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What's New For November

Best wishes to our readers for a pleasant beginning to the holiday season.

President George Jacobsen has ideas on how parents and grandparents can help youngsters get the most from their Danish Brotherhood membership. Take a look at his suggestions on page 4. You can also read them Beverly Brown's Danish folk tale found on page 8 during your holiday visit.

Our 1982 Creative Writing Contest Winners are announced on page 7, along with one of the entries.

Nancy Cameron, husband Jack, and several others from California participated in our 1981 tour of Denmark. Looking forward to three new tour dates in 1982, you can read about their experiences beginning on page 16. Our thanks to Mrs. Cameron for her excellent report.

Alexander Cutrules' history of the Vikings ends in this issue with some interesting conclusions!

You can still order Centennial plates and calendars, but please hurry if you want to be sure of delivery before December 25.

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Part of the 1981 Danish Brotherhood tour. (see page 16).
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President's Column

by
DBIA President
George Jacobsen

Our Board meeting has only recently concluded. Having spent a few days in our National Headquarters office visiting with our staff and other members of the Board, I'm sure you have a lot of interesting things to look forward to in 1982.

Not only is our Centennial program well-established, as reported last month, but lodges have received new information for Lodge Handbooks and shortly will receive suggestions for activities in 1982.

We are all very interested in having more of our young people take part in contests sponsored through the **American Dane**. We will be asking lodge secretaries to help reach young people in their lodges who should be aware of the opportunities available to them.

Young Vikings are eligible to compete for camp grants, for prizes in an essay contest, photo contest, a Young Vikings section of our annual bowling tournament, not to mention the Creative Writing Contest and our monthly Hans and Greta feature. If they are not encouraged to use these opportunities, they are missing many of the benefits of membership.

We have had some response to our request for the names and addresses of young members who should receive the **American Dane**. We would ask you to please keep this in mind when visiting your children or grandchildren who no longer share your address. Find out if they are receiving the **American Dane**. If not, their names should be added to our mailing list. This is a good way to help keep the young people in your family part of our fraternal family.

If you have Young Vikings in the family, help them by making them aware of the opportunities offered in the **American Dane**. When they choose to participate in one or more of the annual events, they are drawn closer to the organization. Without your encouragement, they may not be inclined to take part.

While we respect the adult members who have already contributed so much to The Danish Brotherhood, it is extremely important that we become involved with our young people.

Secretaries Section



Christensen Elected Section Head

Officers elected to serve the Secretaries' Section of the National Fraternal Congress of America during that organization's 95th annual meeting, held in San Diego, California, September 29, included the secretary-treasurer of The Danish Brotherhood in America, Howard Christensen. Mr. Christensen is the new president of the section.

Pictured, left to right, are Past President Thomas E. Sheehan, Belleville, IL, Catholic Knights and Ladies of Illinois; Howard Christensen, President; Vice President Gordon N. Taft, Minneapolis, MN, Lutheran Brotherhood; and Secretary-Treasurer Gerald A. Wiewel, Quincy, Illinois, Western Catholic Union.

Seventeen Danish Poets

Windflower Press has recently published a bilingual anthology of contemporary Danish poetry. Those of you who read Danish can enjoy a fresh look at the work of Ole Wivel, Erik Knudsen, Lise Sørensen, Thorkild Bjørnvig, Jørgen Gustava Brandt, Fer Højholt, Klaus Ribbjerg, Benny Andersen, Charlotte Strandgaard, Henrik Nordbrandt, Kristen Bjørnkjaer, Marianne Larsen, Murat Alpar, Vita Andersen, Simon Grabowski, Hanne Marie Jensen, and Iris Garnov.

The translations into English have been supplied by many notable persons, selected by the volume's editor, Niels Ingwersen, for their ability. Niels Ingwersen is with the University of Wisconsin at Madison as Professor of Scandinavian Studies. Ingwersen was educated at the University of Copenhagen. Those who cannot read the Danish will surely find the translations worthwhile.

You may order the book directly from Windflower Press, P.O. Box 82213, Lincoln, NE 68501, for \$6.95. It will provide you with several hours of stimulating reading. While a few of the poems require some understanding of modern Danish life, most of the themes are equally applicable to our own. You may be disturbed by the unsettling aspects; suddenly more aware of the personal impact of society's expectations.

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Creative Writing Contest Winners

1st Place Winners, Fiction

**Trudy Ferguson, representing Lodge No. 161,
Ruskin, NE**

**Cindy Mauritsen, representing Lodge No. 29,
Seattle, WA**

1st Place Winners, Poetry

**Robin Pedersen, representing Lodge No. 46, Perth
Amboy, NJ**

**Doris C. Jones, representing Lodge No. 217,
Humboldt, IA**

2nd Place Winners, Poetry

**Debbie Lorenzen, representing Lodge No. 95,
Ferndale, CA**

**Elinor J. George, representing Lodge No. 43,
Denver, CO**



Trudy Ferguson

Our congratulations go to winners of the 1981 Creative Writing Contest. This contest is open to all members of The Danish Brotherhood and their relatives. The theme is unrestricted. During the course of the year, you will be treated to a variety of poems

and short stories authored by the people listed. The entry of one of our youngest contestants was selected for your reading this month. Her name is Trudy Ferguson and her relative is a member of Lodge No. 161 in Ruskin, Nebraska, although she lives in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The Lady Who Went To The Dogs

By Trudy Ferguson

Early one morning a dead dog was found laying on a curb. His hair had been all pulled out. It was terrible sight. The S.P.C.A., Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, was called in to investigate. Since there were no tags on the dog, they sent a man to go through the neighborhood trying to find clues to who the animal belonged. He went door to door without any luck, until he came upon a woman who said, "I remember Mrs. Smithers walking a dog along this street everyday, but lately I haven't seen her. Maybe she knows something about the dog." He thanked the lady for her help and asked for Mrs. Smithers' address.

When he came to the house where Mrs. Smithers was supposed to live, he found the house looked deserted, like no one had been living there. The grass was uncut and full of big weeds. Newspapers and trash had been blown and caught in the fence that went around the front yard. The mail box was stuffed with many letters. Window shades and drapes were closed over every window so that no one could see inside. Making his way up the walkway and up the creaky stairs to the door, he knocked, but no one answered. Then he rang the bell. Still no one answered, so he made his way through the trash to the back door and pounded on it. Still with no luck. He decided that further investi-

gation was needed. He went to the police and asked them to break into the old house.

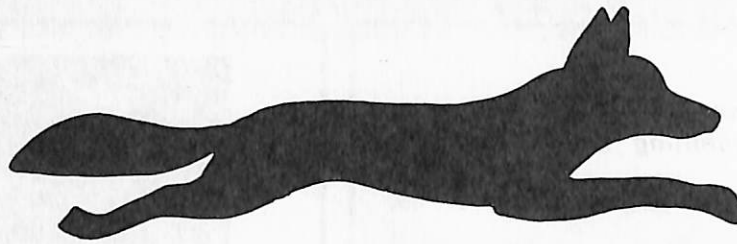
The police checked records and found there were no records of living relatives to get permission to break into the house. So they got a court order to go in and search the house. When they entered the house, everything was dusty, dirty and uncared for. Making their way through the house, they opened the kitchen door and found Mrs. Smithers hanging from the ceiling by a dog leash. Taking her down, they found a letter pinned to her dress.

The letter explained that since her husband died twenty years ago, each lonely day had become harder and harder to bear. She could feel herself slipping into insanity, but could not help herself. The dog became a symbol, in her crazed mind, of revenge. She began pulling it's hair out by the handfuls. At night she would go through the neighborhood setting fire to dog houses. Finally, she choked her own hairless dog and left him on the street corner.

This whole terrible thing was to get revenge on her husband's killer. With her revenge completed, she had no more reason to live so she killed herself.

You see, Mr. Smithers had been bitten by a dog and died of — RABIES.

The Fox Who Lost His Fur



A Danish Folk Tale
by
Beverly Swerdlow Brown

Once upon a time there was a little fox who lived in Romo island all by himself.

He was very lonely.

"I wish I could cross the sea to the mainland," he thought as he looked out at the long stretch of water. "Maybe I can even find a friend. But it is so far away. How would I get there?"

Suddenly, a shark appeared near the waters edge.

"Hello, fox," he said, with a big grin. "How are you today?"

The little fox moved closer. "I'm fine," he replied, "but puzzled."

The shark swam around in a circle. "About what?" he asked.

"Well," said the little fox, "I was wondering who has the most friends. You or me?"

The shark scratched his head with his fin. "I really don't know," he replied.

The little fox smiled. "Let's count them and find out," he suggested. "Bring all of your friends here and I'll get all of mine."

"All right," said the shark and he swam away.

"I hope he hurries," said the little fox. "I want to be on the shore before dark."

Within minutes the shark returned.

He had five more sharks with him.

"I've brought my friends," he said. "Where are yours?"

The little fox tried very hard to keep from laughing. "Oh," he said, "they will be here soon; but in the meantime I'll count your friends."

"How?" asked the shark, confused.

"Easy," replied the little fox. "Just

line up toward the mainland and I'll count by jumping from one to another."

The shark grinned again. "You are very smart," he said. "I never would have thought of that."

And so, all of the sharks did as they were told.

Quickly, the little fox counted out loud as he leaped from one to another: "ONE... TWO... THREE... FOUR... FIVE... SIX," he shouted. "Here I am at last. You silly sharks! I was never interested in knowing how many friends you had! I just needed a way to cross the sea."

The sharks became angry.

"YOU TRICKED US!" said the one closest to the shore; and he reached out and yanked the fur from the little fox's body.

As he began to cry, the sharks gurgled with laughter then disappeared into the deep blue water.

Suddenly, a fisherman came by.

He saw the little fox and asked, "What happened to you?"

Tearfully, the little fox said, "I tricked some sharks and they took my fur away."

"That is a shame," said the fisherman, "but this is what you should do. Take a bath in the cool sea. Then let the warm wind dry you off."

The little fox thought for a moment.

"All right, I'll try it," he said, as he walked into the chilly surf while the fisherman tiptoed away laughing to himself.

"OUCH!" cried the little fox, running out of the water. "The salty sea hurts my skin. I've been tricked, too. Oh, why did I ever come here."

Sobbing, he stared at the water trying to figure a way to get back to the island.

"It's no use... I'm stuck here," he said, as he saw someone coming toward him.

The little fox thought it was the fisherman again and he became very frightened.

Instead, it was a tall young man. "Hello," he said in a friendly manner. "Is anything wrong?"

The little fox didn't know whether to tell him or not, but the young man had such a gentle voice, the little fox lowered his head and told him the whole story.

"I am sorry to hear that," said the tall young man, "but I can help you. Cover yourself with some cattail plants. The fuzz will stick to your skin and make you feel better."

The little fox trusted the young man and did as he was told.

"You're right," said the little fox. "The cattails soothed my skin and even give me a furry look. Thank you for showing me such kindness."

The young man smiled. "I am called Prince Peder (PEH-dehr). Come with me to my palace where you will meet other little foxes."

"I would like that," said the little fox, feeling good once more.

"Come along," said the Prince, "then you can be my friend, too."

"Gladly," said the little fox, "and I'll never trick anyone again."

He indeed kept his word.

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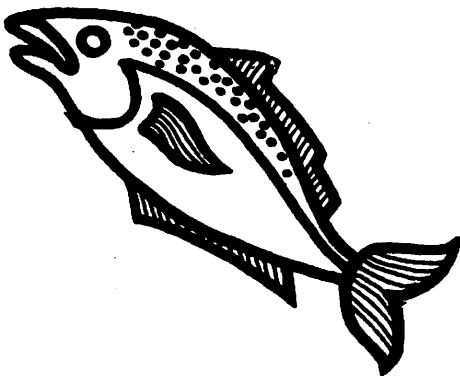


Our Lodges In Action

Material for publication must be received by the tenth of the month preceding month of issue. The magazine reserves the right to edit material accepted for publication.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Lodge #29, Seattle, WA — This summer of 1981, we have enjoyed several delightful events. We observed the 56th anniversary of the N.W. Danish Home. Our D.B. 29 Fishing Derby was held on beautiful Puget Sound. Although there were no great catches, we are sure that all of the participants had a "whale" of a good time.



The Nordic Festival was August 2, at the Seattle Center. For months ahead, representatives of the 5 Nordic Centers — Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland, and Iceland had been meeting and planned this great event. Our "Danalag" Folk Dancers put on a performance and without a doubt, were the best in that class. Our Danish Vice-Consul Martin Metz on brought a greeting from the Danish Community in Seattle and the Government of Denmark.

August 16, 1981, the D.B. 29 held the annual picnic at Martha Lake. It was one of the best ever! Thanks to our committee. The Annual Veterans Night meeting was again held on Wednesday, September 2, 1981, at the N.W. Danish Home. As per tradition, past officers took the

chairs that night with Past President Harold Hansen presiding. Three applications for new members were accepted. **IMPORTANT** — The changes of the new bylaws will be read at the next three meetings — October, November and December. Be sure to attend these meetings.

A convention committee meeting was held on September 22, 1981 at Hartly Kruger's office at the Danish Consulate.

On Saturday, October 10, we will be having a Harvestfest buffet dinner and dance at the Nordic Heritage Museum.

Ted Kofoed, Cor.

Lodge #42, Spokane, WA — On October 1, 1981, we enjoyed a potluck dinner. Mary and Emil Larsen shared highlights of their recent trip to England, Ireland and Wales. We invited several potential new members to enjoy the evening with us.

Sharon Kinder is serving as third trustee of the Pacific Northwest District. The 1982 district convention will be held in Seattle.

Neighbor Day in Riverfront Park on July 4 was fun again this year. We sold a lot of apple cake and cookies, but the best part was being visited by a group of young Danish men touring the United States and Canada. They were thrilled to see the Danish flags and enjoyed visiting the Brotherhood and Sisterhood members there.

Lawrence Charneski, Sec.

Lodge #167, Portland, OR — Portland State University has first, second and third year Danish

language classes this fall. Senior citizens pay no tuition. Portland Community College has beginning and intermediate Danish taught by Lili Gregerson.

Our third annual silent auction to increase our building fund will be held November 14 at the Neighbors of Woodcraft Hall. Aase and Bob Otto are chairing the committee with many helpful assistants, including auctioneer Gary Day. Prizes are being offered for best ticket salesmen. Along with the silent auction, we will have an oral auction, Danish food, and dancing to a live orchestra.

Our Danish folk dancers are having fun with two new couples at the last rehearsal.

Mel Pihl, Cor.

Lodge #328, Vancouver, B.C., Canada — Our last meeting was September 2 at the Swedish Hall. There were about 47 brothers present. That seems to be about the number attending, but with so many new members, we should gradually get that number to rise a bit.

When the sponsor writes a new number, his work is not done. It is important to keep contact and be sure the new member comes to all meetings to gain a better understanding of the lodge. The sponsor should show a little more interest in the new member.

At the last meeting, the new bylaws in final form to the satisfaction of the Board were read. Within the near future they will be printed and sent to our brothers.

Also, at the last meeting we approved the application of Bent Sørensen.

Arne Møller, Cor.

CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

Lodge #126, Los Angeles, CA — Our anniversary party on September 12th was enjoyed by everyone who attended. Several members were presented long-time membership pins. Among them were Anders Lyngklip, Roy Christoffer- sen, Sven Rye and Eric Roug.

An evening with Bingo only is planned for November 19th, 7:30 p.m. Do not forget to attend the semiannual meeting December 3rd for election of officers and law committee. Installation of officers for 1982 will be at Alhambra Lodge on Friday, January 8, 1982, 8 p.m.

Peter Pedersen, Sec.

Lodge #184, Hayward, CA - Hayward had their Membership Drive Dinner on Friday, October 2. We were very pleased to have the President of the Calif.-Nevada District, Al Tunsen and his wife Ethel, attend our dinner. Al spoke on why he joined the Danish Brotherhood and what it means to him. We thought he did a terrific job. We were especially impressed with the way he talked to the children in attendance before he gave his talk to the prospective members. We were also pleased to have the Vice Presidents of the Calif.-Nevada Districts of the Brotherhood and Sisterhood, Aage Lundquist and his wife Tove. We served an authentic Danish meal. Everyone really did an outstanding job in cooking and helping. We were pleased to have some members from the Hayward Sisterhood join us for our dinner.

We are planning a Christmas potluck dinner for our next meeting on Friday, December 4. The time will be 6:30 p.m. Bring your favorite dish and join the fun.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone. Don't overeat.

Signe Ann McNell, Cor.

Lodge #306, San Diego, CA — A sincere and warm congratulation is extended to the recipient of the 1981 Cal.-Nev. District Convention

award of Honorary Life Member, Hans Jensen of San Diego. The honor was granted unanimously by the State Board of Officers and the Convention Delegates.

This high honor was awarded in appreciation for all that Hans has done, not only in the interest of the Danish Lodges but also for the countless contributions of love and devotion he has made to the local Danish-American Community and to his family.

Howard Christensen, National Secretary-Treasurer of The Danish Brotherhood in America visited San Diego during the last week in September. The principal reason for the visit was to attend a locally held convention of the National Fraternal Congress of America. Howard is so highly respected by San Diego Lodge members that a longer visit would have been ideal.

Art Norgaard, Cor.



Lodge #319, Bakersfield, CA — A hamburger dinner preceded the September meeting of Lodge 319. A large poster announced the proclamation of the day as "Hans Anderson Day" in honor of Brother Hans H. Anderson who will be 90 years young on September 22. Hans' favorite apple pie was served in place of the usual birthday cake, with a single candle on his slice. Hans said he is really only 49 and all brothers and sisters would agree he is that active — still enjoys dancing, cards and participation in lodge activities and attendance at meetings. He is an inspiration to all.

The Christmas party for children and adults will be December 3, our usual meeting night at the Labor Hall. With temperatures still in the 90's it doesn't seem possible it is so close, but mark your calendar now.

Dorothy Peterson, Cor.

Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA — Roy and Esther Johnson will be in charge of the program for this month. They are requesting members bring young people to this particular meeting, so we can get some insight into why more young people are not joining the DBIA — and what we as members can do to help. Roy and Esther were our delegates to the 1981 Fresno Convention, and returned home with renewed interest in recruiting new, younger members into the DBIA. Who will be running the club in 25-50 years from now? Think about it!!

The Princess Marie #68 Sisterhood Lodge of L.A. has voiced their interest in joining us at our Christmas party. The more the merrier.

Kate Krake, Cor.

Lodge #345, Orange County, CA — Our fourth anniversary barbecue was a big success! I heard nothing but favorable comments about our barbecue. We have many people to thank for that lovely evening. We thank each and every one of you for coming. We heard convention reports from our three delegates and Floyd Pedersen who is one of the trustees for the district. We were honored to have Past President Alice Pinkerton attend our anniversary party. She brought greetings from the district and encouraged the 40 members and guests to become involved in the lodge.

Don't forget that election of officers will be in November. After the business meeting, we will have a box social.

Hazel Kjellsen, Sec.

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IOWA-MINNESOTA

Lodge #217, Humboldt, IA — At the Iowa-Minnesota District Convention held September 5, 6 and 7 the Danes spelling their names ending in "sen" took a grand slam. All eight at the convention were "sen." From Humboldt 217 Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Christensen, delegates. (Marvin is the new district conductor.) Carroll Jensen, delegate, Niels Jensen, Harlan Jensen, district treasurer; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pedersen, delegates, and Walter Pedersen, delegate.

The convention was held at the Holiday Inn at Cedar Rapids, which Cedar Rapids, Marion Lodge #347 hosted. Just had to mention this grand slam *sen*, which we are all very proud of in our *Danish Heritage*.

Harlan G. Johnsen, Cor.

Lodge #144, Dike, IA — At the regular meeting in September, the Dike Danish Brotherhood welcomed the news of the election of Brother Gordon Sloth, as President of the Iowa-Minnesota District. Brother Sloth has been an enthusiastic member of the Dike Lodge 144, for a number of years, and also active in the Iowa-Minnesota District. We wish him well in his new responsibility. Nine couples from Dike attended the District convention held in Cedar Rapids over the Labor Day weekend. Lodge No. 144 salutes Lodge No. 347, Cedar Rapids-Marion; for a great job of planning and hosting the District Convention.

The Dike Lodge stands ready to host the 1982 District convention.

Greg Andersen, son of Mr. and



Pres. Joe Galloway and District Pres. Gordon Sloth present the Iowa-Minn. Scholarship to Greg Andersen.

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Mrs. Gary Andersen, and a sophomore at the University of Northern Iowa, was the recipient of the Iowa-Minnesota District Scholarship award, in the amount of \$250.00. The presentation of this award was made at the September meeting, with the Sisterhood also in attendance for the event. Greg is the third Dike student to receive a scholarship during 1981 from the Danish Brotherhood. Other recipients were: Julie Jorgensen, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Harris Jorgensen, and Mike Juhl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Juhl, of Dike. Mike received an award of \$200.00 from the Lodge No. 144, and Julie's award was from the National organization. Julie will represent all of those who have received Danish Brotherhood scholarships at the Centennial Banquet May 1, 1982, in Omaha.

Lyle Refshauge, Sec.

MIDWEST

Lodge #4, Racine, WI — Special credit has to be given to all those hard workers that helped for both the aebleskiver breakfasts. We don't have room to list all the names. But without all these faithful workers — neither Aebleskiver breakfast would have been the success they were. Thanks to Gordie Green who helped us when we needed it.

At the Danish Brotherhood Hall, 710 Grand Avenue, we're having Old Fashion' fish fries on Friday nights, starting at 5 p.m. All you can eat, \$5.25; under 12, \$3.75. Try our noon all-you-can-eat buffets, 11:30 to 1:30.

John Mollerskov, Cor.

Lodge #35, Chicago, IL — At our July meeting we passed a resolution in honor of our good friend, Flemming Andersen, who passed away on June 20. A donation was made to the Midwest District scholarship fund in his memory.

Our annual dinner-dance is November 14 at Holiday Banquets. Donations of raffle prizes will be cheerfully accepted.

We are now offering advertising free to our members in our monthly

newsletter. This should help us all get better acquainted.

We hope we will be able to report a very successful membership dinner next month.

Elsa Petersen, Cor.

Lodge #34, Dwight, IL — The Odell Swing Choir will be on hand October 12 to entertain us. They will be enjoyed by both young and old. We invited our "Past Vikings" (who turned 16 this year) to come and be "pinned." They are Cindy Riccolo, Shari Stevens, Susan Scott, Lori Perschnick, and Janet Schou.

Jim Andreasen has filled the vacancy of treasurer and Lester Hansen was appointed by President, Bob Weller as 1st trustee. Welcome to new members Brad and Marcia Trainor and Bernice Super.

"The man who rows the boat doesn't have time to rock it."

Margaret Goodwin, Sec.

Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI — On March 15, 1981, we again "manned" telephones in Milwaukee Public Television Channel 10's Studio A and helped raise \$280,009 to perpetuate better programming in our TV viewing area. In addition to having fun, while providing a community service, we received valuable on-the-air publicity for the Danish Brotherhood and recognition in the monthly Fine Tuning magazine. We will have another opportunity to demonstrate our support of Public Television by participating in the Channel 10/36 Friends membership/pledge drive during the nation-wide fund raising campaign November 28th through December 6th.

Albert L. Larsen, Sec.

Lodge #182, Waukegan, IL — With the activities of summer no longer "spiriting" members away on meeting night, it was a delight to have a larger than usual attendance in September. Debbie Worman, daughter of Outer Guard, Floyd Worman, submitted her application for membership. We will be pleased to receive her into the lodge. Ralph Lauridsen accepted the appointment to serve as Inner Guard for the balance of the term. This office was formerly

held by our dear departed member, Paul Hansen.

President, Chris Jensen, and Treasurer, Carl Petersen, represented our lodge as delegates to the Midwest District Convention on September 19-20 in Kenosha, Wisconsin. Laurits Petersen attended the meetings as an alternate.

On Friday, October 23rd our lodge celebrated its 78th anniversary with "An Evening Out With The Danes." It began with a cocktail hour at 6 p.m. followed by a seafood buffet at 7 p.m. All the delicious food a person could imagine or consume was available.

The fellowship hour following the December meeting on the 11th will include a Christmas celebration complete with goodies, games and gifts. December is election month — don't miss this opportunity to have a voice in your lodge. Come vote!!

For the past two meetings we have enjoyed the use of the new P.A. system we helped purchase. It is a great improvement. Please plan to join us on the 2nd Friday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the large auditorium of the Waukegan Public Library.

Janet Petersen, Sec. & Cor.

NEBRASKA

Lodge #206, Blair, NE — Vacations are over, everyone is home again so let us try for good attendance. We need to raise some funds, so it has been suggested we have a Sunday morning aebleskiver and medisterpølse breakfast. We need to find a suitable date in October.

Thanks to all who contributed toward the Danish booth at the Nebraska State Fair, and to Merton, Bonnie, Anita, Wally, Raymond and Marian for maning the booth. Response was great and this is the kind of cooperation it takes.

Harriet Betts, Sec.



Lodge #1, Omaha, NE — Our September social meeting was a wiener roast at Omaha's Vennelyst Park. It was lots of fun and Amelia and John Johnsen and their committee deserve our thanks. The Omaha Scandinavian dancers entertained after dinner.

In October, we will celebrate Halloween with an old-fashioned costume party. Deloris Hansen gave us details of their committee's plans at the October business meeting. We are all looking forward to October 20.

Di DiSilvestro, Sec.

MICHIGAN- OHIO

Michigan-Ohio District News

The District Fishing Outing at Ludington in September was well-attended and enjoyed by the "Fishermen." Haven't heard any "tall tales of the ones that got away," but am sure this outing will be repeated again next year.

Minnesota against Detroit football game on December 12 in Pontiac, Mich. — your lodge secretary has all the information for you, so contact him.

CORRECTION: In September issue you read "1982 Convention in Canton, Ohio" - that is wrong - should have read 'Convention in Ludington, Mich.'" Sorry about that.

"Our greatest glory is not in never failing, but in rising every time we fail."

Oluf Jensen

Lodge #30, Muskegon, MI — Our annual fall retreat was a great success. It was held the weekend of September 11-13 at the Hook and Horn Lodge on the Pere Marquette River near Baldwin, Michigan. Cards, outdoor games, and plenty of food makes this event the highlight of the year.

October 13, 1981, a fish fry is planned for the membership. They always go over real big. On December 12, 1981, our members have been invited to join our brother lodge in Detroit, to go over to Pontiac's Silverdome and see the Lion-Vikings football game. We

are looking forward to this very much.

Harold W. Neiser, Sec.

Lodge #51, Ludington, MI — The Danish Brotherhood Lodge -51 will be celebrating it's 90th anniversary with a dinner and dance to be held on Saturday, October 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the Danish Hall.

We would also like to thank Curt Price, his committee, and all those who came to make the District fishing tournament and fish boil a success.

Members are reminded of the November 15 deadline, to sign up for the Detroit Lions-Minnesota Vikings football game on Saturday afternoon, December 12, to be sponsored by Detroit Lodge #227.

Earl G. Jensen, Sec.



Lodge #227, Detroit, MI — Our 76th Anniversary Dinner-Dance in September was held with over 200 in attendance. Brother Chris Fabricius was the Toastmaster for the evening and he introduced special guests after our President, Ken Rehan, had bid all welcome. Fred Christensen, 97 years old, and a Brotherhood member for 58 years, received a round of applause. Brother Axel Lohman was not present, but since it was his birthday, all sang happy birthday for him anyway. Also we were honored and pleased to have as our guests our Danish/Consul for Michigan, Marshall Fredericks, his lovely wife, and four blind folks from Denmark who were here through the DIADEM Program. By now these four are back in Denmark after a 3½ week training program at the Leader Dog School for the Blind, in Rochester, Michigan, and how thrilled they must be to have their dogs with them back home. A good time was had by all.

Remember December 8, is the election of officers for the coming year — be present and let your voice be heard.

Oluf Jensen, Cor.

EASTERN

Lodge #32, New Haven, CT — On September 9th we held our regular business meeting with about 15 members present. On our next meeting night, October 14th, we are going to hold a potluck supper and bingo.

It was decided to invite the GCEL to hold next year's convention in New Haven. A committee has been formed and they are busy getting things in order. If you would like to help, come on down to our next meeting and let us know.

The Eastern General Committee scholarship was given to Susan Madsen of Newark, New Jersey. This scholarship is given each year to members or their relatives who qualify.

Winnie Edmonds, Cor.

Lodge #46, Perth Amboy, NJ — In September Lodge No. 46 held a potluck picnic at the Danish Home in Edison, New Jersey with John Pedersen and his committee in charge. Good weather, good Jersey corn and good food were some of the ingredients for an enjoyable day. Several of our members and their wives attended the Troy convention and experienced an enlightening and pleasant weekend. Our annual Christmas dinner/dance will have Eric Brown as chairman. Held at the Step Inn in Sayreville, this event is always well-attended and the committee promises a great evening.

At our August meeting two of the candidates for membership were the son and grandson of members: Earle Byremose, with his father in the lodge and A. Arthur Overgaard with two generations proceeding him; his grandfather joined in 1899.

Jens C. Jensen, Sec.

Lodge #116, Newark, NJ — On October 9th we heard the reports of the Nominating Committee and delegates to the Home. Ruth Brochu prepared open-face sandwiches for refreshments.

G.C.E.L. elections were held at the convention on September 6th

resulting in the following slate of district officers: Past President, John Madsen; President, Harry Jensen; Vice-President, Barry Edmonds; Secretary, Kenneth Lunde; Treasurer, Geert Pedersen; Trustee, Carl Spencer; Alternate Secretary, Sharon Lunde; Alternate Treasurer, Harry Scarlett; Alternate Trustee, Tage Sorensen. Lodge #116 would like to wish the incoming officers well during the next year.

Don Heckman, Sec.

Lodge #172, Philadelphia, PA — The November meeting, featuring our annual evening of "Bingo," will once again be held on the third Friday of the month, November 20th.

A nominating committee has been chosen for the purpose of selecting a slate of officers for 1982.

Plans are forging ahead for our children's Christmas party. (Is it nearly that time already?) This year it will be sponsored by both Lodge No. 172 and Lodge No. 342. A tentative date of December 13th has been selected. Joining us in October will be a representative from General Electric's Space Division. He will give us some insight into either the Space Shuttle or the Viking (planet exploration) program. Also Harry Scarlett will brief us on some very important but little known insurance facts.

Lorraine Malmquist, Cor.

Lodge #257, St. Petersburg, FL — After three months vacation we are back in action here in CIMBRIA. Some of our members have not yet returned from their summer homes up North, but come October, we will be in full swing.

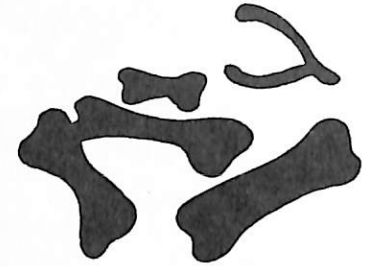
A membership committee has been elected whose job it is to get more Danes, young and old, to join our lodge. At the same time let us work together and help one another in making the meetings more interesting and in this way make CIMBRIA a lodge we can be proud of.

The big thing now, of course, is CIMBRIA's 75th anniversary celebration, which we hope will be a great success. The date has now definitely been set for Friday evening, March 19, 1982. Spot's

Restaurant, Park Blvd. in Seminole is the place for this event.

All friends of CIMBRIA are welcome to attend whether they are out of town or in town. Naturally, we expect 99% of our membership to attend and help us celebrate this eventful evening.

Bill Steffensen, Sec.



Lodge #314, Hartford, CT — Over the Labor Day weekend, our President Al Homo attended the G.C.E.L. convention in Troy, New York, as our delegate. A poem was brought to his attention at the fifty-seventh annual convention that he would like to pass on to all DBIA members. "Someone said the membership of every organization is made up of 4 kinds of bones: The **wishbones** who spend all their time wishing someone else would do all the work; the **jawbones** who do all the talking but very little else; the **knuckle bones** who knock everything everybody else tries to do; the **backbones** who get under the load and do the work." Let's hope all the DBIA members are **backbones**. Help your lodge, it belongs to you.

For those who have never been to a convention, he said it is a very good experience, not only meeting new friends and old friends, but finding out what's happening in other lodges, exchanging old and new ideas. President Homo thanked all the members of Hartford 314, for sending him as delegate to the convention.

Also attending as alternate delegate was James Elliott with his wife Jennie, and three sons, Matt, Mark and Jeff. Aage and Vera Jespersen and Graciella Nissen attended from Hartford, too. We would like to thank Lodge No. 183 for a great time.

We will be having our potluck supper with the Sisterhood on November 3. Hoping to have a good turnout - see you there.

James Elliott, Sec.

Lodge #325, Long Island, NY —
Our 55th annual dinner/dance is November 7, 1981, at the Danish Athletic Club in Brooklyn.

The Finnish American Cultural Society Long Island is sponsoring a Scandinavian Afternoon, at Linberg Lodge, Dix Hills Road, Huntington, October 11, 1981, at 2 p.m., admission \$3.00. Free coffee and pulla. Walter Erickson will play music and show slides from Scandinavia. Hans Olsen will tell about the program "Musical Smorgasbord." Olavi and Mirga Kurbo will sing songs of Finland.

Niels B. Hansen, Sec.

Lodge #342, Bucks County, PA —
Joining us in October will be a representative from General Electric's Space Division. He will give us some insight into either the Space Shuttle or the Viking (planet exploration) program. Also Harry Scarlett will brief us on some very important but little known insurance facts. See you there!

MISSOURI

Lodge #56, Kansas City, MO — The September meeting was held in Hans and Jean Prinds home. Over twenty members and guests enjoyed the fellowship and fine open-faced sandwiches.

Two new membership applicants, Ken Gause and Margaret Shanklin, also attended the September meeting. Several other potential applicants will be contacted by the President, Ruth Larsen. The new invitations provided by the DBIA headquarters will be used to seek new members from the visitors at the recent Ethnic Festival.

Plans for the Ethnic Festival next year were discussed; bigger and better activities planned include Danish food items.

With the growth of the Lodge, plans are under way to find larger meeting quarters for the group. The location for the October meeting will be announced later.

Bob Wallace, Cor.



New Members

Name	Lodge		Sponsor
	No.	Location	
Lawrence E. Hansen	4	Racine	Gordon A. Hansen
Mark C. Hansen	4	Racine	Gordon A. Hansen
Donald L. Swanson	14	Kenosha	Carl N. Swanson
Helen B. Super	34	Dwight	Metha Jensen
Margaret Every	164	New York	Ellen Holm
Julie A. Liebe	167	Portland	Buch Jensen
Tamara L. Hansen	167	Portland	Stig Hansen
Robert K. Otto	167	Portland	Elly Batchelor
Judith Cramton	167	Portland	Buch Jensen
James Cramton	167	Portland	Buch Jensen
Caryn Cramton	167	Portland	Buch Jensen
Rex D. Suthard	167	Portland	Buch Jensen
Ronald Hammer	227	Detroit	Otto Christensen
Jorgen Hagman	299	Solvang	Bent Jensen
Ole Meyer	299	Solvang	Ib Kretzschmer
Helen E. Berg	325	Nassau Co.	Hans Juergensen
Robert M. Sorensen	332	Ripon	Raymond Olsen
Alice A. Sorensen	332	Ripon	Raymond Olsen
Anne K. Hansen	346	Riverside	Marcia Johansen
Robert R. Lauer	398	Dike	Lyle Refshauge
Tiffany L. Rytter	600	Omaha	Soren Rytter

Dana Celebrates 100 Years — 1984

Dana College will launch a \$6 million Centennial Fund drive this fall, the largest in Dana's history, President James Kallas has announced.

His announcement followed a decision made by the Dana Board of Regents after receiving a very favorable report and recommendations from the college's fund-raising consulting firm. The \$6 million goal includes \$2.5 million for a chapel-fine arts center, \$2 million for operational support, \$500,000 for remodeling-renovation of existing buildings, and \$1 million for endowment.

The final stage of the three-year fund-raising program will coincide with Dana's centennial celebration during the 1983-84 academic year.

"Dana's future is bright," Kallas said. "Our enrollment has increased more than 30 percent in the last three years, a dramatic turn-around. We've also had a dramatic growth in gift support, with unrestricted gifts exceeding one-half million dollars this past fiscal year.

"We're launching this Centennial Fund with thanksgiving and a deep commitment to the future of Dana College." Kallas has also announced Dana has closed its fiscal year in the black and has been able to reduce its accumulated deficit.

New Poetry Contest

A \$1,000 grand prize will be awarded in the upcoming poetry competition sponsored by World of Poetry.

Poems of all styles and on any subject are eligible to compete for the grand prize or for 99 other cash or merchandise awards, totaling over \$10,000.

Says Contest Chairman, Joseph Mellon, "We are encouraging poetic talent of every kind, and expect our contest to produce exciting discoveries."

Rules and official entry forms are available from the World of Poetry, 2431 Stockton Blvd., Dept. D, Sacramento, California 95817.

Vienna With SAS

Culture, glamour, and scenery ... who could ask for more? Europe's social event of the year, the New Year's Eve Kaiser Ball in Vienna, is just one of the highlights of Scandinavian Airlines Systems' fourth annual "Sound of Music" tour.

With visits to Frankfurt, Nuremberg, Innsbruck, Salzburg, Vienna and Copenhagen, the itinerary includes such special features as a visit to the Spanish Riding School in Vienna, the "Nutcracker" performed by the Marionette Theatre, a Mozart concert, as well as a special Christmas Eve dinner and attendance at the Kaiser Ball on New Year's Eve.



Tour participants (left) Bob and Dorothy MacKinnon, Nancy and Jack Cameron, display California State flag donated by them to Rebild Park.

TOUR REPORT

by Nancy Cameron
Petaluma, California

The "Tour of All Denmark" sponsored by The Danish Brotherhood from June 26 to July 10, 1981, certainly became a dream come true for several Petalumans. When we started comparing notes late in April, we realized there would be eight of us going from our area. Departure time came, and, although we didn't know it beforehand, we were part of a group of sixteen for the tour to leave from Los Angeles. In L.A. airport we spotted Colleen Stenderup of Bakersfield and realized she was part of the group. Our flight started fine but we ran into engine trouble over Canada and were forced to land there. After an overnight stay in Winnipeg, we were rerouted to Copenhagen via Toronto and London. During this time we met the Olsens from Bellflower and eleven of us arrived safely in Denmark a day-and-a-half late. We were greeted by Carol Petersen, our tour director, who was a wonderful help. Carol was concerned because five tour members were missing. These five arrived the next day. They had gone from Winnipeg to New York, then on to Copenhagen. Needless to say we got off to a slow start and did not see much of Copen-

hagen, but our fun was soon to begin. The forty-three of us on tour were now together with Carol our guide, and Bjerne Kristiansen, our bus driver.

The first day on the road we visited the Viking Museum (see American Dane Sept., 1981) and the majestic Roskilde Dom Kirk, the burial place of Danish royalty. As we traveled on to Dragsholm castle, where we were to spend the night, we admired our first views of the beautiful Danish countryside. The endless fields of pasture required few fences and the many shades of green combined with yellow (rape for margarine) to give a colorful effect. We saw the first of many windmills. It seemed every home had a flagpole with the Danish flag proudly flying.

Our night at Dragsholm was exciting! We explored the castle from top to bottom. We wandered through the trophy rooms, church and the dungeon where political prisoners were held. The furniture was old and beautiful and we had access to it. The dining rooms were quaint and the food was good.

On we traveled; we left Sealand by ferry and landed at Ebletoft where we

wandered leisurely throughout the town. We traveled over the Mols by the ocean on to Aarhus to spend the night. Aarhus, Denmark's second largest city, was lovely. As we left we stopped at a modern Danish shopping center for lunch. It certainly was different compared to a shopping center in the U.S.A.

We now headed for our three-day stay with a Danish farm family in the Viborg area. Twelve of us stayed at the home of Jorne and Marie Nielsen of



Dinner in Denmark's charming Dragsholm Castle enjoyed by, left to right, Jim Smith, Pat Turley, Dorothy MacKinnon, Jack Cameron, Colleen Stenderup, Nancy Cameron, Bob MacKinnon, Maria Martin and Margaret Smith. (Photo courtesy Dorothy MacKinnon)

Katrup. They were lovely people, our rooms were nice and Marie was an excellent cook. Jorne is a trout and swine farmer and he gave us a tour of each business which was located down the road on his parent's property. It was interesting to note the bonds of friendship that developed between the hosts and guests after the three-day stay. The forty-three on tour were spread between six homes. As everyone was picked up on the final day, the entire host family, including parents, children, grandparents and other guests gathered in the yards to say their goodbyes and many were taking pictures.

During our stay with the farm families we enjoyed Rebild Day. July 4, 1981, in Denmark, lacked a wiener roast and fire works from the USA, but was certainly impressive. We arrived early and were able to explore the area before the huge crowds came. What a memorable walk down into the canyon between the flags of the fifty states of the USA!! Lincoln's log cabin was exciting to us Petalumans, because it was in our hometown under the direction of Carl Plow, Sr., and H. P. Vogensen that the logs and materials for the cabin were assembled from all over America, and sent to Denmark to be erected at Rebild Park. Once down in the valley, we climbed again, to find our seats on the heather covered hills. The Danish and American flags flew high above and the crowds were packed in, many with banners to identify themselves. The lovely queen and her family arrived and Pat Boone spoke. Everything was perfect.

We continued north to Aalborg and stayed the night at the modern White House Hotel after a leisurely day doing just as we pleased. Then we traveled south, this time via the Jutland western

coast, crossing waterways by ferrys, strolling ocean areas, exploring churches and enjoying an excellent smorgasbord for lunch.

As the day ended, we arrived at the oldest city in Denmark, Ribe, and our accommodations at the lovely old hotel, Dagmar, dating back to 1581. Our stay in Ribe was much too short and the next day we moved on, traveling close to the German border, visiting the queen mother's home in Graston and lunching at an Inn by Dybøll Mill. Next we toured Sonderberg castle, then on to the island of Fyn and our hotel in Svendborg.

We were winding down and could now see the tour coming to an end, but we still had many adventures ahead of us in the next few days. Hans Christian Andersen's home in Odense, Safari Park and the Antique Car Museum were yet to be seen.

We arrived back in Copenhagen and everyone hurried to do last minute shopping. When it came time to go, only sixteen of us were leaving. The others had taken advantage of the option for extended travel.

Our dream tour was over, but the memories linger on!! Our guide Carol and driver Bjerne were excellent hosts, filled with information, very accommodating and so very patient. Who will ever forget our fellow travelers such as spunky, eighty-nine year old Margrethe Grobeck and her sister-in-law Goldie, the Emil Mogensens from New Hampshire, the Olsen brothers and their lovely wives, and the George Rasmussens from Wisconsin? Mae from Florida was joined by her brother Harold, and picture-taking son Bill; Betty Winther of Oregon traveled with her sister and niece, Dorthea and Sharon. The "up in front" Hansen family and friend, Arlene, were

residents of Michigan and the Walt Sorensens were from Colorado.

From Washington came pretty Cindy, while from Montana came Mae Andersen, Jo Rasmussen and the Henry Jorgensens and the San Diego foursome, the Crosses and Andersons, had an exciting trip ahead of them. We're hoping to see Californians, Helen and Herman of McKinleyville and Colleen of Bakersfield at some lodge function soon.

We've had a get-together at the MacKinnons where we reminisced, exchanged pictures, saw Jack's slides and looked at scrapbooks. Hello to all!! We'll always remember our "Tour of All Denmark" in 1981.



More Comfort

Scandinavians are taller than most people, but even a tall Swede has more than enough room to stretch out in the new Dormette seats which are now being installed in the first class cabins of all Scandinavian Airlines wide-bodied jets. These specially designed, fully reclining seats will be standard in SAS 747's as of September 1; they will also be installed in SAS DC-10's by December 1 — the first use of sleeper seats in the DC-10 by any airline. SAS makes no extra charge for these sleeper seats.

Lest We Forget

In Grateful Remembrance of Their Service and Fellowship, We honor Those Members Who Have Passed Away Since the Last Report.

Date of Death	Name	Age	Birth Place	Lodge No.	Location	Year Joined
8-30-81	Johan F. Oerum	97	Gottrup Sogn, Denmark	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1916
9-1-81	Charles O. Pedersen	80	Maribo, Denmark	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1926
8-22-81	Niels P. Nielsen	90	North Kongerslev, Denmark	43	Denver, Colorado	1914
9-12-81	Oluf Jensen	86	Hjorring, Denmark	49	San Francisco, California	1930
9-11-81	Knud Nielsen	77	Denmark	45	Minneapolis, Minnesota	1931
9-15-81	Walter Jensen	82		227	Detroit, Michigan	1964
9-25-81	Jim Jorgensen	73	Denmark	325	Nassau County, New York	1952
9-28-81	Olga Nielsen	80	Denmark	164	New York City, New York	1974
10-2-81	Arthur R. Jensen	90		339	Las Vegas, Nevada	1978
10-5-81	Elith Schliemann	82	Copenhagen, Denmark	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	1976

Those Bold Vikings

by
**Alexander
Cutrules**
Conclusion

In the first two parts of this series we became acquainted with a few of the Vikings and their exploits. In the conclusion, Mr. Cutrules provides some insight into how they were seen during their own time and traits we may truly credit to our forebears.

These Vikings were pagans with a somber religion. They prayed to blood-loving gods like Odin, Thor and Frey, after whom three days of our week are named.

They lauded the manly virtue of courage. Confronting death in the guise of a “berserker” in the red rage of combat, blooded broadsword or skull-cleaving battle-axe in hand, was the highest fulfillment. Only then, they believed, would a fair maiden — a Valkyrie — come singing on a white horse to bear away the warrior’s mangled corpse up through the sky to the feasting hall of the gods.

The Arab chronicle Ibn Fadlan, attests to the monstrous rite of female rape, knifing and strangulation which saw a Viking chief off to his Valhalla. And the shadowy bard behind “Beowulf” catalogues the heaps of gold-adorned swords, armor, helmets, rings, bracelets, jeweled cups, silver goods, gorgeous fabrics and bright pennants which



Remains of Constantinople’s Golden Gate. It witnessed the comings and goings of Byzantium’s rulers and their armies. It saw, too, Harald’s return from Italy and the realm of the Bulgars, as well as the Holy Land.



Mosaic from the narthex of Hagia Sophia. It shows Justinian, who built the magnificent church, on the left, and Constantine, the founder of Constantinople — on the site of an earlier Greek city — on the right. It dates from 986 to 994.

went with a ship-burial to ease the afterlife of a great lord.

This faith was a far-cry from Christianity; and they hungered for the coffered wealth of the church and its gold and silver images. Is it any wonder that the sea pirates stalked the priests and churches, the monasteries and convents of this “soft” faith with a manomania of resentment? As one cleric put it, “The north wind roars among us. . . !

To Ibn Dustah, a 10th century Arab wanderer, the Vikings were bold and handsome sea-borne barbarians whose sole interests were war and haggling for goods. Their only merchandise were skins and slaves — captives taken in war. Always armed, they were quick-tempered and quarrelsome.

Still there seems to have been a diamond-hard core of caution in the makeup of these touchy marauders: “Praise a day at evening; a sword when tired; ice when crossed; a wife on the funeral pyre, a maid when married; and ale when drunk.”

It has been handed down how, on one occasion, Charles the Simple, King of the Franks, seeking to parley with a force of those rovers, asked to talk with their leader. The proud rejoinder rang back, "We know no master. All of us are equal!"

In truth the northerners allowed for self-rule. The oldest parliament in the world is, after all, the Althing of Iceland, created by Vikings from Norway. And woman among them enjoyed a more respected position in the household, and greater independence to go and come and live her public life than did her sisters in contemporary high cultures like the Islamic and Byzantine Greek.

Knowing this, how should we view the ambivalent word-sketch set down by Ibn Fedlan beside the Volga in 921?

"Never have I seen people of more perfect physique. They are as tall as date-palms, having reddish hair and fair skins. . . The men wear cloaks, with one end thrown over the shoulder leaving a hand free. Every man carries an axe, a sword, and a dagger, and is never without them. . .

"They are the filthiest of God's creatures! They never wash after. . . natural functions, nor after sexual intercourse. . . Every morning they wash their hands and faces in the dirtiest water imaginable."

And the eyewitness chronicle tells how a common bowl was passed around by a slave girl to each man in turn, beginning with the chief. The water was not changed until all had completed their ablutions! The impression is conveyed that an entire ship's party washed hands and face, blew the nose, cleared the lungs, and combed the hair in the same liquid!



A Danish Boyhood

by Enok Mortensen

(Word Services Press, Lincoln, NE)

A true story of growing up in a Danish Village in the early 20th centry, and a dramatic decision to come to America.

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But even if the Arab diplomat's report is true, and the northerners could not brag of cleanliness, were the other peoples of the West more genteel in their personal habits at the time? Only their Arab and Byzantine neighbors are known to have been fastidious about the avoidance of bodily advertising by regular bathing.

* * *

Their legacy is certainly a mixed bag, and historians may be right in concluding that the real character of the Northmen must forever elude us.

And yet, peering beyond the grim brutality and dirt, we may be proud that in the inheritance of the English-speaking peoples - and other nations - there is a measure of the courage and vitality, the hardihood and enterprise, the love of adventure and liberty, uncompromised to the slightest degree, of those bold sea-robbers.

Is it too much to say that our birthright as free men will continue to thrive into future times only if we voyage back to the "sword age, wind age, wolf age" wellsprings of our Viking inheritance?

From those shades of bygone days we may claim as our own an inquiring, freedom-loving nature; a love for the zest of life in all its beauty and, yes, dreadfulness; and - above all else - an unwavering reliance upon ourselves and our capacities.

This is the message and exhortation of that long ago time.

Heeding it, we may yet breathe into our increasingly enfeebled selves that revivifying pride summed up in one defiant Northman's boast, "I believe in my own strength!"

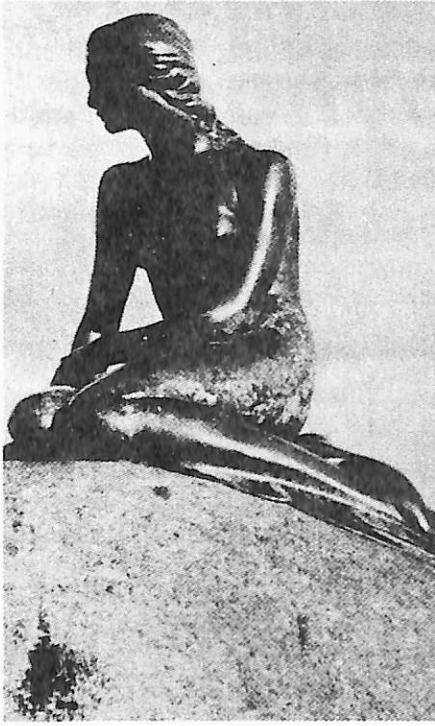


PHOTO CONTEST

Your chance to win in the 1981 Danish Brotherhood Photo Contest is getting better! The original deadline for receipt of entries was July 30. We have now moved the deadline to **December 31, 1981.**

First place winners in each category will receive \$25 and publication as a future American Dane cover photo.

TO ENTER

1. Send your photograph with your name, address, lodge and member number to The Danish Brotherhood in America, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131.

2. Indicate the category of the entry: **FAMILY DANISH ETHNIC ACTIVITY, DBIA LODGE DANISH ETHNIC ACTIVITY, OR DANISH BROTHERHOOD DISTRICT OR NATIONAL ACTIVITY.** Include a brief description of the event (15 words or less) and the date the photo was taken.

3. The entries may be snapshots or enlargements, but must not exceed 8x10. Glossy, black and white photos are preferred. Slides will not be accepted.

4. Contestants may enter a total of 5 photos annually.

5. Photos may have been taken any time after July 15, 1980.

AWARDS

First place winners in each category will receive \$25 and publication as a future American Dane cover photo. Second and Third place awards will be made in a category if 10 or more entries are received within that category. Second place winners will receive \$15 and third place winners will receive \$10. All winners will be published in the American Dane. In any event, no entrant may receive more than one award annually.

YOUNG VIKINGS DIVISION

Special awards will be given to photos entered by members age 16 and under. In this division, the rules and categories for entries will remain the same, but **entries must include the age.** First place in the Young Vikings Division will receive \$25.



Enrollment at Grand View College for the fall semester is 1138 day students, a fifteen percent increase over last year's total and the largest number ever to attend the college. Evening enrollment is 153.

The major reason for the increase is the large number of returning students, attributed to the recent addition of eighteen baccalaureate programs, making Grand View a four-year college.

Among physical changes on the campus is the addition of the College Center, at East 14th and Grandview Avenue. The building, dedicated last May, includes the religion, theatre, art, and music departments, as well as student services offices. It also contains a 150-seat theatre/chapel, a small chapel and the office of the college pastor, recreation and study areas, a snack bar, and a formal dining room.

Study in Scandinavia

Scandinavian Seminar is now accepting applications for its 1982-83 academic year abroad in Denmark, Finland, Norway, or Sweden. This unique learning experience is designed for college students, graduates, and other adults who want to study in a Scandinavian country, becoming part of another culture and learning its language. A new one-semester program, only in Denmark, is also now available.

Because the Scandinavian countries are small, open, and accessible, the year provides an unusual opportunity for the student to explore his or her particular field of interest by doing an independent study project. On the basis of a detailed written evaluation of their work, most college students receive full or partial academic credit for their year.

The fee, covering tuition, room, board, and all course-connected travels in Scandinavia, is \$5,900. Interest-free loans are

granted on the basis of need, as are a few partial scholarships.

For further information, please write to: Scandinavian Seminar, 100 East 85th Street, New York, N.Y. 10028.



SECTION 7, PARAGRAPH 3 (b) — Payment authorized in the laws of the Society under one or more of the laws following Section 5, paragraph 4; and/or Section 6, paragraph 2; Section 14, paragraph 2, is hereby published: f

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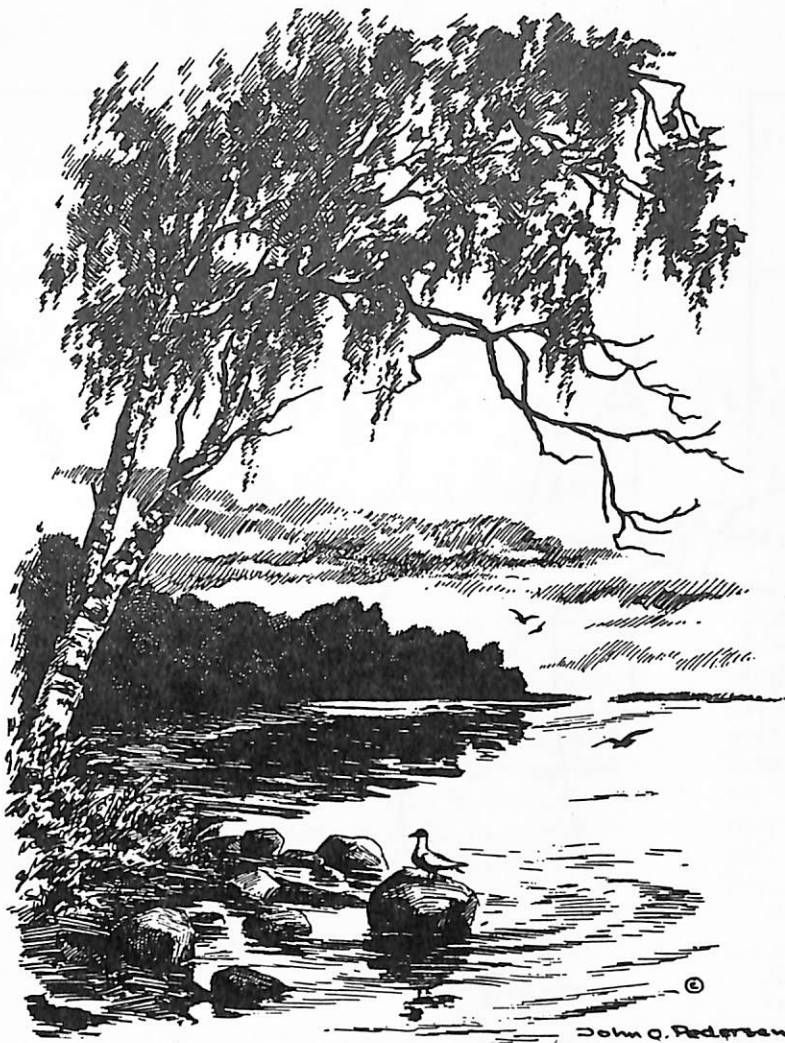
George Jacobsen, Salary, \$272.65.
Robert Ibsen, semiannual expense, \$250.
Peter Weber, semiannual expense, \$250; IA-MN convention, \$342.50.
Norbert Grove, semiannual expense, \$250.
Clyde Langsted, semiannual expense, \$250.
Kenneth Pedersen, semiannual expense, \$250.
Woodrow Petersen, semiannual expense, \$250.

AMERICAN DANE CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE: Bing & Grøndahl Christmas plates: 1900-1901-1906-1930-1931-1932-1933-1934-1935-1936

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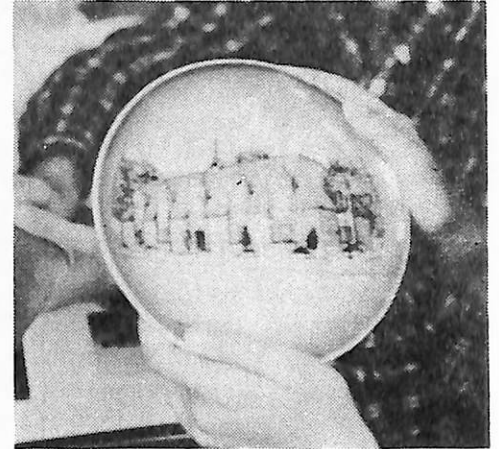
and 1955. Best offer. Write H. Hinding, 14060 Old Holt Ct., Lindstrom, MN 55045.



1982 Centennial Calendar

John O.P. Pedersen was chosen to illustrate "Gamle Danmark" for our 1982 appointment calendar. John generously illustrated our National Headquarters in honor of our Centennial Year. This beautiful pen and ink rendering serves as the cover for 12 additional illustrations, the above included. Recipes also appear on each calendar page along with Danish, U.S. and some Canadian holidays.

Danish Brotherhood Centennial Plate



Designed by Bing & Grøndahl for The Danish Brotherhood, this plate fits well into your collection. Only 550 plates were made. Orders will be filled as long as possible, first come - first served.

\$25.00
per plate, postpaid
(Nebr. residents add 3% sales tax.)

Order from: The Danish Brotherhood,
P.O. Box 31748, Omaha, NE 68131.

Please send _____ Centennial plates.

Total enclosed \$_____.

Name

Street Address

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Yes, please include membership information with my order.

Order from: Danish Brotherhood in America
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Quantity

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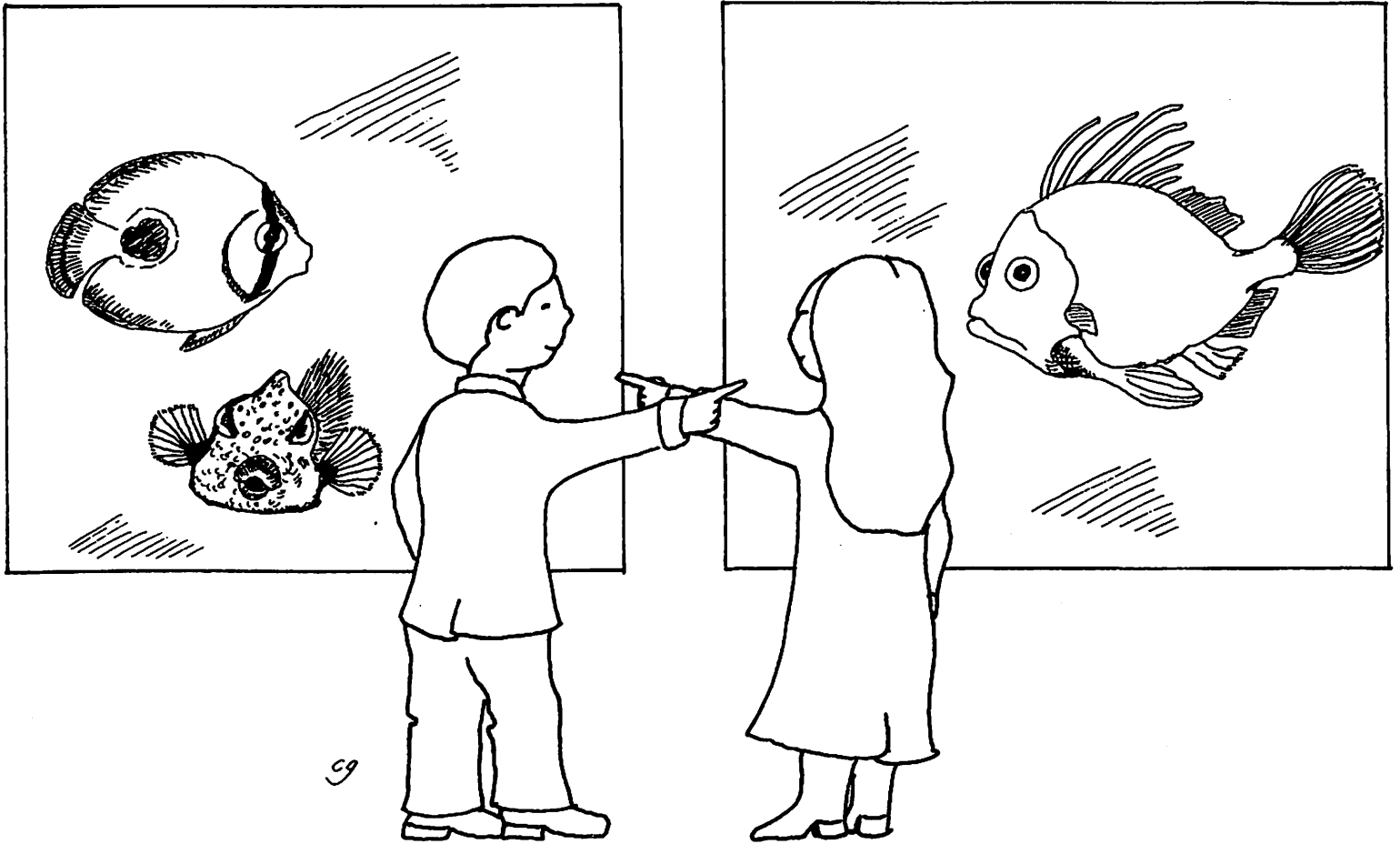
Prices are postpaid.
Nebraskans add Nebraska sales tax.

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City State Zip Code

YES, please include membership information with my order.

Hans and Greta



Our twins are visiting the Funen Aquarium, the largest aquarium in Denmark.

Color our picture, clip it out and send to — The Danish Brotherhood in America, P.O. Box 31748, Omaha, NE 68131. You might win a LEGO building kit. Include: 1. your name, 2. your return address, 3. your date of birth, and 4. our colored picture.

You need not be a DBIA member to enter. Four LEGO toy kits awarded in four age groups each month (ages 2-4, 5-7, 8-9, 10-12).

October winners: Ryan Sloth, Ricki Taft, Bradley Rakic, and Chris Hokanson.

AEBLE GROT

*(Apple Dessert)**

Use as many apples as needed. Peel, core and slice and put into buttered baking dish. Cover with sugar and cinnamon; use nutmeg in place of cinnamon if desired. Thicken sour cream with flour and pour mixture over apples. This makes a thin flaky crust. Bake in a slow oven. Serve warm or cold with whipped cream.

As given to me by a Danish friend in Denmark.

Luella F. Christensen

Grandma's Kitchen

*From the cookbook compiled by Luella Christensen for DBIA Lodge 36 and DSS Lodge 15. The 38-page book is available from Carol Larsen, 2571 South Shore Drive, Milwaukee, WI 53207 for \$3.00, postpaid.

Viking Adventures

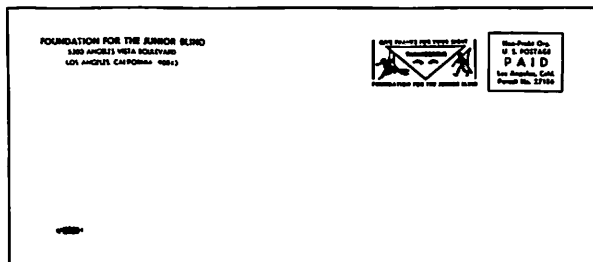
Coming Together—A Beginning

Keeping Together—Progress

Working Together—Success

A good number of our lodges are involved in civic projects on a continuing basis. Examples include blood drives, assistance for the aged, recycling paper and glass, and cash donations to worthy causes. There is undoubtedly an organization in your lodge community that can use your support. You should take a look at the projects and causes available and select the one that best fits the capability and objectives of your lodge and its members.

ENVELOPES FOR THE JUNIOR BLIND



This rather unique project is credited to our Lodge No. 126 in Los Angeles, California. Our information about it came from lodge secretary Peter Pedersen, who credits member Fred Holm with the idea. Peter wrote:

“About 10 or 12 years ago Fred Holm mentioned at a meeting that fellow employees of the telephone company had addressed and stuffed a few thousand envelopes for the Foundation for the Junior Blind. Other telephone workers had furnished and set up a radio communication

system for the Foundation, as there are no telephones there. Fred suggested that we do something to help. I reported that the Naval CBs, of which I was a member at that time, had spent weekends working at this camp. I agreed with Fred Holm’s suggestion as I thought it was really a worthwhile project; especially after seeing the faces. Apprehension turned to delight as the blind kids started walking across a hanging bridge we CBs had built over a small ravine.

“Owen Miller, our treasurer, who lives near the home office of the Foundation, went to offer our help in addressing and stuffing envelopes.

“In September he brought 1000 envelopes and several of us took 100 or more home and addressed them according to the list provided. At the next meeting we brought them back and after the meeting everybody helped stuff them with a return envelope, some Junior Blind stamps, and a letter of appeal for a donation. . .

“At our October 1st meeting we stuffed 1400 envelopes. They must be returned to the Foundation by mid-October as they are sent out to the public before Thanksgiving Day. About 1½ million are sent out each year.

“Each address list covers one street and zip code, and after being addressed, stuffed and sealed envelopes are kept separate in bundles as to street and zip code. This is to qualify for the non-profit postal rate. . . We think this is a worthwhile project.”

So do we, Peter. We hope more of our lodges will follow your example!

IT'S FUN TO SPEAK DANISH

Learning or re-learning to speak Danish is fun for the whole family. And it is a wonderful activity for the individual lodges, too.

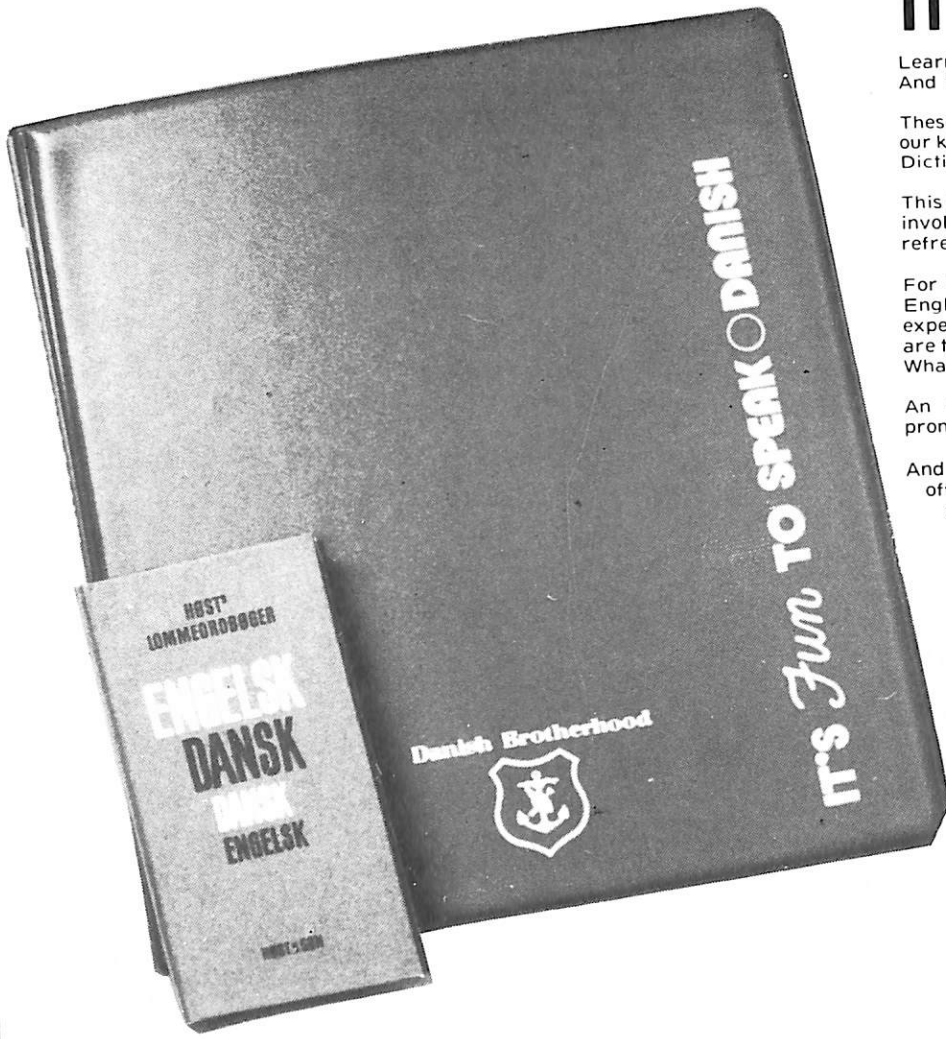
These five full-length cassette tapes fit any standard tape player, and our kits also include a read-along script as well as an English/Danish Dictionary all packaged in a handsome red travel or storage album.

This is a fantastic way for second or third generation Danes to become involved in our Danish heritage. And these tapes are perfect as a refresher course if you're planning a trip to Denmark.

For the convenience of beginners, young or old, both Danish and English are used in the five tapes. The tapes were developed by experts and educators to make the learning process fun. The cassettes are titled: (1) How To Speak Danish; (2) Putting Words Together; (3) What Did I Say?; (4) As We Say In Danish; (5) Sing It, Say It.

An easy, enjoyable way to build a useful vocabulary, learn pronunciations, and hear old Danish sayings and songs.

And all for only \$29.95 including postage and handling. (We are offering a lodge discount if more than five tape sets are ordered at one time. For five or more tape sets, the price becomes \$24.95 per kit.)



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Enclosed is my check or money order in the amount of \$_____ for _____ Danish language cassette tape sets. (Nebraska residents — 3% Sales Tax)

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Before you move use this coupon to notify the Home Office. Clip out so old address is included. Notify your lodge secretary, too.

NOTICE!!! List all family members affected by this change.

I belong to Lodge No. _____ My number in the lodge is _____

Name _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Proud to be a Dane?

We're proud of our Danish heritage and would like more information about The Danish Brotherhood. We understand we can become members even though we may not be near a local lodge. We will receive *The American Dane* each month as members and be eligible to apply for other membership benefits. Please send information to:

name _____ age _____

other family members:

street address _____

name _____ age _____

city, state, zip _____

name _____ age _____

name _____ age _____

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