



SDU International Club

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June Calendar

If we **deny** love that is given to us, if we refuse to give love because we fear pain or loss, then our lives will be empty, our loss greater.

Antoine Lavoisier, French chemist, regarded as the father of modern chemistry. 1743-1794

June 2nd @ 8.00 - 18.00

A day trip to Flensburg

The SDU International Club has arranged this tourism-shopping tour for you!

At the German-Danish border you will find Flensburg, a two languages, two cultures city but with a common history.

Flensburg was founded around 1200 at the innermost end of the Flensburg Fiord by Danish settlers, who were soon joined by German merchants.

Today Flensburg offers a range of shopping opportunities and beautiful natural surroundings. The city has around 88,000 inhabitants, wonderful woods, fields, the gorgeous fiord and a charming historic city. An international harbour welcomes visitors from all around the world.

To sign up, e-mail sqg@sdu.dk

June 9th @ 12.00

International Grill

We meet to share the good weather, fun and food. Join us to have a nice afternoon under the sun! More details later on.

June 15th @ 11.00

International Friday Coffee: open to everybody

Every month, the International Spouses' Forum invites you to morning coffee.

The aim of the event is to socialise and broaden your network. We hope to see old and new members there. It is an opportunity to have a cup of coffee, meet interesting people, exchange and share information. We will discuss issues important to you.

Sign up at agnieszkasw@yahoo.com

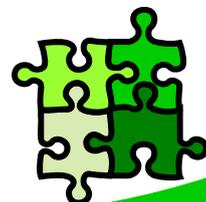
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by Eugenio del Nobile

The way you remember your own life is often not the way other people would say it really happened, but those memories are yours, and there's a difference between lying about yourself and representing yourself in a way that feels true to you.

~ Tom Bissell



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CANDLES
by C.P. Cavafy

June 16th

The International club invites you and your family on A bike tour!

Get on your bike and ride!

We invite you and your family on a bike tour around Odense. It is a healthy and fun way to experience Odense, one of the most cyclist-friendly cities in the world! Come and enjoy nature, sun and the wind in your hair. More details when you sign up at:

agnieszkasw@yahoo.com

June 23rd @ 18.00

Sankt Hans celebration

Engen, Fruens Bøge, Odense

Do not miss this great event.

Did you know?.....

That Sankt Hans' Eve is the celebration of John the Baptist's birth. He was allegedly born on June 24th. The feast coincides with the solstice, also referred to as Midsummer. It is an old tradition which comes from the pagan faith. Bonfires are lit and straw witches burned to symbolise a turning point in the year. Symbolically, the fire keeps evil away and prevents the witches from working on their magic potions.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Dear members of the International group:

If you have a visiting researcher/professor expected for 7/1/2012 until 6/30/2013, could you please let them know that our house in Odense is available? It would also be appropriate for a new hire, if you have new hires.

It has 3 bedrooms, 1 office and a lot of nice features. You can see our home and more details for free at <http://www.sabbaticalhom.com> under 'Odense' or listing number 68828. Moustapha Kassem mkassem@health.sdu.dk

Days to come stand in front of us
like a row of burning candles—
golden, warm, and vivid candles.

Days past fall behind us,
a gloomy line of burnt-out candles;
the nearest are still smoking,
cold, melted, and bent.

I don't want to look at them: their shape saddens me,
and it saddens me to remember their original light,
I look ahead at my burning candles.

I don't want to turn, don't want to see, terrified
how quickly the dark line gets longer,
how quickly one more dead candle joins another.



Photo and text by Evelina Kwartunaite

Sometimes I think that every person is like a canvas and, with time, with each journey, each encounter, each emotion, each sigh, each step we take, each dream we wake up from, that's how we carve our body with marks, scars and living pictures.

Sometimes I feel so full of the pictures, I worry that they will never fit on my body, despite the well known fact that the skin is the biggest organ we all own.

And then I just need to remember that smile that visits the corners of your lips, I need to remember the flight of birds and the lightness of cherry blossoms in the spring — everything takes up as much space as your world in my little heart — immediate and forever.

