

Laugs-Tidende

CHRISTIAN DEN FJERDES LAUGS NYTAARSBREV 2021

The Chief Bencher's New Year's Greetings 2020

Last year I wrote that 2019 was very slow concerning events in the Guild! However compared to 2020 it was like being on a racetrack.

We, like everyone else, has been hit by the covid-19 crisis.

Fortunately we managed to have our "General Assembly" before Denmark closed down. It should turn out, that the initiation in connection to this, was the only one in 2020.

The general assembly went, as usual, very smooth with the normal donations etc.

We initiated a new member to the Board, Henrik Schou. He is a young man, only 62 years old, so the average age has dropped considerable in the Board. In April the Guilds nestor Karl Salling Møller turned 95 years, and in May, honorary vice chief bencher P.E. Jensen turned 90 years.

The chief bencher paid visits to them both with a useful gift. Normally a larger deputation from the Board would attend, but due to covid-19 etc...

In 2020 we have, amongst others, missed our Norwegian friends. We hope to see them all again in 2021.

The Foundation of the Guild only donated DKkr. 8.000, due to the fact that, payment of the donations has been moved from December to May the 4th. However in accordance with "Civilstyrelsen" our papers are now placed better, so in the coming years, the output will be better. Hopefully!

Honorary vice chief bencher Kaj Handberg passed away in August. Kaj had been a member of the Guild for 45 years, 29 years as a member of the Board. During all the years Kaj has done a lot of good work for the benefit of the Guild.

Just recently, on January 7th honorary chief bencher Peter Tage also passed away. He was chief bencher from 1993 to 2009.

Our troubadour Vagn Thomsen, has, after 8 years at the Board on account of health, wished to retire as per 31st of December 2020.

We owe Vagn many thanks for his eminent accordion playing, as well as his singing - which has enjoyed thousands of new members of the Guild.

Due to covid-19 activities has been limited, but I want to thank the board for a pleasant cooperation in 2020, hoping we will be busier in 2021.

A special thanks to the host in Duus's Winecellar Peter Kragh and Mrs. Lene - they always serve us with a smile - even in these specially for them, hard times.

Finally, I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year, and hope we will have a more normal year 2021.

Niels Voss Hansen

Chief Bencher



General assembly February 26th 2020

On March 11th Denmark closed down due to the corona crisis.

We were lucky that we had been able to have our normal general assembly. It turned out, that the only inauguration we had in 2020 was that evening.

Donations

The Guild's honorary prize Dk. 5.000 was awarded to Tore Mortensen, who is head of Center for Danish Jazz History.

The Aalborg prize of Dk. 3.000 went to the Support Association for Hospice Vangen.

Initiative The price of Dk. 3.000, - was awarded to Limfjordsbanen, a local veteran railway.

The honorary prize "Soldier of the Year" of Dk. 1.000 was awarded to Private 1. Class, Magnus Dejgaard from the Military Police.

As usual, two students from the 4th of May College, received Dk. 1.000, it was Frida Rosenlund Thøstesen and Magnus Neve-Græsbøll.

The general assembly ended with inauguration of new members.





Happy recipients of "The Good Spirit Prize" from Christian the Fourth Guild

Finally, after 10 month of doing nothing officially in the Guild- we should donate the "Good Spirit Prize for 2020".

Every year, the Christian the Fourth Guild donates a prize of Dkr. 1000 and a diploma to a student in each of Aalborg's high Schools and Tec. College. The prize is awarded to a student who with his/her good humor, positive attitude and happy disposition has been creating a good atmosphere. Each year the Guild visits one school and one business/trade to hand over the diploma and money, in person, instructing the recipients to use the money wisely, ie.to his or hers liking.

On Friday 11th of December we visited Imerco, a hardware store, downtown Aalborg, where apprentice Cindi Beyerholm was awarded the prize. Cindi Beyerholm is always working with high spirits, friendly towards colleges and customers, and has performed exellent during these corona times. Cindi was taken completely by surprise and was very happy to receive the prize.

The second to receive the prize was Freja Petrea Brødslev Ferrieux from Hasseris Gymnasium. Petrea is studying on her third year at Hasseris Gymnasium. International line.

Petrea has a positive mind, is tolerant, has a lot of humor, cares for her fellow students, and has a lot of empathy.

As Petra has lived several years in France and Great Britain, having a French father and a Danish mother, is was naturel for her to attend the international line at Hasseris Gymnasium.

After School this coming summer she starts at a university in Holland.

Both donations were physically handed over according to corona rules.

One of the good things about the "Good Spirit Prize" is, that one does not have to be the smartest or most diligent student – but combining it, does not harm.



Cindi Bejerholm, trainee at Imerco, Boulevarden



Freja Petrea Brødslev Ferrieux, IB 2 at Hasseris Gymnasium

Vice chief bencher Henrik Jensen has after long and faithful service wanted to retire

Henrik has been a member of the Guild for 30 years, the last 15 years as a member of the board, serving as clerk and vice chief bencher.

Henrik has always been creative, extremely diligent, been a watchdog regarding the guild's customs, and always loyal to the board and chief bencher. Henrik has with his humor and fine human qualities directed the Guild in a positive way, and will be missed at our meetings

Henrik has been awarded the title honorary vice chief bencher.



Resolute action is always commendable in emergencies

Henrik Schou and his son Søren Schou acted resolute as they, on their way to a fishing trip of the beach at Hou / Hals, observed, that there were two boys having troubles in the water.

At once, they sailed to the boys and got them on board, just in neck of time! The boys were 15 years of age. It was their lucky day; they were only seconds from drowning.

This action deserved a pat on the shoulder from the Guild (a bottle of Laugsbitter to father and son). Henrik Schou, as a bencher, actually got a real pat on the shoulder.



Donations

The guild has donated a small amount of money to the employees at the Department of Infectious Diseases, Aalborg University Hospital.

The "pat on the shoulder" is an appreciation of the work they are doing in these corana-19 times. The donation was handed over too chief physician Henrik Nielsen. Queen Margrethe is an honorary member of the Guild. On account of her eight years birthday, we donated a small amount to "Dronning Margrethe og Prins Henriks Fond".

Obituary

Honorary chief bencher of the Christian the Fourth's Guild, Peter Tage, died on January 7th. From 1993 to 2009 he was the charismatic chief bencher of the Guild. With his elegant formulations and ability to grasp a situation in the air, he made the initiation into the Guild a great and festive experience.

Peter Tage worked a lot for the Guild. He was the driving force behind the establishment of the Christian the Fourth Guild Foundation. Every year, the foundation pays small and large amounts to worthy causes in the Aalborg area.

Peter Tage arranged two trips to USA for the Guild, where several initiations were held, and Aalborg, the Guild and the 4th of July festivities was promoted.

Peter Tage took great care in and used a lot of energy to promote the interests of the Guild. When he retired in 2009 he left a very well-functioning Christian the Fourth Guild.

At his retirement he was appointed honorary chief bencher. Until his dead Peter Tage took great interest in the wellbeing of the Guild.

Niels Voss Hansen Chief Bencher



OBS: Cancelation

General assembly, 24th of February has, due to corona restrictions, been cancelled until further notice.

Newsletter will be published when we have new information.

Guild meeting 2021

In Duus' Vinkjælder in Jens Bangs Stenhus. Date will be announced at the website. (Booking of table directly to Duus' Vinkjælder, telephone +45 98 12 50 56) After the Guild's annual assembly an initiation is carried out.

Subscription for 2021:

Annual subscription: 150 DKK, 175 NOK, 200 SEK, 18 GBP, 23 USD or 20 EUR. Payment for lifelong membership is unaltered: 600 DKK, 750 NOK, 750 SEK, 90 USD, 70 GBP or 90 EUR.



New lifelong members will receive a special Guild letter signed by the Chief Bencher and the Treasurer, and the names of the members are entered in the list of lifelong members.

Change of address: Directly to the Guild or via the website.

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