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# President's Page

**Robert E. Ibsen**  
**National President**

## **Our Youth Program**

Where are the leaders of tomorrow? Who will be president of your DBIA lodge at the turn of the century? Thankfully, some are getting ready to attend Skovsøen in August. Included are Annette Bennett, Rebecca Lauritsen, Dan Lauritsen, Debbie Mortensen and Kelly Mortensen of Dwight, IL; Anelise Andersen, Riverside, CA; Kimberly Erickson, Ruskin, NE; Timothy Mann, Blair, NE; Betty Ann Christiansen, Luck, WI; Carie L. Kirby, Kenosha, WI; Paul M. Petersen and Aaron E. Olsen of Dike, IA; Carolyn Andersen, Long Island, NY; Dana Pedersen, Detroit, MI; Shawn Ruppert, Omaha, NE, and Kaj Olsen, Minneapolis, MN.

These youngsters will join 57 other young people at Skovsøen, assisted by their local lodges and the National Headquarters. With enrollment at 73 at the last report, we have helped to double attendance.

Other young people are attending college or vocational school financed in part by a Danish Brotherhood scholarship. Still others are taking part in Young Vikings groups. Even more are already enjoying youth programs through lodges.

Nearly 2,000 members of The Danish Brotherhood are between the ages of 0 and 25. The number grows dramatically when non-member children and grandchildren of members are added. There are young people for a Danish Brotherhood youth program.

Most of them belong to organizations. Young people can be involved through their schools in a number of activities. The extent to which the school system can continue offering these activities with spending lid bills and other factors is questionable. Activities beyond basic school subjects are being returned to the private sector. Ethnic organizations have a great deal to offer young people.

A local Young Vikings organization can provide a peer group in which friendship can develop and where there is opportunity for shared fun. We can bring young people and adults together in a setting where each may communicate with and learn from the other.

We can provide a forum for discussion and strengthen family life. We can foster physical, intellectual, social, emotional, and moral development. Young people can develop self-confidence, self-awareness and increase self-esteem. We can expand their horizons with new experiences. They can be helped to good work attitudes and habits, along with concern for others and for the institutions of society.

Young people can experience democratic decision making, develop leadership skills, and learn how to plan and manage time with meaningful service to the community. We can broaden the young person with knowledge of another culture and an understanding of its people. Chiefly, young people perceive participation as fun. Fun of being with others in their age group and the fun of new activities. If parents or grandparents are members of The Danish Brotherhood, it is likely the family will approve values of the Young Viking organization.

If the Brotherhood has meaning for you, do not deny young people that opportunity, too. Support of adult members is needed for a viable youth program. Members who will provide leadership and members who will have their children and grandchildren active in Young Vikings.

With a new membership promotion underway, you have a golden opportunity to ask that young person to join and others you have thought about asking, but haven't. Let us remember the obligation we took "to open the doors to prospective members." Let's bring in those members and get those good tasting steaks from Omaha. You will be doing yourself a favor and doing your part for The Danish Brotherhood.

We no longer have the luxury of time. To preserve our Danish American institution, we must start working with our youth.

On May 20, 1984, Elaine and I enjoyed attending the 100th anniversary banquet and dance at Nielsen's Danish Restaurant, celebrating 100 years for Chicago Lodge 17. A beautiful evening for this fine lodge. Five new members were initiated.

# The Great Originator

Written by Holger J. Bladt

*Taken from Danish Journal*

Max Henius was deservedly called The Great Originator, the man who did not simply have ideas but also knew how to realize them. His name was respected on both sides of the Atlantic. In Denmark, his memory will live not only when Danish and American flags fly side-by-side in Rebild National Park on the Fourth of July, but also as long as the Blockhouse museum can show its collections and the Danish Emigration Archives continue their activities, that trio for whose creation Max Henius worked so hard. He was the son of Jewish parents who had come from Poland. They settled in Aalborg where his father became a distiller and the inventor of the "Red Aalborge," an aquavit known today the world over, made at The Danish Distilleries whose founder he was.

Max Henius had restlessness in his blood. When after getting through school, he realized his father would not keep the distillery, he wandered south, first to Hanover, Germany, and then to Marburg University where he earned a doctorate. From there he went to the U.S.A. and wound up in Chicago.

In Germany, Dr. Henius had become friends with an American, Robert Wahl. They soon got together again, the start of a long collaboration in which became the world-famous Wahl-Henius institute which serves the American brewery industry. The great achievements of Pasteur and later Prof. Emil Christian Hansen of the Carlsberg Breweries with pure yeast were now transferred to America.

The American brewery industry had its seamy side. Time and again, Henius warned that the danger of total prohibition in America should not be underestimated. The saloons had become breeding grounds for the underworld, and unless the breweries were cleaned up, there would be urgent danger of a catastrophe for that industry. Nobody listened to him, and the result is well-known.

Another problem of far-reaching importance had to be solved because the health of an entire metropolis was at stake. In 1892, a typhus epidemic broke out in Chicago. Henius set out at once to find the source. That the waters of Lake Michigan were being polluted by sewage effluent had long been known, but nobody did anything about it.

Soon, milk was isolated as one of the epidemic's sources when it was found that of 50 samples, 48 were diluted with from 15% to 45% polluted water from Lake Michigan. Two samples also showed germs from a tubercular cow. Samples taken from the sewage entering the lake showed up to 200,000 microorganisms per cubic centimeter. The danger limit lies at 600.

In 1908, Dr. Henius was in Aarhus, Denmark. A circle of Danish-Americans intended to stage a reunion in connection with an exhibition. It became a great success, and participants agreed to look for a place where future reunions could be held. Henius' knowledge of north Jutland and his love for heather-covered hills led to the purchase of an area at Rebild, the place now known as Rebild National Park, 12 miles south of Aalborg.

The first Rebild celebration was held in 1912. 10,000 people headed by King Christian X and Queen Alexandrine attended in spite of pouring rain. — Except for the years of the two world wars, when Denmark was isolated, the Rebild celebrations have been held every year since 1912 on the Fourth of July.

On November 15, 1935, Max Henius died at the age of 75, highly decorated and an honorary citizen of Aalborg.

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*Translated and edited by Frederick Hale*

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# Bowling Still a Favorite

## 1984 Danish Brotherhood Tournament Results

Bowling began as a national activity for DBIA lodges in the early 1920's. The Board at that time allowed the magnificent sum of \$50 for tournament expense.

Congratulations to all lodges and members who still enjoy the sport. Special thanks to those lodges entering Young Viking teams.

Lodge	Team	Score	HC	Total	Award					
227—Team #3		2725	456	3181	\$100	1				
143—Petaluma Oldtimers		2688	417	3105	75	2				
227—Team #10		2584	513	3097	60	3				
45—Minneapolis Vikings		2482	582	3064	45	4				
341—Team #1 (Women)		2448	594	3042	40	5				
227—Team #9		2605	420	3025	35	6				
263—Askov Alley Cats		2553	471	3024	33	7				
14—Hagars		2557	462	3019	30	8				
227—Team #4		2519	498	3017*	27	9				
92—Towel-Tossers		2450	567	3017*	25	10				
184—Hayward #2		2355	657	3012	24	11				
34—Bad News Strikers		2553	453	3006	23	12				
34—The Standard's		2501	432	2933	22	13				
184—Hayward #1		2346	585	2931	21	14				
34—Pony Express Riders		2500	429	2929	20	15				
34—Pin Busters		2473	453	2926	19	16				
51—Paul's Team		2547	378	2925*	18	17				
92—Sure Splits		2415	510	2925*	17	18				
51—President's Team		2594	327	2921	16	19				
51—Danish Brotherhood #1		2500	420	2920*	15	20				
227—Team #6		2311	609	2920*		21				
34—The Leftover's		2331	576	2907		22				
34—Dwight Dane Dames		2081	825	2906		23				
51—Secretary's Team		2407	492	2899		24				
341—Team #1 (Men)		2418	462	2880		25				
34—Herman's Hermits		2410	456	2866		26				
227—Team #11		2412	438	2850		27				
227—Team #2		2477	369	2846		28				
51—Danish Brotherhood #2		2581	264	2845		29				
92—Sure Shots		2313	531	2844*		30				
34—Jackie's Hair Salon		2130	714	2844*		31				
30—Viking Press		2539	303	2842		32				
143—Petaluma Youngtimers		2248	588	2836		33				
345—Great Danes		2241	588	2829		34				
227—Team #5		2264	564	2828		35				
283—North Dagmar Bunch		2416	411	2827		36				
34—Feddersen's Pizza Garage		2155	669	2824		37				
345—Danish Dolls		2065	750	2815		38				
227—Team #7		2302	510	2812		39				
34—Sully's B.J.'s		2075	735	2810		40				
34—The Danish Razorbacks		2210	594	2804		41				
283—Young Danes		2247	543	2790		42				
306—Vejen Strikers		2105	684	2789		43				
34—Lamar's Ladies		1908	873	2781		44				
75—Senior Citizen Kids		2140	639	2779		45				
227—Team #1		2389	384	2773		46				
51—Danish Brotherhood #3		2290	474	2764		47				
227—Team #8		2202	540	2742		48				
39—Oakland Lodge		1977	756	2733		49				
34—The Great Danes		2109	621	2730		50				
51—Rob's Team		2133	540	2673		51				
283—Dagmar Hot Shots		2099	561	2660		52				
14—The B-Flats		2150	486	2636		53				
306 Aalborg Strikers		1786	849	2635		54				
143—Petaluma Gals		1851	777	2628		55				
346—Kodan I		1957	648	2605		56				
92—Dane-Tease		1762	828	2590		57				
219—Sommerlyst I		1721	864	2585		58				
306—Kolding Strikers		1502	1017	2519		59				
184—Hayward #3		1540	930	2470		60				

\*denotes tie

### Women

#### Top Women's Team

341—Team #1 (Women) ..... 2448 594 3042 \$100

#### Women's Individual High Game

184—Diane Mahler ..... 231 28 259 \$ 25

#### Women's Individual High Series

184—Diane Mahler ..... 586 84 670 \$ 25

### Men

#### Men's Individual High Game

227—Otto Pedersen ..... 235 42 277 \$ 25

#### Men's Individual High Series

227—Otto Pedersen ..... 597 126 723 \$ 25



### Young Vikings Young Vikings Team

92—Young Vikings ..... 995 \$100

#### Young Vikings Individual High Series

219—Todd Sonsalla ..... 326 \$ 25

#### Young Vikings Individual High Game\*\*

184—Steven Mahler ..... 115 \$ 25

219—Todd Sonsalla ..... 115 \$ 25

# "What Is An Annuity?"



The word "annuity," in the strictest sense, means nothing more than a plan of annual (or more frequent) payments. A life annuity is an annuity paid throughout a person's lifetime. Almost all annuity contracts issued by life insurance companies and Fraternal Benefit Societies are life annuities.

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## The Use of Annuities

The function of an annuity is to liquidate a capital amount by annual (or more frequent) payments of principal and interest. A life annuity guarantees that these payments will last for the lifetime of the annuitant. An annuity is useful, therefore, to one who owns some capital and wants to receive the maximum assured income from it.

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### ACROSS

- 2 Huge, fabulous bird of prey  
 5 1926 Nobel Prize winner for his research on cancer  
 10 Sorry, but —  
 11 French sculptor  
 13 Period of historic time  
 14 Astronomer who discovered light travels at definite speed  
 15 Once more  
 17 High society afternoon social function  
 18 Widow of Aethelred, whom Canute married  
 19 Invention by Valdemar Poulsen, used in radio  
 20 Pedestal between cap and base  
 22 Secret connections for recording private telephone conversations  
 26 Conditions for watching your step  
 27 Italian city in which Albert Thorvaldsen did much sculpting  
 28 Dots powdered over plain field in heraldry  
 29 Your sign if born in month starting July 22  
 31 Portuguese gentlemen's title of respect  
 32 Fashionable resort  
 33 Paid newspaper announcement  
 34 His great-aunt Margaret made him king in 1389  
 36 Large cask for holding liquids  
 38 Main part of church building  
 39 Bill of fare  
 40 Vehicle for touring Denmark  
 41 Pull apart by force  
 43 He slept for twenty years  
 45 Prize Pontoppidan shared with Gjellerup in 1917

- 46 Prison on Funen Island  
 48 Cheery greeting  
 49 End man in minstrel show  
 50 Direction of Odense from Aarhus  
 51 Both brothers were critics  
 52 First sign of zodiac

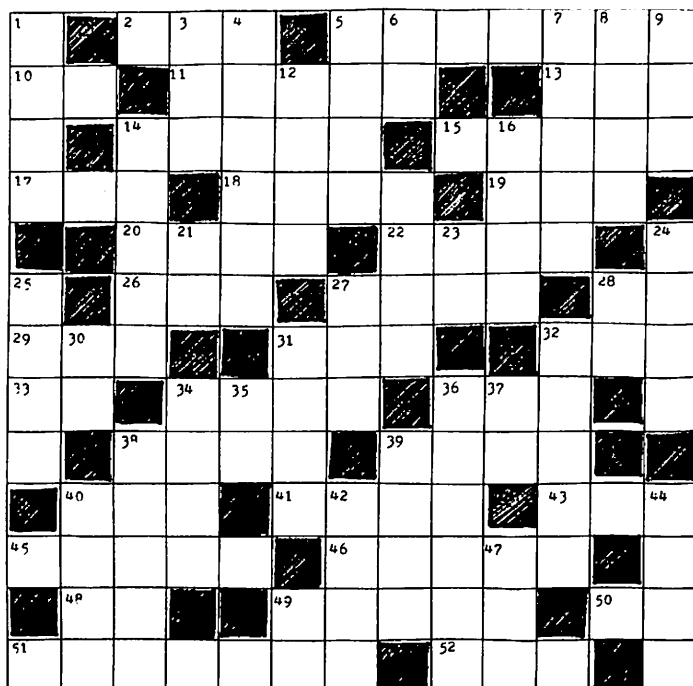
### DOWN

- 1 Same as Canute  
 3 Combining form meaning "mountain"  
 4 Each selection in Ludvig Holberg's **Danish Stage**  
 5 Business partnership  
 6 At home  
 7 Toothed, meshing wheels  
 8 Another spelling of 34-Across  
 9 Aegir's destructive wife  
 12 Automobile in show-window  
 14 An area of Valdemar Poulsen's expertise  
 16 What tourists in Copenhagen sometimes do at the sights  
 21 Electrical current  
 23 Exist  
 24 Prime minister  
 25 His mother Margaret ruled for him in Denmark and in Norway  
 27 Destination of ill-fated 007 airliner (Abb.)  
 28 Kind of art creating illusion of movement  
 30 His full name means "guardian"  
 31 Denmark's legislative assembly  
 32 Swede who turned back Christian I at Brunkeburg  
 34 Freedom from worry  
 35 Motor home, e.g. (Abb.)  
 36 Philologist: 1846-96  
 37 A single

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by John K. Young

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- 38 Former kingdom in NE Africa  
 39 Principal water conduit  
 40 His concept of atom structure won 45-Across in 1922  
 42 God of love  
 44 Novelist Karl Gjellerup was also a  
 47 In U.S., character-building organization for girls (Abb.)  
 49 "To \_\_\_\_\_ or not to \_\_\_\_\_"

# Our Lodges in Action

Material for publication must be received by the tenth of the month preceding month of issue.

The American Dane is mailed by the sixth day of the month of issue.

The magazine reserves the right to edit material accepted for publication.

**The best suggestion for July was presented in the lodge news for Lodge No. 294, Barre, Vermont. See page 14.**

## PACIFIC-NORTHWEST

**Lodge #29, Seattle, WA** — We welcome Albert Jorgensen as a new member. Several applications were received so we hope to see some more new members at our next meeting.

At our meeting in June, we will join with the Sisterhood for our delicious pastry and coffee. A silent auction will be held.

Our soccer team, "The Danes," met the team from Lodge No. 328 in May for a play-off against the Vancouver lodge "All Stars." The anniversary of the host lodge was celebrated later that evening.

The Danish choral group from Vancouver performed Saturday, May 26, at the Nordic Heritage Museum.

**Ted Kofoed, Cor.**

**Lodge #42, Spokane, WA** — Elbert E. Hall became a new member on May 3, 1984. We welcome Elbert into our organization.

Marius J. Hansen passed away on March 10, 1984 at the age of 97. He was a Danish Brotherhood member for more than 58 years.

Members attending the District Convention from Spokane were Alvilda and Bill Garras, Mary and Emil Larsen, Anne Marie and Merle Kinder, Sharon Kinder, and Ethel and Fred Matheny. They reported the convention was outstanding. Sharon Kinder was re-elected District Secretary for the Brotherhood. Congratulations Sharon. You did a magnificent job last year and are really appreciated. Next year's convention is scheduled for Portland, Oregon.

August 18 is a public pinochle party at 7:30 p.m., September 6 a business meeting at 7:30 p.m., and September 15 another public pinochle party at 7:30 p.m.

**Lawrence Charneski, Sec.**

**Lodge #155, Bellingham, WA** — We hosted the Pacific Northwest District Convention of the Brotherhood and Sisterhood lodges at the Holiday Inn in Bellingham, Washington, May 18 and 19.

Kenneth Pedersen, National Director, accompanied by his wife, Loetta, repre-



Left to right, National Director Kenneth Pedersen, Pacific Northwest President Jens Gimbel, Ed Hirsch, and incumbent Pacific Northwest President, Clyde R. Langsted.



Registration staff.



Garry Jensen, our happy bartender.

sented the National Board and Edna Oslund, D.S.S. National Treasurer, represented the National Board of the Sisterhood. Our mayor, Tim Douglas, and his wife wel-

comed the delegates and friends to Bellingham at the banquet Saturday night. Karen Bruun, M.C.'d the festivities. The business meetings were conducted very efficiently by the District President, Jens Gimbel. Our newly elected president is Clyde Langsted. Everyone seemed to enjoy the accommodations at the Inn — and the food, services and music were excellent. Special thanks are extended to the Past District Presidents who took up a sizable contribution for the Saturday night "water hole."

**Gerda Grimlund, Sec.**

**Lodge #167 Portland, OR** — DBIA 167 will again participate in Neighborfair on July 15 at the Waterfront Park. We will have a booth selling Danish beer and a Danish display as part of Folkfest.

Also, as members of Folkfest, our lodge has been invited to walk in the Starlight Parade the evening of June 2. Participants are asked to wear their national costumes.

May 2, President Lisa Mortensen lit a candle to commemorate the Liberation of Denmark on May 5, 1945. Lisa welcomed two guests from Denmark, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Hansen, parents of Stig Hansen. The approval of membership for Alfred H. Jeppesen was read.

**Lodge #328, Vancouver, B.C., Canada** — Forty-five members were present in May. After a brief business meeting, Kjeld Nicolaisen gave a slide presentation of underwater shots of the Pacific coastal region's marine life. Kjeld also brought along equipment which he has developed himself. Kjeld's presentation was most comprehensive, as well as informative. We hope Kjeld will be back at a later date to show the rest of his slides.

Kim Windal has been accepted for membership and will be initiated as a new member at our next meeting.

About ten from Lodge 328 attended the convention in Bellingham on the Victoria Day weekend. Everyone had a good time.

**Lodge #348, Eugene, OR** — We met the 2nd Thursday in May, May 5, Denmark's

liberation day, was observed when several members made short speeches about how or where they were on that day. Guests Mr. and Mrs. Erik Skoven from Denmark sang a few old songs from their homeland.

May 18 and 19 the Taekkers, Reinhardt, Agner Ranch, Svend Toftemark and the Sands attended the Northwest District Convention at Bellingham. Lodge 268 and 348 are well-represented on the Board for the Northwest in 1984-85. Lodge 348 is proud of taking home two awards; one for the best percentage of attendance and one for the best civic activity through 1983. Thank you, members, for your efforts. **Kris Sand, Cor.**

## CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

**Lodge #126, Los Angeles, CA** — We thank all who attended the memorial service on the 18th of May.

The Danish Church had a new date for Flag Day, June 17. President Erik Kofod was a flag bearer.

Delegates elected to the California-Nevada Convention in Petaluma August 23, 24, 25 are Erik Kofod, Ib Møller, Anne Kofod, Howard Hansen and Madelle Pedersen, and Lars Westerskov, alternate.

**Betty Seale, Sec.**

**Lodge #299, Solvang, CA** — May 9, Paul Larsen and crew served a smorgasbord dinner that received wide praise. The 4th of July Queen, sponsored by the Danish Brotherhood and Dania and affiliated ladies' organizations, is Vanessa Dunlap. Many activities are planned for June; a chicken barbecue at H. C. Andersen Park for one. The June meeting is a dinner with the Brotherhood and their ladies and Dania and their ladies attending. On the 4th of July, we will have a float in the parade.

Our delegates to the district convention will be Johannes Jaeger, Fred Kargaard, Max Hanberg, and Peter Weber. Alternates are Mogens Mortensen and Nels Nelsen. We pledged \$50 for a Danish pianist who will perform at the monthly Danish songfest at Bethania Lutheran Church. We will purchase a greeting in the Petaluma convention program and a book of convention raffle tickets. Get-well cards go to Jacob Ravn and non-member Pastor Carlo Petersen. Dinner committee for June — Johannes Jaeger, Dave Christian, Ken Fitzgerald, Steen Weber and Rick Johnson.

**Henry Edwards, Cor.**

**Lodge #306, San Diego, CA** — The second June celebration dear to the hearts of Danes is the St. Hans Fest. This will be held on the beach just north of the Hilton Hotel on June

23. A family beach party of picnic lunches, fun, games, and socialization. Folks may come as early as they wish and stay all day.

Congratulations to Victor and Bonnie Graversen and to Anker Norgaard who have been elected as delegates to the district convention.

**Art Norgaard, Cor.**

**Lodge #319, Bakersfield, CA** — The mountain outing on May 19 turned out great in spite of a rockslide on the Canyon Road up to Elton and Ethel Nelson's home. The day was saved when Erik and Ingrid Michelsen offered their beautiful cabin at Tehachapi. Thanks to the Nelsons for their work on the pit beef and beans, to our hosts, and to all who brought delicious salads and desserts.

St. Hans Eve will be celebrated with a potluck picnic at Jastro Park.

Congratulations to Niels Michelsen who is graduating from Cal Tech and to Brian Johnson from USC. We know their parents, Erik and Ingrid Michelsen and Gerald and Marilyn Johnson, are proud of them. Best wishes too, to Erik on his recent retirement.

News flash! Just heard that Andy Stenderup is the father of a baby son, Ryan Gunner (future Brotherhood member?). Baby's mother is Kim and great grandfather is Viggo Stenderup.

**Dorothy Peterson, Cor.**

**Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA** — The aebleskiver bingo party was a big success. The Board expresses thanks to all who helped.

Two new members were initiated at the June meeting; Patricia Christensen and Sandra Karnold.

The Danish folk dancers, along with 1800 other ethnic groups, met at the Los Angeles Coliseum, May 19, to be fingerprinted and photographed in preparation for becoming participants in the Opening Ceremony of the Los Angeles Olympics July 28.

**Kate Krake, Cor.**

### 1983 President's Award Activity Schedule

**Lodge #345, Orange Co., CA** — Our lodge has something to be proud of! Our treasurer reported we had 100% payment of dues! The only loss we suffered this year was due to the death of one of our faithful members, Robert Huld. We have already initiated four new members, and we have three more candidates to initiate.

Plans are being made for our annual Danish picnic on July 15. It will be at Mile Square Park again this year. As usual, we will be having aebleskiver.

We have 13 members and two guests going to our district convention.

**Hazel Kjellsen, Sec.**

**Lodge #346, Riverside, CA** — This year's family picnic featured "Olympic Games" with winners receiving beautiful gold, silver or bronze medals created by Hans Terkel-sen, Sue Patterson and David Jensen. Credit goes to Howard Wogen for music and Pete Petersen for conducting games.

May 5, President Ken Nielsen explained the meaning of Liberation Day and lit two candles in the windows while lights were dimmed. This symbolized liberation from five years of darkness during the German occupation. In keeping with our Danish-night theme, all members wore Danish colors and shared in smørrebrød. Bake sale chairman, Kaja Del Grippo, turned in \$82. Thanks, Kaja, and all bakers who contributed.

We sold Tuborg beer and Hansens soft drinks at the International Street Fair. Our booth was popular and our red-and-white umbrella tables were inviting. Chairman Vikki Garrison had a successful ways-and-means project.

Approximately 50 members and guests attended our second barn dance at Jim and Sue Patterson's. We were entertained by 13 folk dancers who came primarily from the Los Angeles area (one came all the way from Bishop). We feel fortunate to include these wonderful folk dancers as friends. They spent the entire day in the Los Angeles Coliseum (and had sunburns to prove it) being photographed in costume and fingerprinted for participation in opening ceremonies at the 1984 Olympic Games in July. Thanks to everyone of you for finding strength to come. Thanks to Jim and Sue Patterson who worked hard to make this an outstanding evening! **Nancy Nielsen, Cor.**

## IOWA-MINNESOTA

**Lodge #15, Des Moines, IA** — At our May meeting James Iversen of Ames was initiated and welcomed.



President, Kirsten Lundgren and new member James Iversen, in front of a picture of Queen Margrethe and husband, which was presented to DB Lodge 15 by DSS Lodge 102.

Plans for the national convention to be held in Des Moines, September 24, 25, 26, 1987, are already being discussed. Committee chairman, Willy Christensen, com-

mittee member Ed Harris, and Edith Paulsen, representing Sisterhood Lodge 102, attended a meeting in Clear Lake, Iowa, with representatives of the Iowa-Minnesota District lodges to discuss preliminary questions. Support and help from Iowa-Minnesota District lodges will be helpful, appreciated, and necessary.

Two events are planned for the next months — a picnic early in August at Saylorville camping area and possibly a Mortensaften dinner on November 10.

Sunday, May 6, many Sisterhood and Brotherhood members enjoyed a fun time at a champagne brunch hosted by the Danish Sisterhood Lodge 102.

After the business meeting, Mary Riber showed a variety of slides from the years she and her husband spent in India working among a tribal group of people called the Santals. Some of you "real Danes" may have heard of the **Santal Mission** from your Danish relatives. One of the founders of that mission was a Dane named Hans Boerre- sen. **Mary Riber, Cor.**

**Lodge #144, Dike, IA** — At their regular meeting in May, the Dike Lodge 144 trustees announced their selection of Joel Jorgensen, graduating senior from Dike High School, as their choice to receive the annual \$200 lodge scholarship.



Joel Jorgensen receives Lodge 144 scholarship award from Dike High School Principal Stan Slessor.

Joel plans to attend Iowa State University at Ames, which is something of a family tradition.

Joel is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harris Jorgensen of Dike. A member of the National Honor Society, Joel has distinguished himself as an able student, worthy of support for further education. He is the fourth of five children in his family. He has chosen engineering as his major.

**Lyle Refshauge, Sec.**

**Lodge #217, Humboldt, IA** — President Carl Hansen opened the May meeting by asking how many members were wearing DBIA pins. Many did not have pins, so they were distributed. Bill Ziegenmeyer from Des Moines, was introduced by Joe West. Anna Christensen reported on her trip to the Myron Floren Show. Caroline Madsen reviewed the book of Danish Ways. Harlan Johnsen gave an interesting talk and slide

program about his trip to the Philippines, where his marriage took place.

Our June meeting was a potluck supper. Rachel Hansen played selections from Handel on her flute. Three visitors were present: Neils Jensen from Florida, Bill Ziegenmeyer from Des Moines, and Violet Bergeson from Plover. Later, Violet joined the lodge. We are happy to have Violet.

Marilyn Hansen presented birthday people with a cross-stitched Danish flag wall hanging.

Delegates to the Iowa-Minnesota District Convention September 1, 2, 3 were named: Marilyn Hansen, Lucile Christensen, and Peggy Hansen. Alternates are Carl Hansen, Joe and Mary West. **Edna Johnson, Sec.**

## MIDWEST

**Lodge #34, Dwight, IL** — Saturday, July 21, at Richton Park, IL is the Midwest District golf outing. Tee-off times start at 8:30 a.m., with coffee, rolls or donuts served at the country club. Golf fee, \$13; dinner, \$18.50 (includes four hours open bar). Contact Glen Bloxam or Dick Perschnick if you plan to go.

May 14 we welcomed Davis Schultz as a new member.

Our regrets on the misfortune of the Gene Mortensens. Fire broke out in their house while they were out of town and damaged several rooms, including Gene's office.

"Knowledge is a comfortable and necessary retreat and shelter for us in an advanced age; and if we do not plant it while young, it will give us no shade when we grow old." **Margaret A. Goodwin, Sec.**

### 1983 President's Award Social Activity

**Lodge #35, Chicago, IL** — Audrey Christiansen and Owen Heitman were initiated by President Ray Nielsen at the meeting on May 25. They were welcomed by the members present.

Woodrow Petersen reminded all the Golf Outing is July 21, hosted by our lodge. Ray Nielsen reminded the Picnic Committee to start planning. It is August 20, also a Midwest District function.

After our meeting, Woody Petersen conducted a Brown Bag Auction and lots of good stuff was discovered in those bags. Baked goods were also sold. \$107.50 was raised! Thanks to everyone for participating.

**Elsa Petersen, Cor.**

**Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI** — Thirty-four members and friends went on our May 20 bus tour to view the "Kings and Citizens" exhibit at the Spertus Museum, Chicago. An interesting highlight was that several members of our tour group witnessed the

moving experience of a Danish-American, from Chicago, who recognized his grandparents and cousins in a photograph displayed; it was a picture of Danish Jews who had reached safety in Sweden after being taken there in a Danish fishing boat to prevent the Nazis from seizing them for removal to German concentration camps during World War II.

After the visit to the museum, our group went to Nielsen's famous Danish Restaurant in Elmwood Park to partake of a delicious beef dinner. While there, we had a surprise visit from National President Robert Ibsen, National Director Woody Petersen, and Merle Nysten, President of Lodge 17, Chicago, and Midwest District President. These gentlemen were attending the Chicago Lodge 17's centennial banquet and dance being held in another room of the restaurant. **Albert L. Larsen, Sec.**

**Lodge #92, St. Charles, IL** — Lodge 92 had their May 11 meeting, and I would like to report an increase in attendance. Even though the weather hasn't gotten a whole lot better, at least our attendance has. We had a guest speaker, Charlie Brown, a local pharmacist who gave a very interesting talk on the use of vitamins to improve our health. I think we are all going to take vitamins and become a very healthy lodge.

Our June meeting will be the aebleskiver night. This is a delicious evening. All ladies help prepare the aebleskiver and the men help by eating.

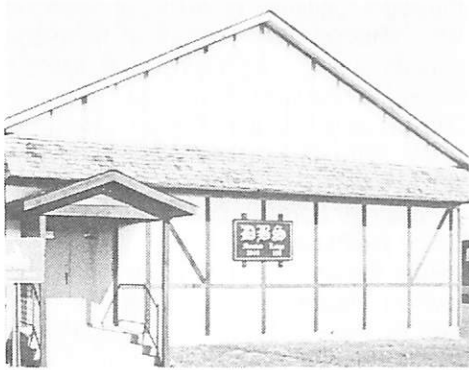
I want to be sure to mention our annual picnic. It will be held on July 29, 1984. Food will be served at 12 noon with each member bringing a plate to pass and their own table service. After lunch, there will be the Pine-wood Derby for children of any age able to get to the track. We all enjoy this activity.

In August, we get to relax and have lunch and enjoy some cards, or anything else that you will feel inclined to do. I hope everyone will turn out to enjoy fellowship.

**Lois Skraboly, Cor.**

**Lodge #186, Luck, WI** — The Luck Danish Brotherhood Lodge 186 building has undergone changes in the past year. The front was redone in a Danish motif. A new sign was designed and made by Erik Pedersen. New windows were installed on the north and south walls. Inside, the ceiling received added insulation to help conserve heat during cold Wisconsin winters. New floor covering was laid in the kitchen.

The lodge had its beginning in 1903. At that time, they owned a building on the corner of Fifth St. and Park Avenue. It burned in 1931. The present building was erected in 1932. In 1978, the lodge enter-



**Fredensborg Lodge 186 building, Luck, Wisconsin.**

tained the idea of selling the building. Since then, the lodge added to its membership and with improvements, they look with added pride to a fine building for their monthly meetings and for other Luck community functions; meetings, dinners, dances, etc. The building is an asset to the Luck community and is located at the corner of First Street and Third Avenue.

**Esther Nies, Sec.**

**Lodge #340, Wood Dale, IL** — We were well-represented at Lodge 17's centennial

We were very glad to initiate Natalie Grochola and Janet A. Villaci into our lodge.

Please note the date of our Halloween party has been changed from October 20 to November 3. In this way, we will not be in conflict with the MWD Dart Extravaganza also scheduled for October 20.

**Barb Karsbaek, Cor.**

**Lodge #343, Waupaca, WI** — At our May meeting, in keeping with the Memorial Day tradition, we observed a brief period of silence for members lost the past year — Glen Bartelson, Oliver Willarson, Hartman Stocker, and Anna Hansen. We plan to take part in the Waupaca Fourth of July Parade with the Viking ship float made by program co-chairperson Loyal Lundorf and to work out suitable material for the theme the city has selected as the parade theme, "The Year of the Volunteer."

We were pleased to hear program co-



**The Danes Home, Waupaca, WI.**

chairperson Melda Mortensen tell us of the purchase of the Historic Danes Home in Waupaca by Robert Marcom, a local businessman (antique dealer and furniture restorer). Mr. Marcom will restore the beautiful light tan face of the brick building as nearly as possible to its original condition. The Waupaca Danes Home was the subject of a feature article in the American Dane, June, 1983. The present structure, listed in the National Register of Historic Places, was built in the late 1800's and served as a center of Danish culture and activity. The picture is one of a series of sketches made by local artist Pat Manske of local historic places. It is used on note paper sold by the local chapter of AAUW.

Following the meeting, delicious sandwiches, pickles, dessert and coffee were served by Evelyn Faulks, Sarah and Harry Rasmussen. Bingo with prizes donated by members concluded the evening.

**Evelyn Doerr, Pres.**

**Lodge #344, Janesville, WI** — Our meeting April 26 was well-attended. Lodge members met Lena Andersen, a Danish exchange student attending Milton High School. Lena told us about her hometown and its location in Denmark.

Mae Peters, a free-lance writer, told us how she spent two years living in Denmark learning the language and researching the resistance movement. Our group was interested in her approach as an epic time in history involving the lives of many brave people. With great patience and hard work, she hopes to complete a book.

We enjoyed Danish open-faced sandwiches, kringle and coffee. Plans are being made for our steak fry in June.

**Alice Barlass, Sec.**

## NEBRASKA

**Lodge #1, Omaha, NE** — In May we were entertained and informed by our social committee who took us on a tour of China through the slides of Dr. Ruth Herman. Dr. Herman visited China with the U.S. Friendship Force.

Lodge No. 1 is honored to have another of its members receive the Royal Order of Knight of the Dannebrog. The decoration was presented to Omaha's Danish Consul, Kenneth Holm, on May 23. The Consul General of Denmark in Chicago, K. W. Rasmussen, made the presentation.

**Lodge #84, Lincoln, NE** — Nine members of the Brotherhood, five members of Sisterhood Lodge 90 and one guest were in attendance to the monthly meeting, hosted by Brotherhood President Don Lehn and

Sisterhood member Eudean Lehn at their home at 4211 Mohawk from 7 to 10 p.m.

After the business meeting of the Brotherhood, the group was entertained by a selection of chosen harmonica solos and duets by Brotherhood members Sten Pedersen and Don Lehn, with a little basic piano terminology.

Mrs. Lehn served a delicious lunch with some assistance, and a social time followed.

The June 9 meeting will be at the I.O.O.F. Hall with a potluck dinner beginning at 7 p.m. with Blair Lodge 206 as special invited guests. New members who have recently joined the Lincoln Danish Brotherhood is expected to be initiated by our Nebraska State Danish Brotherhood President, J. Merton Kuhr.

**Don Lehn, Pres.**

### 1983 President's Award Best District

## MICHIGAN-OHIO

**Lodge #51, Ludington, MI** — We met June 6, with 18 attending. We welcomed John Perez to The Danish Brotherhood in America and to Lodge 51. A discussion was held on the air conditioning, which is installed and ready to go. A motion was passed that Lodge 51 give life memberships to all who have 50 years or more membership in Lodge 51.

Our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of Gust Keson, who passed away in May.

On the 28 of April, Ludington Lodge 51 hosted the Michigan-Ohio District Bowling Tournament. 115 bowlers participated. The reason for this tournament, outside of district get-together, is to bowl for the district traveling trophy. This year, as much as I hate to admit it, Detroit Lodge 227 retained the trophy for the third year. Next year in Greenville things will be different. Detroit Team 1, with Willy Pedersen, Jack Jensen, Oluf Jensen, Howard Olsen and Eric Larsen, had men's high score of 2837, followed closely by Ludington (Rob Jensen) Team 1 with 2813, Ludington (Chet Shappee) Team 3, 2808, and Greenville's Old Bucks, 2801.



**The men's winning team included (left to right) Erik Larsen, Howard Olsen, Willy Pedersen, Jack Jensen, and Oluf Jensen. (Photo courtesy Ken Christensen)**



Julie Samuels and Gerry Klaft with trophies for the winning ladies' team. Host Lodge 51 President, Keith Koegler, is shown on the right.

With the women it was a different story, as Ludington Team 2, with Gerry Klaft, Julie Samuels, Phyllis Reid, Janice Danielson, and Jude Wickery, beat everyone (including the men) with 2913, followed by Ludington (Sue Jensen) Team 4 and Detroit (Nancy Rehan) Team 4. It was too bad we could not count the women's score toward the trophy. For the men, Dan Thomsen from Greenville had high series with 645. For the women, Gerry Klaft of Ludington was high with 654 series.

Bowling was followed by an awards dinner at 7 p.m. A very good dinner was prepared at the Danish Hall by Viola Wickery, Marguett Vorac and Lois Davenport. We served 150 hungry bowlers, members and guests. After dinner, trophies and prize money were awarded.

**Keith Koegler, Pres.**



Officers elected to serve the Michigan-Ohio District include (left to right): Alternate Clayton Hansen; Treasurer, Otto Pedersen; Vice President, Ralph Christensen; Secretary, Robert Sorensen; and President, Howard Olsen, photographed with National Directors Erling Braumann and Paul Carlsen. (Photo courtesy Bob Pedersen)

**Lodge #70, Greenville, MI** — The Michigan-Ohio District Convention was held in Greenville on May 19, 1984. We were blessed with many dignitaries. National Directors present were Erling Braumann, Woodrow Petersen, and Paul Carlsen. We also had Diane Doyle, the editor of the American Dane.

After an interesting and productive meeting, a good time was had by all.

**Darwin Noah, Sec.**

#### 1983 President's Award Civic Activity

**Lodge #227, Detroit, MI** — Summer is upon us, and the June 13 meeting will be our last dinner meeting until September. Why not come down for a sandwich in the club before meeting? Our summer meetings are

short with social gatherings after.

The Michigan-Ohio District Tiger baseball game outing is going to be a sellout, so get your ticket early. The event is August 4.

The Danish National Committee's picnic is now history and was enjoyed by all.

The Scandinavian Festival will be held August 10, 11, 12, at the Yack Arena in Wyandotte. The Sisterhood, National Committee, Faroe Islands, and Soldiers Society will be manning their booths.



Greg Gildersleeve, 1983 District Fishing Tournament winner, accepts trophy from Keith Koegler, President, Ludington Lodge 51.

Would any of our members be interested in taking over the mailing of our lodge? If so, contact our president, Howard Olsen.

**Ken Christensen, Cor.**

## GCEL

### DISTRICT NEWS

GCEL Convention: September 1, 2 and 3, 1984. Sponsored by Bucks County No. 342.

Activity reservations can be made through Lodge 342 secretary, Betty Jensen (215-943-1956), 44 Roundabout Ln., Levittown, PA 19055. Deadline for reservations and payment is August 1.

A Steam Train Excursion through historic Bucks County is scheduled for Saturday, September 1, at 6 p.m. Cost of \$10 per adult and \$4 per child includes free use of a club car, and there will be some surprises.

Sunday, September 2, 7:30 p.m. is the banquet. Cocktails and cash bar 6:30-7:30 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person. The menu features a roast prime rib of beef dinner. Installation and dancing will follow.

Homemade Danish brunch is Monday, September 3 at 11 a.m. Cost is \$7 per person.

Hotel reservations must be made directly through the Holiday Inn in New Hope, PA. In PA call toll free 1-800-222 HOPE; outside PA (also toll free) 1-800-523-6834. Rates per night are between \$53 and \$65. Reservations **must** be made before August 1. Mention you are with The Danish Brotherhood Convention.

Bus transportation will be available to New Hope and Peddler's Village on Saturday and Sunday.

**Lodge #32, New Haven, CT** — August 5 everyone is invited to the Knudsen's home in Jamestown, RI. Wilbur and Francis invite the members of our lodge and any other

lodge to come every year to spend a day on the water. For those who need directions, here they are; take Route 95 east to Rhode Island. Take Route 138 over the Jamestown Bridge. Take the first left after you get off the bridge. About a mile down the road look for the Danish flag. If you want to swim, bring a pair of sneakers to protect your feet. Don't forget to bring your own food and drink. Coffee and cake will be provided by Wilbur and Francis. **Winnie Edmonds, Cor.**

**Lodge #116, Newark, NJ** — Our meeting will be Friday, June 8 at 8 p.m. Chris Mogensen promised us strawberries for refreshments. They were so good last year, better plan to come out and enjoy them again this year.

Donald Heckman was elected delegate and John Madsen, alternate, to the General Committee Convention to be held September 1, 2, and 3 at New Hope, PA. Viking Lodge of Bucks County will be our host and headquarters will be Holiday Inn. I am sure this will be a most enjoyable time and hope as many as possible plan to attend. There are interesting shops, flea markets and other goodies in and around New Hope.

**John Madsen, Sec.**

#### 1983 President's Award Best Newsletter

**Lodge #172, Philadelphia, PA** — A vote was taken at the May meeting and it was decided future meetings will be held at the IAM Hall.

The kitchen committee has promised smørrebrød with our øi and snaps, and a good old-fashioned get-together for June.

**Lorraine Malmquist, Cor.**

**Lodge #294, Barre, VT** — Our regular meeting was held on May 14 with ten members present. Our charter was draped in memory of Sister Lovella Thygesen and a moment of silence was observed.

A communication from the Barre Ethnic Heritage Festival Committee was discussed and members were asked to come up with ideas for the June meeting. Brother Harry Mikkelsen reported that he had plans for a Viking Ship.

For the good of the lodge, Brother **Thomas Mekkelsen suggested all members write down as much information as possible on our Danish ancestry to be put into a genealogy book to leave for younger members to see. It was suggested photos will be helpful.**

It is with sadness we report the passing of Phyllis V. Jensen (Mrs. Thomas Jensen) on May 18, 1984. She will be sorely missed. She loved to attend our suppers and parties.

**Thomas C. Mekkelsen, Sec.**

**Lodge #325, Nassau Co., NY** — At our meeting May 11, 1984, two new members were initiated into our lodge, a third new member was accepted and initiation will take place at a later date. Mrs. Hansen lives in Toms River, NJ. She is the wife of our oldest member, Charlie Hansen. Their two young daughters have applied for membership. We welcome new members Soren Spring, Joseph McGuire and Edel Hansen.

Our lodge is looking forward to seeing what we can do for the Danes participating in the Olympic for the Disabled to be held on Long Island June 16-30.

After our business meeting we showed slides from Skovsøen and had our potluck dinner.

August 12 will be the date for our picnic at Grove Street Park Garden City.

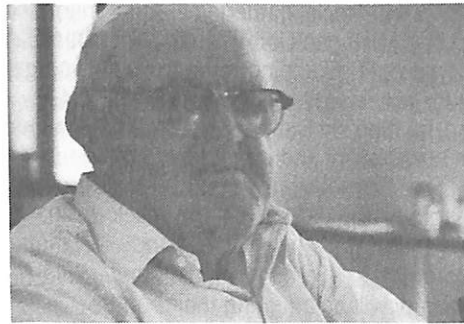
**Niels B. Hansen, Sec.**

**Lodge #342, Bucks Co., PA** — It is terrific to see so many new faces at our monthly meetings, and we're proud to receive applications for membership this month from Rick and Loretta Trust and from Yvonne and Erik Nielsen.

Ed Haag has volunteered to take charge of our participation in the steak promotion membership drive. **Lorraine Malmquist, Cor.**

## MONTANA

**Lodge #283, Dagmar, MT** — Niels Westergaard was presented flowers and a Certificate of Merit honoring him on his 96th birthday in March. Martin Sorensen, president of



Niels Westergaard on his 96th birthday.

Lodge 283, made the presentation amid other lodge members, family and friends. Niels will be celebrating his 70th year as a member during 1984, having first joined The Brotherhood in Chicago in 1914. At the celebration, a remark was made about living a long life. With typical Danish sense of humor Niels replied, "I guess you could say I'm well on my way to being 100."

Niels was born March 19, 1888, in Denmark; he married Marie Becker (born in Denmark in 1891) in 1913, and later that year they came to America and settled in Chicago. Neither one understood much English, and Niels recalls they did most of their grocery shopping by looking at the pictures on the cans.

Niels and his family, a daughter Mary (Mrs. Carl Petersen) and son Carl, left Chicago and came to Montana, where he farmed for 44 years until retiring in 1964. One of Niels' favorite hobbies is fishing, which he managed to do frequently in Denmark and Montana.



Niels Westergaard (middle) being presented flowers and a Certificate of Merit by Lodge 283 President Martin Sorensen (left). Nels Miller (right) was one of the lodge members attending the celebration.

Niels Westergaard is the fourth member of Lodge 283 to receive a certificate commemorating reaching age 96. Nels Sorensen, Sr., a charter member of the lodge, received it April 10, 1983, and Jens Nyby in October, 1982.

**Gregg Nielsen, Sec.**

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# 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
3-10-84	Hans C. Jensen	89	Horsens, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1916
4-26-84	George V. Petersen	91	Farnum, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1917
4-24-84	Howard E. Nelson	83	New Denmark, Wisconsin	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1926
5-3-84	Ansgar A. Petersen	90	Randbøl Sogn, Denmark	319	Bakersfield, California	1940
4-28-84	Edwin H. Iversen	57	Albany, New York	116	Newark, New Jersey	1947
4-11-84	Peter F. Jepsen	89	Vandrup, Denmark	45	Minneapolis, Minnesota	1928
4-18-84	James Stockholm	80	Oakland, California	39	Oakland, California	1922
3-25-84	Olluf Williamsen	94	Denmark	39	Oakland, California	1923
5-2-84	Magnus Molgaard	79	Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1937
5-14-84	Anders Christian Jensen	80	Frederikshavn, Denmark	325	Nassau County, New York	1928
5-25-84	Palma Tweten	78	Watson, Minnesota	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1965
5-13-84	Christian Christensen	95	Kraglund, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1912
2-10-84	Jens Henrik Olesen	84	Vejle, Denmark	45	Minneapolis, Minnesota	1921
5-17-84	Arden Angell	66	Gorham, New York	71	Penn Yan, New York	1953
4-22-84	Virginia L. Miller	57	Viborg, South Dakota	1	Omaha, Nebraska	1980
5-4-84	Chris Pedersen	93	Frasø, Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1952
4-23-84	Folmer C. Hasle	68	Denmark, Kansas	268	Junction City, Oregon	1977
4-24-84	Clarence Fredericks	76	Plano, Illinois	51	Ludington, Michigan	1960
2-13-84	Narka E. McMunn	75	Clear Water, Nebraska	84	Lincoln, Nebraska	1963
12-82	Harry Long	86	Viborg, South Dakota	139	Viborg, South Dakota	1971
3-84	Albert Dangel	65	Freeman, South Dakota	139	Viborg, South Dakota	1975
5-18-84	Phyllis V. Jensen	86	Barre, Vermont	294	Barre, Vermont	1964
5-8-84	Gust F. Keson	77	Mason County	51	Ludington, Michigan	1982
5-10-84	Verney L. Thompson	71	Fords, New Jersey	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	1975
5-9-84	Ole J. Christensen	90	Randlev, Denmark	147	Newell, Iowa	1943



# Youth News



Hello American Danes! My name is Andrew Proper. I am 9 years old and a junior member of Troy, NY Lodge No. 183. A lot of my family belongs to that lodge and my grandpa, Harry B. Jensen, Sr. was my sponsor. My mom, dad, sister Lori, brother Eric, and I recently moved to Palm Harbor, Florida. I attend Ozona Elementary School, in the 4th grade. The first school project I did was on my Danish heritage. I did a picture poster and story booklet about Danish food, famous people and places of interest in Denmark. My Grandma and Grandpa Jensen and Tante Esther Smarup sent me lots of information about Denmark. My mom, Janet Proper, helped me put everything together. I got an A+, and learned a lot about Denmark too. I hope you enjoy the picture of me with my projects on Denmark.

**Lodge #34, Dwight, IL** — Congratulations to our 1984 high school graduates — Ron Jamieson, Vickie Clavey and Julie Scott.

Congratulations again to six of our youth who have been selected to receive a Danish Brotherhood Camp Grant. They are Annette Bennett, Ron Jamieson, Beckie and Dan Lauritsen, Debbie and Kelly Mortensen.

Ten of our young people bowled May 6 in the new MWD DBIA Youth Bowling.

# New Members

Name	Lodge No.	Location	Sponsor
Robert L. Ditman	1	—Omaha	Andy Andersen
Clarence M. Hansen	1	—Omaha	John Norton
Eleanor M. Hansen	1	—Omaha	John Norton
Louis V. DeFord, Jr.	14	—Kenosha	Richard Johnson
John H. Johnson	14	—Kenosha	Harry L. Data
Willie Korf, Jr.	14	—Kenosha	Harold Holms
Edwin F. Peterson	14	—Kenosha	Harold Holms
Julian C. Sadowski	14	—Kenosha	Rudy Bernhardt, Jr.
Marland J. Stielow	14	—Kenosha	Harold Holms
Ronald R. Thomas	14	—Kenosha	Rudy Bernhardt, Jr.
Donald W. Webb	14	—Kenosha	Harry L. Data
Andrew James Jensen	16	—Minden	Lonney Nielsen
Mark Steffensen	35	—Chicago	Alfred Steffensen
John Perez	51	—Ludington	Arnold Koegler
Mildren M. Larson	75	—Albert Lea	Alton Neve
Milford A. Larson	75	—Albert Lea	Alton Neve
Gunnar S. M. Overgaard	84	—Lincoln	Don Lehn
Dennis L. Rasmussen	84	—Lincoln	Don Lehn
Russell G. Jensen	121	—Tyler	Verner Jensen
Joe E. Gard	167	—Portland	Lisa Mortensen
William M. Johnson	167	—Portland	Melvin P. Pihl
Jerry E. Nielsen	167	—Portland	John Nielsen
Irma L. Sloan	183	—Troy	James E. Sloan, Jr.
William A. Emanuelsen	227	—Detroit	Paul W. Emanuelsen
Karen H. Hansen	325	—Nassau County	Niels B. Hansen
Linda H. Hansen	325	—Nassau County	Niels B. Hansen
Leif C. Pedersen	325	—Nassau County	Birgit H. Jacobsen
Soren Kenneth Spring	325	—Nassau County	Stanley G. Christensen
Anne Nielsen Sejerøe-Olsen	332	—Ripon	Alice M. Sorensen
Kyle Lensch	341	—Kimballton-Elk Horn	Robert Ditman
Ella H. Rasmussen	341	—Kimballton-Elk Horn	Andy Andersen
Ted P. Rasmussen	341	—Kimballton-Elk Horn	Andy Andersen
Thorkild V. Pedersen	348	—Eugene	Flemming Pedersen
Mark Johnson	349	—Atlantic	Richard Knudsen
Jonathan Juhl	349	—Atlantic	Russell R. Moseman
Sharon E. Juhl	349	—Atlantic	Russell R. Moseman
Brian A. Jensen	600	—Omaha	Robert A. Jensen
Mary Jane Jernigan	600	—Omaha	Wilbert A. Mulberg
Daniel Nielsen	600	—Omaha	Robert Ditman
Skyler J. Schlater	600	—Omaha	John D. Hensley

**Lodge #42, Spokane, WA** — Stephanie Davis, niece of Douglas Hahn, is a recipient of a Danish Brotherhood Camp Grant. Congratulations Stephanie.



**Lodge #70, Greenville, MI** — Thomas Swindell (center), receives the \$125.00 scholarship check. Also pictured is Tom's mother, Kay Cooper, and Wesley Thomsen (center), president of the Greenville lodge and Darwin Noah (right), secretary.

**Lodge #167, Portland, OR** — The Young Vikings will take a break for the summer. We encourage all Young Vikings and their

families to support and participate in our Folkfest July 15, and our lodge picnics. We would like help from the YV's in selling Danish T-shirts at both of these events. It is a way to build our treasury.

Our fall program will begin again in September with an outing to Astoria, Oregon, to visit the Maritime Museum, Danish Bakery, and a picnic at Fort Stevens Park on the beach.

**Lodge #172, Philadelphia, PA** — Congratulations to Linda Olesen, daughter of Birthe and Georg, who graduated from Widener University with a BS in nursing. Also, congratulations to Heidi Keer, niece of Ellen Albertsen, who was awarded a prize by the American Dane for a story she wrote.

**Lodge #340, Wood Dale, IL** — Our next meeting will be August 1, 1984, which will be our Kid's Night and Swim Party at Georgetown Clubhouse. Shirley and Dick Christensen will be the hosts for the evening.

## SAS Hovercraft Delivered



The first of two 81-passenger Scandinavian Airlines Systems hovercraft has arrived in Copenhagen after delivery from the Isle of Wight in the English Channel.

SAS became the first airline to operate hovercraft when it inaugurated frequent daily service across the Oresund between Malmo and Copenhagen Airport June 15.

SAS's two hovercraft will make up to ten round trips a day between the Swedish and Danish gateways. The 17-mile feeder service to and from the airport's international terminal will take 35 minutes.

Built by British Hovercraft, the SAS version is painted and furnished in the airline's new decor. The hovercraft a model called AP/1-88, has four engines, weighs 36 tons, and costs about 1.1 million British pounds. With a maximum speed of about 55 miles per hour, the AP/1-88 is designed to operate in gale-force winds of up to 45 miles per hour and over eight-foot waves.

SAS's hovercraft are leased from "Oresunds-bolaget," a Danish shipping company, which will provide the crews.

## New Danish-American Novel

Dr. Enok Mortensen, member of Lodge No. 299 at Solvang, California, has written a new book called **Den lange plovfure** (The Long Plowfurrow). The novel tells the story of Danish immigrants in various Danish-American communities in the Middle West and their attempts to preserve and perpetuate their cultural and religious traditions.

This is Dr. Mortensen's 12th book dealing with Danish-American history. Two years ago he wrote and published **A Danish Boyhood**, which was widely read. This and his latest book, which was published in Danish by a publisher in Copenhagen, Denmark, may be obtained from the author at 293 5th Street, Solvang, CA 93463. The novel cost \$7.50 plus \$1.00 for postage and handling.

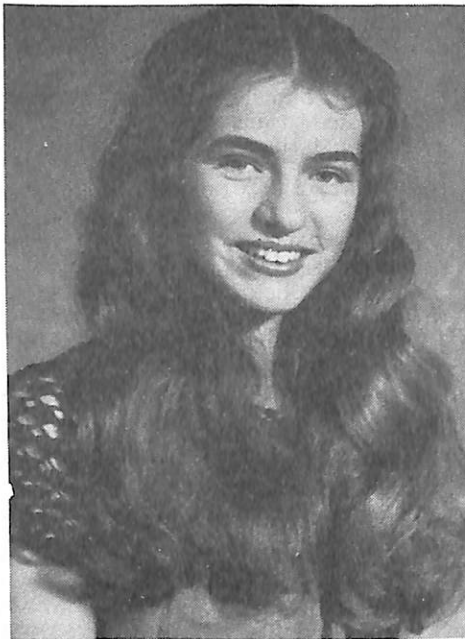
## Danes in North America

**Danes in North America** documents stories of Danes who left their European homeland, mostly in the latter half of the nineteenth century, for the promise — and problems — of America. Frederick Hale has explored archives and repositories throughout Denmark to locate and translate letters written by Danes in America to friends, family and hometown newspapers in Denmark.

Unlike most other immigrant groups, the thousands of Danish newcomers dispersed across the continent; their letters are as likely to describe a Northwest forest as a factory in New Jersey. Since no American place emerged as a Danish center, their story is both more difficult to establish and more valuable for the scope of its view of the complexities and varieties of American life.

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## Creative Writing Winner . . . The Inspiration



by *Connie Wickert*

*Sometimes . . .  
I'll be standing at the sink,  
Scrubbing the dinner pots and pans,  
Humming a song I had heard that day,  
And it will come and tap on my shoulder.  
The more I think about it,  
The more real it grows.  
So I dash to my desk,  
And with soapy hands,  
Write it down  
Before it slips away.  
Sometimes . . .  
I'll be lying,  
Staring through the darkness  
To the ceiling,  
My mind skipping  
From the report due next week,  
To his smiling eyes,  
To the letter I got from a friend,  
And it will come and dance before me.  
Quickly I click on the light  
To capture it on paper  
Before it disappears.  
Ah, the birth of a poem—  
As unexpected  
And as beautiful  
As a child.  
Making me laugh and cry at once.  
Sometime . . .  
If you should chance upon one,  
Around a corner,  
In a tree,*

*Or behind a book on some shelf,  
Hurry to catch it  
And hang on tight if you do.  
For poems are whispers  
From the crevices of your soul,  
The corners of your heart,  
Lost in a moment,  
Left undiscovered  
If you should hesitate.*

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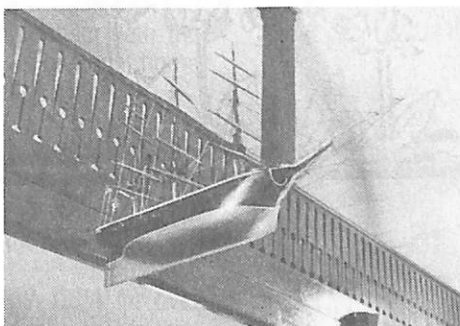
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Members failing to pay to their local lodge treasurer as per above will be considered in arrears.

HOWARD CHRISTENSEN,  
Secretary-Treasurer

# Our Saviour's Lutheran Church:

*The Oldest Danish American Evangelical Lutheran Church (AELC) in America*



Left, historical marker. Top center, Our Saviour's as it looks today. Lower center, Viking Ship carved by Cilius Rasmussen, dedicated on Christmas Day, 1887. Right, Our Saviour's altar.

by Carol A. Reigle

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church located in Manistee, Michigan is the oldest Danish American Evangelical Lutheran Church (AELC) in America and is listed on the National Register of Historical Places. It is also a registered Michigan Historic Site.

The history of the church traces back to the mid 1800's when Manistee was a growing community. Nestled along the shore of Lake Michigan on the western coast of Michigan's lower peninsula, Manistee attracted Scandinavian, Polish, and German immigrants. These immigrants sought economic opportunities in the industries of the day: lumber and logging, farming, commercial fishing, and manufacturing. As the immigrant population increased, the Scandinavians desired a church of their own.

On May 5, 1868, a Scandinavian congregation in Manistee led by Reverend Tobias Wald met to develop plans for the construction of their own church. The original members numbered 20 Danes, 12 Norwegians, and 8 Swedes. The members and their families comprised a total congregation size of 90. From this membership, a building committee was appointed which secured \$500 in donations, purchased two adjoining lots, and conducted a grounds breaking in May of 1868.

In November of 1868, shortly after the church was framed, construction ceased due to inadequate funds. However, the determined immigrants struggled to secure funds and construction was reinstated in the spring of 1869. On August 1, 1869, Reverend Wald conducted the first service in the new church: a 50' x 32' building which was 18' high inside. The interior resembled a hall, as there were no pews, organ, or ceiling. The exterior was flanked by 9 windows, 3 on each side and 3 in the front. Absent from the exterior were a tower and bell.

The year of 1871 proved to be of historical significance to both the town of Manistee and Our Saviour's Church. On October 8, 1871, a fire broke out in Manistee which spread rapidly through the town's wooden sidewalks and sawdust streets. Since this fire broke out the same day as the great Chicago fire, some people of the city believed that gale winds carried sparks from Chicago to the western coast of Michigan. Regardless of the theory, many west coast towns along the lower peninsula of Michigan were destroyed by fires that same day, including most of Manistee. Amazingly, Our Saviour's escaped damage!

1871 was also significant because the first Danish Lutheran parochial school in America began operating in Manistee under the direction of Mrs. Jens Nørgaard. With continuing interest in education, a school building was constructed in 1880 which was used to educate the children of the congregation. This school functioned until 1899.

Two exterior changes were made to the church property prior to 1900. The final major construction effort was undertaken in 1875 when a parsonage was built on the lot adjacent to the church. The exterior of the church was made complete in 1888 when a church tower and bell were donated to the congregation.

Many interior changes were made during the early years of the church. At first appointments were sparse. Around 1875 pews were added along with a new altar and pulpit. Remarkably, changes that were made between 1875 and 1898 can be seen today.

The Danish influence can be observed in the Viking Ship model that was handcarved by Cilius Rasmussen, an amateur woodcarver. The ship, of symbolic significance to the Danes, was dedicated on Christmas Day in 1887. A new pulpit built by Daniel Jensen, a fine wood craftsman and a member of the church, was

installed in 1896.

Our Saviour's Church had its last major interior renovation in 1898. A new altar and altar picture were purchased in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Under the altar cloth an inscription reads "Ingen kan laegge anden Grundvold end den some lagi er Jesus Kristus." This translates "No one can lay the foundation other than Jesus Christ." The bottom of the altar painting reads "Jer er Opstandelsen og Livet" which translates "I am the resurrection and the life." A marble baptismal was donated by Mads Jensen at the same time. This was imported from Denmark. Other new furnishings were also installed at the time of this renovation.

The congregation flourished until the 1960's. In 1970, Our Saviour's merged with two other Lutheran congregations in Manistee. This merger left the church building as you will find it today.

Today the church is a museum open to the public free of charge on each Friday and Saturday (2-4 p.m.) in July and August. It is located near the corner of Walnut Street and Third Street in Manistee, Michigan. If you plan to view the interior of the church, please visit the Manistee County Historical Museum in downtown Manistee for further details.

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# Hans and Grete

en, to, tre, fire, fem



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**June winners: E. Brandon Melzark, Karen A. Walby, Michelle Raymond, and John P. Bartels.**

## Grandma's Kitchen

### Fløde Æbleskiver (Pancake Balls with Cream)

2 cups sweet cream or milk  
4 eggs  
½ teaspoon salt  
1 tablespoon sugar  
¼ teaspoon cardamon  
1¼ cups flour

Beat egg yolks with sugar and salt, add cream or milk, flour, cardamon and beaten egg whites. Bake in shortening in monk pan (æbleskiver pan). When half baked turn with a fork and finish baking.

Sour cream may be used, then add ½ teaspoon soda.



### Grandma's Kitchen

The American Dane is proud to feature the recipes of Dagmar Jensen. Mrs. Jensen is an experienced and well-known cook who makes her home in Clinton, Iowa, where she is president of the local Sisterhood lodge. She is not only a grandmother, but a great, great grandmother, shown here with great, great granddaughter, Amy. We know you will enjoy her special, kitchen-proven recipes in the coming months.

# Viking Adventures

**Coming Together — A Beginning**

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A new membership promotion is underway in which sponsors of six new members can win four 8-ounce sirloin steaks. The contest runs for a year from July 1 to June 30. At the end of the year, the sponsor with the most new members nationally will win a personal home computer. Details are available from lodge officers.

Below we have a case in point when it comes to finding candidates for membership. We shouldn't overlook the obvious person as a possible new member.

## **CLYDE R. LANGSTED, SECOND VICE PRESIDENT**

"Although I had been associated with DBIA for over 30 years (parents) it wasn't until my older brother invited me that I joined. Had someone been around earlier I would have joined then." The oldest brother was Olaf Langsted who invited another brother, James Langsted, to become a member, too.

The first member of the Langsted family to become a Danish Brotherhood member was Carl Regnar Langsted, who was born in Koge, Denmark, on March 18, 1894. Carl came to the United States, the Puget Sound area. He was a master carpenter. Later his wife, Mary Kirstine Rasmussen Langsted, crossed the Atlantic with three young children: Olaf, Carl and Grete. They lived for a time in Brooklyn, New York, before starting west to Seattle. Shortly after arrival in Seattle, twin daughters were born, followed by Jim, Clyde and John. The young immigrants had a total of 8 children. It was not always easy, but the Langsteds learned to love their new homeland while observing many Danish traditions at home.

Carl Langsted became a member of The Danish Brotherhood on December 30, 1936, and was a member until his death in 1954. Clyde states probably the most important gift receive from their father was to be taught the difference between right and wrong.

Clyde's membership started on March 8, 1967. He began as a trustee for Seattle Lodge 29 in 1968, and served as its secretary for nearly ten years. Clyde was president of the lodge in 1980-81. He was recently



**Clyde R. Langsted**

elected president of the Pacific Northwest District at their May convention. Not too long after he became a member, others in his lodge began to view him as a potential member of the national board. It was at their urging Clyde was nominated and elected in 1975.

Mr. and Mrs. Langsted (Barbara) have many other interests. A number of them revolve around their four children, David (23), Kristin (18), Eric (13), and Brian (11). Kristin was Danish Princess for Seattle last year.

As a younger man, Clyde graduated from Edison Vocational School of Seattle, attended Seattle University and graduated from the San Francisco College of Mortuary Science. He has been in funeral service for over 25 years and now is the manager of Bleitz Funeral Home. During the Korean War he served with the U.S. Naval Submarine Service, graduating from U.S. Naval Submarine School in New London, Connecticut.

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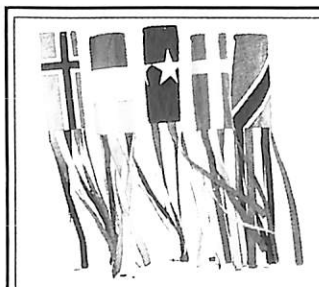
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