

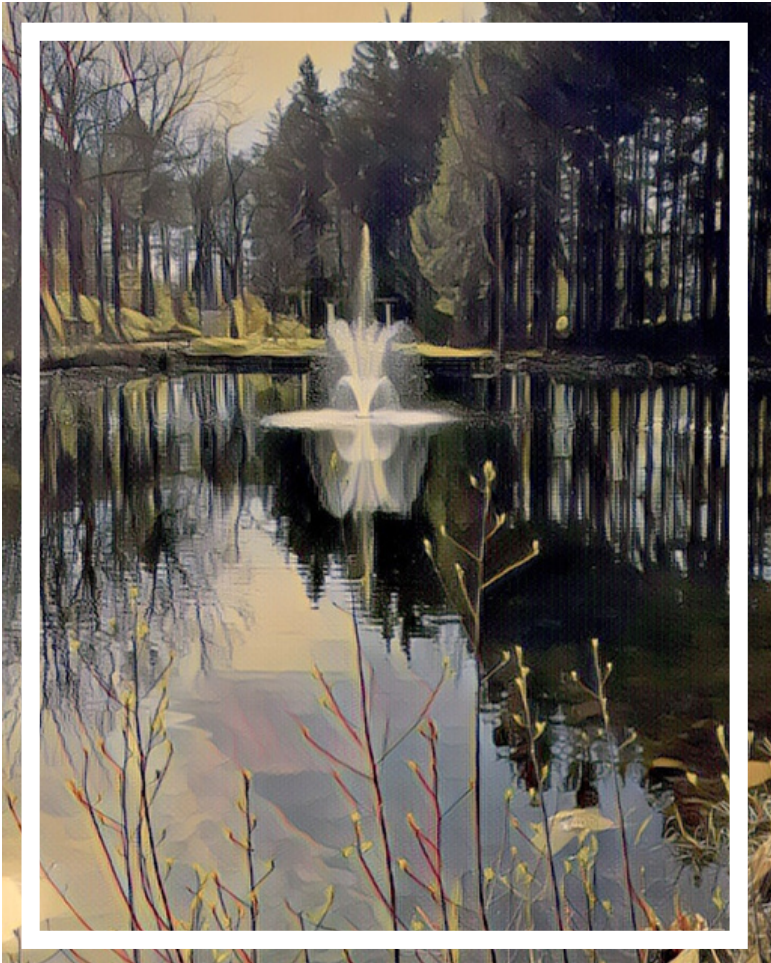
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BOARD MESSAGE

MONICA JENSEN
PRESIDENT

Hello everyone!
We just had our first AGM Zoom meeting and the feedback has been fantastic! People report that they enjoyed the meeting MORE than in person. Many cannot drive to Sunset Villa, so this gave more people an opportunity to participate at Sunset Villa.

We welcome Adam Serre, Anna Lewis, Laurie Hansen and Rusty Rustenburg who are new to the Board.

I want to thank last years Board who hung in for two years because of Covid. We will miss Kirsten Skafte, still see her at the campground! We will continue to see Pernille Jorgensen on the property visiting her mom Karin in the apartments!

And thank you to Arlene

Lange for covering since last August. Thank you also to the non-board members that were critical in making the AGM a success: Rick, Mary, Lisa and Susan.

During the past few months we have met with several people interested in the restaurant. The Board is excited that Mark Mogensen has made a commitment to taking it on! Stay tuned for more details.

It takes a village to operate Sunset Villa. I feel honoured to be the new President, and I hope we can solve some problems as a new Board.

If you have time to help us do some work, please reach out! We need you!

Keep safe and stay healthy!
Monica

NEW FACES ON THE BOARD



Adam Serre: Married to Jessica Serre (Danish) and campers since 2018. Pumps out the septic tanks for the campground with son, Kaden. Supervisor at Arcelormittal Dofasco in steelmaking. Experienced in automotive repair, home renos and outdoor construction. A hands-on kind of guy that would like to get involved and help out around the park where I can.



Anna Lewis: Has been involved with Sunset Villa since 1978. Spent 18 years operating The Danish Place restaurant. Now retired and looks forward to continuing her time at Sunset Villa!



Laurie Hansen: Has been on the Sunset Villa Board before and on also 28 years on the Ontario Lacrosse Association Board as President and other positions. Loves Sunset Villa and wants to ensure it remains a wonderful place for her children/grandchildren. The need for order, uniformed process and peaceful resolution to matters is key to maintain Sunset Villa culture as a positive and growing concern for future preservation.



Rusty Rustenburg: Retired Enforcement Officer (Conservation Officer and Watershed Enforcement Officer/Bylaw & Security) for the Ministry of Natural Resources and Conservation Halton. Extensive experience being on various volunteer boards. 2017-2019 VP at Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association marketing and education raising approximating 500k in grants and donations through networks. Priorities: Youth, environment and preservation of Sunset Villa culture as we know. Wants to work on safe practices, reducing risk, compliance, peaceful living, grant writing and environment.



Post-meeting AGM Zoom report

How long was it?

Two hours!

How did it go?

The reviews are great!!

Surprisingly, people want MORE zoom AGM meetings!

Were there technical problems?

Those that dialed in from the Sunset Villa campground had difficulty with internet.

What were the highlights?

Monica did a powerpoint presentation showing the financials, Q&A, highlights of 2019/2020, GoFundMe, elected the Directors & Financial Reviewers and we made two bylaw amendments.

Who got elected to the Board?

Monica Jensen - President. Eric Skovsgaard - Vice President. Rosalie Hinrichsen, Treasurer. Adam Serre - Parks, Anna Lewis - Secretary, Benny Beck - Maintenance, Laurie Hansen - Restaurant/Tenant Liaison, Rusty Rustenburg - Fire & Safety.

What bylaws got changed?

The membership voted to allow Directors to be elected five times for two year terms (instead of 3 x 2 years) before they need a year off the Board. They also voted that the Vice President becomes the President, should the President resign. The President and VP would both need election within 120 days.

In response to Q&A period, the Board has changed the 2020 Financials:

Financials:

John Larsen questioned why the GoFundMe income and expenses did not appear on the 2020 Financials - only the balance appears. In response, we contacted the accountant, and they have re-issued the financials. This change is available for you to view at <http://www.sunsetvilla.org/agm.html>

Volunteers of the Year!

For 2019, Sue Hansen and May Davies were recognized for their hard work organizing the yearly Tea Party and Fashion Show. They are also always helping Sunset Villa in so many ways, including a fundraising project to buy Sunset Villa a new fountain for the pond.

For 2020, Birthe Rowell was recognized for her incredible work at the Gift Shop, with \$21,000 gross sales. She turned an old shed into a magical Danish gift butik. Thank you also to her team!

Thank you to everyone that attended the AGM!

Sunset Villa Needs One Purpose - Survey Results



In last year's May-June Bulletin I wrote an opinion piece about the future of Sunset Villa. You can read the article here:

<http://nebula.wsimg.com/dfd4f51f5b22aa23fba20cf460c91c78?AccessKeyId=B19192C4B840A55E9C85&disposition=0&alloworigin=1>

Basically, I argued that our current mission with three purposes is much too large for our organization and that we should settle on one purpose. I asked people to send me their thoughts and I received three responses. They all said we should choose to be a community for cultural activities. "Make it a place of Danish culture but promote it beyond Danes," one said. No one thought we should continue our current mission of providing residential accommodation.

Four responses (including my own) are just a snapshot and not nearly enough to build policy on. However, I think you can draw some real conclusions from the GoFundMe campaign for the restaurant. In that exercise there was a clear purpose, and although the restaurant didn't survive, the fundraising campaign showed that large numbers of Danes will rally around a common purpose. That's the kind of spirit we need to move forward.

So maybe our mission should be to run a Danish restaurant. How to do that, how many events and activities we want, how the campground can support that purpose, and how to update and change the current mission are questions that will take time and careful thought.

We have a lovely property out at Crieff. We need to find a way to keep it going and to get more people involved; the status quo won't work. I do believe that with some innovative thinking we can do it.

by Karina Dahlin

Chef Mark Mogensen is re-opening The Danish Place!



The Board is excited to announce that chef Mark Mogensen will be operating The Danish Place. Stay tuned for dates! Mark brings decades of restaurant experience as a chef throughout Ontario to Sunset Villa.

Since 2007 he has owned and operated Black Birch Restaurant in Mono, Ontario. Now branching out, Mark will also operate The Danish Place. Born in Canada, Mark's father is from Aarhus, Denmark, and his mother is Ukrainian.

Mark studied Chemistry in University before deciding that being a chef was his true passion. He went to George Brown college and along the way earned his Red Seal. Mark and his large extended Danish family have been coming to Sunset Villa since the 1960's, many of them members.

Mark makes his own rullepolse, and is really looking forward to digging deep into his Danish heritage by providing authentic Danish food for everyone to enjoy.



Wood Duck Box Project at Sunset Villa

In 2020, my first year at Sunset Villa, I was down at the pond and saw a Wood Duck pair fly over pond area. Wood Ducks nest in cavities of dead trees or snags and love eating acorns. Like most bird species the females are the bland colouration as nature's way not to draw attention to their nesting site. The males are usually very colourful to attract mates in their courting routine.

I approached resident Bjarne if he would like to partner on a project. I had heard he was a master carpenter from Denmark and had his own business when he came to Canada. Bjarne smiled at me and asked when were we starting this!

Both of us had the scrap pieces of wood that were needed in the Wood Duck Box plans by Ducks Unlimited who do amazing work for waterfowl and the environment.

The idea is to involve youth to help put these boxes up in 2 locations near the park benches on the pond so people can help with reporting observation for Wood Duck activity. I have been in contact with campers and some have kids interested in the environment which is one of the goals for Sunset Villa Association.



As a past Conservation Officer, my two favorite things were helping fish and wildlife and getting youth away from iPads, video games and out of the basement!

I am hoping to get grant funds (price of wood need a Brinks truck these days!) to involve youth assembling pre-made bird houses, bat houses etc. and teach them about everything Sunset Villa has to offer as a stellar outdoor classroom. Please contact Rusty via an email to the board (secretary.sunsetvilla@outlook.com) if you and your family are interested in outdoor projects. Volunteer numbers help with grant application.

by Bjarne Hansen & Rusty Rustenburg



Danish Federation founded at Sunset Villa 40 years ago

The Federation of Danish Associations in Canada, which consists of 36 member organizations across Canada, will this year be able to celebrate its 40th anniversary. The celebration to mark this exciting milestone will be somewhat subdued due to the current Covid-19 pandemic which has meant the cancellation of any in-person festivity.

The national umbrella organization, the Danish Federation, was founded at Sunset Villa following the Constitution Day celebrations on the stage on June 7, 1981. Danish organizations from across Canada were represented by thirteen delegates from Montreal to Vancouver, and together they agreed on a set of bylaws and elected an executive, fulfilling a dream which until then had eluded the Danish community in Canada. The founders quickly got to work soliciting new member organizations and planning a national conference in Vancouver the following year.

Due to the pandemic the 2021 conference was cancelled. At present the next conference will be held in Nanaimo on Vancouver Island in May 2022. In connection with the yearly conferences, hosted by the various Danish organizations across Canada, the Danish Federation publishes an annual 200-page Heritage Book, which features biographies of Danish Canadians, and articles about Danish clubs, churches, and settlements. After each conference the Danish



Federation organizes a one-week Heritage Seminar, which usually focusses on some aspect of Danish culture. These popular seminars, which are in English, have been held across Canada.

It was also the Danish Federation which initiated the establishment of a Danish Canadian National Museum in Dickson, Alberta, the oldest Danish settlement on the Canadian Prairies. The Danish Federation is a strong and ongoing supporter of the Danish Canadian Museum, which has now collected over 5,000 artifacts and is today home to both the Thomsen pioneer cabin and the Nielsen CPR House, which tell an important part of the story of the settlement of the Canadian Prairies. Recently the Danish Federation republished explorer Jens Munk's 400-year old Journal, detailing his efforts to find the Northwest Passage in 1619-1620.

In conclusion, thank you to Sunset Villa, its board of directors and members, for hosting our founding meeting, a host of regional meetings as well as a national conference. Stay well and safe!

**Rolf Buschardt Christensen President,
Federation of Danish Associations in Canada**

Butik is open again for 2021!



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

SEEKING FABRIC DONATIONS!



Looking for fabric donations for Sunset Villa's Sewing Girls. Looking for cotton in long pieces, any colour, to make table runners. Our creations get sold at the Butik!

If you have anything, please contact Rosalie at finances.sunsetvilla@outlook.com to arrange a drop off location, or bring to the Butik on Baker Day! Thanks in advance!

2020 FEDERATION BOOK AVAILABLE



2020 HERITAGE BOOK



The Fifth Thule Expedition

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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 or call 416-278-4817



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THE ALLURE OF A SUNSET

The best way to end a day in the cottages on the West coast of Denmark is to sit on the beach or top of the dunes to watch the spectacular sunset. We saw it yesterday, today and again tomorrow and the view is the same: The big orange sun disappearing on the horizon.

We can have the same spectacular view here in Canada - and worldwide - and no matter where we are, the sunset is alluring.

We stop, look out on the far horizon (instead of down on a screen), take a moment of reflection and are touched by the feeling of being a small brick in a giant puzzle.

I don't know why Sunset Villa and Sunset Mindepark are named after the sun's event of going down, but I can imagine it is because our beautiful place here in Ontario, full of fellowship and history, is like sunset for us coming there: A place of hygge and fellowship and maybe a time for reflection.

For the last long year, we have been prevented from experiencing fellowship at Sunset Villa - but despite the corona, the sun has risen and set every single day - an essential reminder that all will be good again.

I look forward to experiencing the sunset again - without a face mask and in "hyggeligt" fellowship with fellow Danes - in Sunset Villa, in our Danish Church in Toronto, like Canada or maybe at the West coast of Denmark.

I wish you a blessed summer.

Pastor Simon Kangas Larsen

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MEMBERSHIP

by Herman Glemser

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Despite the current pandemic, Sunset Villa has grown to 530 memberships with 845 individual members. As of the end of May 65% of the 2020 memberships have been renewed. Given that we are currently unable to hold any events that is a respectable renewal rate. Let's see if the new board can offer some exciting late summer and fall events that will build some buzz to encourage the other 35% to renew.

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 at:

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

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

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