day
- Dances
- Princess Margrethe's visit
- Random property pics

Please send your old pictures to:  
[secretary.sunsetvilla@outlook.com](mailto:secretary.sunsetvilla@outlook.com)



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# Early Spring Greetings from the Danish Lutheran Church in Toronto

We hope you have survived the winter and are looking forward to spring. Feel free to drop by the Danish Church to participate in any of the activity groups – or at the church services, every Sunday at 10:30 am. For further information, please contact Pastor Simon Kangas Larsen at 416-222-2494 or go to our new website at [www.DanishChurchToronto.ca](http://www.DanishChurchToronto.ca). Here you can sign up for e-mail news and find info about all activities.

And check us out on Facebook!

Best wishes for a Happy Easter from your friends in Toronto.

**Sun Mar 1** – 10:30 am – Soup Sunday - come to our Sunday service, and afterwards join us for a wonderful homemade soup luncheon.

**Sat Mar 7** – 12:30 pm – our Opera Series continues – lecture by Iain Scott on Jessye Norman – Super-sized American soprano – \$30 includes lunch – please reserve in advance.

**Sun Mar 29** – 10:30 am - AGM Sunday – join us for a regular Sunday service followed by the church's AGM for registered voting members.

**Sun Apr 12** – 10:30 am – come to our Easter Sunday service, and afterwards join us for fellowship with coffee and sandwiches.

**Sat Apr 18** – 6:00 pm -join us at our annual Royal Dinner with full course roast beef dinner and a wonderful evening of fun and entertainment. Please reserve tickets in advance.

**Sun Apr 26** – 10:30 am – Confirmation Sunday – join us in celebration of this special day, and afterwards join us for fellowship with coffee and sandwiches.

**Sat May 9** – 11:00 am – Spring Bazaar – come and enjoy Smørrebrød, get Danish Goods from the Import booth and meet new and old friends at the Spring Bazaar.

# 2019 REVIEW

**Constitution Day:** The new \$10 fee (750 adults, 175 kids free) made the hard work more worthwhile. Great reviews. Thank you! Many thanks to the volunteers that made this possible! We can't do this without you!

**Nordic Market:** Held over 2 days due to bad weather. Approx 400 adults on Day 1 and 600 adults + 200 kids on Day 2. Great reviews. New Nisse trail a hit with kids! A very popular event!

**St Hans:** 400 people, lots of kids. We served hotdogs. Sparklers for the kids. Live music from Rob. Very hyggeligt. Thanks for coming! Thank you to Rick (and helpers) for making the show great as usual!

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

**Fashion Show & Tea party:** Great catwalk models and bargains on nice clothes! Thank you to May and Sue (and friends) for organizing this fun event!

**The Danish Place:** A huge asset to Sunset Villa, and the main reason we have so many new members. Many thanks to Kristine, Jacob and Joanne for \$745 in donations, swag and gift card donations, promoting Sunset Villa, and suggesting event ideas and business strategies. You are collectively awesome and a joy to partner with.

**Work Parties:** Thank you to Anna & Benny for cooking and donating all of the delicious Danish food at our work parties this year! It made the hard work more worthwhile!

# 2019 REVIEW

**Member Donations:** Thank you to the generous members who donated \$700 when renewing your memberships!

**New Bulletin & cost savings:** Many thanks to Laura Qusen for the new look! We love it! January issue discontinued since Sunset Villa is closed. We hope more people will read the Bulletin online. Go green like in Digital Denmark! Please opt out of paper mailings!

**Planning Committee Report:** An intelligent list of viable options for the future of Sunset Villa! A must read! <http://www.sunsetvilla.org/members-page.html>

**Property Condition Report:** Requested by the Planning Committee and approved by the Board. Why? We are tired of surprise expenses, conflicting opinions and having no plan. We need to know what expenses are ahead of us, and budget for them - like Condo Boards operate.

**Increased membership!** We lost some new members but gained some too! Ended the year ahead of last with 516 memberships. Hooray! We are so grateful to our loyal members who renew every year to keep Sunset Villa going!

**New Playground Fundraiser!** We need something to attract kids and families. Something to make membership "worthwhile". Please consider donating to this worthy cause!



# 2019 REVIEW

**Apartment Rent Increase:** The membership has responded with applause that the apartments are now being rented for \$900, not \$500. It was long overdue and Sunset Villa NEEDS the money.

**Apartment renovation:** We proved that volunteering is still alive at Sunset Villa! Thank you to the many people that donated their time! You were AWESOME!

**Meeting Minutes:** Oops! We fell behind in typing and posting. Thanks for your patience! We can only do so much with so few. Please step forward if you can help!

**Butik & change to operations:** Now run by Committe as the "Butik". Expenses are submitted and all money is deposited directly into the Sunset Villa bank controlled by the Board. Thank you to The Danish Place, Tove and Birthe for everything you did to keep it going in 2019!

**Bylaws/Code of Conduct:** The membership voted for the future by allowing the ability for members to attend meetings, send documents and vote digitally. New Code of Conduct implemented.

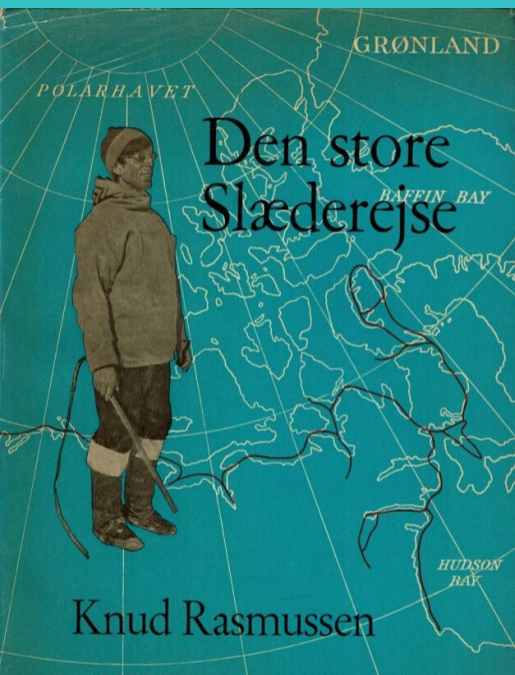
**Campground:** All sites were rented! Thank you to Christiane for doing a great job as Camp Master. Thank you to the campers that help so much to keep the property maintained!

**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!



## KNUD RASMUSSEN

in 2021, it will be one-hundred years ago since Knud Rasmussen set out on his Fifth Thule Expedition, which focussed primarily on Arctic Canada. Perhaps you have read about it in his book *DEN STORE SLÆDEREJSE*, which was a bestseller in Denmark, and which has been re-issued over the years. The book (which would be translated as *The Great Sled Journey*), is actually a short popular version of his official scientific Fifth Thule Report. Between September 1921 and December 1924 the Fifth Thule Expedition explored vast areas of Arctic Canada, laying the foundation for many later explorations. The Expedition included Greenlanders as well as Peter Freuchen, in addition to Therkel Mathiassen, an archaeologist. Mathiassen carried out excavations near Repulse Bay which eventually established that the roots of contemporary Inuit culture lay in an earlier NeoEskimo culture.



By sled Knud Rasmussen and a smaller team traveled by dog team across Northern Canada, following the shore of the Arctic Ocean to Alaska, en route collecting ethnographic information as well as artifacts. The findings of the Fifth Thule Expedition were compiled into the ten-volume series, which is an indispensable source for Arctic studies. The ethnographic reports are highly valued as they describe the culture, customs, habits and beliefs of the Inuit of the North. Knud Rasmussen, born in Greenland, spoke Greenlandic and was therefore able to communicate with the Inuit of Arctic Canada in their own language, as the languages of the Inuit up north are in many ways similar to Greenlandic. The contribution that the Danes and Greenlanders on this Expedition made to the history and knowledge of Arctic Canada is truly remarkable, and should be better known. **By Rolf Christensen, President, Danish Federation Canada**

# Danish Federation Meeting



Sat May 2, 2 - 4:30 pm



All are welcome to attend.

Updates on Danish activities throughout Ontario.

Free Coffee and dessert served.

Fun Danish Raffle Prizes. A great way to find out how Danish culture is being preserved in Canada.

Optional dinner and Danish hygge at The Danish Place afterwards. For further information, please contact [lisaolsen@gmail.com](mailto:lisaolsen@gmail.com) or just show up to the Baker Room under Townhouse 9/10.

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## Obituaries

**PER JACOBSEN** Longtime proud member Per Jacobsen passed away peacefully on Oct 10th with his family by his side. Internment at the Mindepark took place shortly thereafter.

*Thank you to the Jacobsen family for requesting donations to Sunset Villa in honour Per Jacobsen. We received \$1,010.*

**VERA JENSEN** passed away Saturday, January 18, 2020 at the age of 88, at the Michael Garron Hospital. Vera was born in Copenhagen, Denmark and immigrated to Canada at the age of 25.

Vera had a long history with Sunset Villa. She had a trailer in the campground, and enjoyed the many activities that the Villa had to offer. She was a proud member and volunteer. Vera belonged to many Fundraising Committees in her early years. Vera was also a frequent the Danish Lutheran Church of Toronto which she was an active member of the Golden Age Club. She is survived by her sons Mike (Kathy), Stephen (Monica), and her grandchildren.

She will be fondly remembered by many of her friends. Her internment will be scheduled in the spring at Mindepark.

# AGM Vote: Membership Fees

Membership fees have not increased in a decade, but expenses have, including a \$19,000 increase in water, sewage and insurance expenses this year alone! It's time to raise membership fees, and the Board is looking for your support at the AGM when we vote on this. We are suggesting a smaller increase to the 'Single' rate in response to complaints that couples have dual incomes and shared expenses. We are also changing the age of children to include all under age 25, because statistics show that youth live at home until their mid twenties.

Proposed Fees	2020	2021
Family	\$80	\$100
Single	\$70	\$75
Senior Couple	\$65	\$80
Senior Single	\$55	\$60

## The Geritol Gang!

A group of volunteers meet weekly on Fridays starting at 9 a.m. to groom the Sunset Villa grounds and Mindepark, repair and maintain buildings and equipment. We welcome qualified volunteers to come out to work and socialize. Please contact Mogens Jensen at 905-876-1576 for more information.

We are also looking for a volunteer to prepare the Friday breakfast and/or lunch. Contact Arlene Lange if you can help – 519-214-2198.

Let us know if you will be attending so that we can appropriately schedule the work and the meals.



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We have increased the camping fees to \$1,238.94 + \$161.06 HST  
= \$1,400.00

Camp fees are due by May 2nd

Sat Apr 11: Campers  
Meeting, 1 pm

Sat Apr 25: Campground  
Opens

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



# MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

It's time to renew your membership!

The new membership year begins April 1st.

Sunset Villa is a place to enjoy Danish food, culture and recreation. We also provide housing for seniors. We really value our long term members who built the club that we cherish today!

If you joined in 2019, we hope you are also enjoying the club and become life-long members!

Your membership fees support:

- Taxes, Insurance, Sewage, Water Treatment and Operating costs (\$200k per year)
- Keeping this property a Danish destination with family events – like Constitution Day, Sankt Hans, Nordic Market, Duck Bingo, monthly Baker Days and more.

Without your help, Sunset Villa cannot survive!

*Thank you for your  
continuing support!*



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# Membership Form

<b>Membership Type</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> New	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	
<b>Name</b>			
<b>Spouse's Name</b>			
<b>Street Address</b>			
<b>City</b>		<b>Province</b>	
<b>Postal Code</b>		<b>Email</b>	
<b>Home Phone</b>		<b>Cell Phone</b>	
<b>Birth Date (primary member)</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/>	I agree to receive the bulletin online and permit Sunset Villa to send me periodic emails about Association events and information, from which I can unsubscribe at anytime		
<input type="checkbox"/>	I wish to have the Bulletin mailed to me		
<b>Membership Fee Type:</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Family (including children less than 19yrs.)	\$80.00	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Single (including children less than 19yrs.)	\$70.00	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Senior Family (65 years or older)	\$65.00	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Senior Single (65 years or older)	\$55.00	
<b>Select activities for which you would be interested in volunteering:</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Constitution Day and/or Nordic Market	<input type="checkbox"/>	Long term planning
<input type="checkbox"/>	Gardening and/or property maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/>	Becoming a board member
<input type="checkbox"/>	Family Events	<input type="checkbox"/>	Graphic design
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fundraising	<input type="checkbox"/>	Promoting the Association

Your membership card will be mailed to you upon receipt of payment for your membership fee. Membership fees are renewable every year on April 1st.

## **Membership Fee Payment Options:**

**E-transfer:** to finances.sunsetvilla@outlook.com. Please also send an email to finances.sunsetvilla@outlook.com with your e-transfer password and membership number or mailing address.

**Cheque or money order:** payable to Sunset Villa Association. Fill out the form and mail it to : Sunset Villa Association, Membership Chairperson, #11 - 7150 Concession 1, Puslinch, ON N0B 2J0

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