



REBUILD NATIONAL PARK SOCIETY



The 4th

Monthly Email for Rebuild Members

October 4, 2021

*Perspectives from both Rebuild Vice Presidents -
Lars Nygaard in Denmark, and Bruce Bro in the U.S.*



From the U.S. -

The October Conference in Arizona is On!

The Arizona Rebuild Chapter is looking forward to hosting our October conference! We've had a good response despite our members in Denmark being unable to travel to the U.S. We will miss you!

We want to thank the attendees for following recommended Covid recommendations of vaccinations and testing. And we will continue to take precautions throughout the conference and activity schedule. We are happy to see that over the last 3 weeks, the number of Covid hospitalizations in the Phoenix area has declined!

For those of you not able to attend, we will be providing video and streaming of the events online! We will be live-streaming when we can, and we will also have recordings available.

Please watch both Rebild Facebook Pages for video from the conference!

[*Rebild National Park Society Facebook*](#)

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Would you like to attend?

If you have made a late decision to attend, please contact me. We understand that there has been some hesitation due to the covid situation. We will find a way to get you registered and make your hotel accommodations. Again, thank you to those who have registered, and we look forward to a fantastic time in Arizona!

Unfortunately, the travel restrictions will apparently be lifted in November for Danes traveling to the U.S. - too late for our October meeting. But we will hope that in April, travel will be allowable for the Chicago meeting, and of course for next summer in Denmark.

Rebild Online Benefit Auction

Please check out our benefit auction opening soon. We have a very nice selection of gifts and prizes. Thank you to Lisa Riggs for managing the auction, and Linda Steffensen and Jean Jackson for their assistance. Please bid early and often and help the Rebild Society!

Stauning Whisky Tasting in Brooklyn, NY

As luck would have it, I was in New York at the same time as our Rebild sponsor, Stauning Whisky held a tasting event in Brooklyn. They had a nice turnout for the first ever Danish Whisky tasting event in the U.S. Below are some photos...



A New Sponsor for the Arizona Conference

**Please welcome [Copenhagen Imports](#) furniture
as a new sponsor!**



Copenhagen Imports is a Scandinavian contemporary furniture retailer with seven locations in Arizona and South/Central Texas. Since its founding in 1970 by Erik Hansen and Tony Christensen, Copenhagen has remained family-owned and operated in its 50 years of bringing great design and refreshing customer service to the communities it serves. Copenhagen's stores are now run by Erik's wife, Lise Hansen, his son Jens Hansen, and his brother Jorgen Hansen. Tony Christensen has retired but remains an integral part of the Copenhagen "family."

Copenhagen has stayed true to its Danish Modern design roots with an emphasis on elegance, form, and function. Erik Hansen's passion for innovative, timeless design serves as the inspiration for Copenhagen's purchasing team, who shops the world for quality designs at responsible prices from both new and upcoming manufacturers around the world. Every Copenhagen showroom welcomes customers to experience the comfort of great design by providing an expansive, world-class selection of home furnishings. Copenhagen is excited to welcome Rebuild members to its new showroom in Gilbert, AZ (opening soon in October 2021!), as well as to be part of Rebuild's international community of Danes!

October in Phoenix

Here are some important links for the October meeting...

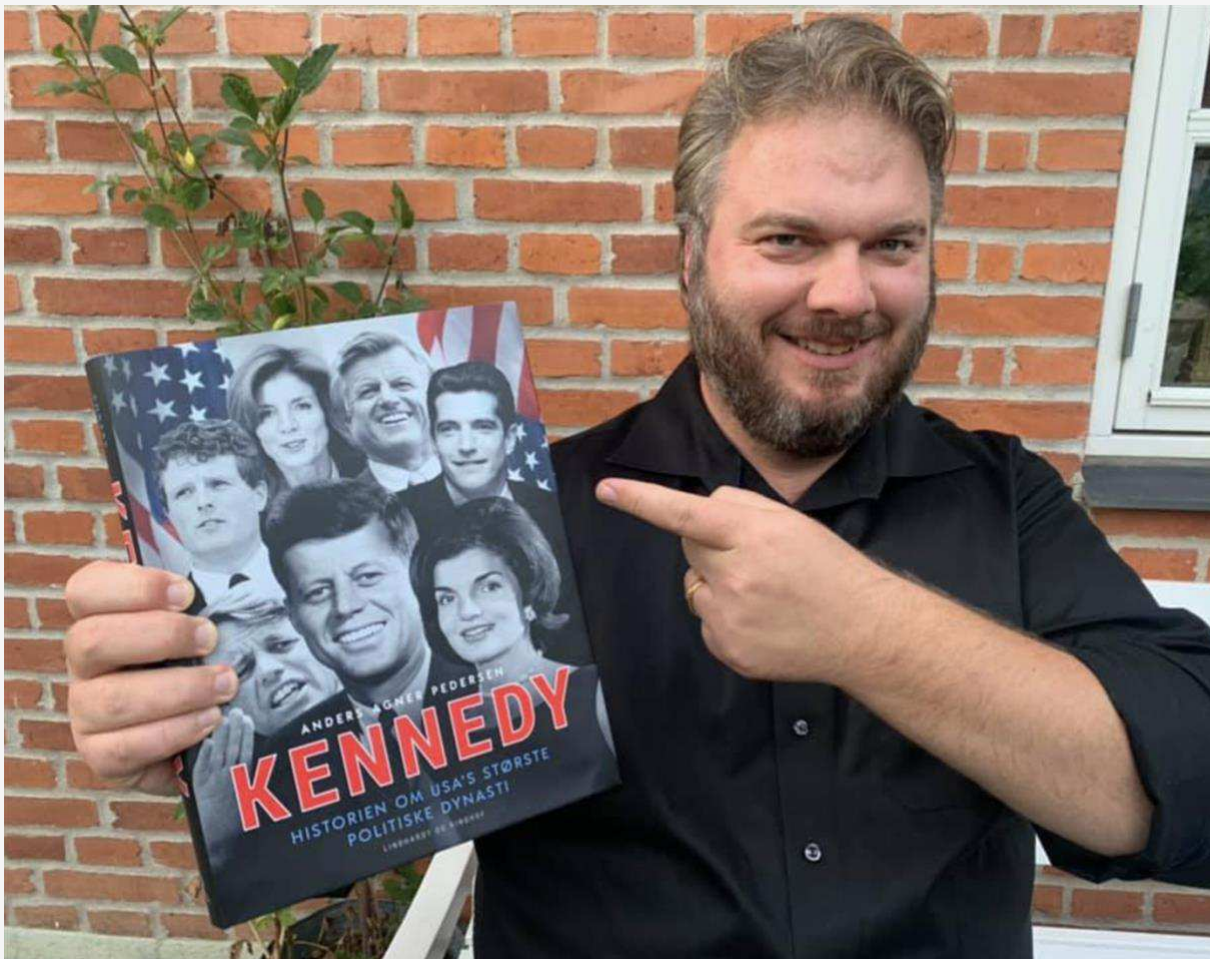
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*Anders Agner Pedersen with his new book
"Kennedy: The History of USA's Greatest Political Dynasty"*

2021 Rebild Keynote Speaker Releases New Book

Anders Agner Pedersen, Editor-in-Chief of [Kongressen.com](https://kongressen.com) has just released a new book about the Kennedy family political history. The book will be arriving in Danish book stores this week and is currently available in Danish. Pedersen was one of the keynote speakers at the 2021 Rebild Festival, July 4th in Denmark. He is author of more than ten much acclaimed books on American politics and history. He is known to be one of Denmark's most competent USA analysts, especially as a regular commentator on the Danish TV channel, DR. His podcast series, KENNEDYLAND, is also a great success. At Rebild, Pedersen spoke about former JFK White House Counsel, Danish American [Ted Sorensen](#). Pedersen's keynote, included in the July 4 Rebild festival [can be seen here](#).

Pedersen said, "For more than a decade, I've been covering the Kennedy family as an author. I've done a couple of books about President Kennedy and about his brother, Bobby. However, I always wanted to write the complete history of the dynasty, from its founding 100 years ago and to present time. It's been an incredible experience writing the book and I sure hope that people are going to enjoy it."





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

[Email Lars Here](#)

[Email Bruce Here](#)

News from Denmark -

The best Rebild news this month must be the fact that the US is finally opening up for visitors from the EU, and Bruce's information that the Arizona Conference is on. I am sorry though that it came too late for us to participate but we shall definitely make use of the possibilities outlined that will make it possible for us to follow what is going on. Thank you, Bruce, for all the efforts you have put into making this possible, I am sure the conference is going to be a big success, and shall be looking forward to attending the meeting in Chicago 2022.

I have had the pleasure of participating in events in Chapter-East and Chapter Midt-Vest, a wine tasting and a visit to the Asger Jorn Museum in Silkeborg. Both events were well planned, very interesting and of high quality definitely worth traveling to be a part of. In a situation, where we want to attract new members to the Society, my feeling is, however, that we need more events both in the local chapters and maybe even nationally and we need to spread information about them to a lot more people than we reach out to today and try to make more people come to participate.

The two above-mentioned events would have been of interest to a lot of people; members, nonmembers, sponsors, students, and other Danish-American societies. We would have had a chance to meet new people, inform

them about the Rebild Society, and hopefully make them interested in becoming members and celebrating the 4th of July with us at Rebild. Modern communication, such as email, social media, website, event platforms, and the press, makes it possible for us to give information about our activities to a lot more people than we do today. We simply need a communications platform. We need to give that priority to secure the future. In my opinion we are not active enough.

The events also gave me the opportunity to meet members, learn a lot more about the history of the society and listen to all the ideas and thoughts about how we can take the Society to the next level and secure its future. Chapter-East is my home chapter, so there I am part of the ongoing dialogue, but many of the things I brought back with me from Mid-Vest were new to me, I want to thank you for your positive input, and I really appreciate the written followup I have received from Jørgen Jeppesen, I am definitely going to use the input in coming discussions and plans.

My feeling is that there is a lot of positive ideas and thinking in the organisation, but it is important that the ideas reach the board, so please start sharing them with us, please use Bruce's and my email, we promise to listen and take the ideas seriously and make sure they reach the board. It is the responsibility of the board to have a strategy for the future and we do, and the responsibility of the General Secretary to effectuate the boards plans. I am by the way looking forward to finding an opportunity to visit Chapter-Nord.

I am planning to participate in events in other Danish-American societies in the near future, hoping to broaden my network and try to get them to see Rebildfesten as a good way of celebrating July 4th

I am sending my best wishes to Bruce and his co-workers, have a wonderful conference.

Lars Nygaard-Pedersen

In Memoriam
Helle Søborg Pedersen

We deeply regret to inform you that Helle Soborg Pedersen passed away on 29th September. Helle started her work with the Rebild Society as a volunteer at the Rebild festivals and was very dedicated in her work for the Rebild Society for many years. Over the years, Helle became a member of the Rebild Society board, and was also chapter president for the Rebild Chapter Nord, chair of the Danish nomination committee and active in the administration of the Rebild Fund.

Helle had been ill for a longer period of time. We honor her memory.

*Tusind tak til **Vibeke Lybro** for den danske oversættelse*

Nyt fra USA

Oktobermødet i Arizona afholdes!

Arizona Rebild Chapter ser frem til at være vært ved oktobermødet! Vi har fået god respons til trods for dét, at vore danske medlemmer ikke har mulighed for at rejse til USA. Vi vil savne jer!

Vi takker deltagerne for at følge de anbefalede råd omkring COVID vacciner og test. Og vi vil fortsat følge de anbefalede forholdsregler under hele mødet og på alle de planlagte aktiviteter. Vi er glade for at se, at antallet af hospitalsindlæggelser pga COVID er aftaget i Phoenix området i de forløbne 3 uger.

Til de af jer, som ikke kan deltage, vil videooptagelse og streaming af begivenhederne være til rådighed online! Vi vil live-streame, når vi kan, og også have videooptagelser til rådighed.

Se venligst begge Rebild Facebook sider for at se videoen fra mødet!

[Rebild National Park Society Facebook](#)

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Vil du deltage?

Hvis du i sidste øjeblik har besluttet dig for at deltage, så kontakt mig gerne. Vi forstår, at der har været lidt tilbageholdenhed pga COVID situationen. Vi vil finde ud af at få dig registreret og foretage hotelreservationerne for dig. Igen,

tak til de af jer, der har tilmeldt jer. Vi ser frem til nogle fantastiske dage i Arizona!

Desværre vil rejserestriktionerne for danskere, der vil rejse til USA, først blive ophævet i november – hvilket er for sent i forhold til oktobermødet. Men vi håber, at det vil være tilladt at rejse i april til Chicagomødet, og selvfølgelig også til næste sommer i Danmark.

Rebild velgørenhedsauktion online

Hold venligst øje med vores velgørenhedsauktion online, som snart bliver tilgængelig. Der er et spændende udvalg af gaver og gevinster. Tak til Lisa Riggs for at styre auktionen og tak til Linda Steffensen og Jean Jackson for at hjælpe til. Støt Rebildselskabet: byd gerne tidligt og tit!

Stauning Whiskysmagning i Brooklyn, NY

Jeg var så heldig at være i New York samtidig med, at vores Rebild sponsor, Stauning Whisky, havde whiskysmagning i Brooklyn. Der var et godt fremmøde til den første danske whiskysmagning nogensinde i USA. Nedenfor er der billeder derfra.....

En ny sponsor til Arizonamødet

**Nu kan I byde Copenhagen Living Furniture velkommen som ny sponsor!
De er repræsenteret otte steder i Arizona og Texas.**

Copenhagen Imports forhandler moderne, skandinaviske møbler og har syv forretninger i Arizona og Syd/Midt Texas. Siden Erik Hansen og Tony Christensen startede firmaet op i 1970, er Copenhagen forblevet familieejet og har i 50 år leveret smuk design og betjent sit kundesegment på en frisk og fornyende måde. Copenhagens forretninger varetages nu af Eriks hustru, Lise Hansen, hans søn, Jens Hansen, og hans bror, Jørgen Hansen. Tony Christensen er gået på pension, men spiller stadig en betydningsfuld rolle i "familien" Copenhagen.

Copenhagen har formået at fastholde sine rødder til moderne dansk design og samtidig fremhæve elegance, form og funktionalitet. Erik Hansens lidenskab for innovativt og tidløst design giver inspiration til Copenhagens indkøbere, som køber design af god kvalitet til fornuftige priser fra både nye producenter og iværksættere i hele verden. Hver Copenhagen showroom byder kunderne indenfor, så de kan opleve komforten i smuk design, og tilbyder et omfattende sortiment af møbler til hjemmet. Copenhagen ser med glæde frem til at byde Rebildmedlemmer velkommen i firmaets nye showroom i Gilbert, Arizona (det

åbner snart, i oktober 2021!), ligeså vel som til at blive en del af Rebilds internationale samfund af danskere!

Oktober i Phoenix

Her er nogle vigtige links til oktobermødet.....

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2021 Rebild hovedtaler udgiver ny bog

Anders Auger Pedersen, Chefredaktør for Kongressen.com har lige udgivet en ny bog om Kennedy familiens politiske historie. Bogen vil være at finde hos danske boghandlere i denne uge og er foreløbig kun udkommet på dansk. Pedersen var en af hovedtalerne på 2021 Rebildfesten, den 4. juli i Danmark. Han er forfatter til flere end ti anmelderroste bøger om amerikansk politik og historie. Han er kendt som en af Danmarks mest kompetente USA analytikere, især som kommentator på DR1. Hans podcast serie KENNEDYLAND er blevet en stor succes. Ved Rebild talte Pedersen om dansk-amerikaneren Ted Sorensen, som var ansat i det Hvide Hus som rådgiver for Præsident Kennedy. Pedersens hovedtale fra 4. juli Rebildfesten kan ses [her](#).

Pedersen sagde, "Jeg har i mere end et årti interesseret mig for Kennedyfamilien i min egenskab af forfatter. Jeg har skrevet et par bøger om Præsident Kennedy og om hans bror, Bobby. Men, jeg har altid gerne villet skrive hele historien om dynastiet, fra begyndelsen, omkring 100 år siden, til i dag. Det har været en utrolig spændende oplevelse at skrive bogen og jeg håber virkelig, at folk vil nyde at læse den."

Nyt fra Danmark

Den bedste Rebildnyhed denne måned må være, at USA endelig åbner op for besøgende fra EU og Bruces oplysninger om, at Arizonamødet afholdes. Det er synd, det blev for sent for os at deltage, men vi vil i hvert fald gøre brug af de muligheder, der er til rådighed, for at følge begivenhederne. Tak til dig, Bruce, for alt det arbejde, du har lagt i at gøre dette muligt. Jeg er sikker på, at

mødet bliver en stor succes og jeg glæder mig til at deltage i mødet i Chicago i 2022.

Jeg har haft fornøjelsen af at deltage i arrangementer i Chapter East og Chapter Midt-Vest; en vinsmagning og et besøg på Asger Jorn Museet i Silkeborg. Begge arrangementer var veltilrettelagt, meget interessante og af høj kvalitet, vel værd at rejse efter for at deltage i. Men, når vi nu er i den situation, at vi ønsker at tiltrække flere nye medlemmer til selskabet, så er det, efter min mening, nødvendigt med flere arrangementer, både i de lokale chapters og muligvis også nationalt, og vi har brug for at informere om dem til flere end vi når ud til i dag for at forsøge at få flere deltagere.

De to ovennævnte arrangementer kunne have været af interesse for mange mennesker; medlemmer, ikke-medlemmer, sponsorer, studerende, og andre dansk-amerikanske foreninger. Vi kunne have haft mulighed for at møde nye mennesker, fortælle dem om Rebildselskabet og forhåbentligt gøre dem interesseret i at blive medlemmer og fejre 4. juli med os i Rebild. Moderne kommunikation, så som e-mails, sociale medier, webside, eventplatforme, og pressen, gør det muligt for os at give information om vores aktiviteter til mange flere mennesker end vi når ud til i dag. Vi har brug for at prioritere dette for at sikre fremtiden. Efter min mening er vi ikke aktive nok.

Arrangementerne gav mig også mulighed for at møde medlemmer, lære en del mere om historien om selskabet og lytte til ideer og tanker om hvordan, vi kan bringe selskabet videre til næste trin og sikre dets fremtid. Jeg hører til Chapter East, så jeg er i løbende dialog dér, men mange af de betragtninger, jeg fik med mig hjem fra Midt-Vest havde jeg ikke hørt før. Jeg vil gerne takke jer for jeres positive input, og jeg sætter stor pris på den skrevne opfølgning, som jeg har modtaget fra Jørgen Jeppesen. Jeg vil bruge denne input i kommende diskussionen og planer.

Det er min opfattelse, at der er en del positive ideer og tanker i organisationen, men det er vigtigt, at de ideer når frem til bestyrelsen, så vær venlig at begynde at dele dem med os. Brug gerne Bruces e-mail eller min. Vi lover at lytte og tage ideerne alvorligt og sikre, at de når frem til bestyrelsen. Det er bestyrelsens ansvar, at have en strategi for fremtiden og det har vi, og det er generalsekretærens ansvar at effektuere bestyrelsens planer. Jeg ser i øvrigt frem til at finde anledning til at besøge Chapter-Nord.

Jeg har planer om at deltage i arrangementer i andre dansk-amerikanske selskaber i nær fremtid og håber derved at udvide mit netværk og forsøge at få dem til at se Rebildfesten som en god måde at fejre 4. juli på. Jeg sender mine bedste ønsker til Bruce og hans samarbejdspartnere. Hav et godt møde.

Lars Nygaard-Pedersen

Et dødsfald: Helle Søborg Pedersen

Det er med stor sorg vi må informere om, at Helle Søborg Pedersen døde den 29. september. Helle begyndte sit engagement i Rebildselskabet som frivillig til Rebildfesterne og forblev meget engageret i sit arbejde for Rebildselskabet i mange år. Helle blev efterfølgende medlem af Rebildselskabets bestyrelse, og var samtidig chapterpræsident for Rebild Chapter Nord, formand for den danske valgkomité, og med til at administrere Rebildfonden.

Helle havde været syg i en længere periode. Æret være hendes minde.