

The Voice:



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JUNE 2018

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ◆ 4th of July
- ◆ July 10 DHPS Board Work Day
- ◆ Happy Summer

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Despite the Rain They Came

The day was gloomy, the sky was black, the wind was blowing but still 109 runners came to participate in the 6th Annual Danish Capital of Texas Fun Run. The race organizers, Jimmy and Molly Ramirez, were anxiously watching the black sky and Joe Orth was concerned about the sound equipment. God was gracious to us and kept the rain at bay with only showers off and on to keep the race from going on as planned. It was decided to run one race rather than two so that we didn't have a problem with lightening. The kids were lined up in front and the regular run-

ners behind them. Only one race was run and that was shortened to allow everyone to succeed before the rain returned. What fun it was to see the young children setting the pace followed by the older teenagers and adults trying not to "run over" them. Regardless, all had a good time.

The children each received a medallion awarded as they crossed the finish line. Adult trophies were given by the new Danish Consul General, Jakob Vind, in the ceremony following the race.

Racers came from many local communities as well

as the Danish community in Houston which was represented by a large contingent again this year. Not only adults but children came to enjoy the festivities.

While awaiting the award ceremony, participants enjoyed a special treat of freshly cooked aebleskivers prepared by Cynthia Thyssen Priesmeyer and Natalie Hansen. The little pancake balls were served with a variety of jellies and powdered sugar. This is becoming a tradition that racers anticipate for after race sustenance.

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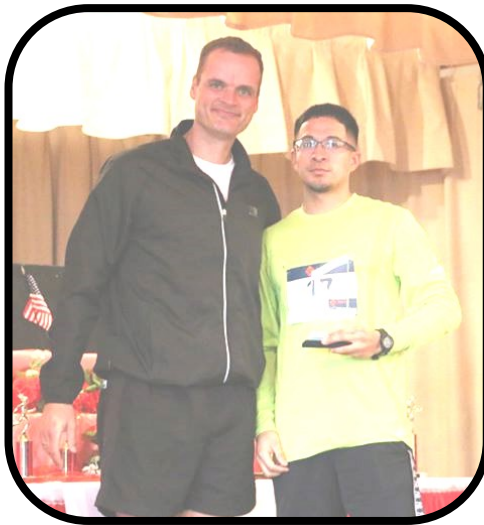


Robb Taylor's band, "Critter Taylor", from Houston is joined by the Danish touring duo "Cat 'n Dog" comprised of Thyge Søndertoft Pedersen and Julie Krogsboll.

More donors give their support each year. A special thanks to Ralph Petersen and Jimmy and Molly Ramirez who spearheaded the effort to identify sponsors. All who shared in sponsorships are greatly appreciated as this event is our largest fundraiser and this year we happily announce we garnered more than \$15,000 after expenses. These funds, in addition to helping us continue our day to day operations, will be used for educational purposes. One of which is representing the organization and museum in San Antonio at the Texas Folklife Festival. Thank you all.

Once again, the Ramirez family and their running club friends from Houston gave more than their share of time and talent. Without them, it would be very difficult to have the event. They are teaching our members, especially the Board, how to do the various tasks. Molly and Jimmy Ramirez took on much of the responsibility for the race as they have for the past three years. A small group of Board and family members helped stuff bags, register runners and handled finish line duties. Museum members filled in the spaces such as set up, registration, helping with bags, lining up everyone and acting in numerous capacities. Thank you to all of you as well.

The Ramirez family planned to open their home for a Texas style bar-b-que with all the trimmings to thank the volunteers and special guests but at the last minute the weather turned bad which moved the meal to the Community Hall. A band from Houston provided music thanks to Joe Orth and since we were inside, dancing ensued. Joe also provided a very special touch—homemade Aquavit. This BBQ has become a highlight of our Fun Run **Next year's date—April 27. Hope to see you there.**



Overall Male Winner
Carlos Garcia with Jakob Vind



Overall Female Winner
Colleen Orth Meyer with Jakob Vind

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Welcome to New Consul General

Since the first Fun Run the Danish Consulate of Houston has participated in multiple ways. Anna Thomsen Holliday, honorary Consul General, presented our trophies and was a participant in the Run. This year Anna was out of the state but we were fortunate to have the new Consul General of Houston, Jakob Vind, do the honors.

The Danish community of Houston is proud to be hosting the first Danish Consulate General in the South. The consulate

is housed in the Williams Tower in the Galleria in the heart of Houston's extensive business community. The Consulate will focus on building business partnerships and opportunities for Danish companies throughout the South.

Texas has immense opportunities for trade and growth, Texas being one of the world's largest economies. The new Consul General and Trade Commissioner is Jacob Vind who was with us at our Fun Run in April. He was previously

in California where he was Head of Water, Technology Alliance at the Trade Council in North America.

This new Consulate is now one of three in the U.S. – Chicago, New York and Houston. The Danish Embassy is in Washington, D.C. and there is a consulate planned in Silicon Valley.

As members of the Danish American Chamber of Commerce of the SouthWest, DHPS welcomes Mr. Vind and his staff.

2018 Raffle Winners

The winning tickets were drawn during the awards ceremony at the Fun Run. This certainly added anticipation to the event. We are proud to announce the winners:
BBQ pit - Isaia Avila
Ice cooler - Alan & Catherine Hays
\$100 gift certificate - Ellnora Hansen Schliesser
\$50 - Sandra Hold
Wine set - Doris Parada

\$50 gift certificate - Donald Petersen
Power Air Fryer - Ellnora Hansen Schliesser
Yellow Afghan - Frances Reece
Mirror - Cropguard
Eagle Photo - Will Lane
Painting of Danevang Church - Kristine Lewis
Museum Gift Set - Ellnora Hansen Schliesser
Cross Wall Hanging - Cerny Brothers

Cowboy Boot Book - Rachel Brown
NRA Woman's Watch - B. David Rose
\$100 gift certificate - Verae Jewett
Tool Set - Jimmy Harton

If you are interested in donating a prize for next year, we will be collecting them in the spring. Watch for news.

Thanks to all who supplied items this year. See the list on page 7.

Obituaries

Anne Maire Robinson Hicks was born in Trumbull, TX on October 23, 1911 and passed away on April 1, 2018 in El Campo, TX.

She was a graduate of Tarleton State College and began her public school teaching career at the age of seventeen. She taught in various schools around the central Texas area before her marriage to Donald Hicks. They taught together in Granger until he joined the Army in 1942. After his discharge they both took teaching jobs in Danevang. After purchasing land in Hahn, she took a short break from teaching. She completed her public school teaching in 1975 becoming a substitute teacher for St. Philips School. When she finally fully retired she had been teaching 50 years!

After retirement she taught literacy classes, was a Sunshine Lady and volunteered at the Blessing Cup. She moved to Wincrest Assisted Living in El Campo. She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald, and son, Terry. She is survived by son James (Elaine), daughter Helen Gray (Samuel) and son Melvin (Lori). She had four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held at Triska Funeral Home and interment at Oaklawn Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers please donate to American Diabetes Association.

Merle Randolph Jensen was born on October 12, 1935 and passed away on May 23, 2018 in Houston, TX. He was the son of Laura and Ted Jensen.

He graduated from Sam Houston University with a degree in Music Education and a Master of Education from the University of Houston. He was a band director and administrator in both the Spring Branch and Cypress-Fairbanks districts.

A life-long Lutheran he served as choir director and long-term member of the Holy Cross Lutheran Church. He loved to go boating, cooking and being with his family.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and his older brother, Roy Jensen. He is survived by his wife of sixty-one years, Charlotte, daughter, Rebecca (Chris Biemesderfer) and son, Loren (Kay); four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and brothers Hans and Laurance. Services were held at the Holy Cross Lutheran Church on May 26. Memorial gifts may be made to Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Houston.

Larry Jensen Smith was born on March 16, 1942 in El Campo to Oscar and Zelpha Smith. He attended Wharton County Junior College and Sam Houston State University

before joining the United States Air Force Reserves. He married Jane Bridges on January 30, 1970.

He loved flying and at the age of 20 started Smith Aviation, Inc. His hobbies included playing the guitar, building and flying model airplanes, and watching his grandkids play sports.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Jane Smith, son Grady Allen Smith (Michelle), daughter Ginger Hollis (Greg), four grandchildren brother Edward (Barbara), sister Carol Olson (Lynard) and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at El Campo Church of Christ on May 22, 2018 with burial at the Oaklawn Memorial Park. Donations may be made to Disaster Assistance CoC of Lake Jackson.

Raymond El Ramirez was born on July 14, 1941 in El Campo to Marie (Zepeda) and Nevise Ramirez and passed away in Port Arthur on March 20, 2018. He spent his youth in Danevang and El Campo. He served in the Army during the Vietnam War. After working at several car dealerships, he owned and operated his own automotive shop. He moved to the Beaumont area and then to Port Arthur in 2001. He was a member of St. Catherine Siena Catholic Church where he was a

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Obituaries Continued

greeter and usher. In his leisure time he loved to play golf.

He was preceded in death by his parents: brother, Rudy Ramirez and sister, Janie Welch. Raymond is survived by his wife of 17 years, Barbara; daughters, Reagan Ramirez and Ruthie Ross; sons, Ryan Ramirez and Tyler Ramirez; stepchildren, Maichel Patin (Sally); Melissa Dolan (Mark). He is also survived by eight grandchildren, brothers, Joe Ramirez, Ruben Ramirez, Lupe Ramirez, Roy Ramirez, and Bobby Ramirez; sister, Theresa Adames; numerous nieces and nephews.

Nancy Nielson Rabb was born to Svend and Ingeborg Wind Nielsen on September 6, 1938 in Brazil, Indiana. She passed away on February 15, 2018 in Round Rock TX.

She received her Bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at Austin and a Masters in Human Services from St. Edward's University Texas.

She worked for several radio/TV stations in central Texas. She married Virg Sullivan Robb in 1958 and became partners in business (WAG-A-BAG) as well as in their love of the University of Texas Longhorns. She enjoyed travel, family, church and community. All of which she found time to support in multiple ways. She had a strong faith and believed in helping others at all times.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Virg. She is survived by son, Cody, son, Cary, daughter Casi Helbig (Jim), six grandchildren and numerous relatives.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Greater Williamson County YMCS or Play For All Abilities Park through the Greater Round Rock Community Foundation. A funeral service was held on Monday, February 29 at Palm Valley Lutheran Church.

Dorabel Marie Dippel passed away on June 7, 2018. She was born on December 3, 1920 in Danevang to Andrew J. and Marie L. Schaer Hansen. She was a member of the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary and of the Sons of Herman. She and husband Leon owned and operated the Danevang Service Station. Her grandchildren loved getting sacks of candy from the store.

She is survived by her sons; Edward Ron (Julie)), Donald Wayne (Jessica) and John Allen (Kathy); ten grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Leon, and brother, L.A. "Dutch" Hansen.

Funeral services were held at Triska Funeral Home on June 13 with internment at Garden of Memories. Donations may be made in memory of Dorabel Dippel to Altus Hospice.

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