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Cover photo: Dana College, Blair, NE, celebrates its 100th year during 1984. This central section of Dana's Old Main was built by Danish immigrants in 1886.



President's Page

Robert E. Ibsen
National President

The National Board of Directors of the Danish Brotherhood is composed of seven voting members, one non-voting member and one ex-officio member. Voting members include the President, the First and Second Vice Presidents, and the four men who serve as Directors. The non-voting member of the Board is the immediate past president. The secretary-treasurer has ex-officio status. He is not a voting member, but participates in Board meetings, makes recommendations for consideration and records Board proceedings.

During meetings, the Board receives reports from committees which have been at work during the interim. Every Board member is kept informed of National Headquarters progress from month to month by the receipt of a monthly financial statement and an informative letter advising them of important events. Other informal means of communication are used, too.

Eight committees have been appointed to fill certain needs of the society between and during Board meetings. The committees are: Executive Committee, Investment Committee, Auditing and Securities Committee, Scholarship/Camp Grant Committee, Bylaw Committee, Building Committee, Retirement Committee and the Alternate Funding Liaison Committee. Each committee has a chairman.

Traditionally, the Executive Committee is chaired by the president of the Board and includes the First Vice President, Peter Weber, and the Secretary-Treasurer, Howard Christensen, as members. The Executive Committee makes decisions regarding national headquarters personnel. These decisions include annual salary review and employee benefit review. When annual employee review is held during the fall Board meeting, the Executive Committee meets and presents a report to the Board before concluding. All Board members approve or disapprove Executive Committee recommendations.

The Executive Committee is consulted when major expenditures for the National Headquarters are under consideration. Decisions include purchase of additional office equipment. While the Committee receives recommendations and completed research on most such purchases, they may investigate the need and feasibility further. Or they may choose to request additional information.

The use of an Investment Committee is specifically authorized under Section 15, paragraph 7, subparagraph (j) of the Bylaws. The chairman of the Investment Committee is the Secretary-Treasurer who is assisted by the First Vice President, Peter Weber, Second Vice President, Clyde Langsted, and Past President, George J. Jacobsen. This committee is charged exactly as you might surmise from its title.

The financial growth of the Brotherhood is attributable to good investment policy. If you have experience with the stock and bond market you know investment decisions must be made on a timely basis. While the Society does not invest in speculative stocks, only a certain number of solid investment opportunities may be offered when the Brotherhood has funds available to invest. The committee chairman is responsible for watching investment openings and transmitting information to other Committee members.

When an investment is contemplated, each Committee member is contacted by telephone and receives the needed information. He can then make a decision quickly to allow appropriate investment. Once this part of the procedure has taken place, each Committee member receives a formal memorandum outlining the transaction. He indicates formal approval on one copy and returns it to the National Headquarters, retaining a second copy for his Society Investment files.

A third committee established by the President of the Board is the Auditing and Securities Committee. Woodrow Petersen chairs this committee which includes Board members Kenneth Pedersen, Erling Braumann, and Paul Carlsen. During each meeting, the Auditing and Securities Committee inventories the society's entire investment portfolio, including outstanding certificate loans.

The Committee makes sure all of the Society's assets are where other reports show them. Their report is also a way of keeping all Board members advised of the disposition of the Society's investments.

The newest committee established by the Board is connected to the Alternate Funding study now underway. The committee is entitled the Alternate Funding Liaison Committee. The Liaison Committee, chaired by Peter Weber, along with Clyde Langsted and Paul Carlsen, will provide a link between the Alternate Funding Committee and the Board when requested by the Alternate Funding Committee. The only function of the Liaison Committee is to make it easier for the Alternate Funding Committee to complete the study.

There are four other Board committees we have not discussed. They will be explained in the September President's Page to increase your awareness of Board involvement.



The Dana Folk Dancers wear costumes patterned after those of the various Danish provinces.

Dana College in Blair, Nebraska, has been celebrating the centennial year of its founding by Danish immigrants with the theme "100 Years of Making a Difference."

In 1884 Pastor A. M. Andersen, the school's first president, started Trinity Seminary with four students in his Blair home. Two years later twelve students and the Andersen family moved into a new building (today's Old Main) on a hill west of Blair overlooking the Missouri River valley.

Those early students, all of them male, attended Trinity Seminary to prepare for the ministry. In 1899 Elk Horn College, founded by Danish immigrants in 1878 as a folk high school in Elk Horn, Iowa, merged with Trinity. The Elk Horn faculty and students, men and women, moved to the Blair campus. By 1903 the institution was known as Dana College and Trinity Seminary.

At first most of the students were from Denmark or were the American-born children of Danish immigrants. They were taught in Danish and English, but were eager to be American. (A student in a 1915 photo of the kitchen staff, for example, waves an American flag.) Nevertheless, Danish ties remained. The Danish language was taught as an elective subject, Dana choirs made concert tours of Denmark, and in 1939 Crown Prince Frederik and Crown Princess Ingrid visited the campus.

The seminary and college were supported for their first 76 years by a Danish Lutheran synod, known in the late 1940's and '50's as the United Evangelical Lutheran Church (UELC). This small synod had congregations across the country, including some in Maine, New York, and California, and as a result students came to Dana from many states.

In 1956 after UELC began to discuss merger with two other Lutheran groups — one German, the other Norwegian — Trinity Seminary moved to the campus of Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. In 1960 the three synods formed The American Lutheran Church (ALC), and Trinity merged with Wartburg Seminary.

Today Dana is one of eleven senior colleges of the ALC. In many ways it is a typical small midwestern four-year liberal arts college, but it enjoys and honors its Danish heritage. The name itself is a reminder of this heritage — rhyming with "Anna," "Dana" is the poetic word for Denmark.

There are many other reminders as well:

—A corner of the campus near Old Main harbors three antique gas lamps from Copenhagen and beech trees from Odense, Hans Christian Andersen's birthplace and home. The names on several of the college's fourteen buildings — Rasmussen Hall, Mickelsen Hall, and Borup Coliseum — attest to the loyal support of Danish-Americans.

—Faculty, staff, and students (who continue to

Dana College

"100 Years
of Making
a Difference"

by Ann George

represent many states and also several foreign countries) have a diverse ethnic heritage, but Danish names are still among them. (Several years ago an alumnus counting names in Dana's **Alumni Directory** found that "Hansen," "Jensen," "Petersen," "Christensen," and "Nielsen" were the most numerous.)

—Dana is the only four-year college in the U.S. to offer two years of Danish language instruction, and even students who don't have a Danish heritage chose to study Danish. Students can minor in Danish by combining language study and Scandinavian literature.

—The library's 120,000 volumes include a Scandinavian Collection of 11,000 books in Danish and in English translation of Danish and other Scandinavian authors. The collection brings in interlibrary loan requests from all over the country.

—The library also houses two special rooms related to Dana's heritage — the Lauritz Melchior Memorial Room and the Heritage Room.

The Melchior Room holds the only authorized collection of memorabilia from the life and career of this famous heroic tenor, known as the "Great Dane." Melchior sang at Dana several times, entertained the touring choir at his California estate, and was given an honorary doctorate by the college. The collection includes letters, photographs, his personal record library, press clippings and scrapbooks, and items

such as the Grail he used in his Metropolitan Opera performances of **Parsifal** and the clown costume he wore in **Pagliacci**.

Near the Melchior Room is the Heritage Room, whose most striking feature is a complete collection of Royal Copenhagen and Bing and Grøndahl Christmas plates. Danish copper and brass antiques and rare books, including two Christian IV Bibles, are also in the room.

—Ties with Denmark continue. In 1976 Queen Margrethe II, accompanied by Prince Henrik, came to the campus her parents had visited in 1939. She spoke at Commencement and was given an honorary doctorate. Other Danish visitors — lecturers, musicians, diplomats, journalists, and scholars — are frequent and welcome guests.

Usually several Danish students attend Dana each year, and in turn, every year one or more Dana students spend a semester at a Danish folk high school. A scholarship established by Victor Borge and another by friends of the college to commemorate Queen Margrethe's visit assist them financially.

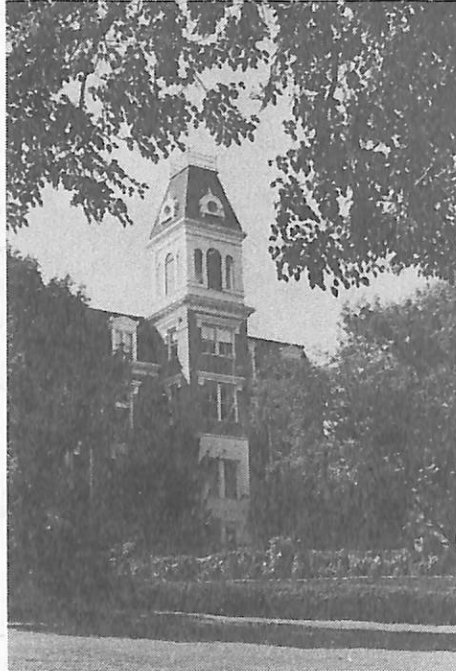
Other members of the Dana community also visit Denmark. Every few years the choir makes a European concert tour, and Denmark is always on its itinerary. The choir's most recent tour was in the summer of 1982. That spring the men's basketball team (the Vikings) played exhibition games there. And this past year, a faculty member taught American literature at a folk high school on a Fulbright grant. He was also asked to be a consultant to the Danish National Museum in connection with an emigration exhibit, "The Dream of America," to be shown in Scandinavia and the U.S.

—Dana enjoys sharing its ethnic heritage. Concerts and lectures by Danish visitors are open to the public. The popular Dana Folk Dancers, a student-directed group in Danish costumes, have performed across the country. And on the first Sunday in December the college's "Sights and Sounds of Christmas" brings thousands of visitors to the campus every year. This past December they heard guest soloist Donna Petersen (the daughter of Dana alumni), mezzo soprano with the San Francisco Opera, sing at the afternoon concert. Among the most popular events each year are a smorgasbord with a Danish menu; the **Julestuen** (Danish Christmas Room) with Danish Christmas decorations, traditions, and cookies; Danish dances by the Folk Dancers; and "Let's Make It Danish," where visitors learn to make Danish Christmas ornaments from paper and straw. Traditionally, a twenty-foot Christmas tree decorated with ornaments from Denmark stands in the middle of the round Campus Center at the hub of the day's activities.

In this centennial year Dana has been honoring its past while looking toward the future. A \$6 million Centennial Fund drive has provided funds for a new

performing arts center and for restoration and renovation of Old Main, which is on the National Register of Historic Places. The drive has also increased the college's endowment, and plans are being made for a new chapel.

Dana opened its Centennial Year of Celebration at Homecoming last October 30 with an address by Dr. David Preus, presiding bishop of the ALC. Other special events have included a Centennial Scholars



Old Main on Dana's campus today.

Month in February, when several distinguished alumni returned to the campus for public appearances, and "The Gathering" this summer, the first reunion of the former UELC.

The Year of Celebration closes the first weekend of October, also a Homecoming weekend, with a 100th birthday party called "Days of Old Dana."

Centennial memorabilia include a cobalt-blue plate decorated in gold designed for Dana by Bing and Grøndahl, a cookbook by the Dana Women's Club with recipes, old photographs, and memories of food at Dana over the past 100 years, and a history of the college and seminary by Dr. Peter Petersen, a Dana alumnus and history professor at West Texas University. The book, titled **A Place Called Dana**, will be released this fall.

VIKING VITTLES



Danish and American Recipes
Kodan Lodge No. 346 - DBIA

Members of Kodan Lodge 346 of Riverside/San Bernardino Counties in California have compiled a collection of favorite recipes. **Viking Vittles** is a 112-page book, spiral-bound, with 250 Danish and American recipes for conventional and microwave cooking. The book is indexed and has many helpful cooking hints.

Not only were some of the recipes brought directly from Denmark (or passed down by Danish parents), but many are Southern California specialties. Many show a Mexican-American or other ethnic influence. Others are meant to be enjoyed outdoors, reflecting the informal, relaxed California way of life.

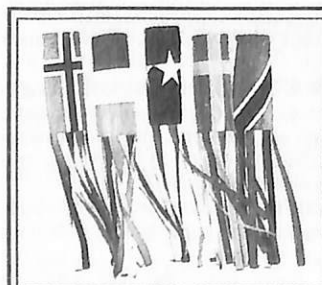
Send for your copy by writing Kodan Lodge 346, c/o Sue Patterson, Cookbook Chairman, 28520 Hickney, Highland, CA 92346. Only \$5.50 per copy postpaid.

Rescuers of Jews to Be Recognized

From September 17-19, 1984, the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council will conduct an international conference in Washington, D.C., entitled "Faith in Humankind: Rescuers of Jews During the Holocaust." This conference will bring together scholars of various disciplines, rescuers and survivors from around the world to remember and assess the role of the non-Jews who acted courageously and righteously during the Holocaust.

According to Dr. Carol Rittner, R.S.M., conference co-coordinator, "The goodness and courage of the few brave rescuers enables us to face the terrible Holocaust of that period without complete despair. The goals of this conference are to bring together rescuers and the people they helped so that they may bear witness to what was done and what could have been done to help Jews during the Holocaust if more people had tried."

The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council was established by Congress in 1980 to foster remembrance by coordinating nationwide annual civic commemorations of Days of Remembrance by holding major national and international conferences; and by creating in Washington a memorial museum that will be devoted to bearing witness to the Holocaust and to integrating commemoration, remembrance and education.



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Danish Canadian Conference in Calgary

by Rolf Buschardt Christensen



Danish Canadian Conference participants.

About 50 Danes participated in the Third National Danish Canadian Conference in Calgary, June 15-17, 1984. The Conference was held in the Danish Canadian Club, the largest Danish club in Canada. The Federation of Danish Associations in Canada, sponsoring body, is a national umbrella organization consisting of 24 Danish organizations.

The Conference began Friday evening. Delegates from across Canada met and talked. Most had not seen each other since last year's Conference in Montreal. Many participated for the first time. Everyone was in good spirits, which continued for the rest of the Conference.

The Conference theme was heritage. Questions such as: What is heritage? How can we preserve and promote our Danish heritage? How can we pass on to our children our Danish heritage? were addressed. Presentations about heritage were made by Jan Eisenhardt, Montreal, and Harry Jensen, Calgary, Saturday morning. Comments from the delegates followed. Many addressed the issue of language, with examples from their own organizations and private homes.

Excellent speeches were heard from Brian Lee, MLA for Calgary-Buffalo, and former Alberta Lieutenant Governor, Dr. Grant MacEwan at the Saturday luncheon. Brian Lee began his speech in Danish.

Over 300 listened Saturday night to Calgary Mayor Ralph Klein bid all out-of-towners welcome. Deputy Chief White Hatter, Bob Peltier, made guests Honorary Calgarians. They were given certificates and white cowboy hats, which brought shouts of joy. Jan Eisenhardt, Montreal, gave the keynote address.

The Folk School Course for Canadians, held at the International College in Helsingor July 22-28, 1984, was discussed Sunday. The Federation has helped trying to find a candidate for the King Christian X Jubilee Foundation of 1937. (This foundation donates travel grants to Denmark for Danish Canadians who have not been back to Denmark for 20 years. Scandinavian Canadian Friendship Association donated the airplane ticket this year.) Fund raising was talked about.

Rolf Buschardt Christensen, Martha Larsen and Esther Machacynski were re-elected as President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Federation. The Regional Presidents and Directors are elected within the five Regions.

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It was decided to ask the Minister for Multiculturalism to appoint a Dane to the Canadian Multiculturalism Council. Harry Jensen, Calgary, and Lissen Lockwood, Winnipeg, spoke strongly in favor of bringing this to the Multiculturalism Minister's attention immediately.

Sunday luncheon was held at Heritage Park. Delegates went by train (very old heritage train) from the park entrance to Ranchers Hall, for a typical Western Chuckwagon Dinner. After seeing Heritage Park, everybody went to the home of Danish Consul Kai Mortensen, concluding a very busy Conference.

Conference arrangements were made by The Danish Canadian Club, Calgary. The Conference booklet, containing about 100 photographs of Danes across Canada, was put together by the Calgary Danish Businessmen's Association. Extra copies of the Calgary Conference Booklet are available at \$10 each from the Federation's Treasurer, Esther Machacynski, Kingston.

Next year's Conference will be held in New Denmark, New Brunswick; the oldest Danish settlement in Canada.

ASF Grants and Fellowships

Through its grants and fellowships programs, The American Scandinavian Foundation encourages advanced study and research in the Scandinavian countries. Awards are open to U.S. citizens and permanent residents who will have completed their undergraduate education at the time the overseas program begins. Outstanding proposals from all sources are invited; other factors equal, priority for fellowships is given to candidates at the dissertation level.

Awards are financed from the income of permanent funds held by the Foundation, and from specific monies made available to ASF annually. In 1985-86 three such funds will provide for study and research in Denmark and one other for Denmark or Norway.

Criteria for award selection include, but are not limited to: the significance and feasibility of the proposal, the qualifications of the applicant to pursue the program, and the special merit of pursuing the

program in Scandinavia. Financial need is also considered. Any necessary language competence and evidence of a confirmed invitation or affiliation are important factors in award consideration. Programs generally should be planned to fall within the summer 1985-summer 1986 period.

Application may be made for either a grant (normally \$1500) or a fellowship (\$7500 considered the basic figure for expenses related to the equivalent of an academic year overseas), not both. Grants are considered especially suitable for scholars and professionals, senior or junior, who plan a program in Scandinavia of a few weeks or months. It is possible to apply for a grant in connection with a longer program for which other (but insufficient) funds are assured. Fellowships are designed to meet the overseas research or study costs, typically, of a graduate student for an academic year.

The deadline for receipt of fully documented applications is November 1, 1984. Awards will be announced by the end of March. Write: ASF, 127 East 73rd Street, New York, NY 10021.

Danish Culture in Florida



Lilian Andersen Walby

Lilian Andersen Walby wore her 1960's Danish Girls Guides' uniform at the 72nd annual birthday celebration of the Girl Scouts of America (USA), March 10, 1984, sponsored by the Girl Scout Council of Tropical Florida.

Mrs. Walby, who lives in Miami, Florida with husband Thomas and daughter Karen, leads Brownie Troop #414. Over 1000 Florida Girl Scouts were introduced to the culture, history, geography and humor of Denmark during the "International Day" which accompanied the birthday celebration.

Troop members, none of whom is more than seven years of age, had learned two Danish folk dances and songs performed on a large central stage during the "International Day" program.

The girls performed well as traditional Danes (Jutlanders). "It is truly amazing how people so small are able to learn new cultures and languages this rapidly," said Mrs. Walby.

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.

Best suggestion for the month of August has been awarded to Lodge No. 35 in Chicago, Illinois. See page 12.

PACIFIC-NORTHWEST

Lodge #29, Seattle, WA — A first for Bellingham Lodge 155, one of our smaller lodges, their hospitality and arrangements couldn't have been better. The Bellingham Lodge and the Vancouver, B.C., Sisterhood Lodge put on a convention of which we can be proud.



Seattle's Bente Noble reports to the district for our lodge. On the left, District President Jens Gimbel and Secretary-Treasurer Sharon Kinder. On the right, National Director Kenneth Pedersen and National Past President Kristen Jorgensen.

Reports of all the district lodges were given. Also, President's Awards were given to Portland 167, Best Newsletter; Centennial Lodge Eugene 348, Best Civic Activity; Enumclaw 113, Best Annual Schedule; and Bellingham 155, Best Social Activity.

The District Officers elected for 1984-85 are as follows: Past President, Jens Gimbel, Portland; President, Clyde Langsted, Seattle; Vice President, Walter Reinhard, Eugene; Secretary-Treasurer, Sharon Kinder, Spokane; First Trustee, Louise Nielsen, Enumclaw; Second Trustee, Floyd West, Junction City; Third Trustee, Dan Colpitts, Bellingham; Conductor, Peter Rasmussen, Tacoma; Inner Guard, Lisa Mortensen, Portland; and Outer Guard, Fred Hansen, Vancouver, B.C.

Sometime ago we received an invitation from Radio KBLE, the "Scandinavian Hour" to tape a story about the Danish Brother-

hood. On June 6, Clyde Langsted and Ted Kofoed went and gave a little resume' on the Danish Brotherhood and Lodge 29. We appreciate time allotted by Radio KBLE. Thank you Ron Olson and Doug Warne. The "Scandinavian Hour" is on every Saturday morning from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Tune in 1030 on your radio dial.

August 19 at noon, the annual Danish Brotherhood picnic will be held at Martha Lake. Take I-5 going north, and exit on Exit 183. Go east on 164 to Martha Lake Tavern Resort. John Hansen and his committee are hard at work.

The D.B. 29 Harvest Fest will be held at the Swedish Club, Saturday, October 6, with dinner and dancing. In the afternoon the Seattle soccer team, "The Danes," will compete with the Vancouver, B.C., soccer team.

Ted Kofoed, Cor.

Lodge #167, Portland, OR — Those who attended the District Convention in Bellingham, May 18-20, would like to give a round of applause to Karen Bruun and her committee for the wonderful job they did in planning the convention. We were treated royally, fed deliciously, made many new friends, learned more about our fellow lodges in the Pacific Northwest and, in general, had a terrific weekend of fun.

Four new members were present in June for initiation: William Johnson, Ole Olsen, Deborah and Doug Turner.

Recent activities include the Neighborfair Folkfest, Vancouver Seamen's Festival, and an International Beer Tasting sponsored by Public Broadcasting.

Tami Hansen, chairman of the 1985 District Convention reported. She suggested we have a Tivoli Gardens Theme for the Saturday evening event.

Ed Ussing was honored with his DBIA 50-year pin and also accepted one for his brother Elmer, who was unable to attend.

There will be a celebration with ethnic food and craft tables December 2 called Scanfest. Its purpose is to raise funds for the Scandinavian Studies Program at PSU, not funded by the state. December 8 is a

concert by the Oregon Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of James DePriest, to be held in the new Performing Arts Center. The membership voted to participate.

Jan Christensen, Sec.

Lodge #348, Eugene, OR — At our June meeting we gained two new members. Initiated were Destin Ranch (our youngest member, 1 year old) and Thorkild Pedersen, our newest immigrant.

We started a drawing of \$5. Chris Christensen was absent so next meeting night it will be \$10.

We had a nice St. Hans at the K & K Retreat with a big bonfire and songs in the beautiful evening. Fifty-seven people were there and had a great time.

Kris Sand, Cor.

CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

District News

We hope you are packed and ready to go to Petaluma where the California-Nevada District Convention will take place on August 23-24-25. Your lodge secretary has all information. Contact Dorothy MacKinnon for late housing at (707) 762-6707. Convention headquarters is the Veterans Memorial Building, Petaluma Blvd. South, Petaluma, and will be open by 8 a.m. Thursday the 23rd.

Harvey Rasmussen made preparations for the golf tournament at Mountain Shadows, south course, in nearby Rohnert Park. Tee off time is 10 a.m. Golfers may go directly to Rohnert Park or meet at the Veterans Building no later than 9:15 a.m. to be escorted.

Cay Jensen will greet the walking tour at 10:15 a.m. at the Veterans Building prior to departure to downtown Petaluma. Plan a leisurely lunch.

Not previously announced, Elaine Fauser will escort any youth or young-at-heart adults to the Racquet Club. You may expect tennis, racquet ball, swimming, a weight room, saunas and jacuzzi. Lockers are

available, white soled tennis shoes are a must, and a towel. Light refreshments available. Meet at the Vets at 9:30 a.m. Our hours at the facilities are from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$2.50.

The Thursday night champagne party, hosted by DSS 126 and DB 143, starts at 6 p.m. Don't miss the welcoming program promptly at 7 p.m. Here you will meet the "little ones." Our Chairman, Lil Miller, has a fine program using the theme "It's a Small World."

Dan Mogensen of the D.B. will preside at the business meetings starting at 9 a.m. Friday and Saturday mornings and 2 p.m. Friday afternoon. Petaluma selected as their delegates Jim A. Larsen, Harvey Rasmussen, and Henry Brown. Alternates are Jim P. Larsen, Neal Rasmussen, and Jack Cameron. Coffee breaks will be hosted by friends from Danner No. 4, the Past Presidents Club and the Drill Team.

Friday night please plan an "International Night." Buffet will start at 7 p.m. and if you wish you may don a costume from another country. Regardless of what you wear, come and join the fun and dancing.

At 2 p.m. Saturday, plan to attend the open installation of officers. The 16-member drill team has a special performance. Newly installed presidents will host a wine and cheese party in Room B after the installation.

At 7 p.m. the banquet and ball will begin. Chairman is Dorothy Petersen. Raffle drawings will be held during the evening.

Your committee in Petaluma has been busy! We hope everyone will have a pleasant time, leaving with happy memories.

Nancy Cameron, Cor.

Lodge #126, Los Angeles, CA — Those who missed the potluck dinner July 5 really missed a treat. There was so much good food. We had a guest from Aarhus by the name of Benny Jensen. His daughter was an exchange student in Rochester, NY. He came to California to visit a friend, Hanna Poulsen.

We are very proud of our son Ron Wolard, who will be running with the torch for the summer Olympics on July 22.

Betty Seale, Sec.

Lodge #230, Arcata, CA — Our delegates, Eva Deegan and Viggo Poulsen and alternates, Laura Schuler and Herman Christensen, and other members are looking forward to the district convention in Petaluma in August.

In September, usually a nice month weatherwise in our area, we are again planning a boat trip around Humboldt Bay, which will be followed by a no-host dinner at



Danish Dancers at Midsummer.

one of the restaurants in Eureka.

In May, Fred Elliott, a member in Ferndale, invited Danish and Norwegian people to a picnic at his delightful summer place. Fred and his family have worked for many years building several houses. Two houses, a museum with many artifacts and a comfortable home. His gate sign reads, "Elliottville, Pop. 4."

June 23 and 24, the 34th annual Midsummer Festival was held in Ferndale. This sponsoring Association consists of the four Scandinavian organizations, Danish, Norwegian, Swedish, and Finnish lodges. During the barbeque, held on a side street, the adult Danish Dance team danced several dances. The program Sunday the 24th included singing various Scandinavian national anthems followed by several dances, under the leadership of Erla Chance, who presented her "Tiny Tots" and Junior dance teams. Lorana Sweet and Marian Christiansen were leaders of the adult dance team. Booths of delicious foods were sponsored by the Sons of Norway, Balder, Runneber, and Danish lodges. Much credit and appreciation goes to the officers for a year of preparation and planning. We salute Nita Salas, President; Nellie Hansen, Secretary; Don Christensen, coordinator; and several delegates of lodges throughout the county.

Laura L. Schuler, Sec.

Lodge #299, Solvang, CA — This was our annual meeting with the ladies; wives, daughters, mothers and members of the Sisterhood. It was an effort to raise money for our queen candidate, Vanessa Dunlap, for the Fourth of July parade. One of the ways to raise money was a raffle (won by David Christian). Entertainment was a belly dancer who was very talented. The ladies also enjoyed this one. No name was announced, so she remains incognito. We had three young guests from Denmark, Hans Christofersen, Kolding; Christian Frederiksen, Holstiaik; and Allen Girgiti, Gencoste. Prizes were won by Bill Rasmussen, Peter Weber, and Pablo Petersen in another money-raising raffle. **Henry Edwards, Cor.**

Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA — The Progressive Dinner for September is in the planning stage. The Jepsen family plans to make the arrangements with the Frith family. Due to the Olympics, we are delaying some programs until later.

We commend those new members and our youth committee for their efforts to bring something new and different to the membership. Keep up the good work.

Frank E. Jepsen, Sec.

1983 President's Award Activity Schedule

Lodge #345, Orange Co., CA — On July 15 we will be having our annual Danish picnic at Mile Square Park in Fountain Valley. We will charter a bus in October to go to Las Vegas. Reservations will be taken from members only until August 11. After that, the trip will be open to anyone on a first come, first served basis. Reservations must be paid in full at the time they are made and are non-refundable. We stay at the Tropicana Hotel.

After our June business meeting, we played Bunco. This was something new for most of us and everyone enjoyed it. Hats off to Evelyn and Elmo Andersen for introducing us to this game.

Our August 11 meeting will be our 7th anniversary party. We will have a barbecue and are combining this with a membership drive. There will be a short program from Home Office on the new membership promotion.

Hazel Kjellsen, Sec.

Lodge #346, Riverside, CA — At Grundlovsfest in Soledad Canyon, Kodan Lodge walked away with Fourth Prize in the Table Decorating Contest. All credit goes to clever Doris Thompson, who designed a life-size "tourist" enjoying a bottle of Tuborg at Kodan's umbrella table. "Lars" was extremely popular with all who saw him (especially the children).

We made \$266.20 at our two-day yard sale. A big thanks to the faithful who came to sell (Doris Thompson and "Lars", Vikki Garrison, Ken and Nancy Nielsen, Janet Jensen, and Howard Wogen) and generous members who donated items. All buyers were thrilled with their bargains. The only items left were boxes of clothing, which the lodge donated to an organization to deliver to the poor in Mexico.

Eighteen members and guests were at the St. Hans Weekend Campout in the San Bernardino Mountains. Most stayed in cozy little tents; but Dale and Janet Jensen drove up in their motorhome with all the comforts of home. Some of us fished. Ken Nielsen taught leather crafts to others. In the evening, we had a community dinner and



Chairman Vikki Garrison (right) and friends enjoy a cold bottle of Hansen's soft drink (or could it be Tuborg?) during the International Street Fair in which Lodge 346 participated. (Photo courtesy Hans Terkelsen)



"Camp Kodan" on St. Hans weekend.



"Witch Hazel" is put in place.

enjoyed delicious "witches stew" which had been bubbling all day long in the huge caldron. As darkness settled, we gathered at the fire and listened to stories of how St. Hans Aften is celebrated on the beaches in Denmark. Then, the climax - "Witch Hazel" (a good friend of "Lars," and introduced to Kodan by her maker, Doris Thompson) was burned in the bonfire — wart, broom, and all! Many thanks to Sue Thompson who

New Members

Name	Lodge No.	Location	Sponsor
Paul J. Chase	14	Kenosha	Jeffrey Bernhardt
Wendell E. Christensen	34	Dwight	Roy Koehler
Elbert E. Hall	42	Spokane	Fred Matheny
Dennis W. Macher	51	Ludington	Mike Lefler
Florence H. Mumm	75	Albert Lea	Alton Neve
Roy F. Mumm	75	Albert Lea	Alton Neve
Leona T. Jensen	121	Tyler	Therkel Jorgensen
Virginia E. Carlson	164	New York	Elpha and Jack O'Brien
Gloria A. Jacobsen	164	New York	Elpha O'Brien
Richard G. Paulson, Sr.	167	Portland	Melvin Pihl
Matthew P. Emanuelson	227	Detroit	Otto W. Pedersen
Roland W. Best	326	West Branch	Gunnar C. Krogh
Kim Windal	328	Vancouver	Henning J. C. Hald
Catherine M. Smith	342	Bucks County	Gyda Jensen
Loretta A. Trust	342	Bucks County	Ulla Pedersen
Richard J. Trust	342	Bucks County	Ulla Pedersen
Rita A. Penn	346	Riverside	Nancy Nielsen
Sheldon H. Penn	346	Riverside	Nancy Nielsen
Norman A. Rasmussen	349	Atlantic	Richard Knudsen
Robert P. Beisler	600	Omaha	Jean Beisler
Heide D. Thomas	600	Omaha	Ronald Thomas
Christina L. Walker	600	Omaha	Gerald A. Walker

coordinated the entire weekend.

Our next meeting will be an unorganized, unbirthday dinner party, on unlucky Friday, July 13, at Minicks Barn in Rialto.

Congratulations to John Forgrave, who marks his fortieth year as a DBIA member in July. **Nancy Nielsen, Sec.**

IOWA-MINNESOTA

District News

The 1984 Convention of the Iowa and Minnesota Districts of The Danish Brotherhood and the Danish Sisterhood will begin on Saturday evening, September 1, with registration from 6-8 p.m. and a social program beginning at 7 p. m. You will be able to register at the Kimballton Town Hall or the Elk Horn Town Hall. The Saturday social will be held in the Kimballton Town Hall.

Later arrivals may register at the Elk Horn Town Hall on Sunday, beginning at noon. The joint session of the Sisterhood and Brotherhood will open at 1 p.m., with regular business meetings following. Sunday at 6 p.m. at the Atlantic Golf and Country Club, 29th and Chestnut, Atlantic, Iowa, you may register and enjoy a social hour, preceding the banquet which begins at 7 p.m. A 9 p.m. dance is planned.

Meetings will conclude with the 9 a.m. session on Monday morning in the Elk Horn Town Hall.

Lodge #15, Des Moines, IA — In the month of June we lost two of our members. The following words are from Svend Christen-

sen, one of our members who knew both men.

"We will miss Verner Andreasen who passed away June 5. Brother Andreasen transferred from the Ringsted Lodge No. 134. Brother Ferry Christianen died June 30. Ferry held many positions in the lodge and was a tireless promoter of our Brotherhood. He was made an honorary member in 1983. It was a privilege to have a Brother and friend like Ferry.

We plan on regular meetings during the summer. The members are hoping for nice weather for the annual picnic August 5.

Mary Riber, Cor.

Lodge #341, Kimballton-Elk Horn, IA — We met at Prairie Rose State Park June 25. A very abundant potluck supper was served by the committee.

A music committee was discussed. Neoma Steen and Dagmar Sorensen were appointed to revive Danish songs in our lodge.

President Herbert Rattenborg appointed Melvin Boose as membership chairman.

Omaha Lodge No. 1 invited us to their St. Hansfest, June 19. Seventeen members attended. It was a lovely evening.

\$100 was given to the lodge in memory of Edmund Madsen.

St. Hans Aften was celebrated by burning the witch. Fifty-two members were present.

Irene Boose, Sec.

Payment to Board Members

JULY 1984

Robert E. Ibsen, salary, \$262.00.

MIDWEST

Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI — Our 92nd anniversary party was a joyous occasion. Thanks to officers and wives for all they did. We thank Midwest District President Merle Nylen and his wife, Albertice, for attending.

Bob Ibsen presented the "Pioneer Award" to Einer Sorensen and "Brother of the Year" Awards to Dan Ervin and Arnold Lehto. Dick Schold also received a belated "Brother of the Year" award. Special "Viking Ship" Awards were given to three of our hard workers: Rich Walker, Tom Nielsen, and Ken Hansen. Peter Pahl was with us to accept his 60-year pin. Also receiving pins but not present were Ewald Thomsen, 60 years and Brad Weinstock, 25 years.

Ronald Jensen has not only devoted much of his time and talent to the Danish Brotherhood, but has distinguished himself as a leader in our community. After serving 37 years as a teacher and principal, he has decided to retire. We hope Ron and Eleanor will continue to remain active in the Danish Brotherhood.

Welcome new members Paul Chase and James Swanson. **Vince Rodgers**, Pres.

Lodge #17, Chicago, IL — Our centennial celebration at Nielsen's — the landmark Danish restaurant — was a great success. After the cocktail hour all were seated promptly to a delicious old-fashioned Danish flaeskesteg. Arthur LaPointe, an old m.c. pro., introduced Merle Nylen, president of #17 and the Midwest District, who bid everyone welcome and lauded the committee. Our National President, Robert E. Ibsen, brought greetings from National Headquarters in Omaha and praised #17 for



(Left to right) National Danish Brotherhood President Robert E. Ibsen poses with Thorkil Winther, Lodge 17 President and Midwest District President Merle Nylen and National Director Woodrow Petersen, after presentation of a commemorative plaque.

its many years of faithful fraternal service and Danish togetherness. Dignitaries and guests were introduced: Woodrow T. Petersen, National Director; Midwest District Secretary John Mollerskov (Racine); Emma

Dahl, Denmark; Bruno and Rosa Ort, Germany; Ragnhild Bergersen, Phoenix, Arizona; George Boehm, president, and Eugene Treiber, honorary president, of the Schwabischer Unterstutzungs-Verein with their wives (this is one of Chicago's wealthiest benefit societies, their 100-year anniversary was celebrated last year).

The Danish Sisterhood was well represented with Nancy Nyholm, National Secretary; Lorraine Zembinski (Milwaukee), National Trustee; and Jenny Jensen, National Historian. Also among the *honorarys* were Niels Nielsen, president Chicago's Danish National Committee, and Glen Holmen, president Chicago's Danish Old Settlers.



National President Ibsen poses with newly initiated members (left to right) Glenn Holmen, Ebba Poulsen, Donna Smith, and Young Vikings Chris and Steve Smith. Director Woodrow Petersen is at the far right. Donna and her two sons are the daughter and grandsons of Mr. and Mrs. Merle Nylen.

Kittie-Vadis La Pointe led the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner" and Peder Larsen sang "Der er et yndigt land." Ingrid Winther gave the invocation. Entertainment followed the dinner; Kittie-Vadis La Pointe's Le Ballet Petit's Chicago North Side Ensemble, a modern cabaret show with variety from ballet to belly-dancer. The large group received a cascade of *bravissimoes*. The evening continued with dancing to David Kyrk's orchestra where young and old enjoyed many a "svingom" even including the now so popular "Chicken Plucker" dance. We wonder how many other lodges have so much talent among their members.

The committee consisted of Thorkil Winther, chairman; Albertice Nylen, Karen Nylen, Svend Jorgensen, Arlene Holtet, Wm. Thorsen, Anna Poulsen, Kittie-Vadis La Pointe and Arthur La Pointe. The La Pointes were the star "performers" in the arrangement. The successful evening was no mean feat. **Wm. Thorsen, Cor.**

NOTE: Editor Chris Steffensen did a fine job of reporting the lodge's centennial celebration in The Danish Pioneer. The Pioneer now has a new address: 1582 Glen Lake Road, Hoffman Estates, IL 60195.

Lodge #34, Dwight, IL — The weather was beautiful and 34 of us had a "real fun time" at Arlington Racetrack June 10. Had a race named after our lodge and four of us had our picture taken with the winning jockey. Stopped at the White Fence Farm in Joliet on the way home and for a delicious chicken or shrimp dinner.

The weatherman again cooperated and gave us a beautiful day for 48 trapshooters June 23. Dwight took the 1st place team trophy. Jim Wilkey, Jr. took high overall with Terry Riccolo, Walt Houck, and Mike Dunlap tied for 2nd. Shirley Holzhauser got the women's trophy. Only one Viking shot — Mike Anderson. Ten shot in the senior citizen shoot with Walt Houck taking 1st and Sully Anderson, 2nd. Fifty-nine enjoyed a barbecue chicken dinner at the clubhouse after. Thanks to Ken Anderson and his committee for getting this together.

\$100 was given to the Gene Mortensen family for loss in their recent home fire. Discussion was held on the food booth for Harvest Days. **Margaret A. Goodwin, Sec.**

1983 President's Award Social Activity

Lodge #35, Chicago, IL — Reserve August 12 for the Midwest District Picnic at Isaac Walton Park in Homewood, Illinois.

The executive officers met one-half hour before the meeting June 13 and disposed of bills and unimportant correspondence.

Mark Steffensen was initiated. Ray Nielsen announced the Midwest District Convention on September 28, 29 and 30 at Lincolnwood, Illinois, sponsored by Lodge 17.

Grethe Gram Jepsen was selected our Dane for the Night. Grethe was born in Copenhagen, Denmark. She has three brothers and one sister. Her father was a construction laborer and mother was a housewife. Grethe came to the United States in 1957 at age 18 and she stated her reason for coming was because she was adventurous. **Elsa Petersen, Cor.**

Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI — The Silent Auction held on our June 19 business meeting night was another success due to generosity of members donating items, as well as their subsequent bidding. Bob Rasmussen acted as auction cashier.

We are looking forward to our July 22 back yard picnic, our August 18 corn roast and our October 13 pork dinner.

Three Lodge 36 members sang in the Scandinavian Chorus which participated in the Scandinavian Midsummer Fest program, June 24, at Old World, Wisconsin near Eagle, Wisconsin.

Albert L. Larsen, Sec.

Lodge #92, St. Charles, IL — June was our annual aebleskiver evening. This is always enjoyable. We had a good turnout! Time spent eating was a lot longer than our meeting time. It's a favorite with everyone.

Our July picnic is planned. We're hoping for good weather and a large turnout. It looks like a fun day. Our August 10 meeting has no special program, but we are free to do whatever we find enjoyable after our meeting. Don't forget about the \$10 must win door prize.

In September we look forward to a guest. She is Adeline the Psychic. I would suggest if you have dark secrets you don't want revealed you leave them home for the evening. It promises to be a divine expose'. Of course, there will be a lunch served that I know will be delicious, not even being psychic.

Next month will have our picnic report. I hope it will be very favorable with a large turnout.

Lois Skraboly, Cor.

NEBRASKA

District News

Lodge 16 of Minden will host the Nebraska District Convention September 21-23. Much is being planned. A quilt made by ladies of the lodge will be raffled off September 22 at the banquet.

We would like to have a large representation from all lodges to help celebrate the third big event of our Centennial Year. Details will follow in the September American Dane.

Herbert Nielsen, Cor.

Lodge #1, Omaha, NE — Our St. Hans Aften went smoothly with guests attending from as far away as Florida and Oregon. Seventeen members of the Elk Horn-Kimballton, Iowa, Lodge 341, were welcomed.



Kenneth Holm (left) receives the Ridder of Dannebrog from Consul General K. W. Rasmussen of Chicago.

After a potluck supper and raffle, children played games while others had a choice of croquet, soccer, cards or horseshoes to pass the time.

Little touches added to the evening, such as Danish music and name tags with matching Danish and English phrases. At 9:30 p.m. the bonfire was lit and a ragged witch burned according to tradition. We were delighted to have Gene Surland tell us the Danes still celebrate St. Hans with enthusiasm.



Nebraska's Junior Danish King and Queen, Erik Andersen and Robin Hansen.

Robin Hansen and Erik Andersen were crowned Junior Danish King and Queen at Minden's Ethnic Festival. They represented Lodge 1, and we're very proud of these young people.

Lodge #84, Lincoln, NE — After a potluck dinner enjoyed with Lincoln Sisterhood Lodge No. 90, State President J. Merton Kuhr performed the initiation ceremony for new members: Gunnar S. M. Overgaard, Dennis L. Rasmussen, Dwight Skow, and Donald F. Lehn.

Invited guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Gunnar Sorensen, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Jensen, Hubert O. Paulson, Jr., and Mel Allen, all of Lincoln; Jacob Lehn, St. Paul, NE; Ruth Herman, Omaha, NE; and Mr. and Mrs. J. Merton Kuhr, Blair, NE.

Ruth Herman extended an invitation to the St. Hans Aften, a June 19 event sponsored by Omaha Lodge No. 1 at Vennelyst Park, and a reminder of the Nebraska State Picnic to be held July 29 also at Danish Vennelyst Park in Omaha.

Merton and Bonnie gave the group some of their Danish experiences which everyone enjoyed.

Don Lehn, Pres.

Lodge #206, Blair, NE — Our lodge had a busy month in June. Our annual lodge picnic June 25 was well-attended. The picnic committee, Vernon Christoffersens, Robert Plugges, Dania Hundtoft, Frank Korshoj and Gene Megrues, did an excellent job of planning fun and games for everyone. The highlight of the evening was the lodge Junior Miss Pageant, which resulted in a tie between Vernon Christoffersen and Tage Christensen (wolves in sheep's clothing, so-to-speak).

Lodge 206 continued their hectic month

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
5-31-84	Christen N. Christensen	95	Montcalm Co., Michigan	106	Trufant, Michigan	1906
5-16-84	Knud Nielsen	90	Nimtofte, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1926
5-17-84	Aage C. Madsen	89	Sattrup, Denmark	194	McMinnville, Oregon	1934
6-3-84	Anker M. Andersen	82	Verum, Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1941
4-26-84	Clarence Hansen	65	Culbertson, Montana	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1940
6-10-84	Jorgen Thomsen	92	Stenerup, Denmark	219	Clear Lake, Iowa	1935
5-23-84	Lorens Sondergaard	91	Morso, Denmark	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	1928
5-16-84	George Nielsen	83	Copenhagen, Denmark	164	New York, New York	1938
6-9-84	Helmer Olsen	78	Fairbault Co., Minnesota	75	Albert Lea, Minnesota	1925
6-28-84	Aage C. Sorensen	94	Køge, Denmark	36	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	1909
4-21-84	Einar M. Jensen	84	Wejgaard, Aalborg, Denmark	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1920
5-30-84	Wilma K. Jensen	74	Ransom, Illinois	34	Dwight, Illinois	1977
3-2-83	John Lorentzen	81	Denmark	17	Chicago, Illinois	1972
4-19-84	Jennie P. Knudsen	92	Nance County, Nebraska	211	Grand Island, Nebraska	1973
2-9-84	Harvey Felhauer	68	Fowler, Colorado	261	Fowler, Colorado	1951
6-12-84	Clarence E. Gotterba	87	Buena Park, California	319	Bakersfield, California	1975
6-19-84	Henry M. Jensen	98	Moen, Denmark	10	Council Bluffs, Iowa	1906

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on June 30 as Blair's Gateway to the West Days got underway. Our lodge participated by having a booth at the Arts and Crafts Show. We sold baked goods as well as crafts which members had donated. July 1 brought a busy day at the aebleskiver pan for many of our members as we served close to 400 people at the aebleskiver breakfast. Thanks to our membership, we had another successful feed.

Jerry Christensen, Pres.

1983 President's Award Best District

MICHIGAN-OHIO

Lodge #51, Ludington, MI — The 4th of July fell on our regular meeting night so we will have our meeting July 18.

Our Danish Brotherhood softball team won their second game of the season. They have matched total wins of last year already.

At the Michigan-Ohio District Convention held in Greenville, Ludington Lodge 51 was represented by Robert Jensen, Earl Jensen, Carl Soneral, John Laird, Mike Bray, Ralph Christensen and Ken Johnson. The District awarded seven scholarships, with Denise Krause, Steve Peterson and Sue Krause receiving them from Lodge 51. Ralph Christensen was elected vice president of the Michigan-Ohio District.

Just a reminder that our hall is open from 2 to 5:30 p.m. and 7 to 12 p.m. every day but Sunday. If you are in the Ludington area, you are welcome to stop in and see what's going on. Our address is 1014 South Madison, Ludington, Michigan.

Keith Koegler, Pres.

1983 President's Award Civic Activity

Lodge #227, Detroit, MI — The first June meeting was well-attended. Three new

members were initiated. We welcome Kenneth Brinch, Matthew Emanuelsen and Paul Woodring.

Our second June meeting was kept short so we could enjoy a social evening with beer and sandwiches.

A golf outing was held on July 29 at Rolling Meadows. As always, Jim Crocket is looking for someone to take over the event for next year. Good luck Jim!

Members of Lodge 227 are invited to a picnic sponsored by the Muskegon lodge. The picnic will be held August 25. For details, see Nels Hansen.

September 12 our dinner meetings start again. September is also the start of another bowling season. Have you signed up?

H. H. Dallaire and H. P. Kjolhede were the names drawn for the attendance jackpot in June.

Ken Christensen, Cor.

GCEL

Lodge #190, Schenectady, NY — It is hard to believe we would find ourselves without a meeting hall, but it happened. The Elks Lodge where we have met for 10 years or more was sold and they moved rather suddenly. They could not move into their new location, Miranda's on upper State Street, Schenectady, until later this summer. That left us with nowhere to go. They promised us meeting and dining privileges and we hope to be at their new location when they take over. Meanwhile, we will have an August 15 meeting and dinner at Veeders Restaurant, 2020 Central Avenue, Albany. We must have reservations at least three days before the event.

Remember, the G.C.E.L. convention being held at Bucks County, PA over the

Labor Day holiday. Plenty of activities for the family.

Bill Peterson, Cor.

Lodge #294, Barre, VT — Our Charter was draped June 11 in memory of Lovella Thygesen and Phyllis Jensen.

There was much enthusiasm for having a picnic and, after a hearty debate, it was decided to have one at Bear Mountain State Park August 12. We will enter a float in the Barre Ethnic Heritage Festival parade July 21. Francis Taft, Kenneth Lunde, Alfred Lunde, and Thomas Mekkelsen were appointed to build a Viking ship.

Andrew Christiansen made a report on telephone conversations with an agent for Ethnic Groups from Montreal, P.Q. A Danish Postal Workers Band from Odense, Denmark, was coming to Burlington, VT for a one-day stay and might come to Barre. After much discussion, it was voted not to sponsor the band at this time. After a short discussion, Harry Mikkelsen made a motion, seconded and carried, to have the secretary cast one vote for sister Sharon Lunde for delegate and one vote for Kenneth Lunde for alternate. The meeting was closed and refreshments enjoyed by all. No meetings in July and August.

Thomas C. Mekkelsen, Sec.

AUGUST ASSESSMENT NUMBER 1022

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August 1, 1984

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September 1, 1984

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

HOWARD CHRISTENSEN,
Secretary-Treasurer



Youth News

Lodge #34, Dwight, IL — Thirty-seven members, children, friends and non-members enjoyed a great day at the zoo June 13. The lodge paid for the bus, but was partially compensated by non-members paying \$5. It rained early in the morning before we left town and a storm hit just as we were boarding to come home. We had some tired kids (and grown-ups), but it was well worth it. Thanks to Mary Sue Ely, Janice Murphy and Genny Andreassen for their work in getting this trip organized.

Results are in, and beside the ten from Dwight, six from St. Charles entered the Midwest District Youth Bowl. Winners were Debbie Mortensen in the Prep Division and Dan Lauritsen in the Junior Division. Thanks to all the participants. Hope this can be an annual event. Thanks to Ken Jensen for organizing this new MWD event.

Memorabilia Brings Youthful Memories

Andrew J. Smith, Jr., loves his Danish-American past. Last October he and Mrs. Smith visited Troy, New York, his hometown. They had dinner at the Evelyn Beck Adams home in the Danish neighborhood where Mr. Smith grew up. In a scrapbook containing articles from the years between 1910 and 1920, was the Tiarrige Stiftelsesfest song. Composed for the 10th anniversary of Lodge 183 in Troy in 1913, it was written by the first lodge president, John S. Beck, grandfather of Mrs. Adams, and Andrew Smith, Jr.'s, godfather.

Andrew J. Smith, Sr., and John Beck met in Troy and remained friends throughout their lives. In his letter, Andrew Smith, Jr., stated, "There are still some of us who understand the Danish language, and reading it may bring back some memories to those who can." Andrew Jr. now lives in

Albert Lea, Minnesota but keeps his DBIA membership in Troy.

Tiaarige Stiftelsesfest og Afsloring af Logen's Banner

Mel-Vift stolt paa.

Lev hoit! Godthaab Vi kjender,
Velkommen, hver en Gaest,
Velkommen Danske Venner
Til Godthaab's Tiaars fest,
Skondt aarene de rinder
Godthaab Os svigter ei,
En Ven Vi altid finder
Paa livets travle Vei.

Vort Modersmaal til AEre
Og Dannebrog til Lyst,
Skal Godthaab's Losen vaere
Paa Onkel, Sammys, Kyst.
Vort Banner vil ham laere
Ret aldrig slukkes kan,
Den Kaerlighed Vi baere
I bryst! for Danmarks Land.

Stolt som et Haedersminde
For Dannekvind og Mand,
Staar D.B.S. at vinde
Hver Dansk i fremmed Land.
Dets Formaal er at samle
Og Eke frem til Daad,
At hjaelpe Unge, Gamle
Naar, Noden banker paa.

Vort Banner nu udfoldes
I Stjerneflagets Ly,
Vi ved det sammenholdes
Og haevder Godthaab's Ry,
Vi af Symbolet laere
Hinanden bi at staa,
Hver Soster, Broder aere
Vi aldrig glemme maa.

John S. Beck

Mr. Smith told about a childhood incident the Tiarrige Stiftelsesfest song brought back. His mother was president of the D.S.S. lodge. As she went about the house, she practiced a verse which went as follows:

I fremmed land, vi samlet har
Et flok af Danske kvinder
Vi maalet der for øjet har
A hjaelpe dem som traenger.

Med kaerlighed i raad og daad
Vi hjaelpe vel hverandre
Saa at alene, ej vi staar
Naar døden bort os kalder.

(Mr. Smith's translation)
We have gathered in a foreign land
A group of Danish women
With a goal in mind
Of helping out the needy.

With love in our hearts, and in our deeds
We try to help each other,
So that we do not stand alone
When death comes knocking at our door.

Andrew wrote, "I didn't really understand what she was saying, but many years later she was quite surprised to hear me repeat this for her. Since my parents came to the USA as single, 19-year-old immigrants, father in 1888, and mother in 1895; they met in Troy, N.Y., and lived there the rest of their lives. The DBS and DSS, along with Immanuels Danske Lutherske Kirke, were very significant in their lives. Of course this meant that I benefitted also. I recall an expression, Naar det regner paa Praesten, saa drøpper det paa Degnen. (When it rains on the preacher, it drips on the deacon)."

Andrew J. Smith, Jr., was 74 on February 10 this year and I hope he won't mind our telling you that. His letter to the American Dane was beautifully written. His message about preserving heritage rings loud and clear.

Director for Danish Immigrant Museum Named



June Stafford Sampson from Billings, Montana, will be the first director of The Danish Immigrant Museum, which is to be built in Elk Horn, Iowa. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in history from Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana and holds a Master of Arts degree in history museum training from the Cooperstown Graduate Programs at the State University of New York at Oneonta.

International Games for The Disabled



Susanne Smidt of Esbjerg, Denmark, carried home 1 gold and 1 silver medal.

Nassau County Long Island, NY 1984

by Niels B. Hansen

It is all over. The flame is out; the torch turned over to South Korea for the next games in 1988. Athletes from 44 countries have left, leaving a great impression of stamina and endurance, and a lot of friends.

For members of Lodge No. 325 of The Danish Brotherhood in America, it started June 15 at Kennedy Airport. A small group, headed by Past National President George J. Jacobsen, welcomed the Danish Team. Jorgen Petersen and Esther Moeller met Tove Wetche, who stayed with Esther during the Olympics. Helen Kofod housed Grethe Lykkeborg Nielsen and Inge Hansen. Lis and Gunnar Petterson stayed with Nette and I, and Dr. Bodil Eskesen was the guest of Eluf and Marguerite Holmgren.

Weeks before Helen Kofod, Nette and I volunteered to serve as interpreters for the Danish Team. During the games, when the Team had time off, George Jacobsen arranged for our members to provide car trips so athletes saw some of Long Island and visited Danish Americans. In my contact with the team, they were very happy for this. Thanks go to Marguerite Holmgren, Gitte and Otto Andreassen, Jytte Rohl, Ruth Smith, Gunnar Larsen, Rita Nielsen and Hans Pedersen — and to those who opened their homes to have guests for 17 days.

A big event on Sunday, June 24, was a reception given in the Danish Athletic Club in Brooklyn. They were met at the door by the ladies, and each was handed a rose. The climax of the event was when Joseph Krentzel turned over to Danish Handicap Idræts Forbund \$5,000 collected in the Danish American community, and a "walkman" radio to each one on the team. Unfortunately, I could not participate in this event, but I got a glowing report when I showed up for duty Monday morning.

Nette and I enjoyed every moment of the 17 days we spent with the team. We will always remember the beautiful people we met and what they accomplished. As interpreters there was not much use for us, but we hope in other ways we were of help in solving minor problems. Nette and I enjoyed the evenings and days when we had some of the Team as guests, and we feel we made some good friends. It was such a pleasure to have Lis and Gunnar stay with us. We are looking forward to visiting them in Jyllinge.

Even though the opening ceremony for the Games attended by President Reagan was a big event, I felt the closing ceremony was much more emotional. The friendships formed between the athletes, the volunteers and Nassau Police are something special. It showed when the Police Honor Guard and Police Pipe Band came marching in followed by all the athletes, who surely all were winners. The Danish Team proudly went home with 25 Gold medals, 5 Silver and 14 Bronze; home. I was told during a telephone call from Jyllinge, to a big reception in Kastrup.

Thank you Danish athletes for being part of our lives.

Mr. Danehof's Shoelace A Danish Folk Tale

by
Beverly Swerdlow Brown

Once upon a time in Odense, a teacher by the name of Hans Danehof walked happily down the street.

Suddenly, he tripped.

"My shoelace tore," he said, "I must buy a new one."

He went into a shop and bought a shoelace.

He thought about his new shoelace and old shoes.

"I can't be seen like this," he said.

He went into another shop and bought some new shoes.

Then he ran down the street.

Suddenly, he stopped.

"I'm wearing new shoes with an old suit," he said.

"A teacher must look perfect."

He went into a shop and bought a brown suit.

The suit matched his shoes and shoelace.

Smiling, he walked up the street.

Suddenly, he stopped.

He took off his hat from his head.

"I can't wear this old one," he said, "with my new suit, new shoes and shoelace."

He went into a shop and bought a new hat.

Happy, he walked up the street.

He wanted to show everyone how nice he looked.

Once more, he stopped.

"The people saw my old tie," he said. "I must buy a new one."

He went into a shop and bought a tie.

The tie matched his new hat, suit, shoes and shoelace.

Then he went home.

When he walked into his house, Mrs. Danehof gasped, "WHO ARE YOU?"

Mr. Danehof moved closer. "It is me, Hans Danehof, your husband," he replied.

Mrs. Danehof walked around Mr. Danehof three times.

"It is you," she said. "What happened?"

Mr. Danehof smiled. "I just bought a new shoelace, new shoes, new suit, new hat and new tie. Now I look like a teacher should look."

Mrs. Danehof began to cry.

Mr. Danehof looked worried. "What is the matter?" he asked.

Mrs. Danehof blew her nose. "You look very nice," she said, "but look at my clothes. You won't want to be seen with me anymore."

Mr. Danehof looked at his wife.

He walked around her three times.

Then he took her to a shop.

Soon, Mrs. Danehof was dressed as nicely as Mr. Danehof.

They were very pleased on how they looked.

Mr. Danehof spent all his money. He even borrowed some to buy the clothes.

Quickly, they went home.

A bill collector was waiting for them.

The shops wanted to be paid.

Mr. Danehof had to give everything back.

Mrs. Danehof wore her old clothes.

Mr. Danehof wore his old tie, old hat, old suit, old shoes and torn shoelace.

"What will everyone think of me now?" he said.

He walked up the street.

Everyone shook his hand.

"The people like me," he said. "Not my clothes."

And off he went to school.

The International Centre for Torture Victims

Volunteer work for Amnesty International by Danish physicians led to the International Rehabilitation and Research Centre for Torture Victims in Copenhagen. The center, first of its kind, opened in the autumn of 1983 in cooperation with the National Hospital.

An out-patient's clinic in its own building, it offers torture victims psychological, physical, social, and legal rehabilitation.

The effort of Danish physicians resulted in involving over 4,000 nurses, physiotherapists, dentists, doctors, and psychologists in 28 countries in work against torture. Three more centers to help torture victims are being established in Canada, France, and the Netherlands.

The Copenhagen center will work for the establishment of centers in the Third World, and for making knowledge about the treatment of torture injuries a part of medical education.

The International Rehabilitation and Research Centre for Torture Victims cost one million Danish kroner, donated by private foundations. The Danish Government assisted by donating facilities of the National Hospital. Yearly expenses for running the center are calculated to be one million U.S. dollars. Funds will be raised in Denmark and other countries, partly through a United Nations fund adopted in 1981, at the initiative of the Nordic countries. The fund is based upon volunteer contributions.

Medical work against torture started in 1974 when a group of ten Danish physicians began investigation of torture injuries. No systematic knowledge existed about torture techniques and their effect on the

psychological and physical health of victims.

The most serious after-effects victims suffer are psychological: depression, fear, reduced memory and ability to learn, tiredness, headache, sexual disturbances, irritability, and insomnia.

The physicians sought and received permission to treat torture victims at the National Hospital in Copenhagen in 1980. Help includes the patient's total situation, and has been extended to spouses and children.

It was quickly discovered hospitalization was not always appropriate. Routine examinations can remind the victims of torture situations. The use of electrodes for heart examination can lead to thoughts of electric torture. A blood test can be a shock for victims who have been tortured with needles and knives. If torture has taken place while the victim was tied down, the use of traction in physiotherapy must be avoided. Swimming pool therapy is avoided, if the patient has experienced water torture. Hospital personnel are informed about what kind of torture each victim has experienced.

Amnesty International estimates there are about one million political prisoners in the world, and most of them are subjected to torture. The most common forms of torture are beatings, blows to the head, falanga (beating the soles of the feet), electric torture, deprivation of sleep for several days and nights, prolonged isolation, starvation and dehydration, sexual assaults, blows to the sex organs, threats against relations, the witnessing of, or the overhearing of torture against others, mock executions, pharma-

cological torture, dental torture, hanging, water torture, and light torture.

According to Amnesty International, more and more countries are including torture as part of police education. To hide after-effects, torture methods are becoming increasingly refined; in some cases with the assistance of physicians.

Therefore, research on the nature of torture is important, says a representative of the Danish physician's group, because it can help us to constantly pursue the torturers and expose their work. It is their hope they can help prevent torture. For the same reason, they will work for the establishment of international rules for depriving physicians who assist in torture of the right to practice.

The International Rehabilitation and Research Centre expects to have about 20 workers, including physicians, nurses, physiotherapists, interpreters, dentists, social workers, lawyers, and secretaries. The goal is to treat 200 torture victims and their families each year.

"The help we offer must be help to self-help," says center leader, Inge Kemp Genefke, M.D. She stresses the torture victims with whom she has worked at the National Hospital are strong personalities, who have made a great effort to recover on their own. But without qualified treatment and support, she says, it is not possible to repair torture injuries.

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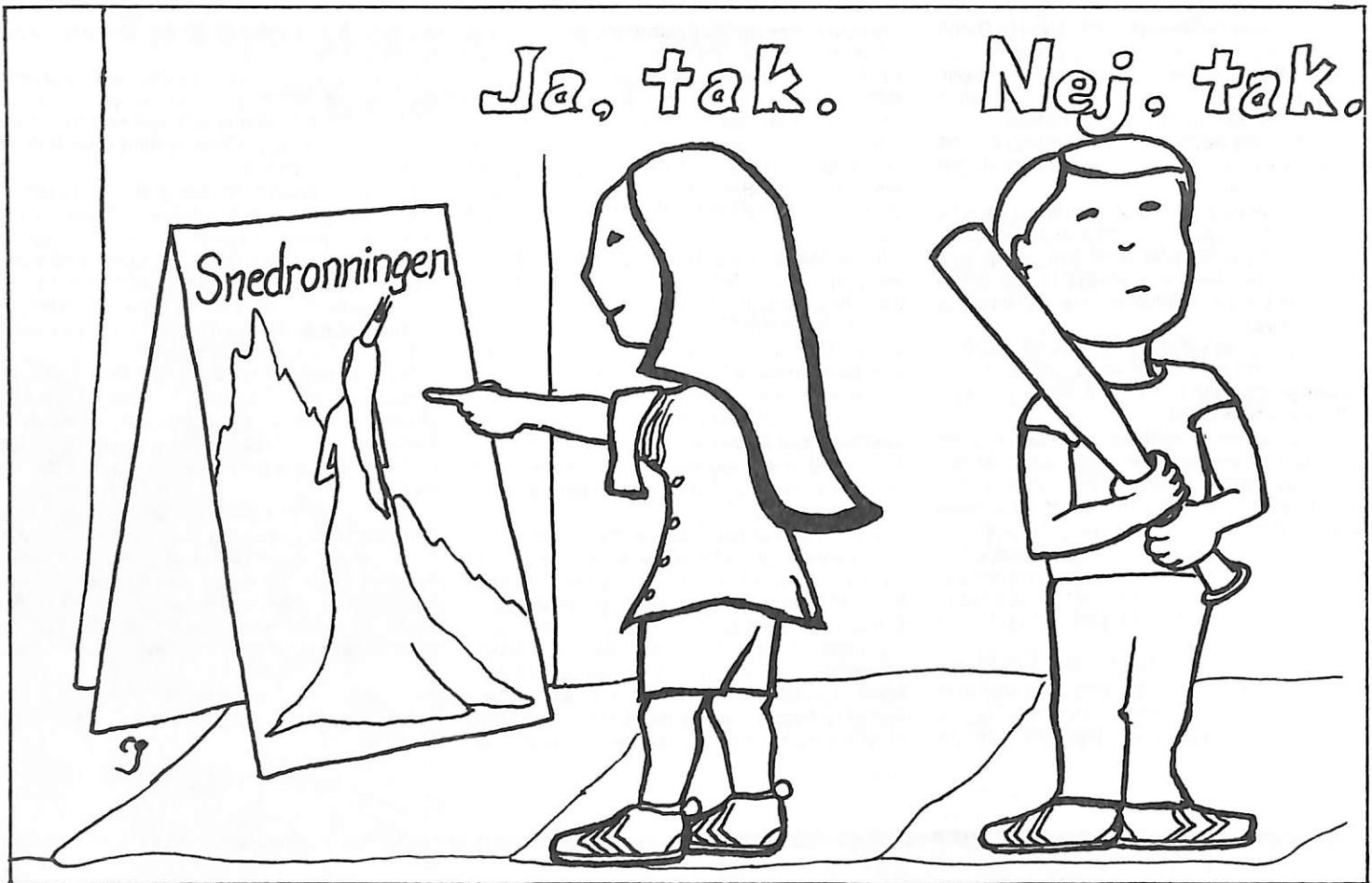
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Grandma's Kitchen

Kaernemaelk

Aebleskiver



by Dagmar Jensen

(Buttermilk Pancake Balls)

2 c. buttermilk	1/2 t. salt
2 c. flour	1 t. soda
3 eggs	2 T. sugar
1 t. baking powder	Applesauce

Beat yolks, add sugar, milk. Add flour, soda and baking powder sifted together, last add beaten egg whites.

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For 21 years President Robert E. Ibsen served as a Chief Personnel Officer for the United States Navy. His Naval service ran through World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War with a commendation from the Office of the United States Secretary of Defense for his work during Vietnam. Leaving the Navy, Bob became a Personnel Specialist for the Navy Exchange at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois, about 20 miles from his home in Kenosha, Wisconsin. He retired this July 1. With over 30 years of experience, Bob has helped establish National Headquarters management philosophy as a Board member since 1975.

All of our Board members have a life outside The Danish Brotherhood and their Professions. President Ibsen holds membership in St. Mary's Lutheran Church of Kenosha, Rebild National Park Society (where he spoke on behalf of The Danish Brotherhood in 1977), Danish National Society of Chicago, Dania Society in Racine, Wisconsin, Elks Club No. 750, Navy Club Ship No. 40, and VFW Club No. 1865 in Kenosha.

It was in Bradford High School in Kenosha that Bob met his future wife, who was then Elaine Copen. Bob and Elaine were married on May 7, 1949. They have two grown children, Linda Ibsen Kirby and Randy Ibsen. President Ibsen currently holds the Board record for grandchildren: Carrie and Kenny Kirby, ages 10 and 6; Paul, age 2 and Robert Christopher Ibsen, age 2 months, who live in Australia. With son-in-law Jim and daughter Linda, who is a nurse, living in Kenosha with her family, they have had the pleasure of seeing Carrie and Kenny grow. Carrie will be going to Skovsøen this year and will receive a visit there from Grandpa and Grandma. Son



Randy is the Operations Manager of a hotel in Sydney, Australia, giving his Mom and Dad the opportunity to become international travelers when they visit. They hope to spend Christmas with Randy, Tania, Paul and Robert Christopher this year. As soon as he returns, he plans to continue a program he believes in very strongly — visiting as many lodges and districts of The Danish Brotherhood as possible during his presidency.

Bob joined The Danish Brotherhood to enjoy the Danish traditions that prevailed in his family. He has had many occasions to do so and has contributed to the growth of his lodge and the successful activity of his district. As he went through the chairs of the Midwest District, he became very interested and involved. His lodge recognized him with their "Brother of the Year" Award and in Kenosha, he has the nickname the "Great Dane" because of his avid support of Danish culture and especially the Brotherhood. He deserves the respect he has earned by hard work and attention to detail. We are most fortunate to have Mr. Ibsen as our National President and to have all of the other fine members who serve on our National Board of Directors with dedication and ability.

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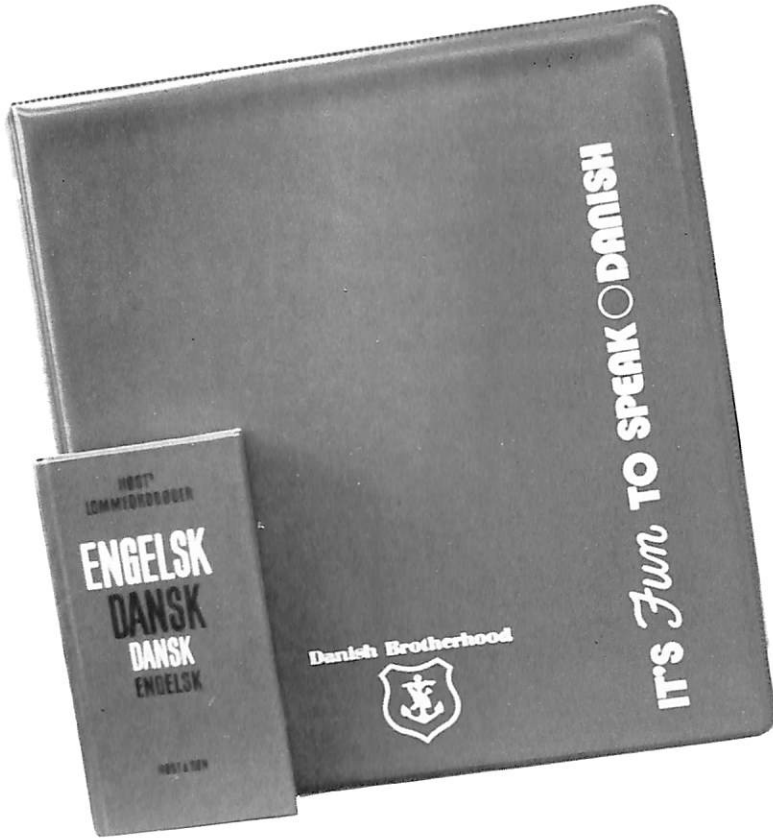
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