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## What's New For January

President George Jacobsen opens our Centennial Year with a proclamation printed on page 4. Following the proclamation are articles and announcements about plans for the 100th anniversary year of The Danish Brotherhood. Sales Director Andy Andersen has added a new dimension to the Centennial Membership Program, making it the Centennial Sales Incentive program with details on pages 6 and 7. A reply card makes it easy to participate.

Two poems appear in this issue. One by Elinor J. George, a 1981 Creative Writing Contest winner (page 15) and one by Shirley J. Guldager of Michigan dedicated to the Danish-American (page 17).

A mother and daughter provide two very different articles for us. Edith Matteson has spent her summers interviewing Danish-Americans primarily in Nebraska. She has spent the past year in Denmark at the Danes Worldwide Archives and, beginning on page 21, brings us up to date on the archives, the beginning of Rebild Park, and what Danish-Americans are doing to preserve their heritage. Her mother, Jean, recalls the delightful "surprise" parties held during her childhood in the community of Weeping Water, Nebraska. Mrs. Matteson's article begins on page 24 and will conclude in the February issue.

In a short time, each person on our American Dane mailing list will receive a very special, historical publication prepared in celebration of the Centennial.

*Diane*  
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# PROCLAMATION

**TO ALL DANISH BROTHERHOOD MEMBERS**

WHEREAS,

On January 2, 1882, in Omaha, Nebraska, a group of immigrant men with the aim of providing financial protection and perpetuating traditions from Denmark for the benefit of future generations in America, formed a fraternal society which bears the name of The Danish Brotherhood in America; and

WHEREAS,

the objectives of The Danish Brotherhood are to encourage members' fidelity to the Constitution and laws of the country in which they live, to perpetuate memories and traditions from Denmark, to render aid to members, to assist unemployed members, and to provide life insurance protection; and

WHEREAS,

The Danish Brotherhood has upheld these objectives through its lodges, districts and national headquarters; through individual acts of fraternalism and through the payment of countless thousands of dollars in fraternal benefits; and

WHEREAS,

The Danish Brotherhood is now celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of its founding,

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, George J. Jacobsen, President of The Danish Brotherhood in America, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the year of 1982 as

## **THE CENTENNIAL YEAR OF THE DANISH BROTHERHOOD IN AMERICA**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF,

I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Danish Brotherhood to be affixed this second day of January, in the Year of Our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-two.

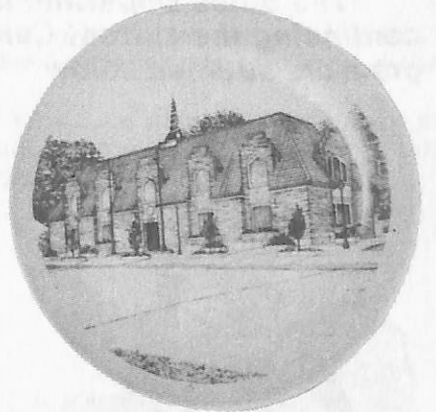


PRESIDENT



**Centennial Banquet**  
 Saturday, May 1, 1982  
 6:30 p.m.  
 Red Lion Inn  
 Omaha, Nebraska

# 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.

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Yes, please include membership information with my order.

Plans are being made for a gala celebration with music, beautiful decorations, Danish kranselage, entertainment! It's sure to be an evening of delightful surprises.

The banquet will be attended by all members of our Board of Directors. If you would like to be sure of reserved seating for the evening, please send your check and the number of reservations you will need to our office. In return, you will receive confirmation of reservations and information about Omaha's fine motels and hotels.

Other banquet details will be revealed in coming months!

**Order from: Danish Brotherhood in America**  
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**Quantity**  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Centennial Banquet Tickets, \$20.00@ Total \$\_\_\_\_\_

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 Name Street Address

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 City State Zip Code

I would like information on Omaha's hotel/motel accommodations.



## Centennial Sales Incentive

by **Andy Andersen, CLU,**  
**Sales Director**

The Sales Department announces a special incentive program for 1982 in addition to continuing the current Centennial membership program. All new and old points of the program are outlined below.

### CENTENNIAL FAMILY PLAN

Any family applying for a new DBIA Family Plan and becoming a 100% DBIA family in 1982 will benefit from the low premium and receive a family portrait (maximum value \$40). The portrait will be featured in the *American Dane*.

To qualify, the Family Plan must provide at least \$5,000 of permanent cash value life insurance for each parent and at least \$1,000 Term to Age 25 for each child. The children's term insurance is guaranteed convertible to any plan of permanent insurance up to 5 times the original amount regardless of health conditions.



Get a free family portrait.

#### Example

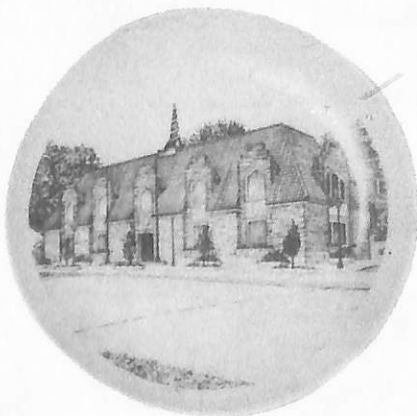
Mom (age 23)	\$ 5,000	20 Pay Life	Monthly Premium* Bank Plan	\$ 9.00
Dad (age 25)	\$10,000	Life Paid up at Age 65		14.03
Children	Level Term to age 25			.68
Total Monthly Premium				<u>\$ 23.71</u>
Cash Value and Dividends**				
Mom's policy in 20 years at age 65				\$ 6,637.90 \$21,368.95

### EXECUTIVE OR SPECIAL WHOLE LIFE

Each member issued an Executive Whole Life or Special Whole Life policy with a \$25,000 face value or more during 1982 will receive a Danish Brotherhood Centennial Plate. This offer is good only as long as the plates are available.

#### Example

Age 15	\$25,000 Special Whole Life	Monthly Premium* Bank Plan	\$ 20.32
Cash Value and Dividends** at the end of 20 years at age 65			\$ 6,037.50 \$37,413.00
Age 25	\$25,000 Executive Whole Life		<u>\$ 27.03</u>
Cash Value and Dividends** at the end of 20 years at age 65			\$ 8,402.50 \$29,060.00



Get a free Centennial Plate.

# PROTECTION



**Win a trip to our 1983 convention.**

## **CENTENNIAL CLUB FOR SPONSORS AND CURRENT MEMBERS**

Each sponsor of a new Danish Brotherhood member in 1982 will receive a DBIA bumper sticker with the slogan "Danes are Born Leaders, You're Following One".

Each time an application is received from the new-member sponsor, his or her name will be entered in a drawing. (No limit.)

Each current member who purchases a new life insurance policy from The Danish Brotherhood in 1982 will have his or her name entered in the same drawing.

At the conclusion of the Centennial Year, one name will be drawn at random. That lucky person will be awarded an expense paid trip to our 1983 National Convention in Philadelphia or \$500 in cash.



**Win a trip to Denmark.**

## **CENTENNIAL MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM**

Earn points toward a free trip to Denmark and be the recipient of attractive awards and or savings bonds at each plateau. Accumulate points by sponsoring new members through the year (to be added to points acquired in previous years, if any).

Two points earned for each new insured member, 1 point for each new social member or increase in insurance for present member.

<b>10 Points</b>	<b>You get</b>	<b>Appreciation Award (certificate)</b>
<b>25 Points</b>	<b>You get</b>	<b>Booster Award (plaque)</b>
<b>50 Points</b>	<b>You get</b>	<b>Meritorious Award (cup and \$50 bond)***</b>
<b>100 Points</b>	<b>You get</b>	<b>Distinguished Service Award (trophy and \$100 Bond)***</b>
<b>150 Points</b>	<b>You get</b>	<b>Centennial Award (trip to Omaha or \$150 in cash)***</b>
<b>200 Points</b>	<b>You get</b>	<b>Great Dane Award (trip to Denmark)***</b>

**Membership applications can be obtained from your lodge secretary or from the National Headquarters. You may also use the reply card in this issue to request information on the Centennial Family Plan or Executive Whole Life or Special Whole Life policies.**

## **The Centennial Sales Incentive Program Will Not Be In Effect After December 31, 1982**

\*Other modes of premium payment include annual, semiannual and quarterly.

\*\*Dividends cannot be guaranteed.

\*\*\*To earn the Meritorious Award, Distinguished Award, Centennial Award or Great Dane Award, 50% or more of the points must be from insured members.

## Directors Announce 26th Consecutive Refund

The National Board of Directors announces the 26th consecutive refund of gains and savings to insured members of The Danish Brotherhood.

All certificates which have been in force for two or three years, depending upon issue date, including fully paid-up certificates, will share in the refund. Not entitled to a refund are term insurance certificates, including those carried under the extended non-forfeiture option.

Members have four options for receiving or applying the refunds.

**IF A MEMBER EXERCISES NO CHOICE, HIS DIVIDEND WILL BUY ADDITIONAL "PAID-UP" INSURANCE.**

1. May be used to buy additional paid-up insurance. There are no premiums on this additional insurance. Additional insurance will be payable at the same time and under the same conditions as the original certificate.
2. May be left on deposit with the Brotherhood to accumulate at interest, compounded at a rate to be determined by the board.
3. May be withdrawn at their cash value on the anniversary date of the certificate.
4. May use refund to reduce life insurance premiums, if on direct bill from the National Headquarters.

Any member can receive payment of the cash value of paid-up additions or payment of dividends on deposit whenever he wishes to do so.

Your directors believe DBIA members welcome the opportunity to use the refund to purchase additional insurance, fully paid-up, without the necessity of giving evidence of insurability, and regardless of age and state of health.

While the amount of insurance purchased by one dividend payment is relatively small, if the payments are used in this fashion repeatedly, the total amount of additional insurance will be substantial in time.

Celebrate The Centennial With A  
New Accent On Youth



## California-Nevada District Youth Committees in Progress

by Sue Marton

Our Youth Committee has developed a program sent to all lodge secretaries in our district. The purpose of the program is to aid all lodges within the district with a suggested program to help bring younger people into active membership; encouraging them to retain their active membership in the lodges and keeping their ties with Danish heritage, history and customs.

**Suggestions to all California-Nevada lodges include: participation by all district lodges by establishing a special meeting night dedicated to youth activity, whereat the young members actively take part in running the meeting. Suggestion two encourages all lodges to establish a program suitable to their area, wherein one or more young members will be sponsored by the lodge to attend the next district convention for planned participation at that event.**

We have urged our members to take prompt action in their lodges. Our goal is to have a nice group of young people at our next district convention in Arcata, California. I will be keeping a close eye on the program and plan to have more articles for the American Dane.

## National Bowling Tournament

All lodge secretaries will receive entry forms for the 1982 Danish Brotherhood Handicap Bowling Tournament.

The dates for bowling are between **March 1** and **June 1**. Prize money to be awarded to the top 20 teams. Prize money awarded for the high men's game, lady's high game, as well as the high series in each category. Young Vikings have a raw score tournament in which they may participate. This eliminates the necessity of establishing an average for these young people. All teams may be mixed, but all participants must be members of The Danish Brotherhood.

The high ladies' team will receive an award as will the high Young Vikings team. Total amount of prize money awarded is \$1,000.

No entry fee or expense is connected with this tournament other than the fee charged by the bowling establishment.



## 1982 Camp Grant Awards

Each year children who are members or relatives of members may apply for financial assistance to attend a summer camp of their choice. Awards are based on need and interest by the applicant.

Request application blanks from The Danish Brotherhood in America, P.O. Box 31748, Omaha, NE 68131. All requests must be received before April 1, 1982, and applications should be completed and returned before April 15, 1982.

# Centennial Tours 1982

On the important occasion of the Danish Brotherhood in America's 100th anniversary, three special tours are being offered. The best of the Brotherhood's 1981 tour to Denmark will be kept but many special additions and changes promise to make the 1982 tour series especially memorable.

First and foremost, tour participants will reside at the superb Hotel d'Angleterre in Copenhagen. For nearly 250 years, the Hotel d'Angleterre has been one of the most famous landmarks in Copenhagen. Since it opened in 1755, this regal hotel has been a center of cultural life and distinguished occasions. Opposite the hotel is the famous Royal Theatre and the shopping areas of Strøget are just around the corner.

While in Copenhagen, tour participants will enjoy a lovely "Welcome Dinner" with wine at Restaurant Nimb right in Tivoli Gardens. There'll also be sightseeing in Copenhagen, a tour to the great castles of North Zealand and an opportunity to meet with members of the Danish Brotherhood lodge in Copenhagen.



*Tivoli's Pjerrot points the way to this delightful park.*



*Hotel d'Angleterre.* (Danish Tourist Board Photo)

Leaving Copenhagen, travelers will again enjoy a stay at famed Dragsholm Castle. Then it's on to Jutland, this year to the ultra-modern, first-class Kongens Ege Hotel in Randers. This international hotel is beautifully situated in a 16-acre park in the very center of Randers and every room has a view of the park.

One of the most popular features of the 1982 tour has been kept: a 3-day stay on a real Danish farm. For 1982, care has been taken to reserve farms close together and with a warm, inviting character.

While at the Viborg-area farms, those on Tour No. 1 will attend the very special activities at Rebild on July 4. Queen Margarethe and the Royal Family are expected and officials of the Danish Brotherhood plan special recognition of the association's 100th anniversary. Travelers on Tours Nos. 2 and 3 will enjoy a memorable visit to Rosenholm Castle instead.

In Ribe, tour participants will enjoy 2 nights at Denmark's oldest hotel — the charming Hotel Dagmar. They'll have an opportu-

nity to explore and shop in old Ribe and relax on the cobble-stoned terraces of the hotel.

After 2 nights on Funen at the picturesque Svendborg Hotel, participants return to Copenhagen — but not before visiting Hans Christian Andersen's Odense and the moated castle of Egeskov. After another night at the Hotel d'Angleterre in Copenhagen, tour participants say farewell to each other. They are free to return home, visit more of Denmark or extend their stay in Europe.

Three departures and tours are set for 1982: June 26-July 10, July 10-July 24, and August 7-August 21. Group air space has been reserved on SAS and Northwest Orient corresponding to each tour date.

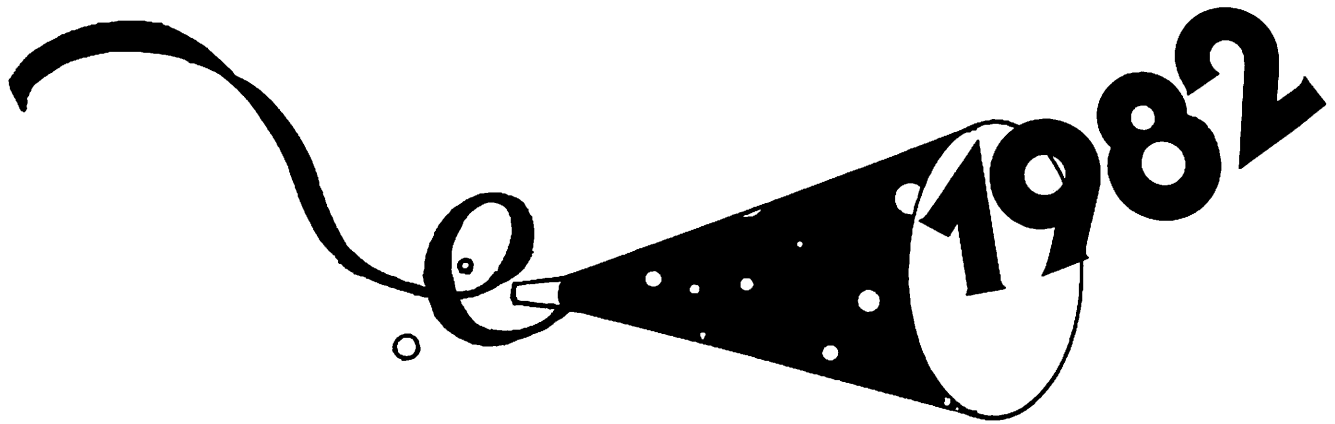
Additional information and reservations for this tour series may be obtained from: Danish Brotherhood in America Tour Headquarters, ICTS/InterContinental Travel Systems, 4133 Taylor Street, San Diego, California 92110. Or, those interested in the tour may obtain free information and brochures by calling ICTS "Collect" at 714-299-4217.

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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** — At this time, we have several applications for new membership pending. It looks like we are going to have a mass-initiation sometime soon.

The fourth annual Danish Lille Juleaften service was held Wednesday, December 23 at the St. John Lutheran Church. It was sponsored with the combined effort of all the Danish organizations!

At our December 13 Christmas party there was a beautiful Christmas tree and a fine program. Santa Claus was there with goodies for all the kids.

Northwest Danes — Denmark excursion — space is reserved for Friday, June 25, 1982 — in time for Rebild Fest. The Pacific Northwest District went on record in 1982 supporting a trip to Denmark of The Danish Brotherhood in America and friends. Space is limited and has been reserved for the above date.

**Ted Kofoed, Cor.**

**Lodge #33, Tacoma, WA** — Our Scandinavian Days in Tacoma, with all its flags and pomp, from October 13th through the 19th, met with great success again. The Danish Brotherhood had a very

good program at noon on opening day. We had a special speaker from Pacific Lutheran University, Dr. Janet Rasmussen, professor in Scandinavian studies. Our President, Peter Rasmussen, was master of ceremonies for the Danish part of the program.

Our Danish Princess was Karen Lange who looked beautiful in her native costume. Her entire performance made the Danish Brotherhood very proud. Music for the program was supplied by one of our local schools. The band members were all dressed in red and white. They were a wonderful addition to our program. Danish music on tape, filled the building with joy all day.

A new addition to Danish food was Danish hot dogs and rolls. Danish pastry from John Nielsen's Bakery in Seattle sold very rapidly. Harold Olsen furnished beautifully decorated pastry and pudding. We had many customers.

The Danish Brotherhood booth at the Scandinavian Days is becoming more popular each year.

**Signe A. Lindberg, Sec.**

**Lodge #167, Portland, OR** — Danish trivia reports will be offered at future meetings of our lodge. Vice President Jens Gimbel will arrange these interesting reports.

Replacing Dana Nielsen and

Karne Nielsen's sweet little daughter as our youngest member will be Paul Edward Holden, son of Charles and Mary Holden. This lad was born in Portland March 8, 1981.

The great trip to Denmark, leaving Seattle-Tacoma airport June 25 promises to be one of the most outstanding.

Included in the optional tour will be a visit to Helsingør for the annual meeting of Dansk Samvirke where Danes from all over the world will be gathering, also for a great real Danish "cold table."

Returning to Copenhagen, a visit to Friheds Museum. A couple of days to see all that one should see in the Danish Capitol.

Then to Aalborg for receptions, "Mayor of the Day," a great banquet, and then the greatest of all: American Independence Day at Rebild when our Danish Brotherhood will be honored on its 100th anniversary.

**Mel Pihl, Cor.**

**Lodge #328, Vancouver, B.C.** — On Wednesday, December 2, we convened the annual general meeting of our lodge. On this occasion, which marks the end of the 50th year in our lodge, we summarized and examined the happenings in the past year to see how well we have done. It has been a pleasure to observe that our lodge thrives

very well in the great atmosphere and spirit which has been created with the combined effort of all the members. Which in turn leads me to believe that our lodge in the very foreseeable future will be able to accept greater challenges, which we may be able to turn into achievements.

**Mogens B. Mogensen, Pres.**

## CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

### California-Nevada District News

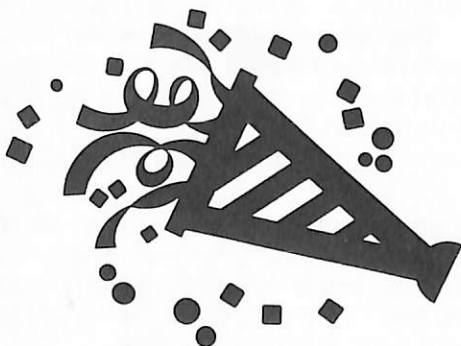
The Danish Brotherhood in America has given us a broader understanding of all good American and Danish traits and qualities. With the coming of the new year The Danish Brotherhood in America will become 100 years old. We hope each and every member will participate with an earnest endeavor to promote our heritage with a common goal of harmony and Brotherhood.

Happy New Year!

**Albert F. Tunsen, Pres.**

**Ebba L. Norby, Sec.-Treas.**

Officers of the California-Nevada District



### California and Nevada Flight

During the convention in Fresno it was decided to arrange a charter flight to Denmark in June 1982. Celebrating our great organization's 100th year anniversary in Denmark was accepted with great joy. Should enough people be interested in participating in this jubilee flight, a round-trip can be arranged for approximately \$750, normal cost is \$1,100.

The committee is hard at work and will have some exciting events at the arrival in Copenhagen airport, city hall reception, a day in

Tivoli to meet DBIA's Redwood Tree which we planted in 1968, visit to Kronborg Castle and Rebild July 4. A weekend stay at a Danish farm, a castle tour and much more.

We urge all lodges to promote this jubilee flight to members and friends. Viking Travel Agency in San Francisco will handle the practical details. For further information contact our travel chairman Henning Jensen, 1613 Brewster Avenue, Redwood City, CA 94062.

### Lodge #49, San Francisco, CA —

The lodge's 90th birthday party at the Presidio of San Francisco was a delightful evening. A sold-out house enjoyed a prime rib dinner followed by dancing to early Sunday morning. The event was attended by DBIA's Vice President and Mrs. Peter Weber from Solvang and District President Al Tunsen and his wife Ethel from Stockton. Many leaders from the Danish community in the bay area were introduced by MC, S. O. Bengtsson. On November 28th, the lodge held election of new officers for 1982 and they are: President Per Jantzen; Vice President, L. C. Bentzen; Secretary, Henning Jensen; Treasurer, S. O. Bengtsson; Conductor, Kenneth N. Larsen; and Inner Guard, William Fries. Henning Jensen and S. O. Bengtsson had expressed their wishes to resign but promised the re-elected president to take one more year. The news about a possible charter flight to Denmark during DBIA's 100th anniversary was received with enthusiasm. Installation of new officers is slated for January 27 at the Swedish Hall.

**Henning Jensen, Cor.**

### Lodge #126, Los Angeles, CA —

Installation of officers will be January 8 at the Alhambra Lodge meeting place in Monterey Park. Installation will be held together with our Sisterhood and Alhambra Lodge. Our officers were elected December 3.

Is your insurance beneficiary listed on your policy? If you wish to change the name, see the secretary.

**Peter Pedersen, Sec.**

**Lodge #143, Petaluma, CA —** Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 143 celebrated the 80th year of its institution at a gala party on November 7th. Celebrating on the same evening was DSS No. 126 observing their 70th anniversary. When DB No. 143 was ten years old they saw the need of the women-folk as co-helpers, so it was they who encouraged the institution of the Sisterhood lodge. As the brothers joined together for their tenth anniversary in June 1911, they helped to plan the Sisterhood lodge started in October of the same year. Through the years double celebrations have been held and this was certainly among the nicest.



*Hank and Inga Brown are shown at anniversary ball which included honoring them on their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.*

The lodges also chose to honor two couples who had observed wedding anniversaries during the year, Peter and Louise Ohrt, 50 years; and Hank and Inga Brown, 25 years. The Ohrts from Oregon were unable to attend, but a tape recording was made, as well as a picture scrapbook assembled, to send to them. Hank Brown is currently secretary of No. 143, a post he has held for many years.

Special guests included, Norbert E. Grove, Director, from the National Board of the Danish Brotherhood; Dorothy Petersen, Trustee from DSS National Board; President, Eunice Sanborn and President Al Tunsen of the California-Nevada General Committees. A very special guest was Sina Hansen Nissen, 86 years old, who spoke to the assembly of the old days.



The committee in charge of the "Anniversary Ball" included from left: Nancy Cameron, Marilyn Miller, Darryl Petersen, Barbara Leask, Walt Miller, Dorothy MacKinnon, Emma Sonksen, Karen Laugesen, Lillie Miller. Dr. Jim Larsen was missing from the picture.

The committee was co-chaired by Dr. Jim Larsen and Barbara Leask who arranged for cocktails, a Danish-style dinner and dancing for the evening. Outstanding decorations were placed following a red and white theme by Emma Sonksen and Karen Laugesen. Keepsake song sheets and "kransekage" cookies holding crossed Danish and American flags were at each place setting. The lovely flowers on the tables were assembled and the following day were placed at the graves of brothers and sisters of DB and DSS.

A memory table was set up showing pictures, articles and artifacts from both DB 143 and DSS No. 126 over the past 80 years. The guests also enjoyed the scrapbooks of several members. Of special interest were the Brotherhood's first record books written entirely in Danish and in perfect condition.

Holiday greetings to all from Petaluma, California. . . .

*Nancy Cameron, Cor.*

**Lodge #230, Arcata, CA** — Despite our stormy weekend, the four Danish lodges in Ferndale, Gimle, Valhalla, Fjeldroning, and Ydom, sponsored a no-host dinner at The Samoa Cookhouse, Sunday, November 15, at 1:00 p.m. This delightful afternoon was in honor of Clement and Mary Miller's 60th wedding anniversary.

Seated with the honored guests at the head table, which was decorated with "Velbekomme" napkins, autumn flowers, and

other decor pertaining to Thanksgiving, were: Rasmuss and Marie Laursen (married 53 years), Clement and Mary Miller (60 years), and Marius and Andrea Holgersen (married 61 years). These couples total 174 years of marriage.

At the close of the afternoon, the friends toasted them with our famous "Di skal live."

On November 7, Dorothy and Earl Kjer and I, had the pleasure of driving to Petaluma to attend the Anniversary Ball of their lodges. Many guests (approximately 125) attended this momentous affair — the 80th anniversary of the Brotherhood and the 70th anniversary of the Sisterhood.

A delicious typical Danish dinner was served, and the room was tastefully decorated in the traditional Danish colors. The Danish Youth group served us in a most pleasant manner. Following the dinner, dancing was enjoyed, and we viewed the many interesting artifacts that were displayed in the room, which brought back fond memories.

Sunday morning our visit was concluded with a no-host breakfast at the Adobe House, attended by about 50 people.

*Laura Schuler, Sec.*

**Lodge #184, Hayward, CA** — We are having our installation of officers on Friday, February 5. We are being joined this year by the Oakland and Fremont lodges. We will have cocktails from 7 to 8 p.m. Installation at 8 p.m., followed by dancing and Danish sandwiches at 10 p.m. All this for only \$3.00 a person! It will take place at the Hill and Valley Club, 1808 "B" Street, Hayward, CA. No reservations needed.

*Signe Ann McNeil, Cor.*

**Lodge #299, Solvang, CA** — The December meeting was highlighted by the presentation to the last charter member of our lodge, Jacob Svendsen, of a certificate of merit on the occasion of his 96th birthday.

Our installation of officers will be celebrated with a dinner-dance on January 23. The event will be held at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Solvang and will include a hakkebøf dinner and

aebleskage for dessert. Cocktails will begin at 5 p.m., installation will be at 6 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. and dancing will be from 9 to 12 p.m. We welcome anyone who would like to attend.

Reservations can be made by calling 805-688-4451 or 805-688-4689.

*Ed Madsen, Pres.*

**Lodge #306, San Diego, CA** — December is an exciting month for Danes due to the fact that the Christmas season is especially dear to Danish tradition. The December 25 holiday involves a two-week celebration. This is particularly true in the rural communities of Denmark.

Our Christmas was a celebration by members and friends of the local Danish lodges. A roast pork dinner, talent show, community sing, and Santa were part of this fun program.

**Lodge #319, Bakersfield, CA** — Reservations should be made for installation of officers which will be very early this year — January 16th at Freddie's Top of the Hill.

Champagne will be served at 6 p.m. preceding a fillet and wine dinner and all the usual delicious trimmings.

Dancing to Bill Burton's music will round out the evening. Coffee and cookies will be served during intermission.

*Dorothy Peterson, Cor.*

**Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA** — A roast pork dinner with all the trimmings, apple cake for dessert, and to start it off gløgg was planned for our annual Christmas party.

Alhambra Lodge will be the host lodge for the joint installation of the Brotherhood Lodge No. 126 of Los Angeles, and the Princess Marie No. 68 Sisterhood Lodge of Los Angeles on January 8, 1982. Officers for our lodge for 1982 are: President, John Kristensen; Vice President Richard Rowse; Secretary, Frank Jepsen; Treasurer, Inger Dix; Trustees, Chairman, Jens Andersen; 2nd Trustee, Elmer Frith; 3rd Trustee, Bea Jepsen; Conductor, Gunnar Hansen; Inner Guard, Mike Fry; Outer Guard, Valerie Fry.

*Kate Krake, Cor.*

**Lodge #345, Orange County, CA** — Members in November had a very busy and fun filled evening. We welcomed five new members into our lodge: Holger and Marie Christensen, Clarence and Margaret Motz, and Wilma Scuttle were initiated. We elected our 1982 slate of officers. They are as follows: Past President, Howard Kjellsen; President, Floyd Pedersen; Vice President, Hazel Kjellsen; Secretary, Pat Cotman; Treasurer, Elmo Andersen; Conductor, Kaj Bjorn; Trustees, Rosemary Allison, Parry Pedersen, Calvin Christensen; Inner Guard, Harry Larsen; and Outer Guard, James Dwyer. These officers will be installed at our banquet and ball on January 9. President Kjellsen announced that

Kodan Lodge No. 346 will join us for installation.

Plans have been made for our family Christmas dinner (planned potluck) and party, December 12. We will have a film, and we will sing some Christmas carols. Of course, no Christmas party would be complete without a visit from Santa Claus.

*Hazel Kjellsen, Sec.*

## IOWA-MINNESOTA

**Lodge #75, Albert Lea, MN** — Members of Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 75 met for our annual fall dinner at Trinity Lutheran Church. Seventy-five members were present for the dinner catered by Elwood Jensen of Geneva.

Invocation was given by the Rev. Fred Jacobsen. The traditional table prayer was sung in Danish.

Following the dinner, a program was presented by the vocal and instrumental group "Just Us". To climax their program, the group sang the Danish National Anthem in English.

Arnold Levisen, president of the local lodge, announced the next meeting would be held at the Senior Citizens Center. Entertainment will be provided by a choral group from the high school who will present a special program of traditional Christmas carols.

The lodge is still growing and everything is for a bigger and better lodge.

*Viggo Berthelsen, Sec.*

# 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
9-29-81	Carl Moberg	75	Sayreville, New Jersey	241	Sayreville, New Jersey	1947
9-15-81	Earl J. Mooney	56	Dillon, Montana	273	Dillon, Montana	1948
10-6-81	Louis C. Taft, Sr.	80	Barre, Vermont	294	Barre, Vermont	1922
10-16-81	Otto F. Petersen	81	Albion, Nebraska	177	Cordova, Nebraska	1923
9-26-81	Henry C. Larsen	72	Missouri Valley, Iowa	263	Askov, Minnesota	1950
9-24-81	Jens C. Peterson	97	Odense, Denmark	45	Minneapolis, Minnesota	1907
10-20-81	Howard Nelson	84	Minnesota	34	Dwight, Illinois	1917
10-30-81	Peter Hansen	86	Branderup, Denmark	35	Chicago, Illinois	1920
6-8-79	Peter Foldkar	85	Ulfborg, Denmark	49	San Francisco, California	1931
10-30-81	Hans Aage Petersen	80	Nakskov, Denmark	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1932
10-30-81	Lawrence K. Andersen	83	Copenhagen, Denmark	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1942
10-8-81	Brix Brixen	87	Aulum, Denmark	49	San Francisco, California	1924
10-2-81	Howard T. Petersen	69	Davenport, Iowa	3	Davenport, Iowa	1967
11-10-81	Simon Jensen	83	Stenberg, Denmark	35	Chicago, Illinois	1939
11-15-81	Erhart R. Sorensen	85	Farum, Denmark	35	Chicago, Illinois	1939
9-8-81	Bende Juhl	78	Branderup, Denmark	90	Port Reading, New Jersey	1928
11-12-81	Jens D. Jensen	95	Tolbøl, Denmark	43	Denver, Colorado	1910
11-9-81	Sigurd B. Larsen	75	Fyn, Denmark	26	Fremont, Nebraska	1961
11-19-81	Thomas Norgaard	96	Skive, Denmark	35	Chicago, Illinois	1918
11-12-81	Hans Christian Block	75	Ringkøbing Amt, Denmark	84	Lincoln, Nebraska	1930
10-24-81	Johan Peter Jensen	88	Grunderup, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1916
11-7-81	John L. Christensen	85	Helsingør, Denmark	10	Council Bluffs, Iowa	1924
11-10-81	Aage Sorensen	82	Lejeskas, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1925
11-9-81	Hjalmer L. Neilsen	95	Denmark	29	Seattle, Washington	1929
10-25-81	Jens S. Jensen	47	Lørdrup, Denmark	217	Humboldt, Iowa	1960
9-11-81	Otto F. Ramsing	87	Copenhagen, Denmark	190	Schenectady, New York	1914
11-2-81	Emmanuel Lindholt	94	Copenhagen, Denmark	29	Seattle, Washington	1922
10-5-81	John T. Engel	77	Copenhagen, Denmark	126	Los Angeles, California	1936
9-26-81	Herman Namgurten	63	Denmark	164	New York City, New York	1975
10-10-81	William Jensen	84	Kansas	268	Junction City, Oregon	1957
8-2-81	Lillian Andersen	73	Brooklyn, New York	325	Farmingdale, New York	1981
9-5-81	Fred Nelson	87	Farum, Denmark	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1963
10-30-81	Carl Koch	79	Copenhagen, Denmark	36	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	1960
11-4-81	Carl Sundquist Sr.	85	Tomahawk, Wisconsin	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	1975
10-30-81	David C. Johnson	73	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	1978
10-20-81	Knud Hansen	77	Denmark	126	Los Angeles, California	1961
7-31-81	Harold Haggstrom	70	Unknown	10	Council Bluffs, Iowa	1972

**Lodge #144, Dike, IA** — The November meeting of Danish Brotherhood Lodge 144 and Danish Sisterhood Lodge 176, was a joint social with potluck supper and fellowship.



(l to r) Harlan Haurum, Carolyn Haurum, Andy Andersen (Denmark), Andy Andersen (Omaha), Cliff Olsen and Iowa Sisterhood President, Irene Olsen, enjoyed the November meeting in Dike.

Special guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Haurum, from Cedar Falls, who accompanied Andy Andersen, an exchange student and their guest from Denmark. Also present as guests were: Andy Andersen, CLU, Sales Director, from the Omaha DBIA office and Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Olsen, of Story City, Iowa. Mrs. Olsen (Irene) is the Iowa State President of the Danish Sisterhood.

A birthday table with birthday cake, was shared by five members, and the group enjoyed a fast game of "Whoopie," a game like bingo, played with playing cards.

**Lyle Refshauge, Sec.**

**Lodge #326, West Branch, IA** — Lodge No. 326 has had an active and busy year. Three new members were brought in. In January, we had installation of officers. In April, members and friends saw the movie, "Denmark, A Loving Embrace."

In June, two members' children were accepted for Camp Grants sponsored through attendance from Davenport, Iowa and Glostrup, Denmark. The lodge also voted to do a "Fraternal Good Deed" for one of their disabled members by collecting 10¢ or 25¢ from every member every meeting to help but "little things" for the family.

In August, Secretary Deloris and husband Winfred accepted a foreign exchange student from

Bornholm, Denmark, coming to spend the next 11 months attending high school in Springville, Iowa. In September, 8 members were in attendance at the Iowa-Minnesota District Convention held in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

In October, a "box social" netted a goodly profit for the lodge's treasury with a local member doing the auctioneering — this included an evening of fun and fraternalism. In December, we had the lodge's yearly Christmas potluck supper and election of officers. We are a small lodge but keep active.

**Deloris Ross, Sec.**

**Lodge #347, Cedar Rapids-Marion, IA** — At the lodge's October meeting Harry Simonsen showed a travel film from Denmark, Norway and Sweden. Jens, a young visitor from Denmark, showed films from Denmark and from the IA-Minn. District Convention in Cedar Rapids.

The November meeting was busy; Blair Thornbloom gave another chapter of the Danish history series, and we had our annual game night celebrated as "Mortens Aften." The turkey winner was Norma Nietert. Cedar Rapids Gazette, the local newspaper, showed a film of production of the newspaper — very interesting. A few songs were sung by all as always.

Our dancers had their first outing. They danced for the Sons of Norway Lodge in Cedar Rapids.

**Ulla Wall, Sec.**

## MIDWEST

**Lodge #4, Racine, WI** — Our first annual Dansk Festsdag was very successful and profitable. We are looking forward to next year's festival which will be the centennial year for Lodge No. 4. It is scheduled for October 2, 1982. The food made by the Sisterhood members, spouses of Brotherhood members and relatives was superb. The aebleskiver was excellent and those Danish sandwiches not only looked pretty, but they were

delicious. The pastries were mmm-mmm good. There were about 75 people working on this event and we thank all of you for your time and effort. The cooperation was tremendous.

December 16 is our annual Christmas party. March 20, 1982, we will celebrate the centennial of our lodge.

**Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI** — 120 people had a wonderful time at the Halloween party. Costumes were great and prizes awarded in various categories. The hall was very nicely decorated thanks to Larry Sorensen. Door prizes were donated by J. I. Case, Erik Hansen, House of Gerhard, Otto Nelson and Sons, Delfield's Deli, and Schend Insurance. The committee did a fine job — Mr. and Mrs. Terry Girts, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Gober and Bill Myers.

Two big events took place in November — the Danish Christmas Fair was on November 8th. Attendance topped last year with an estimated 1,500 people coming to shop and eat. The committee was headed by Roger Nelson and Carl Jensen. DBIA #14 and DSS #20 showed a real team effort in getting the job done. Special thanks to Elmer Nelson our raffle chairman. Thanks to all the members who purchased and sold tickets.

140 people enjoyed our torsk supper and dance. It was our first try for the fillet of cod served buffet style. It worked well, thanks to the hard working committee. Special thanks to Shirley for the table decorations. Paul Sorensen donated a rug he made himself which was raffled off for the Children's Christmas party.

Our aebleskiver and medistepølse breakfast is scheduled for January 17, 9 a.m. to noon.

**Robert Ibsen, Sec.**

**SECTION 7, PARAGRAPH 3 (b)** — Payment 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:

**NOVEMBER 1981**

George Godthaab, Lodge No. 32, New Haven, Connecticut, visit, \$153.75.  
George J. Jacobsen, salary, \$272.65.  
Norbert Grove, Lodge No. 143, Petaluma, California, anniversary visit, \$298.00.

**Lodge #35, Chicago, IL** — Good food, excellent dance music and good friends made the anniversary dinner-dance of Danish Sisterhood Lodge No. 11 and Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 35 a good evening for all who attended. Marty Seyller, Vice President of the Midwest District, was the guest speaker and spoke of the need for all lodge members to put their best foot forward in an effort to support their lodge. He also congratulated both lodges on their 92nd birthday. Virginia Christensen brought greetings from the board of the Danish Sisterhood as did Woodrow Petersen from the Brotherhood. It was a good evening.

December 4th was our Christmas party for all. The evening started out with a potluck supper. Each child and adult was asked to bring one Christmas tree ornament and we decorated a tree that evening also. Wanda and Ray Nielsen donated the tree to the lodge. The children learned how to make Danish paper ornaments.

**C. Jespersen, Sec.**

**Lodge #186, Luck, WI** — Our lodge has been very active this last year. Our activities at our regular meetings consisted of speakers, films, local music talents, card playing and bingo. In December we always have our gala dinner-dance at our lodge hall.

The new officers for the coming year will be as follows: President, Irvin Edling; Past President, Norman Pedersen; Vice President, Willis Erickson; Secretary, Rosella C. Espelien; Treasurer, Marlys Pedersen; Trustees, Lauritz Jensen, Everett Coen, Storker Kleven; Inner Guard, Raymond Pedersen; Outer Guard, Lester Madsen; Conductor, Ove Jensen.

**Rosella C. Espelien, Sec.**

**Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI** — We had a most interesting and entertaining afternoon at our November 15 social meeting. "Wars and Peaces", a program of songs, slides and shared perspectives was presented by Jerry Johnson of the Milwaukee Public Museum and Dr. Robert Hodge of Beloit College. The songs were a com-

bination of praise and criticism of the United States. The slides covered everything from famous people and events to candid shots showing man's inhumanity to man. Reminiscing and nostalgia was the "order of the day." Members joined in and derived pleasure from participating in discussions. The program was followed by a delicious supper.

Our December 1st Christmas party was based on a potluck supper with ham being provided by the lodge. A highlight of the evening was the viewing of the movie "Christmas in Denmark" loaned to us by the Fraternal Department in Omaha.

**Albert L. Larsen, Sec.**

**Lodge #344, Janesville, WI** — Our regular meeting night was moved ahead one week because of Thanksgiving. We had a potluck dinner that was a huge success. Robert Johnsen gave a very interesting talk on Denmark and Cliff Christiansen and Soren Fournais conducted a short Danish language lesson.

Our next meeting will be our annual Christmas party December 13, at the Janesville Moose Hall.

**Howard Hansen, Cor.**

**Lodge #17, Chicago, IL** — At our November 11th meeting, President Merle Nylen and his wife, Secretary Albertice Nylen, had arranged a very successful "Medisterpølse" supper with the help of Olga Jorgensen, Arlene Holtet, Anna Poulsen and Young Viking Linda Winther. Merle donated the wine, and Carl Christensen entertained with Danish and American music. It was an "all you can eat" affair for the nominal donation of \$5.00 per person. Any member bringing a prospective new member received a free meal and the potential new members also were so treated, which resulted in the acceptance of five new members. It isn't everyday you have an opportunity to enjoy "genuine" Danish "medisterpølse". Needless to say, the supper was a big hit.

No. 17, chartered in March 1884, moved their meeting place a good year ago to Park Lane Community

House, 8410 No. Greenwood in Niles, since the majority of members now live on Chicago's northwest side and in the immediate suburbs.

**W. B. Thorsen, Cor.**



## Creative Writing Winner

### On Visiting Kundby Parish

by Elinor J. George

I wonder what he felt  
when he knelt before this altar,  
its triptych, bas-relief,  
in polished wood.

Did the pastor, black-robed  
and staring down at him,  
strike terror so the confirmation  
answers froze within his throat?

Saints and flowers, in intricate design,  
towered above him and made a fantasy  
of shadows in the candle light.

Scriptures, prayer and creed  
were lettered into wood  
and sealed in gold.

In muted reds and blues,  
frescoes from an early day  
glowed with warm assurance  
that cold stone walls cannot remove.

Outside, the stair-stepped pinnacles  
of bell tower and end walls  
reached in Gothic discipline  
to touch the sky.

Trim hedges formed in ranks  
around the graves of men he might  
have known,  
their wives, their boys and girls  
who stayed upon this land he left.

He bartered windswept winters  
off the sea for ocean waves  
of Iowa snow and marching rows of  
corn.

What springtimes did his heart return  
to the woods of **Kundbysogn**,  
the trails his cattle walked  
from **Drusebjerghus**,  
the hills of home?



# NEBRASKA

## Nebraska District News

I would like to give you a report of what happened at the Nebraska State Fair this year. We had 1778 people register at our booth. There were several who registered who were interested in The Danish Brotherhood. Lists have been sent to the various local lodges.

We had a very good year with good sales and good participation from the lodges. We visited with many people about the Danish culture and food. Blair Lodge demonstrated making kleiner this year, and the Minden Folk Dancers performed on Sunday and Labor Day. (Perhaps we can sponsor more demonstrations next year. It creates a lot of interest.) As next year is the centennial year for the Brotherhood, we voted to continue our annual booth at the fair. We showed a profit, but the main reason for being at the fair is to keep our Danish heritage alive and in front of all Americans.

The board of the Nebraska General Committee wishes to thank all the lodges and members who helped make this year (the fifth year in a row) a success. We are looking forward to an even better year next year and are asking other lodges to help us.

**Herbert Nielsen**, Past President

**Lodge #1, Omaha, NE** — Our November social, which was a delicious membership dinner at Tivoli in Blair, was responsible for our receiving 6 new members. Blair lodge also received new members.

The Lodge No. 1 December social was a Christmas party shared with the Omaha Danish-American Club and Vennelyst Park. Children were invited and encouraged to attend as there was a Santa. Fun for all!

Well, the slate of officers for the year of 1982 was presented at our last business meeting, December 1st and election held. Our new officers are: Robert Storms, Past President; Florence Hansen, President; Duane Hansen, Vice President; Ruth Herman, Secretary; Charles Johnson, Treasurer; First Trustee is Anna Kuony, Second Trustee is Armand Thomsen; Third

Trustee is Dr. Ron Hansen; and Jim Therkildsen, Conductor. We wish them well and on behalf of the lodge, I would like to state we will cooperate with them in every way possible.

I would like to thank Brother Bob Storms for his service as President for the years 1980 and 1981. He did a great job and was always there when we needed him. I'm sure I speak for all when I say "thanks for a spectacular job!"

I have enjoyed my two years (1980 and 1981) as secretary of Lodge No. 1 and thank you all for your support.

We did not have Rumelkassen but instead ended our meeting with 2 drawings of names for prizes of lovely coasters and an owl tote bag. Winners were Diane Doyle, coasters, and Eloise Thomsen, tote bag.

Hope all had a very Merry Christmas and I extend a very happy and prosperous New Year to all!

**Dee DiSilvestro**, Sec.

**Lodge #177, Cordova, NE** — In memory of our departed Brother Otto Petersen who passed away October 16, 1981, at the age of 81 years. He joined Lodge No. 177 in Cordova, Nebraska in 1923. Otto was a Trustee at the time of his death.

He was well-known by many members of the Danish Brotherhood as he was President of the Nebraska State Board in 1956, was a delegate to National Conventions in Seattle, Racine, Erie, Minneapolis, and Denver, and attended many state conventions, both as a delegate and as a member.

He was a faithful member and his service and fellowship will be missed by all.

**Faye Petersen**, Sec.

**Lodge #206, Blair, NE** — The following officers were elected for 1982: President, Myrtle Nelson; Vice President, Vernon Christoffersen; Secretary, Harriet Betts; Treasurer, Ivan Johansen; Conductor, Louella Christensen; Trustee, Les Larsen. Installation will be January 28th.

Thanks to our October committee — Pete Stricketts, Roy Follens, Ray Wilsons, Lorraine

Petersen and Earl Stokes for the entertainment and the delicious lunch.

At our November meeting the 1981 scholarship given each year by Nebraska District of the Danish Brotherhood was presented by State Vice President Merton Kuhr to Richard Jahnel, son of Bob and Vanda Jahnel. Congratulations Richard, we are honored to have a winner from #206.



**Richard Jahnel** received his scholarship check from Nebraska District Vice J. Merton Kuhr, while President Dave Wulf looked on. Photo courtesy Blair Enterprise

Everyone has been interested in the results of our aebleskiver breakfast. I must say lady luck was with us. The weather cooperated, the attendance was great, the help was excellent. Hats off to Gladys and Vernon who did a super job in organizing. Never before have we had so many willing helpers, which tells us again "cooperation does bring success" and that it was.

We welcome Duane and Karen Nielsen, Morris Palle, Jolynn Oliver. We are happy to have you as new members of Lodge No. 206.

Thanks to our committee for the interesting film of "Samoa" and the delicious lunch of pie and coffee.

**Harriet Betts**, Sec.

# MICHIGAN- OHIO

**Lodge #227, Detroit, MI** — Newly elected officers of Detroit Lodge No. 227: Past President, Ken Rehan; President, Howard Hansen; Vice President, George Pedersen; Treasurer, Paul Carlsen; Secretary, Nielsen Dalley; Financial Secretary, Otto Pedersen; Recording Secretary, Ray Goeboro; Chief

Trustee, Karl Reel; 1st Trustee, Oluf Jensen; 2nd Trustee, Henning Jensen; Conductor, Tom Bommarito; Inner Guard, Peter Sorensen; Outer Guard, Hoaghton Smith; Building Board (2 elected), Chris Fabricius and Ken Rehan.

Installation dinner/dance combined with Sisterhood Lodge No. 125 will be on January 23. Annual "Sla Katten af Tønden" dinner dance is on Saturday, February 27 — mark your calendar now. Also on March 24th is our annual Blood Drive from 2 to 8 p.m., a meeting night. Initiated at our December meeting was John R. Moore.

**O. Jensen, Cor.**

### Michigan-Ohio District News —

The District football outing on December 12, for the Minnesota-Detroit game, was enjoyed by all in attendance. Ludington, Muskegon, Greenville and Detroit lodges participated. Feel sure this will be repeated! Next event will be Bowling Tournament in Greenville, Michigan. Details later.

**O. Jensen, Past Pres.**

## Look At Your Riches by Shirley J. Guldager

Danish-American  
In the U.S.A.,  
I happened to think  
Of you today.

You came to this land  
To learn a trade,  
But at this point in time  
Your years now fade.

It is widely known  
How your success grew,  
But what I love best  
Is being with you.

Look at your riches,  
Family and friends.  
These are the assets  
On which life depends.

Enjoy your final days,  
Remembering with pride  
A heritage to keep  
Preciously inside.

# EASTERN

## GCEL District News

Recently the New Haven, Conn. Lodge No. 32 held a dinner-dance in recognition of Art and Elaine Sorensen. It was wonderful to see the whole lodge turn out and to have National Past President George Godthaab at the affair. An extra bonus were relatives who came from all over.



(l to r) Mrs. George Godthaab, National Past President George Godthaab, Mrs. Art Sorensen, Mr. Art Sorensen and Harry B. Jensen, Jr., President, G.C.E.L.

Fraternalism plays a big part in today's Brotherhood. It was my privilege to witness a group of dedicated people get together to express their thanks and it was overwhelming. I believe it is good to recognize leaders and workers, because it is through their efforts we make accomplishments.

And we have come to 1982, the 100th year of Danish Americanism in this land we love. And by everyone pulling together, this will definitely be a year to remember.

**Harry Jensen, Jr. G.C.E.L. Pres.**

**Lodge #32, New Haven, CT —** On November 7th we held our dinner-dance in honor of Art and Elaine Sorensen. Over 160 friends, family and Danes came to help celebrate a very long friendship between Art and Elaine and the Danish Brotherhood. A Certificate of Appreciation was presented from the National Board by Past President George Godthaab, as well as a Plaque of Appreciation from G.C.E.L. President Harry Jensen, Jr. Alice Geissler, President of Freden Lodge, gave them a handpainted picture. President of Haabet Lodge, Bob Johnson, gave Art and

Elaine a pen and ink collage of their life together. Thanks to the committee who put it all together, Vera and John Holm, Bob and Linda Johnson, Jette and Jacki Hansen, Chris Simonsen, Barry and Winnie Edmonds.

After our November 11 meeting we had a surprise birthday party for Chris Pedersen. We also held a turkey raffle on our last meeting with the turkey going to Kris Larsen. What is it about the Larsen luck??

Our plans changed to a potluck supper for December.

**Winnie Edmonds, Cor.**

**Lodge #116, Newark, NJ —** The election of officers was held at our November meeting and the 1982 officers are as follows: President, Joan Madsen; Vice President, John Jensen; Secretary, Don Heckmann; Treasurer, George Jorgensen; Conductor, Paul Ifversen; Trustees, Carl Ingeholm, Chris Mogensen, Ruth Godthaab.

Congratulations to the officers of 1981 and good luck to the officers of 1982. May your year be rewarding to both you and The Danish Brotherhood in America.

**Donald P. Heckmann, Sec.**

**Lodge #172, Philadelphia, PA —** Our proposed slate of officers for 1982 includes: Carl Gudnitz, President; Flemming Hinrichsen, Vice President; Gerry Cofoni, Secretary; Len Gottlieb, Treasurer; George Clausen, Conductor; Lars Gamborg-Nielsen, Chairman of Trustees; Lars Kleeman, 2nd Trustee and Harley Larsen, 3rd Trustee.

Lucky winners of our "bingo" games in November each received prizes of ducks with all the trimmings, including "Mortensaften." Terrific for the Thanksgiving Day table!

We Danes will be hosting Scandinavian Weekend in 1982. What we need is a theme to build around (similar to the Troll-look-a-like contest). Toby Bobman has an excellent idea, the fairytales of Hans Christian Andersen. Other suggestions are welcome.

**Lorraine Malmquist, Cor.**

**Lodge #257, St. Petersburg, FL —** Now that our members are back from their summer homes up North we were pleased to welcome more than 40 members and guests. A minute of silence was observed and our charter was draped in memory of our deceased member, Carl Thuge, who died just a few days before his 90th birthday November 1st. A special award of merit in honor of Brother Thuge's 90th birthday and his good standing in The Danish Brotherhood for more than 70 years was mailed to his son on Long Island, New York.

After the business meeting coffee, wienerbrød and cookies were served. Our president, Elmer Jensen, was honored and congratulated on his 80th birthday which he celebrated November 11th. May I say this: "Niels Kjeldgaard makes the best wienerbrød outside of Denmark!"

**Bill Steffensen, Sec.**

**Lodge #314, Hartford, CT —** On November 3, twenty-four, both from the Sisterhood and Brotherhood enjoyed an excellent potluck supper with many delicious dishes. After everyone had their fill, some played cards and others visited. Everyone had a good time and we had door prizes for everyone. Thanks to all.

November 17 was also an enjoyable evening. We had a representative from a travel service show us a film, with Victor Borge, "Denmark — You'll Love It." We had a very good turnout of 58 people. Refreshments followed. Thanks to our Vice President, Catherine Kligerman and her helpers.

At our meeting December 1st, we had election of officers. The present officers will remain for 1982.

Plans have been made for our Christmas party December 12. We will have an authentic Danish meal. All members and their children and grandchildren have been invited.

Tivoli spelled backwards is: I lov it.

**EI Homo, Pres.**

**Lodge #325, Nassau County, NY —** Our 55th dinner-dance was held in the Danish Athletic Club in Brooklyn, Saturday, November 7. With

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guests we were over a hundred people. We had visitors from lodges 164, 116 and 342. Ib Andersen and Svend Hansen were each presented with a plaque in appreciation of their work in the lodge and the Danish community.

At our meeting November 13, we initiated two new members: Else Marie Bekker and her daughter Johnna Bedell. An application from June Breeze was approved. We wish them welcome to 325. Our member, Elna Jamison, had prepared for the evening Dansk Suppe med hvide boller og kødboller. Irene Kaminsky and Birgit Jacobsen both helped out in the kitchen and had made a delicious Citron Fromage. Almost 70 members participated in the evening.

We have had a year with delightful meetings. Turn out in 1982 — don't miss out.

**Niels Hansen, Sec.**

**Lodge #342, Bucks County, PA —** Scandivanian Weekend proved successful at all levels. The Danish sandwiches were devoured quickly, boosting the treasury of all 3 lodges involved. Our own Walt Nielsen took 1st prize in the "troll look-a-like contest"!

The following people will be our leaders in 1982: President, Harry Scarlett; Vice President, Staff Keer; Secretary, Joan Scarlett; Treasurer, Melanie Madsen; Conductor, Arnold Jensen; Chairman of Trustees, Ed Haag; 2nd Trustee, Bob Phoenix, and 3rd Trustee, Kirsten Kenschak. Congratulations to all!

During the hustle and bustle of the holidays, we're still planning to hold a white elephant sale in January. What will you do with gifts which you may receive and really cannot use?

**Lorraine Malmquist, Cor.**

### **1982 ASF/PEN Translation Competition**

The 1982 American-Scandinavian Foundation/PEN American Center Translation Prize Competition is accepting submissions until February 15, 1982. Two \$1,000 prizes - one for poetry and one for fiction — will be given to the best submission of translations of poetry or fiction by a Danish, Finnish, Icelandic, Norwegian, or Swedish author born after 1882. Additional requirements (which have changed slightly since last year) are available from: ASF/PEN, 127 East 73 Street, New York, New York 10021.

## **SOUTH DAKOTA**

**Lodge #139, Viborg, SD —** Greetings to everyone from Lodge No. 139, Viborg, South Dakota and to our members that live in Alaska and Hawaii.

On December 28, our lodge will celebrate their 81st year with a potluck supper and Christmas party. Last June 5th Viborg had a Danish Day and we served Danish coffee cake, Danish sweet soup and sandwiches. This winter, the Jens Niensens and the Soren Simonsens both celebrate their 60th wedding anniversaries. Harvey and Gladys Jensen have their golden wedding anniversary. Congratulations to these three couples.

Happy New Year.

### **Punctuality Tops SAS's Priorities**

SAS has launched "Operation Punctuality" — a systemwide game plan for the airline to achieve 100 percent on-time performance in all areas where SAS itself can control the situation.

Target of the punctuality drive — which will cost almost \$2 million dollars a year — is to establish the "New SAS" as *the* on-time airline.

Delays to wait for connecting flights will be eliminated to the extent that appropriate alternative reservations can be guaranteed within certain time limits: within three hours between major Scandinavian cities, within six hours on other intra-Scandinavian and domestic flights, or within the same day for European flights. Inter-continental connections will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. As a further measure, SAS will avoid rerouting flights operating on schedule to "protect" passengers from other flights which may have already encountered irregularities.

Once SAS has mastered the controllable delays, the airline's next step will be to start tackling uncontrollable delays, such as the weather, ATC and other factors. SAS believes that punctuality can be improved even when problems arise in these areas.

All SAS aircraft, for example, are equipped for all weather landings; now SAS is campaigning for more airports on the SAS network to install compatible navigation equipment to which the aircraft can link up.

"Operation Punctuality" is one of the key features in the almost \$20 million dollar "first step" to create a "New SAS." Other features are the introduction of "EuroClass," the improvement of Kastrup airport and special service training for all 6,000 SAS employees with direct customer contact.



Steve Allen chats briefly with reporter during press conference November 7. Dana's assistant director of public relations, Anna George, appears in background.

## Dana College Centennial in 1984

A \$6 million fund-raising drive has been launched by Dana College. The conclusion of the drive will coincide with Dana's Centennial Celebration in 1984. One-fourth of the goal has already been reached with a total of donations, pledges, bequests, and stock shares amounting to \$1.5 million.

On November 7, Steve Allen, comedian, writer, composer, and musician helped to open the three-year program at the college's Centennial Fund Dinner in Omaha. Allen is a member of Dana's board of regents. Allen has been acquainted with Dr. James Kallas (president of Dana) since participating in a Bible study class taught by Kallas in Los Angeles.

On the afternoon of November 7, Mr. Allen took center stage during a press conference at Omaha's Holiday Inn. The newly established fund has three national co-chairmen, including, Victor Borge, Clifford Madsen, president emeritus of Dana, and Allen.

When Allen accepted his appointment as a Dana regent he wrote, "For long centuries there have been church men and women who have perceived the wisdom of encouraging virtue and in a climate of formal education. Dana College continues this honorable tradition."



# New Members

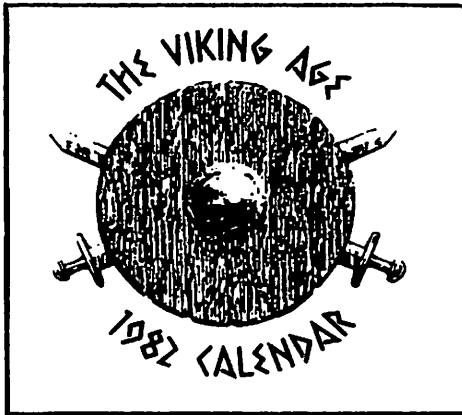
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# Health Quiz

Here's a quiz on matters concerning what you eat, the medicines you take, and your health in general. The quiz was prepared by the Food and Drug Administration. It gives you a chance to test your health I.Q. The answers and a scoring guide will be found on page 23. Circle the correct answer or answers.

1. Which is America's favorite drink: Coffee, milk, or soda?
2. What is the most often prescribed brand name drug in the United States?
3. True or False: The Government proposed a ban on saccharin, the artificial sweetener.
4. True or False: Women should have their chests x-rayed regularly for signs of cancer.
5. How many teaspoons of sugar does the average American consume in a day? 4, 37, 12 or 24.
6. Which of the following problems are associated with excessive sugar consumption? Obesity (overweight), dental caries (cavities), high blood pressure, or diabetes.
7. True or False: Natural vitamins — that is, those found naturally in foods — are superior to manufactured vitamins.
8. True or False: Cosmetic products must be approved by the government before they can be placed on the market.
9. How are ingredients listed on food labels?
  - a. In alphabetical order.
  - b. In no particular order.
  - c. In descending order.
  - d. By food groups.



" WELL, I GUESS THIS FINISHES TALMADGE  
AS ENTERTAINMENT CHAIRMAN. "



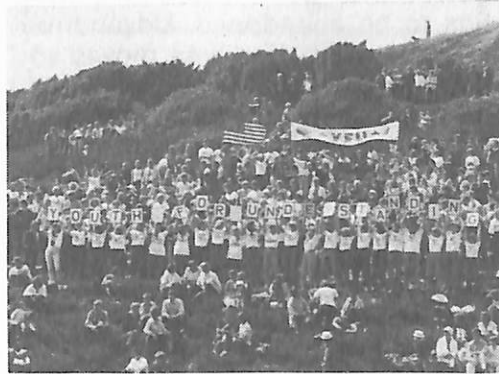
**Queen Margarethe II and Prince Henrik at Rebild in 1981.** Photo courtesy Woody Petersen.

## ***In Search of Danish-America***

**by Edith Matteson**



**Rebild's avenue of state flags stretching far into the distance.** Photo courtesy Jens N. Jensen.



**One group in the Rebild hills for the 1981 celebration.** Photo courtesy Woody Petersen.

Danish-America sprang up in the United States after mass immigration from Denmark started in the 1850s. The earliest comers helped the greenhorns (who arrived in a flow which peaked in 1882) adjust to Yankee ways. The most recent Danes to reach America's shores served as a bridge to the old country: bringing news from the village, refreshing the language and allowing Danish-American cultural life to flourish. Newspapers, churches, clubs and organizations of various types had Danish as their native tongue and in some ways were islands of Danishness in the new environment. World War I slowed the immigrant stream and brought pressures that speeded the Americanization process. The use of foreign languages, for example, was restricted, and in some areas attempts were made to forbid it. In the 1920s the U.S. Government imposed the immigration quotas which had been in the works for some time. In 1920, some 189,000 Danish-born immigrants resided in the country, but the new legislation limited future entries to a handful.

Today most people of Danish background in the United States

know little about the language and customs of the Danish-America that belonged to their grandparents or even great grandparents. The 1930s were plagued with hard times which, combined with the effect of immigration restriction, advanced Americanization. Most Danish-American congregations gave up the language at this point. At the close of WWII, only three of the six remaining Danish-language newspapers in the United States were being published. By 1970 the census clearly reflected the turn of the tide: just over 100 years after mass immigration of Danes to America began, only 61,000 Danish-born persons resided in the country. In the 1970s the consciousness of ethnic identity which swept the country caused Americans of Danish background to search for their roots and heritage.

Like America, Denmark had been changing over the years. Horses had given way to tractors, general education went beyond confirmation, mass communications and improved transportation made old dialects scarcer there than in the United States. Only traces remained of the world that

Danish emigrants left behind and their Danish islands in the new country had largely disappeared. However, the forethought of a leading group of Danish-Americans had helped to preserve the heritage which has its roots in Denmark and its home in America. Efforts started at a 1905 meeting in Racine, Wisconsin with the formation of the Danish-American Association. This organization laid the foundation for many present-day undertakings which help to preserve a wealthy heritage.

It was in 1909 that the Danish-American Association sponsored its first activity. The purpose of the Aarhus exposition of July 4, 1909 was to promote cooperation and understanding between the U.S. and Denmark in the fields of commerce, science and the arts. The idea of having a place in Denmark where Danes and Danish-Americans could gather annually was inspired by the event. In 1911 the dream became reality. Enough money had been raised among Danish-Americans to purchase 200 acres of Danish heathland. A year later Dr. Max Henius, a biochemist from Chicago, a leading Danish-American, and head of the newly

formed Rebild Committee, was guest speaker at the June 5th ceremony in Denmark's first national park.

By 1919 the only official celebration of American Independence Day outside the U.S. had become an annual event. Danish-Americans expressed their appreciation and approval of the idea by making it a point to be in Rebild on July 4th. The Danish-American Association, encouraged by the success of their efforts, soon started another project. Max Henius led the members of the Rebild National Park Board in the collection of archivalia regarding Danish immigration to America. Already in 1931 enough materials had been gathered to justify the founding of Dan-American Archives. The repository was located in the castle and former residence of Max Henius, Sohngaardsholm in Aalborg.

The original collection at Sohngaardsholm dealt with Danes in the U.S. But Danes emigrated to other countries, especially after American legislation shut down large scale immigration. By 1950, when some 337,000 had gone to the U.S., about 30,000 Danes had immigrated to Canada, 12,000 to Australia and New Zealand, and another 10,000 to Argentina. The collection was broadened and, in the spirit of the change, it was christened Udvandrerarkivet, The Danish Worldwide Emigrant Archives. Already in 1935 it contained some 6,000 books, pamphlets and brochures as well as 220 boxes of letters, manu-

scripts and similar materials about Danish migration. Max Henius' rare book collection was just one of the private libraries donated to Udvandrerarkivet. About 20 newspapers, published in various countries for the benefit of their Danish populations, supplemented the other information at Sohngaardsholm.

Like the First World War, the Second made maintenance of the Danish-American connection difficult. Between 1940 and 1944 the German occupation of Denmark caused the Rebild festivities to be abandoned. Udvandrerarkivet's collection was moved to Copenhagen for safekeeping while the occupying forces used Sohngaardsholm as a headquarters. After the war, refugees took shelter in the castle and the building's condition continued to deteriorate. The Aalborg community lacked the funds necessary to repair Sohngaardsholm and offered an apartment on Konvalvej #2 as an alternative location.

Udvandrerarkivet is moving to a larger and better facility in Aalborg. The collection is double the size of the original but some of the material is general historical and geographical information on the countries to which the Danes immigrated. Of greater interest to Danish-Americans are the unpublished materials: diaries, reminiscences and letters. The bulk of this information deals with the United States and the most recent addition is a set of cassette taped memoirs of Danish-American individuals.

In recent years increased interest in the migration process has brought researchers of two types: individuals reaching backwards for their roots and scholars analyzing the more general patterns behind the individual's decision to emigrate. In the spirit of Rebild, and with emphasis on the latter type of research, Grand View College in Des Moines, Iowa and the Danish-American Heritage Society (DAHS) launched the Danish Immigrant Archival Listing (DIAL) project in March of 1979. According to a system devised by Grand View College's Archivist, Thorvald Hansen, who is head of DIAL, over 5,000 cards that show the nature and location of more than 2,000 items regarding Danish migration, have been filed. The archivalia is located in some 125 archives, historical societies and other repositories in the U.S., Canada and Denmark.<sup>1</sup> The materials are cross-referenced by geographical location, author, title and subject. The Danish Brotherhood in America and the Danish Interest Conference of the Lutheran Church in America have recognized the value of the project and given it support in the form of grants.<sup>2</sup>

In Denmark, Aalborg, which lies 19 miles north of Rebild, has emerged as an important center for Danish-American activities. In addition to being the location of the archives, the Rebild Society and the local chapter of the Danish-American Club have made it home base for festivities connected with the 4th of July

## Scholarship Announcement

The Scholarship Committee of the Board of Directors of The Danish Brotherhood wishes to announce that scholarship applications for the school year beginning September, 1982, will be considered beginning February 15, 1982. Eligible members wishing to apply should write to: The Danish Brotherhood in America, Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 31748, Omaha, NE 68131. No applications received after February 15, 1982 will be considered by the Committee for the 1982 awards.

Scholarships are awarded in the amount of \$150.00 per semester and are renewable, pending qualification, to a total amount of \$1,200.00.

Eligible for scholarship awards are insured

members in good standing within their local lodge who are attending or planning to attend an accredited college, technical school, or vocational school in an undergraduate status. Under some circumstances, eligible persons attending school in Denmark may receive an award.

Changes approved by delegates to the Thirtieth National Convention of the society have increased the number and amount of scholarship awards available. Eight scholarships may now be awarded annually, two of which must be awarded to applicants planning to attend a vocational or trade school. (See Art. V of the Bylaws.)

**Robert Ibsen, Chairman,  
Scholarship Committee.**

### Answers for the health I.Q. test:

1. According to industry sources, America's favorite drink is soda pop with consumption in 1978 at 33.6 gallons per person, compared with 27.8 gallons for coffee and 24.8 gallons for milk.
2. The most often prescribed brand name drug in America is the tranquilizer Valium with 38.9 million prescriptions written for it in 1979.
3. False. The Food and Drug Administration proposed a ban on saccharin as a food additive but made provision for its use as a tabletop sweetener. The ban has been stayed by Congress.
4. False. Experts agree that annual x-rays can themselves cause cancer. However, x-rays may be advisable for older women with a personal or family history of cancer.
5. The average American consumes 24 teaspoons of sugar a day, most of it added to processed foods. That comes out to better than 90 pounds a year and does not include other sweeteners, such as corn syrup.
6. Excessive sugar consumption should be avoided by diabetic persons and may contribute to dental caries. However, excessive caloric intake (eating more than one burns up) is what causes the bathroom scale to read too high.
7. False, the body can't tell the difference between natural and manufactured vitamins.
8. False. Cosmetic manufacturers do not need pre-marketing clearances for their products. However, some color additives must be proved safe before they can be used in products.
9. The correct answer is "C". Ingredients are listed on food labels in descending order with the most predominant coming first.

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## Consulate Asks Assistance

The Royal Danish Consulate General of Los Angeles, California, is searching for the address of DOROTHY TORSSELL, daughter of the late Rudolph M. Olsen. If you have a current address for Mrs. Torsell, please contact: Kirsten Blockhus, Vice Consul, Royal Danish Consulate General, 3440 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 904, Los Angeles, CA 90010.



## 1982 Denmark's Castle Year

Once upon a time there were fairytale castles and manors that dotted the landscape in the Kingdom of Denmark. Their towers, turrets and spires could be seen for miles around. Great lords, fair ladies, kings, queens and knights in shining armor lived in them. People from all over the world came to the castles and manors for feasts, banquets, jousts and tournaments.

Now most castles and manorhouses function as government buildings, tourist attractions or agricultural estates. The lords and ladies who live in them have more pressing matters on their minds than jousts and tournaments. But the Danes have never forgotten the rich history of their castles and manorhouses and have never failed to realize that they are among the nation's most priceless treasures.

Thus, the Danish Tourist Board has declared 1982 as "Castle Year" in Denmark.

The Vikings may have come up with the idea of building their castles for protection against invaders, but their Danish ancestors in subsequent centuries elevated fortification to an art. King Christian IV decided by the time the Renaissance rolled around that fortification in castle building had about run its course and that the age demanded a certain *joie de vivre* in its architecture so lacking in medieval times.

More than half the 300 castles and manorhouses in Denmark are open to the public. They are included in a new 50-page color brochure from the Danish Tourist Board, "Danish Castles and Manor Houses," that contains a map showing the location of all castles and manorhouses, photos and a history of each, as well as a general history of various Danish architectural periods. Write to the Danish Tourist Board: 75 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10019; or P.O. Box 3240, Los Angeles, CA 90028; or P.O. Box 115, Station "N", Toronto, Ont. M8V 3S4, Canada, for your free copy.

celebration in Rebild. In May of 1980, the University Center in Aalborg sponsored a two-day seminar on migration research. Thorvald Hansen of Grand View College was one of three guest speakers at the event. Emigration scholars in Denmark expressed a great deal of interest in DIAL and arrangements were made for a listing of Udvandrerarkivet's unpublished materials to be sent to Grand View College for use in the project. Once completed, both DIAL and the ongoing registration of Udvandrerarkivet's holdings will ease the job of scholars who are researching Danish migration.

For the scholars who plan to investigate the broader aspects of the migration process, Grand View College in Des Moines, Iowa and Dana College in Blair, Nebraska are excellent starting places. However, like Udvandrerarkivet,

these archives are usually unable to help those searching for an individual emigrant. In America relatives, friends and the records of Danish-American clubs, churches and other organizations to which the individual belonged make the best starting point. Census records in the states and emigrant lists and church records in Denmark are also useful.

Genealogical researchers would be wise to send for a copy of the "Fact Sheet, Denmark — Tracing your Danish ancestors and relatives," before flying over the Atlantic. This can be obtained by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to: The Royal Danish Embassy, 3200 Whitehaven Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008, or: Danish Information Office, 280 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10017. Other useful background information is provided in the

article "Do Your Homework" by Thorvald Hansen, found in DAHS's journal *The Bridge* (vol. 1, 1978). Acquiring knowledge of the Danish language before getting on the plane is highly recommended for both types of researchers. This will make research more fruitful and the stay in Denmark more enjoyable, especially if there are still relatives in "det gamle land". One final word to the wise: Denmark is nice in the summer, but carry an umbrella, it has been known to rain in Rebild on the 4th of July!

1 To report holdings that should be listed, or for further information on DIAL write to: Thorvald Hansen, Danish Immigrant Archival Listing, Grand View College Library, Des Moines, Iowa 50316.

2 Contributions for DIAL should be so marked and addressed to: Danish American Heritage Society, Egon Bodtker, Treasurer, 1132 Newport Drive S.E., Salem, Oregon 97302.

**“Velkommen!”**

**“Welcome!”**

**“Velkommen!”**

**“Surprise”**



**by Jean Marie Johnson Matteson**

## **Part I**

In the words of my old Danish friend Juliane, “Hvis de ikke havde kommet, sa ville vi rigtignok havde vaeret overrasket!” (“If they hadn’t come we would have really been surprised!”)

The summer my daughter Edith was out interviewing the Danish people or their families who had emigrated to Nebraska in the late 1800s and 1900s memories of marvelous Danish Surprise Parties were mentioned time after time; especially by those Danish people who lived in and around Weeping Water. It was the custom in the Danish communities to have a party every five years a couple celebrated another anniversary like five, ten, etc. In some cases it was a birthday celebration of some one who was widowed or single who was a part of the Danish community.

The Danske Kvindes Forening (Danish Ladies Aid Society) in Weeping Water originally sent flowers to various couples who were celebrating an anniversary. This custom revived the custom which had been carried out in Denmark of having the Danish Surprise Parties. Everyone in the Danish community looked forward to the parties with happy anticipation. The older people passed the custom down to their children who in turn passed it down to theirs.

Edith tumbled and spilled her words together in her eagerness to tell me about the interviews. As she rambled on I, too, remembered how it was and I

recalled those glorious Sunday parties with much pleasure.

Preparations for the day of the “SURPRISE” were something from the pages of a tattered and well-read book. Each family suffered through similar experiences whose end goal brought happiness. Yes, the Danes were coming to your home! Oh the preparations! The father of the family cleaned the barn or corn crib and set up makeshift tables and benches for the men who always played pinochle and poker. The yard was manicured to perfection and all the junk that had accumulated was hauled to the dump. At our home we had a mulberry hedge. When I think of it, I can see again my grandfather, his bald head gleaming in the sun, and his moustache keeping rhythm to the pruning shears as he trimmed the hedge “just so” because every side must be even if it was the day for the Danes to come. The parties sometimes fell during the busy season of planting or harvest but if it was your turn for the Danish people to come you simply slept less and worked more because everything had to be “just perfect.”

The house was the woman’s domain and it was in a state of great upheaval. There was so much to be done one hardly knew where to start.

Virgil Miller, the local paper hanger, a jolly, fat, roly-poly, man was much in demand. Virgil almost never missed being called by those who were going

to have a party and he often laughingly claimed, "that he too was Danish." He applied the new wall paper quickly and carefully as he knew how important it was for him to do a nice neat job. After he gathered up his ladders, paste, and brushes and drove away the house cleaning began in earnest. Some times the family painted all the woodwork or at least part of it. If not, it was scrubbed thoroughly and everyone in the family was in some way involved with this task.

Now the house was completely turned upside down. Everything was cleaned and "NOTHING" escaped. All the spiders or other insects who had made themselves a cozy home in some seldom used corner of the house were banished from the premises forever. The housewife with her broom, dustmop, and scrub pail took mercy on "NOTHING." Everything was scrubbed and polished until it screamed with pain. The rugs were taken out and beaten with the rug beater until arms ached. It was a real job to tack and untack the carpet so once again the entire family got into the act.

One had to do extra washings which meant more water had to be carried from the well as very few of us had running water in our homes. All the extra wash was hard work, but nothing escaped the fate of being washed in one form or another. The windows were polished until one couldn't see the glass. It must have been there though because each window was delicately framed with a heavily starched and carefully ironed curtain. (In those days one heated the sad irons on the stove and it was a tedious job to get every wrinkle out.)

The kitchen received special attention as much of the day's activities would be centered around it. There wasn't any electricity then so the iron kitchen monster was freshly blackened and it's nickel trim polished until it gleamed like silver. The reservoir was carefully filled with water which would be needed for lunch dishes that were washed in chain fashion all day. The cob box got a fresh coat of paint and extra supplies of wood and cobs had been carried to the back porch within handy reach of the ladies of the kitchen.

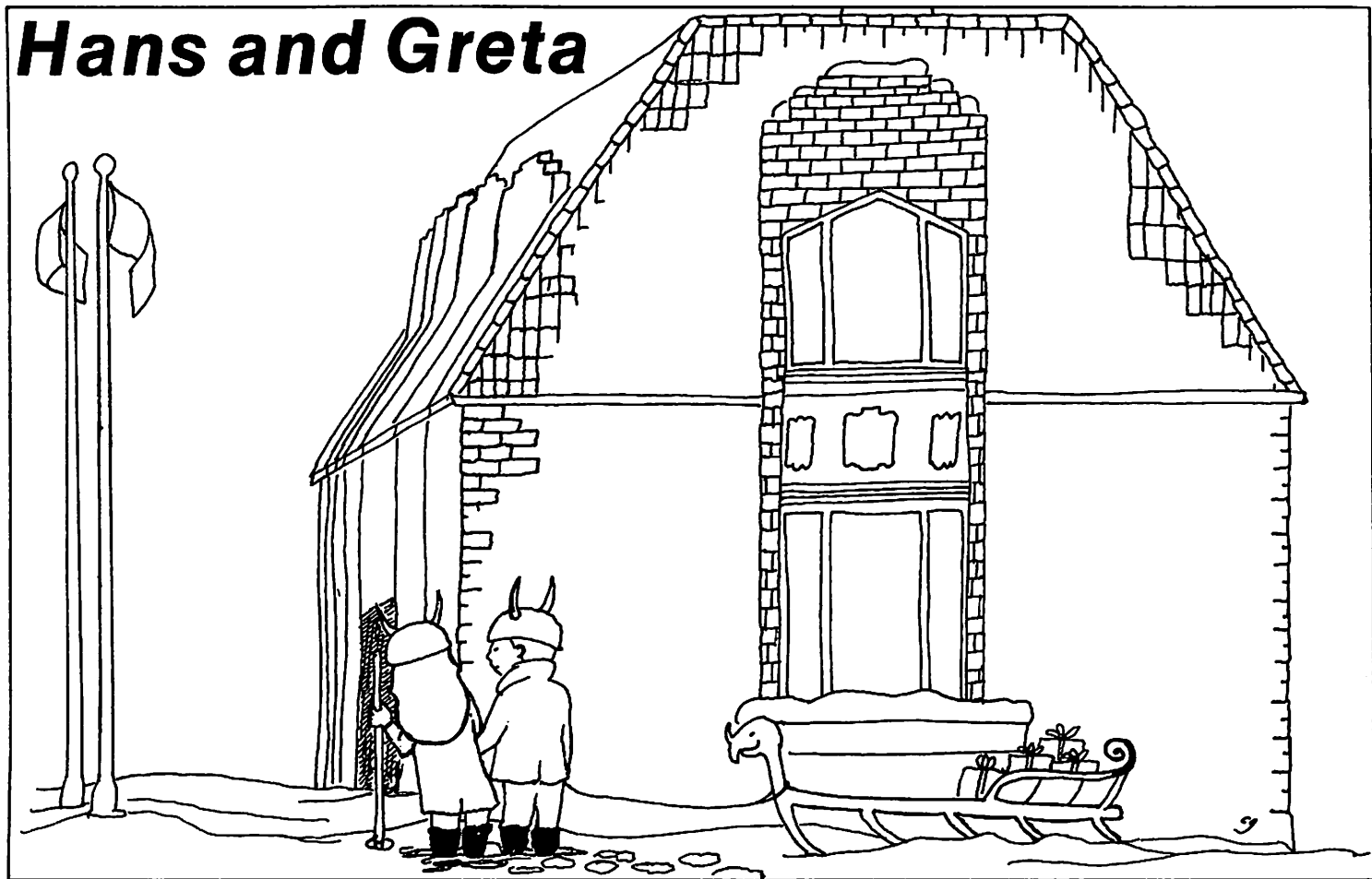
The Danish ladies do beautiful fancy work so they proudly displayed their works of art in many different ways. New couch covers, pillow tops, embroidered pictures to name only a few. Everyone made a lovely new set of tea towels which were proudly displayed and used to dry the lunch dishes on such a glorious day as the Dane Party.

In the attic of most Danes was a precious emigrant trunk which had accompanied either themselves or their ancestors to America. When one was preparing for such a wonderful day as a Surprise Party these precious trunks were opened and the treasures carefully unpacked. Perhaps it was a beautiful handmade tablecloth that may have laid in rose petals from the "last time" one had entertained the Danes. Many times it was a treasured family Bible printed in their native tongue. Maybe a picture of some beloved relative whom they wished could have come to the party. Each family had their own special art treasure to share and proudly displayed it on this their very special day.

### Part II in February



# Hans and Greta



*Hans and Greta have returned from Denmark to help celebrate the 100th birthday of The Danish Brotherhood.*

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December winners: Jay Mollerskov, Charlotte Moe, Hans Pedersen, and Gitte Norby.

## Grandma's Kitchen

### DANISH GOULASH

2 lbs. top round steak  
( $\frac{1}{4}$  inch thick)  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  cup butter or fat  
 $\frac{1}{8}$  tsp. pepper  
 $2\frac{1}{2}$  tsp. salt  
2 cups boiling water  
4 medium onions  
1 tbsp. brown sugar  
6 small bay leaves  
4 tbsp. flour  
6 tbsp. cold water

From the cookbook of Lodge No. 161, Favorite Recipes, available for \$5.63 postpaid from Mrs. Kenneth Pedersen, Hardy, NE 68943.

Wipe meat with cold, damp cloth. Cut in  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch cubes. Melt butter in frying pan. Add pepper and 2 teaspoons salt. Add meat and brown on all sides over high heat about 10 minutes. Peel onions. Cut in half lengthwise. Shave paper thin and add to browning meat cubes. Continue searing for 5 minutes, stirring constantly. Transfer to kettle. Add 2 cups boiling water, brown sugar, remaining salt and bay leaves. Cover and bring to boiling point. Reduce heat and simmer 1 hour. Remove bay leaves. Thicken stew with flour, mixed to a smooth paste with 6 tablespoons cold water. Cook until thickened, stirring well. Serve over hot, mashed potatoes. Serves six.

# Viking Adventures

*Coming Together—A Beginning*

*Keeping Together—Progress*

*Working Together—Success*

Each month for the next few months we will be featuring a member of our National Headquarters staff in this column. Having a successful home office operation starts with the selection of people who can and will be an asset. By retaining these people we can make greater progress with added services to our members. When staff members work together cooperatively, we have a successful Headquarters operation.

If you know more about the people who work in the National Headquarters, you will know more about the services they can provide to you as members and officers of lodges and districts. We hope you will enjoy this temporary change of pace as much as we are enjoying learning more about our co-workers.

## KATHY GOSSELIN

Kathy reports to work in our National Headquarters at least twice a week for 6-9 hours. While she's here she might find herself stuffing envelopes, shipping products and up-dating product inventory, responding to Hans and Greta contestants, answering scholarship inquiries, sending form letters to **American Dane** contributors, framing photographs, or working on a genealogy inquiry.

When she isn't with her family of four sisters and one brother or working, she's a student at Metro Technical Community College of Omaha. Her major is accounting with a plan to move into management after gaining practical experience. When she graduates late next year, she will have an associate degree.

Kathy was born in Omaha on November 24, 1961. She likes to travel but has only seen Massachusetts and Texas. When she traveled to Texas, it was as a winner of the Distributive Education Clubs of America Advertising Management Award. To earn her trip, Kathy won the Nebraska competition by placing second overall in State.

While she has an eye toward a full-time career, Kathy enjoys the domestic side of life, too. She was easily convinced to share her favorite recipe.

She's never still a moment, so finds time for horseback riding, hiking and writing poetry. At Christmas, Kathy wrote these lines for us, "Christmas is the time of year, when we should spread joy and cheer. We should thank the Lord above, for our friends, and for love." Kathy is



*Kathy Gosselin of our National Headquarters staff is pictured with our new microfilm reader. The microfilm reader is used to locate membership records for children, grandchildren and great grandchildren doing genealogy work.*

single now and enjoys it. Marriage is in the future as well as plans for two or so children. But first she would like to try hang gliding, skydiving and spend time in Paris admiring the architecture.

Kathy likes working for The Danish Brotherhood. She likes our people and the variety in what she does. We like her, too. January is the month of her first anniversary at Headquarters.

## Kathy's recipe for Spaghetti Sauce

- 1 — 16 ounce pkg. spaghetti
- 2 - 12 ounce cans tomato paste
- 6 bay leaves
- ¼ cup chopped green pepper
- ¼ cup diced onion
- 1 tbsp. each, garlic salt, onion salt, celery salt
- 6 tsp. sugar

Saute' onion in butter until browned. Add tomato paste and water to ¼ inch from top of dutch oven. Add bay leaves, spices and sugar. Start on medium heat and turn to low when sauce starts to thicken. Add meatballs, if you wish, ½ hour after sauce has boiled. Requires about 4 hours of cooking time and serves 6 to 8 people.

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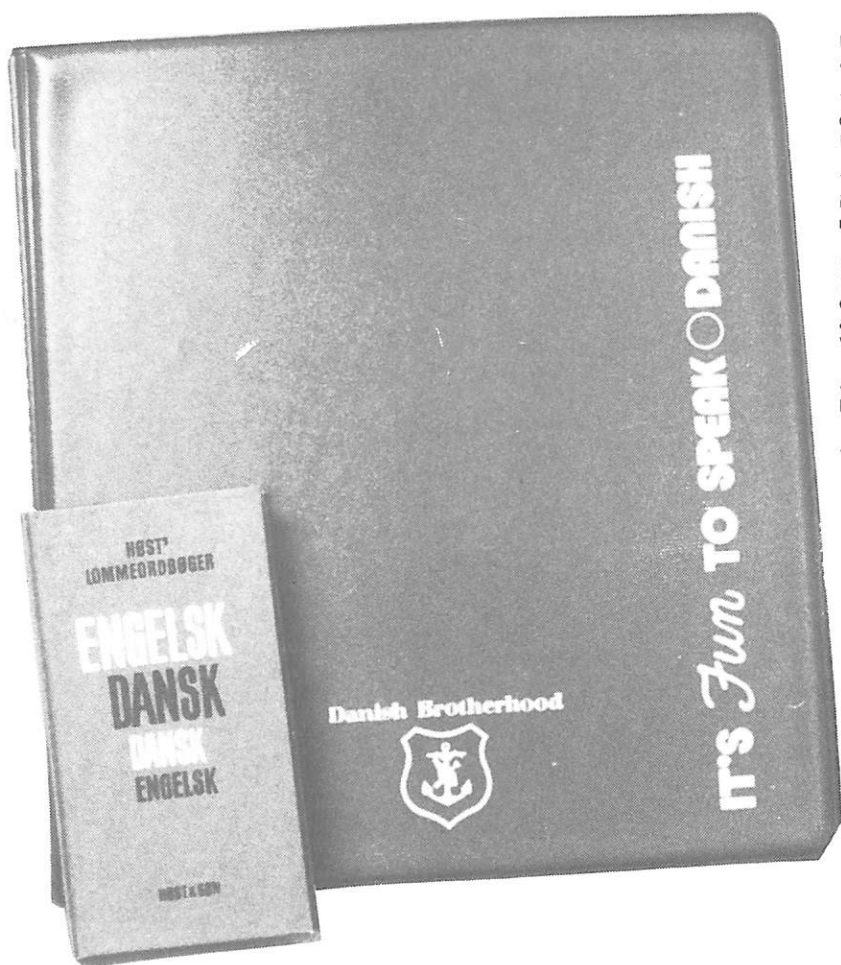
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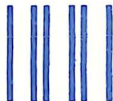
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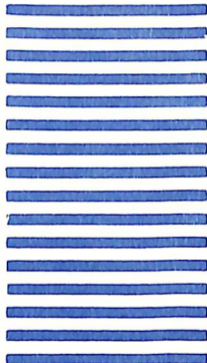
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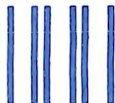
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