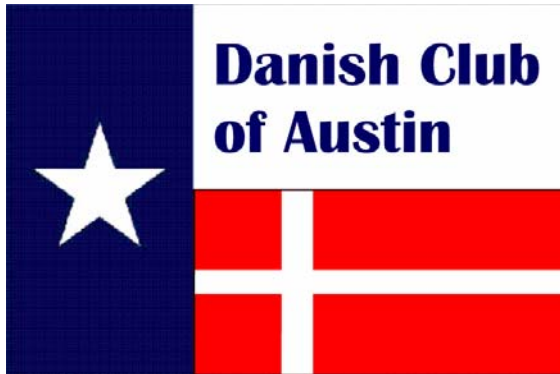


The Danish Club of Austin proudly presents our very first Newsletter



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DCA History

The Danish Club of Austin was first founded by Karsten Blok in April 2005, with a poor attempt of a General Assembly - 8 people were present and it was decided to wait before starting an official board. Throughout 2005 the Danish Club of Austin grew rapidly and by December we had a total headcount right under 100 (including children). By that time we decided to form a board and two committees: Events Committee and Information Committee. In February 2006 we had our official General Assembly and the first official board was formed.

This year started out with some great events (Fastelavn, a lecture in Danishness and a Potluck BBQ) and we have some fun events planned for the rest of the year, ending the year with real Danish "Julefrokost" with everything you can dream of: Herring, Curry Salad, Snaps, Grønkål, Ris a la Mande, Leverpostej, Ribbenssteg etc.

I hope to see all of ya'll to some of our events!

Karsten Blok, President

Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Location
September 30 th @ 3:30pm	Family Barbeque	Steiner Ranch Lake Club
October 14 th @ 1pm	Picnic / Activities	Zilker Park (details to follow on our website: www.dkaustin.org)
November 11 th @ 6pm	Mortens Aften	To be determined - Please check www.dkaustin.org for updates.
December 2 nd @ 6pm	Julefrokost (Adults only)	Colonial Village @ Quarry Oaks (Club House)
December 10 th @ 2pm	Juletræsfest for the kids	Steiner Ranch Lake Club

Stay up to date on www.dkaustin.org

What is Janteloven?

You do not have to spend much time in Denmark or with a Dane to hear about Janteloven. But what is Janteloven? The following definition is taken from Wikipedia:

“The Jante Law” is a concept created by the Danish/Norwegian author Aksel Sandemose in his novel *A refugee crosses his tracks* (*En flygtning krysser sitt spor*, 1933), where he portrays the small Danish town Jante, modeled upon his native town Nykøbing Mors as it was in the beginning of the 20th century.

There are 10 different rules in the law, but they are all variations on a single theme and are usually referred to as a homogeneous unit: Don't think you're anyone special or that you're better than us.

The "Jante law" has become a set phrase and a symbol of what many residents and also foreign visitors have seen as a permeating cultural code in the Nordic countries: that it is frowned upon to appear to elevate oneself or claim to be better or smarter than others. Those who assert to the influence of the Jante law often maintain that the values of the Danish and other Nordic welfare states are to blame for (the persistence of) the Jante law, in particular their stress on social equality and their emphasis on fairness for all. Others point to such traits as protestant work ethic and an early development of a modern central government in the Nordic states.”

From: Wikipedia/cea

Classic Danish summer dessert

Koldskål (4 servings)

2 egg yolks
100 g sugar
1 tsp vanilla powder
1 1/2 Quart buttermilk
The juice from 1/2 a lemon

Mix egg, sugar, and vanilla until white and foamy. Add buttermilk and mix well.
Add lemon juice for taste.



Kammerjunkere (app. 75)

2 eggs
150 g sugar
50 g butter – melted and cooled
300 g flour
1 tsp baking soda
1/4 tsp salt

Mix eggs and sugar for approx. 4 minutes. Add the melted, cooled butter. Add flour, baking soda and salt. Knead the dough and let it rest in the refrigerator for 1 hour. Divide into three and make each of them into three, foot long tubes. Bake them for 25 minutes and let them rest for a minute or two. Then cut into quarter inch slices and bake the individual slices until done.

Serve the koldskål in a bowl with kammerjunkere on top.

Board and Committees

The Board consists of six chairs:

- President: Karsten Blok
- Vice President: Suzanne VanRandwyk
- Treasurer: Mikkala Nielsen
- Secretary: Kirsten M. Palmbo
- Events Coordinator: Rose Greer
- Information Coordinator: Claus Elholm Andersen

Events Committee (in charge of planning Events):

- Rose Greer (Coordinator)
- Klaus Krøyer
- Iben Dyke
- Mette Pedersen
- Tina Ferrari
- Karsten Blok

Information Committee (in charge of Newsletters, Website etc.):

- Claus Elholm Andersen (Coordinator)
- Lars Gaba
- Klaus Krøyer
- Karsten Blok

Membership

Attached you will find a Membership Dues Form with a payment slip and a registration form. Please return the slip with a \$15 cheque payable to "Danish Club of Austin" to our Treasurer: Mikkala

Vitsen

Autentiske uddrag af danske skolestile:

En planet er et legeme af jord omgivet af himmel

Nogle steder på Jorden er der så varmt, at de folk, der bor der, er nødt til at bo andre steder.

Solen går ned i vest og skynder sig rundt til øst for at kunne stå op i rette tid næste morgen.

I midten af Australien er der ret meget af ingenting

Isotermer og isobarer er endnu vigtigere, end deres navne lyder

Klimaet varer hele tiden, mens vejret kun varer et par dage

Månen er en planet ligesom Jorden, den er bare mere død

Nogle folk kan sige, hvad klokken er ved at kigge på solen. Men jeg har aldrig kunnet finde ud af, hvor tallene er.



Spring Events

Fastelavn

We started out with a great Fastelavns celebration with homemade Fastelavnsboller, the original Fastelavns song and a good ol' cat beating... We could not find a barrel in time and had to settle with a piñata. The kids had a blast beating the cat out of it though.

Danishness

I think I speak for all when I say that our very own UT Professor Claus E. Andersen nailed it when he gave his lecture on Danishness and what it means to be Danish. He started out apologizing beforehand for what he was about to say. His lecture was really interesting and I think we all learned a few things about Danishness that we had no idea was true... I hope we can get him to give the lecture again to give everybody a chance to hear this great lecture.

