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# BOARD MESSAGE

MONICA JENSEN  
PRESIDENT

Hello everyone!

The Board has been busy with various projects! We just renovated one of the seniors apartments that has now been rented out to one of our active volunteers. As many of you know we are slowly increasing the rent from approximately \$500 to \$1000 for new rentals. The increase should have been done incrementally overtime.

We are still offering the apartments below the market value as per the County of Wellington Housing Division. The average rent in the area is \$1,189+ which still classifies us as "affordable housing" and still meets our mandate. We have a big expense ahead of us this year with the seniors apartments. We are currently working together with Engineers to replace the septic system for Apts 1-6, which has given out on us after 35+ years. Thank you so much to

Rick Rowan for your technical expertise on this project. This expense will set us back quite a few dollars. We have some good news - we are in negotiations with the current restaurant operators to sign on for a three year lease. See you all in March at the first baker Sunday. Hopefully the weather will be warmer!

In other news, Lisa went to Denmark at Christmas and spent some time finding things to sell at the Butik, and Birthe is excited to sell it all! Thank you to Bent, Andy, Marianne and of course Lisa for bringing back these items! That is so kind of you!

The Board of Directors would like to thank the members for their continued support through Covid. It truly takes a village to run Sunset Villa. Keep safe and stay healthy!  
Monica

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***...for all this years'  
volunteers at the Nordic  
Market. We couldn't have  
done it without you.***



From our house to  
yours,  
Have a "hygge" new  
Year!

It was estimated that approximately 800 people were in attendance at this year's Nordic Market. Visitors to the park enjoyed playing Tombola, going on buggie rides, chatting with Santa, checking out the Butik, the restaurant, purchasing baked goods from the baker and all the vendors that made the day so special. Thank you so much to all the volunteers who helped to make this a great day! We could not have done it without you. Our volunteers are the best!

# Danmark Travel 2021

I spent Xmas in Jutland, and here are my travel tips! Lisa Olsen



## DANISH XMAS DECORATIONS

**Oster Skovgaard Julehandel** (Alt Til Jul) [alttiljul.dk](http://alttiljul.dk) - 10 mins from Herning, this year-round country Xmas store has everything you could ever want for a Danish Xmas – tree flags, Bramming’s Kravlenisser, candles, Nisse etc. Activities for kids and Glogg for adults!



## CHOCOLATES & CANDY

**Frellsen’s**: Regarded by many as the best chocolate store in Denmark featuring chocolate covered marzipan, chocolate pigs, flodeboller, chocolate covered licorice balls (to die for), and other chocolate treats! Locations across DK. [frellsen.dk](http://frellsen.dk)



**Spangsborg**: Discounted quality Danish licorice, hard candies, flodeboller etc Throughout DK: [spangsborgchokolade.dk](http://spangsborgchokolade.dk)

## DANISH ART

**Thomas Dambo’s Danish Trolls**: These recycled house sized “trolls” have gone viral worldwide – find one to visit by using the troll map!

[thomasdambo.com/dambos-world-map/](http://thomasdambo.com/dambos-world-map/)

**Deep Forest Art Land** – 15 min south of Herning: The size of Sunset Villa, this property has 100 outdoor art installations and is a great family activity! [deepforestartland.dk/en/](http://deepforestartland.dk/en/)



## THRIFT STORES & VINTAGE TREASURES

Thrift stores: It’s so fun to see all of the Danish things we remember from childhood – including Nisse at Xmas. Check out **Blue Cross, Red Cross, Kirppu and TakeNow**. All have locations throughout DK. You might find a Danish treasure to take home! Or find it online at [www.dba.dk/](http://www.dba.dk/)



## BAKERIES

Bakeries: Interesting to note: Wienerbrod (Kringle) is now regarded as old fashioned and unhealthy!

The chain **Lagkagehuset** has a very strong brand and wide selection (you must try "Rug Chips" – rye bread chips!) but locals in Herning rate **Aroma Bakery** (a modern bakery) as #1!

Also good are **Skolegades Bageri** and **Brondums Bageri** for a large traditional selection of pastries, rundstykker, xmas cookies, klejner etc.

<https://lagkagehuset.dk/>

<https://skolegadensbageri.dk/>

<https://www.brondumsbageri.dk/>

<https://www.aromaherning.dk/>



## FOOD

**Grocery Stores:** A huge part of being in Denmark is the food. You will think "this is where I belong!".

For the biggest selection go to **Bilka** (Denmark's Walmart) which also has a cafeteria serving traditional Danish meals at great prices. Many grocery stores also sell ready-made smorrebrod.

**Ice Cream & Licorice:** **Unyttigt** – 15 min south of Herning: A small artisan boutique specializing in amazing ice cream (licorice and banana are the BEST!), licorice candies and other treats!

(including kransekager at Xmas)

[https://www.unyttigt.dk/vare-](https://www.unyttigt.dk/vare-kategori/vebbestrup-is/)

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**Butcher:** People in the know go to **Fruehoj**

**Slagter** in Herning. Small store with all the traditional meats including medister polser, Flaeskestej, blood sausage, liver pate, salami, and some prepared foods like aebleflaesk, liver pate, sylte, red wieners, bacon, and the best tarteletter filling I have ever had made from hen!.

<https://fruehoejslagter.dk/>





Sunday, February 27 at 10:30, the Danish Church in Toronto invites the whole family to a festive Fastelavn service. We celebrate the old Danish tradition with children in costumes, and afterwards, we will hopefully eat "Fastelavns" buns and beat the barrel (if Corona restrictions allow).

We open our doors to services every Sunday in alternating Danish and English, and some of the services are live-streamed. You can from February attend KirkeCafé on zoom every Tuesday at 12-noon. Please find the link to zoom, live stream and the current calendar on our website. Here you can also see when we will open again, and from mid-February, our Danish online bazaar will open again for preorders.



Celebrate Fastelavn  
in the Danish Church

Stay safe and warm in the  
winter!

Pastor Simon

[www.danishchurchtoronto.ca](http://www.danishchurchtoronto.ca)

# The Butik ★

open every Bakers Sunday, and always in the restaurant!



Birthe, Andra, Lisa



Gross sales in 2021 was \$22,018! (last year \$21,045).  
After taxes and expenses, net profit was \$11,736 (last year 14,203).  
There was no Constitution Day, only five baker days, and again the Butik inside the restaurant was closed most of the year.  
We want to thank you, our customers for generously supporting the Butik! And a big thank you also to everyone that created and donated to make 2021 another great year for this fundraising effort!

## ***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](mailto:lisaolsen@gmail.com) (not gmail).



## WELCOME TO SUNSET VILLA

Membership is what keeps us going

- Experience Danish Culture and Heritage
- Year round entertainment, dances and events
- 52 acres of natural beauty and trails
- 56 seasonal camping sites
- 10 apartments for Seniors
- The Danish Place Restaurant
- Banquet and Wedding facilities
- Mindepark Memorial Cemetery
- You too are welcome to become a Member



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[www.sunsetvilla.org](http://www.sunsetvilla.org)



THE PLACE WHERE DANES MEET



We are sad to say that Fastelavn festivities will be cancelled this year at Sunset Villa due to COVID.



Do you have a green thumb? Do you like to plant things and watch them grow? Do you have a bit of free time? Well, if you answered yes to any of those questions, we have a volunteer opportunity for you. We are looking for volunteers to help with the gardens at Sunset Villa. Along with helping to plant and weed, we are looking for donations of perennials. Our goal this year is to bring back the hill behind the stage area. If you have one or more plants you would like to donate, or would like to volunteer your time, please reach out to any board member. Thank you in advance for volunteering for this beautiful project.



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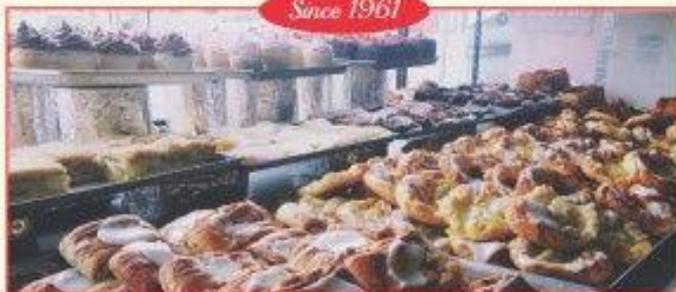
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# **It is with great sadness...**

## **REMEMBERING RAYMOND (RAY) BOLT**

Ray Bolt passed away unexpectedly November 13, 2021 with family by his side. He is sadly missed by his immediate Bolt and Mogensen families, longtime members of Sunset Villa. Internment took place in the Columbarium at the Hanover Cemetery, Hanover, Ontario.

## **REMEMBERING ROBERT "BOB" LEONARD**

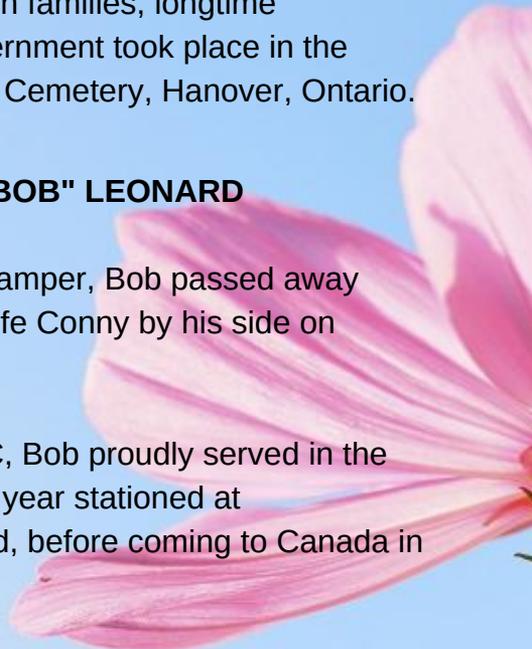
Longtime SVA member and camper, Bob passed away peacefully at home with his wife Conny by his side on January 19, 2022.

Born in 1940 in Lexington, NC, Bob proudly served in the US Airforce, even spending a year stationed at Sondrestrom Fjord, Greenland, before coming to Canada in 1975.

Bob married his wife Conny in 1988 and soon became one of Sunset Villa's recognizable faces (and voices) for more than 25 years. He was an avid reader, a wonderful cook and loved keeping up with technology.

Bob is survived by his wife Conney, step daughter Jennifer and soon to be son-in-law, Jason along with grand-children and great grand-children in NC.

Bob will be interred in the Sunset Mindepark this summer.



# A Tribute to Danish Resilience

November 14-21, is officially multiculturalism week in British Columbia, and is a time to “celebrate the contributions of our multicultural communities and to appreciate the way diversity enriches British Columbia.” It is raining. As I write, blustery storms whip the trees and raindrops rattle on the windows of our warm, dry home on northern Vancouver Island. It all makes me think of the Danish settlers who arrived here at the turn of the last century.



Co-op Store, Fisherman Bay,  
Cape Stocck, circa 1900



Hay making in a field salvaged from  
Sandneck by N P. Jensen, Cape  
Scott, 1897

The Danes were part of a wave of Scandinavian immigrants solicited by the government of the day to develop agriculture in BC. The new arrivals were promised title to the land they cultivated and, once they had demonstrated their commitment, the infrastructure — roads, telegraphs, schools — necessary for continued viability. Norwegians went into the Bella Coola valley, Finns established Sointula on Malcolm Island, and Danes founded San Josef and Holberg. All saw an opportunity to build communities based on ideals of cooperation, consensus and equality. The promised support never materialized, and all three communities were largely abandoned in the early 1900s, their residents dispersed throughout the province.

I have hiked, kayaked and camped near San Josef several times. There remain few relics from their struggle—a line of graying fence posts, some rusty pots and stoves, and a single lonely gravestone. The forest of spruce, cedar and hemlock trees quickly obliterates man’s puny efforts.



Henry Olsen, 1905

Marianne Nielsen, daughter of N. T. Nielsen, Cape Scott, circa 1902



Yet the ideals remain. During a tour of Danish woodlands with other BC foresters, I was introduced to Skovdyrkerne, the association that was founded around the same time (1904) and continues to rely on participatory principles to manage small-scale forests and farms. It was a glimpse into the deep-seated values of cooperative socialism that inspired the pioneers at San Josef Valley.

I took my Danish exposure and combined it with fifty years of working in the temperate rainforest and added an intriguing bit of American history to write *San Josef*, a novel of redemption, revenge and commitment set in a community of Danish idealists. While *San Josef* is a work of fiction, the depiction of the community is as accurate as I could make it. The BC Archives provided some intriguing pictures and I found two books particularly valuable: *The Cape Scott Story* by Lester Peterson, a descendent of some of the original settlers, and *The Promise of Paradise: Utopian Communities in British Columbia* by Andrew Scott. Both are now available online through Open Library. I hope my book stands beside theirs, preserving the legacy of these hardy pioneers and paying tribute to values that persisted long after a tangle of growth absorbed their settlement.

By Harold Macy

Thank you to Mary Healy for passing this item along.



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# MEMBERSHIP

by Herman Glemser

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The following 5 new memberships were issued in October and November of 2021. Welcome:

**Cambridge:** J & E Thor

**Mississauga:** S & K Brooks

**Toronto:** P & P McConvey

**Waterloo:** T & B Petersen; H K Bergstrom

Sunset Villa finished the year with 480 memberships which translates into 760 members. The renewal rate of 85.77% is very strong given the continuing pandemic.

I have my fingers crossed that 2022 will be a better year for Sunset Villa than the last two were. I'm optimistic that we will be able to hold more events this year than we have for a while.

REMINDER: your 2021 membership expires at the end of March. You can start mailing in your 2022 renewal anytime to:

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

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Your Membership Card & Password will be sent upon receipt of your fees.

*Thank you for your support.*

# 2022 Coming Events

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- Fastelavn (Beat the Barrel) **Cancelled due to Covid**
- Annual General Meeting
- Ontario Danish Federation
- Park Work Party
- Constitution Day
- St. Hans
- Beef BBQ & BOB games
- Pork BBQ
- Fall Work Party
- Duck bingo
- Christmas Event

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# Camping

Happy New Year to all! I hope you had a great holiday with family and friends. The countdown is on until we open. If you have been searching for a place to park your RV, Sunset Villa's campground is the place to be. We offer some of the most beautiful bicycling trails,



hiking trails water-based activities close by and many other forms of entertainment.

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