



## REBUILD NATIONAL PARK SOCIETY



***The 4th***  
***Monthly Email for Rebuild Members***

***June 4, 2021***

*Perspectives from both Rebild Vice Presidents*

*Lars Nygaard in Denmark, and Bruce Bro in the U.S.*

## ***From the United States***

### ***May 8 Chapter President's Meeting***

Thank you to everyone who attended our zoom Chapter Leadership meeting on May 8. We had a nice turnout of about 20 attendees. We will continue having Zoom meetings on a quarterly basis **for both - U.S. and Denmark chapters** in our effort to communicate more effectively! The next two 2021 zoom meetings will be August 14 and November 13 at 10:00am Central (Chicago) time. 2022 zoom meetings will be in February, May, August and November.

Another comment brought up during the meeting was email distribution. In some cases we do not have email addresses for the members. Chapter leaders can help us immensely if they will update email addresses and send your updated list to Linda Steffensen or Lars Bisgaard. We will then be sure that everyone gets a copy of "The 4th", and any other Rebild correspondence.

Has your chapter had a meeting recently? If so, send us a summary and a photo so we can include it in "The 4th".

### ***May 22nd Meeting in Los Angeles***

Thank you to the LA Chapter for their warm hospitality on May 22! We met at the Naverhulen in Monrovia on a beautiful spring day in California. It was the first in-person gathering since the start of the pandemic, and over 50 people attended! New officers were elected including Lillian Jensen as Chapter President -



New Southern California Chapter Officers L-R - Kris Poulsen (Trustee), Connie Hanson (Secretary), Maria Donhauser (Treasurer), Jorgen Andersen (Trustee), Lillian Jensen (President), Bruce Bro (Rebild U.S. Vice President), Kent Hanson (Trustee), Mark J. Christensen (Vice-President)

Many Thanks to outgoing officers Mette A. Haydt (President), and Peter Hansen (Vice President).

## ***New Website!***

Have you seen it? It is now live at [www.rebildfesten.dk](http://www.rebildfesten.dk)

## ***July 4***

Despite the travel uncertainties (and assuming they let me in), I am planning to be in Denmark for Rebild, and a few days besides. At least its now looking promising for Americans to enter Denmark by the

end of June. ([See the June 2 news article here](#)) I will plan to post pictures and updates from Rebuild on our Facebook page. We will also make videos available for some of the events - likely on YouTube. Some of the U.S. chapters are planning to meet on July 4th. So hopefully you can see some of the Rebuild events either on Facebook or YouTube, as you celebrate the 4th in the U.S.

## ***October in Phoenix***

Here is an update on the COVID situation in the U.S. and Arizona for October...

I think the pace of vaccinations in the U.S. is encouraging, and we can expect to see people moving and traveling much more freely as we approach summer. Arizona has been vaccinating its population at a good pace. Over half of the Arizona population have received at least one dose of vaccine. The Arizona governor has lifted restrictions on most activities, although masks are still recommended but not mandated. Unless there is a major, unforeseen Covid setback, I am very optimistic about our ability to gather in Arizona in October.

If you would like to register for the October meeting, please let me know. Many have carried over their registrations from the original dates in March 2020. [You can see the current October itinerary here.](#) There may be some small changes, but everything is nearly set.

The Embassy Suites Hotel (Oct 27-30) **IS NOT** included in your registration. You can now book your room [online at this link](#).

Pre and Post tour hotel **IS** included in your registration.

I encourage you to register as early as possible, as it makes it much easier to plan for the events and transportation needs. Its a very full schedule, and if you would like to discuss options before you register, I'll be happy to schedule a phone call or zoom call with you.

Its an exciting time as we look forward to gathering in person again.  
I hope to see you at the coming events!  
*Med Venlig Hilsen, Bruce*

[Click Here for the Phoenix Annual Meeting  
Registration Form](#)

Yes, there's a lot of choices in the form! Please send me an email  
and we can schedule a call, and I'll help you through it! My email  
is [bruceabro@icloud.com](mailto:bruceabro@icloud.com)

### ***Rebild Sponsors***

We are actively seeking new sponsors for Rebild! Discussions are  
underway in Denmark with several potential sponsors, and we need to  
do more here in the U.S. Do you know a company who would be a  
potential Rebild Sponsor? Please ask us for information to present to  
them, or send us the contact info and we will contact them for you.

### ***Virtual Auction Items Needed***

Online fundraising auctions for Rebild will be held July 4 and October  
30. If you have an item to donate, please send an email  
to [bruceabro@icloud.com](mailto:bruceabro@icloud.com). We will need a photo and description of  
the item. Watch for the July 4th virtual auction opening room!

### ***Will You Be at Rebild on July 4?***

Will you travel from the U.S. to Denmark for Rebild? Please let us  
know. We'd like to know how many plan on attending! Please send

an email to Linda Steffensen at [rebildusa@gmail.com](mailto:rebildusa@gmail.com) or Lars Bisgaard at [lars@rebildfesten.dk](mailto:lars@rebildfesten.dk). This will really help with planning in Denmark as we prepare.



*Rebild Vice Presidents Lars Nygaard (Denmark) and Bruce Bro (U.S.)*

## ***From Denmark***

### ***May 8 Chapter President's Meeting***

I also want to thank everyone who attended our zoom Chapter Leadership meeting, and I am definitely looking forward to coming meetings hoping all Chapter Presidents will give priority to participating so we can keep everybody updated and share ideas that will help us reach the goals outlined. I have asked the Danish chapters to help us getting our e-mail addresses for members updated to make sure information reaches everybody ,and thank you for the work which is already ongoing, I really appreciate it, and I promise that the administration will update the chapters, when people for various reasons decide to no longer be members.

### ***New Website***

Finally, we see the result of a lot of peoples dedicated work to launch our new website, congratulations to all of you, it looks promising for the future. My hope is that we slowly but surely can make this website the place where we can present The Rebild National Society to individuals and organizations, keep everybody informed about ongoing activities, both nationally and in the chapters and provide a communication platform for members. No website is optimal from the beginning, so we all need to give feedback to the persons who have made it, all input and wishes from members will be appreciated.

### ***October in Phoenix***

It is promising to hear about the Covid situation in Arizona, I highly recommend that as many Danes as possible do participate, we need to meet in person and not only on Teams/Zoom. It is a very interesting program Bruce has created for all of us, but I still must recommend, that you keep yourselves updated as to both the Danish and US travel recommendations. they are changing very fast at the moment.

## ***July 4 in Denmark***

The process of opening Denmark is coming along according to plan, so there is absolutely no indication that we should not be able to celebrate July 4 in Rebild, there are unfortunately limitations to what we can do so you will not experience a normal July 4 down in the hills, as I am sure you can already see from the information on the website, information that is being updated on a daily basis. The preparations for the event are closely coordinated with the authorities, we have to make sure that the Society complies with the rules but do rest assured that it is the ambition of the board, to make it possible for as many people as possible members/and nonmembers to participate, so please bear with us, if it does not completely live up to your expectations. Next year 2022, we do hope to be able to plan July 4 without having to consider Corona. Do let us know your wishes and suggestions for a “must do” July 4, the goal is to have it planned no later than March 1 with an interesting program of high quality, that will attract a large number of people and make it possible for us to approach other Danish-America organizations with an invitation to celebrate Independence Day with us a first step to try to see a lot more people at Rebild 2022. An effort is being made already this year to try through the press to reach a lot more people all over the country, we realize that we are doing this very late because of Corona, but if we do not try, we are not going to accomplish anything. Board member Ole Sønnichsen is actively involved in the process We are very sorry that it looks like the current travel restrictions for Americans will not change before July 4, with all the negative consequences, that will have, we are going to miss you, but are preparing to welcome all of you in 2022.

## ***Chapters in Denmark***

Currently the chapters are having meetings and I like Bruce will encourage you to send us a summary and/or pictures we can include in “The 4<sup>th</sup>” and on the Website. I know that the Danish Chapters are working on getting our e-mail addresses updated, thank you for your efforts. Do not forget to help us with an update on Danish-American organizations we can see as potential people interested in celebrating July 4 with us and last but not least, we need info concerning potential Danish sponsors in your districts, we need their support, and letters are currently going out to small and

major Danish companies hoping they will support us in the process. We can only do so much at the central level, we really need a local input from all of you to try to raise the money needed for the coming years.



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