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Cover photo: Following Scandinavian Christmas tradition, this young Danish girl blows out another "day" from the advent candle. In every Danish home, advent candles are allowed to burn an inch a day from the beginning of the Season of Light, around the first of December, until Christmas Eve to mark off the time anxious children must wait for the big day itself. Photo: Danish Tourist Board.



President's Page

Robert E. Ibsen
National President

National President's Awards

During the annual meeting of the Board of Directors in October, a meeting of the President's Awards Committee was held for the purpose of selecting the 1984 National President's Awards recipients. Serving with me on the President's Awards Committee are Past President George J. Jacobsen and First Vice President Peter Weber. The following decisions were reached after reviewing the reports filed with our committee.

Best District of 1984 — Midwest

Best Single Social Activity — Lodge No. 16, Minden, NE Centennial Banquet

Best Single Civic Activity — Lodge No. 325, Nassau Co., NY

International Games for the Disabled

Best Annual Activity Schedule — Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, WI, 23 Events

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The winning district will receive a check for \$150 and a plaque. Each winning lodge will receive a check for \$50 and a plaque. The Committee has decided to increase the cash award for the year 1985 to \$200 for the winning district and \$100 for each winning lodge. Additionally, in 1985 each lodge winning a District President's Award will receive \$25 in prize money from the National President's Awards Committee once all winners have been determined.

Winners within each district for the year 1984 were as follows: **Pacific Northwest District**, Lodge 155, Bellingham, WA, single social activity; Lodge 348, Eugene, OR, single civic activity; Lodge 113, Enumclaw, WA, annual activity schedule, and Lodge 167, Portland, OR, newsletter. **California-Nevada**, Lodge 323, Alhambra, CA, single social activity; Lodge 230, Arcata, CA, single civic activity; Lodge 345, Orange County, CA, annual activity schedule, and Lodge 346, Riverside, CA, newsletter.

Iowa-Minnesota United Lodges, Lodge 341, Kimballton-Elk Horn, IA, single social activity; Lodge 144, Dike, IA, single civic activity; Lodge 347, Cedar Rapids, IA, annual activity schedule, and Lodge 219, Clear Lake, IA, newsletter. **Midwest District**, Lodge 34, Dwight, IL, single social activity; Lodge 36, Milwaukee, WI, single civic activity; Lodge 14, Kenosha, WI, annual activity schedule, and Lodge 35, Chicago, IL, newsletter.

Nebraska District, Lodge 16, Minden, NE, single social activity; Lodge 206, Blair, NE, single civic activity; Lodge 161, Ruskin, NE, annual activity schedule, and Lodge 1, Omaha, NE, newsletter.

General Committee of Eastern Lodges, Lodge 46, Perth Amboy, NJ, single social activity; Lodge 325, Nassau County, NY, single civic activity; Lodge 32, New Haven, CT, annual activity schedule, and Lodge No. 342, Bucks County, PA, newsletter.

Hearty congratulations to each lodge and district for their work in winning an award. The President's Awards Committee is granting special recognition this year to Lodge No. 143 of Petaluma, California, for the Youth Program held in conjunction with the 1984 district convention.

We wish all of our members the very most enjoyable holiday season.



Minden's Centennial Monarch King and Queen, Rosa Nielsen and William Jorgensen, Jr.

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Pacific Northwest District Manager



Effective November 1st, Robert J. Wiegand assumed the position of District Manager in the Pacific Northwest for The Danish Brotherhood. Bob resides with his wife, Mary, and two children, ages 11 and 13, in Hillsboro, Oregon. He started his life insurance career with Aid Association for Lutherans in Wisconsin 16 years ago. Later, he moved to Portland with his family to become manager for a commercial life insurance company.

A Steak in Our Future



Jess Muller became the first to earn a package of 4 eight-ounce sirloin steaks in October. This photo was taken of Jess and Elsa Petersen when he was "Dane for a Night" in his Lodge 35 of Chicago. Others are coming up fast.

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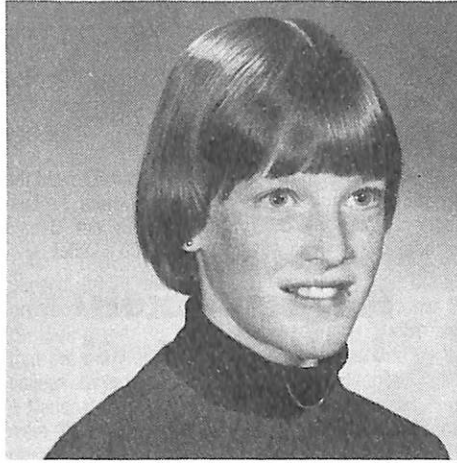
In the warm cozy kitchens, mothers bake many kinds of spicy Christmas cakes and cookies. Children make Christmas tree decorations out of shiny colored paper.

Just before Christmas the homes are decorated with boughs of evergreen. Then the Christmas trees are brought in.

Friends and family share the heritage common to all Denmark — chiming church bells, an elaborate dinner, the ceremony around the Christmas tree and soul-stirring hymns and carols in their candle lighted churches.

Finally Christmas Eve arrives. There is one beautiful custom which many families in Denmark observe at this time. A sheaf of grain is placed out of doors so that birds may enjoy a feast. In some farm homes it is hung from the ridgepole of the house. In others it is placed on a tall pole in the yard. City families sometimes tie the sheaf above their front doors.

Denmark at Christmas Time



by Heidi Ellen Kerr
Representing Lodge 172,
Philadelphia, PA

Late in the afternoon of Christmas Eve, people bundle up in their warm clothes and set off for church. In cities the crisp air is filled with the sound of church bells ringing out the glad news of the Christ Child's birth. In the country you can hear sleigh bells jingling as the farm folk drive to church.

After the service the families hurry home for their Christmas Eve dinner. Two special foods are served in many Danish homes at this meal. One is roasted goose stuffed with prunes and apples. The other is a creamy rice pudding. In Denmark the mother hides one single whole almond in the rice pudding. There is an old belief that whoever gets the almond will have a lucky year, and that person receives a present.

When the family sits down to dinner on Christmas Eve the Christmas fire, Julebaal, a relic of pre-Christian times, is lighted in the open where it can be viewed from indoors. The glow on the hearth, the gleaming candles and the bright-eyed Danes who observe the season in all its joy and glory, point up the importance of light, warmth and friendship, which are the dispellers of gloom, evil and trouble among men.

The lighted candle in the window gives the universal message "Welcome Stranger" and means that food and shelter are offered to travelers, who may be passing — all in spirit of the Christ Child.

In some parts of Denmark a group of village musicians climb to the church belfry to "blow the Yule." Despite the cold weather, they play four hymns, one for

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Danish Ambassador Visits Dana



President Kallas and Danish Ambassador Eigel Jorgensen cut Dana's birthday cake.

Dana College's 100th birthday party at a homecoming event Saturday evening, October 6, held three surprises for the audience of over 500. Two were brought by Danish Ambassador Eigel Jorgensen, and one by Dr. James Kallas, Dana's president.

During the program Jorgensen bestowed on Kallas the Order of Knight of Dannebrog, by action of Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II of Denmark. The honor was given in recognition of Kallas's contributions to Danish-American understanding. Jorgensen also read a message of greeting and congratulations to Dana on the occasion of its centennial from Queen Margrethe.

Earlier in the evening Kallas read a telegram from Victor Borge, pianist and comedian. "Having recently

celebrated my 75th birthday, Borge wrote, "I offer my heartiest congratulations to Dana on its 100th. I hope and trust that Dana's future birthdays will continue happily 25 years ahead of mine."

The evening event was a "Salute to Paul Neve," who recently retired as professor emeritus after 41 years of service to Dana as music professor and choir director. Five of Dr. Neve's students — from 1952, 1960, 1965, 1976, and 1985 — paid him tribute.

Two hundred and fifty choir members, past and present, crowded the stage of the Performing Arts Center theater at the close of the program to sing under Neve's direction as a reunion choir.

A reception honoring Dr. and Mrs. Neve followed the program in Dana's Campus Center, where Ambassador Jorgensen and President Kallas cut Dana's birthday cake, which was aglow with 100 candles.

Karen Blixen/ Isak Dinesen: Tradition, Modernity, and other Ambiguities

April 17-20, 1984 Minneapolis

The 1985 international conference on Karen Blixen/Isak Dinesen: Tradition, Modernity, and other Ambiguities at the University of Minnesota marks the 100 year anniversary of her birth. It is the first attempt to address this variety of scholarly and critical concerns on a single occasion. It is expected to highlight the most challenging ambiguities in the author's life and work; to review a number of already striking controversies in the conception of her achievements; and to venture into hitherto unexplored interpretational problems, such as Blixen's position in Anglo-American cultural and literary history, and the relationship of her work to the socio-political conditions of her time.

Both nationally and internationally-recognized scholars and critics of Blixen will be present at the conference. There will be special representation by Danish scholars, critics, and writers to assure in-depth consideration of the bilingual/bicultural aspects of Blixen's works.

AFS Awards Translation Prize

Patricia McFate, President of The American-Scandinavian Foundation, announced today the winner of the Foundation's Translation Prize Competition, the only competition for English translations of Nordic literature. For her rendering of *Childhood* by the well-known Danish author Tove Ditlevsen, Tiina Nunnally of Seattle, Washington, is the recipient of ASF's award.

Tiina Nunnally has been awarded the \$1,000 honorarium, a bronze medallion, and publication of excerpts from her winning translation of *Childhood* in the December 1984 issue of the *Scandinavian Review*, the quarterly journal of the ASF. In May, 1985, Seal Press will publish *Childhood* in its entirety together with *Youth* as a single volume entitled *The Early Spring* by Tove Ditlevsen.

Payments to Board Members

OCTOBER: Semiannual Board Meeting: Robert Ibsen, \$458; Peter Weber, \$520; Clyde R. Langsted, \$656; Paul Carlsen, \$578; Erling C. Braumann, \$699; Kenneth Pedersen, \$259.50; Woodrow T. Petersen, \$413.88; and George J. Jacobsen, \$608. Erling C. Braumann, Lodge 116 anniversary, \$118.

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Robert E. Ibsen, salary, \$262 00.

Danish Sports

From the newsletter of Lodge 348, Eugene, Oregon

In the women's division of the Chicago marathon October 21st, Dorthe Rasmussen, Denmark placed 4th in the fine time of 2:30:42 and received prize money in the amount of \$11,000. Rosa Mota of Portugal won in 2:26:01 (\$35,000); 2nd, Lisa Martin, Australia 2:27:40 (\$23,000); 3rd Ingrid Johansen, Norway 2:30:21 (\$16,000); 5th, Lisa Larson, Troy, MI 2:31:31 (must be of Scandinavian descent).

In the New York marathon, Keld Johnsen, Denmark, placed 19th in 2:21:52. The winner, Orlanda Pizzolata of Italy, had a time of 2:14:53. More than 18,000 runners participated.

In summer 1986, the world championship soccer games will be held in Mexico City. Qualification matches have started. Denmark is included in a group with teams from Switzerland, Norway, Ireland, and Russia. In their first game with Norway, Denmark won 1-0. In the second game, Switzerland surprised the favored Danes with a 1-0 win. It was not the only surprise, as Norway defeated Ireland 1-0 and tied Russia 1-1. With several games still to go, the standing is this:

	Points	Games
Switzerland	4	2
Norway	3	4
Denmark	2	2
Ireland	2	2
Russia	1	2

Valdemar Bandolowski and his crew did not qualify for an Olympic sailing event, but on Sunday, October 7, they made up for it by winning the world class championship in the "Soling Class" on Garda Lake in Italy. Burt Budnikow, Russia, was second. Valdemar has 2 Olympic gold medals to his credit as a crew member on Paul Richard Hoj Jensen's boat, participating in 1976 and 1980 games.

Earlier in the month, Paul Elvstrom and his daughter Trina (4th place winners in the 1984 Olympics) became the European champions in the "Tornado Class."

Submitted by Basse

Denmark at Christmas Time, Conclusion

each of the major compass points, followed by the ringing of the church bells.

After dinner is over and the dishes are washed, expectation runs high among the young ones. Father and Mother disappear into the locked parlor, light the tree and open the door. Then all clasp hands and circle around the tree, singing some of the old Danish Christmas hymns, among them "Merry Christmas, Lovely Christmas" sung to the tune of "Holy Night." The youngest member of the family approaches the tree first.

There is an old saying that while the family is eating their wonderful feast the imaginary little Nisse, otherwise called Santa Claus in our country, comes into the locked parlors and puts presents under the Christmas tree.

While after dinner and singing around the lighted Christmas tree, everybody opens their wonderful new and exciting presents.

This is a wonderful time of year for celebrating Christ's birthday all around the world.

Scandinavian Seminar

Now in its 36th year, the College Year in Scandinavia program continues to provide a unique opportunity. Opportunity for American students who wish to study in Scandinavia, and for American students who wish to learn to know a foreign culture as an insider. Students most likely to be attracted to and best served by the program are:

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Request information from Scandinavian Seminar, 358 North Pleasant Street, Amherst, Massachusetts 01002.

An Exhibition of Danish Paintings in London

by Jeffrey Thrift



Holsoe's Woman by a Dining Table.

An exhibition devoted entirely to the work of Danish artists is a rare occurrence in London, indeed it is as far back as 1907 that this last took place, and so it was particularly enchanting to see these works on display at the Bury Street Galleries, needless to say in Bury St., London, S.W.1. Every one of which was for sale.

Pictures by Carl Holsoe, Otto Bache, Peter Ilsted, Wilhelm Bendz and others, tastefully presented, showed the talent that has previously been comparatively unappreciated outside the borders of Denmark. The Vermeer-like interior shown in several of the studies by Holsoe and Ilsted were remarkable examples of reflected light and perspective. "The Woman by a Dining Table" for instance, by Holsoe, offered at \$14,000 was particularly eye-catching and would make a sensible investment at this price.

"View of Notre Dame" by Johannes Hansen had an almost photographic quality unusual for the period, 1881, and was priced at \$5,600; whilst a more typical work of the time, Otto Bache's "A Winter Scene in the Kongers Nytovej," in pencil and wash, showing a snow-covered scene with a four-horse wagon in the foreground and the Royal Theatre in the rear, commanded a slightly lower price of \$1,190. A picture clearly showing the artist's skill as a draughtsman is "The Trinitas Kirke in Copenhagen" by Christian Nielsen in the 1890's. This one was reasonably priced at \$490.

The heat of sun-drenched Pompeii was brilliantly conveyed by the much-traveled Hansen in a painting showing some old houses in that spectacular city. The more subtle warmth of the Northern climes was captured in "A Sunday Afternoon in Summer at Herlufson" by Hans Anderson Brendekilde, a picture that was one of the first to be sold, by the way.

Denmark is fortunate in that many of the finest examples of Danish art, works by such masters as Eckersberg, Hammershoi, Kroyer and Kobke are already safely harboured in museums and galleries throughout the country. A fact, of course, that also contributes in some measure to the lack of general knowledge and appreciation of these painters. It was therefore the influence that such men had upon their pupils and contemporaries that was apparent in the

clarity and balance of the pictures to be seen on this occasion.

The exhibition lasted for four weeks, and many of the Danish residents in London took the opportunity of viewing the collection and becoming familiar with the works of these artists or refreshing memories of old favorites. An oasis of Danish paintings in a world rather dominated with art from France, America, England, Italy, Holland and many other countries.

Dana Centennial Fund Reaches \$6 Million

Dana College's Centennial Fund has reached, and passed, its \$6 million goal. Dr. James Kallas, Dana's president, made the announcement at an October 26 campus dinner for the drive's leadership. Kallas said that the three-year campaign, the largest held by the college, raised \$6,025,809 in gifts and pledges.

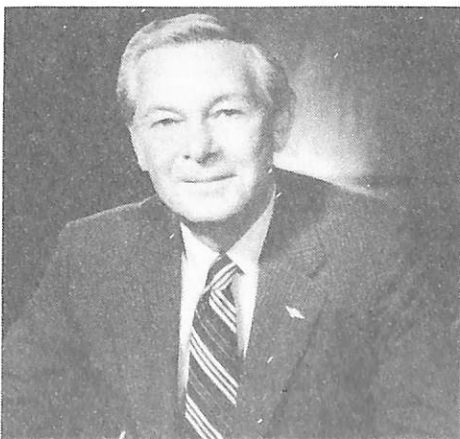
National co-chairpersons for the Centennial Fund were Harold Andersen, president, The Omaha World-Herald; Richard Hunt, vice-president, HunTel Systems, Blair, Nebr.; Herbert Knudsen, senior patent and license counsel, The Standard Oil Company of Ohio, Cleveland, Ohio; and Dr. Omer Reed, president, Ceram-Dent, Inc., Phoenix, Arizona.

National honorary co-chairpersons were Steve Allen, Van Nuys, California; Victor Borge, Greenwich, Connecticut, and Dr. Clifford Madsen, Blair, Nebraska.

International Sports Registration Sport for Understanding

Sport for Understanding, a non-profit international sports exchange program, is currently forming 37 teams in different sports to play in Europe, Asia and Latin America next summer. Players aged 14-19 need only to have average or better athletic ability and can sign up in any of the following sports: basketball, cross country, diving, field hockey (w), golf, ice hockey, judo, skiing, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, track, volleyball (w), water polo (m).

All team programs are 4 weeks in duration and each team is accompanied by a coach. Interested coaches and players should write to SFU, Dept. 101, 3501 Newark Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20016.



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The Amazing Telegraph

A Danish Story
by

Beverly Swerdlow Brown

One day, Mr. Kringler was sitting on the porch.

The mailman came by.

"I have a letter for you," he said. "It's from your Uncle Aren."

Quickly, Mr. Kringler tore open the envelope.

He looked at the letter and frowned.

"I cannot read this," he said. "The words are upside down."

He went into the house and showed Mrs. Kringler the letter.

"Silly," she said. "Stand on your head. Then you will be able to read the letter."

Mr. Kringler smiled. "You are very smart," he said. "I will do just that!"

Mrs. Kringler handed her husband the letter.

Mr. Kringler read it aloud: "Dear Nephew," it began. "I must make this letter brief as I have a short pencil. I cannot work. My shoes are old and have holes in them. What should I do?"

Mrs. Kringler looked very worried.

Mr. Kringler, who was standing right side up, said, "What is the matter, my dear?"

"Your uncle," replied his wife, "is very sick and in the hospital."

"How dreadful," said Mr. Kringler, looking sad and teary-eyed. "But where does it say that in the letter?"

"It doesn't," said Mrs. Kringler, sighing. "But if his shoes have holes in them, his feet will get wet when it rains and he will catch a cold. He will get sick and have to go to the hospital."

"Oh, my," said Mr. Kringler. "My poor uncle Aren. Sick. What shall we do?"

Mr. and Mrs. Kringler walked around in a circle, paced back and forth and walked around in a circle again.

"Aha," said Mrs. Kringler. "I have an idea! We'll wire a pair of shoes to your uncle!"

Mr. Kringler looked puzzled. "Wire a pair of shoes to my uncle," he repeated. "Won't that hurt his feet?"

"I don't think so," said his wife. "I heard on the radio that people wire flowers and messages by telegraph. So why not a pair of shoes?"

Mr. Kringler smiled. "You are very clever," he said. "Let's go into town and buy some."

When they saw a store they went inside.

"What size does your uncle wear?" asked Mrs. Kringler.

Mr. Kringler thought for a moment. "Well, 12 inches equal one foot," he replied. "For two feet he would wear size 24."

They bought the shoes.

As they walked home, Mr. Kringler saw tall poles with lines strung across them. "These must be the telegraph wires you were telling me about," he said to Mrs. Kringler.

He climbed a pole and tied the new shoes to the lines. "I hope he likes them."

Then he slid down the pole and he and Mrs. Kringler walked away.

Soon, a weary traveler came by

He saw the shoes.

He took off his old ones and tied them onto the lines. Then he put on the new shoes and left.

Later, Mr. and Mrs. Kringler came back.

They looked at the tall poles again.

Mrs. Kringler smiled. "The telegraph is truly amazing," she said. "See how quickly it works!"

Mr. Kringler nodded. "My uncle Aren got his new shoes and sent me his old ones!"

Happy, they both went home

Our Lodges in Action

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

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

PACIFIC-NORTHWEST

Lodge #33, Tacoma, WA — It was an exciting evening for fifty-one members and guests at Titlow Lodge October 27 as they celebrated Høstfest. The atmosphere was perfect, with trees showing autumn colors, peeking through many french windows at the lodge. Brightly colored leaves were used along with pumpkin colored placemats and napkins for table decorations.

The social hour was spent with members exchanging experiences of recent travels to Denmark and vacationlands throughout the summer. Tapes of Danish music provided by President Carsten Rasmussen were played throughout the evening.

At 7 p.m. dinner was served. It started with trays brought to each table filled with Danish open-faced sandwiches and pickled herring and akvavit skaaling. Danish songs were sung. Then the guests lined up for tossed salad, scalloped potatoes, red cabbage, frikadeller, and tasty french rolls. More Danish songs were sung. The last course was Danish kringler, served on dessert plates and brought to each table by Maryanne Rasmussen and helpers.

Tickets were sold for many desirable prizes, some donated by Grant Nylander and Sylvia Furseth. Peter Rasmussen entertained us with a comical Danish song. The balance of the evening was spent dancing to Danish dance tapes. Maryanne Rasmussen and her helpers deserve a blue ribbon for their excellent planning and efforts.

Signe A. Wenness, Cor.

Lodge #42, Spokane, WA — We welcome Henning M. Nord, who became our newest member of Vind Lodge 42 on September 6, 1984. Henning has assured us that he will be a very active member and contribute all he has for the Brotherhood. Great!

A delicious potluck dinner disappeared bite by tasty bite before the October 3, 1984, meeting held at Lodge Presidents' Agnes and Sheridan Perry's home with honored guests Else and Ernst Christensen of Tulstrup, Denmark. Else is Agnes' cousin, and they had just completed a 4,000 mile sightseeing tour of the western states. Highlights were Solvang, The Redwoods, and Disneyland.

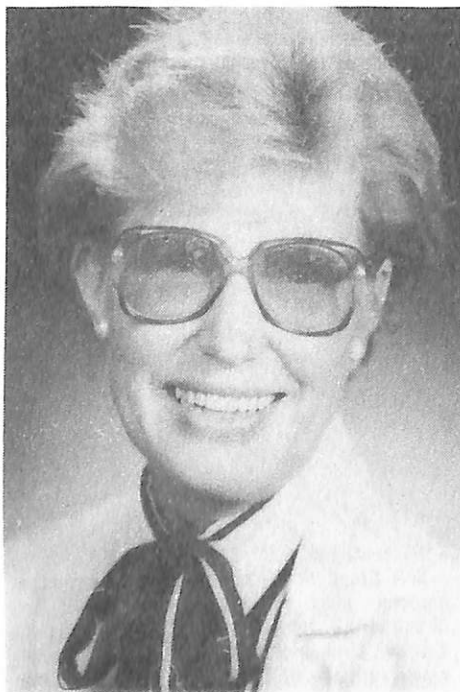
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The best idea award for December goes to Lodge No. 84, Lincoln, Nebraska. See page 15.

1984's version of the annual Danish Christmas party begins at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 15. Remind the children in your family to plan and share this special night with the Danes. You, the children and any other members of your family are invited and encouraged to participate in this year's Christmas program. Singers, reciters, dancers and players of musical instruments are all welcome to share the holiday spirit. An adult donation of \$1 will be asked. Each family is requested to donate candy, cookies or a cake. Happy children dancing and singing around the Christmas tree, usually closely followed by Santa himself, are always the highlight of the evening.

Lawrence Charneski, Sec.

Lodge #167, Portland, OR — Betty Jensen Pritchett is Dean of Development and Special Programs at Mt. Hood Community



Betty Jensen Pritchett.

College, Gresham, Oregon, a suburb of Portland. She has her doctorate's degree in education. She is a member of the Gresham City Council and extremely interested in her heritage.

Betty wants to help exchange students and faculty members go to Denmark through The Danish Brotherhood and to make a trip to Denmark to the International University in Aalborg next year and see her family farm in the Aalborg area of Jutland.

A Christmas party for children will be presented by the Brotherhood and Sisterhood on December 15 at Bethany Lutheran Church, 37th and N.E. Skidmore. Linda Jensen will be the chairman.

Be sure to mark your calendars, as this is a fun Danish Christmas celebration. There will be singing around the Christmas tree, entertainment, a visit by the Julemand and refreshments.

Jens Jensen, Cor.

Lodge #328, Vancouver, B.C., Canada — On Monday, December 17 at 7 p.m. the Danish film, "Landmandsliv," an operetta, will be shown at the Swedish Hall. Coffee and Danish pastry will be served after the film.

Fifty members showed up for our October meeting to hear Svend Robinson give a talk on what it was like to work in the government. It was a very interesting speech.

Villy Andersen was elected to represent the Brotherhood on the Board of the Danish Community Centre for the coming year.

Congratulations to the young men's soccer team for beating their Seattle opponents and bringing home the cup. Better luck to the Old Boys next time.

Jarl Christensen, Cor.

Lodge #348, Eugene, OR — Sunday, October 21 Lodge 348 held its 3rd annual brunch at Daneland Mobile Home Park Recreation Hall. About 150 people came and enjoyed the Danish delicacies served by Agner Ranch and his helpers.

Thanks go to Lyle and Iris Jacobsen for the use of their nice building.

At our last meeting of 1984, we will have election of officers for 1985. After the meeting there will be making of Christmas decorations.

There must still be some Viking sailing knowledge left in the Danes. Our own Sven Toffemark and Poul Olesen, if not Olympic hopefuls, are very qualified to compete in sailing on a local basis. A few weeks ago they participated with their 25 foot Catalina in a Columbus Day regatta at Newport, Oregon. In their class, 8 boats took part in four races. Sven and Poul took 3 first and 1 second place. Enough to give them 1st overall placing.

CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

District News

Our 1984 convention was great! We presume your trip home was a good one and we hope you plan to attend the 1985 convention in Orange County.

The site and date for our 1985 convention have been selected, with consideration for families. It will be held at the Emerald Hotel August 8-10. The Emerald is a new hotel very close to Disneyland. Circle these dates on your calendar now.

Lodge #49, San Francisco, CA — Once again the lodge arranged a birthday party. Being 92 years old certainly called for a celebration, and the date was November 17. A dinner-dance took place at the Brentwood Lodge in South San Francisco, a popular place where 49's members and friends always find fine food and a beautiful atmosphere. Per Jantzen chaired the committee.

Due to holidays, Lodge 49, which usually meets the fourth Wednesday, has changed the meeting nights in November and December to the second Wednesday. December 12 will be the evening we celebrate Christmas with Margrethe Lodge 24 of the Danish Sisterhood.

Henning Jensen, Sec.

Lodge #126, Los Angeles, CA — The nominating committee has proposed the same slate of officers for 1985 with two exceptions. December 6 we will need nominations from the floor for First Trustee and Guard.

It was reported 100 people attended our fish dinner. A big success.

Enjoy the holiday season.

Betty Seale, Sec.

Lodge #143, Petaluma, CA — Our lodge, together with Danish Sisterhood Lodge 126, is fortunate to have youth leaders who devote much time, talent and effort to promote the participation of our young people in activities for our lodges' entertainment and for audiences outside of our organizations.

New Members

Name	Lodge No.	Location	Sponsor
David J. Richardson	14	Kenosha, WI	Edgar F. Gastaldi
Glen D. Madsen	15	Des Moines, IA	Svend Andersen
Dagny Nielsen	17	Chicago, IL	Niels Nielsen
Swen Dangard	17	Chicago, IL	P. Glen Holmen
Vasso Dangard	17	Chicago, IL	P. Glen Holmen
P. Glen Holmen	17	Chicago, IL	Svend Jorgensen
Hans Erik Haxager	17	Chicago, IL	P. Glen Holmen
Brent Allan Stary	17	Chicago, IL	Merle Nylen
Steven L. Smith	17	Chicago, IL	Merle Nylen
Christopher J. Smith	17	Chicago, IL	Merle Nylen
Astrid W. Swanson	35	Chicago, IL	Jess Muller
Doris C. Whitcomb	35	Chicago, IL	Jess Muller
Florence L. Peterson	35	Chicago, IL	Jess Muller
Helge C. Johnson	35	Chicago, IL	Ivar Johansen
William W. Gillespie	46	Perth Amboy, NJ	George W. Ferdinandsen
Gordon J. Rausz	46	Perth Amboy, NJ	Everette Erickson
William Eric Sorensen	64	Rockford, IL	Donald B. Moon
Robert M. McKinley	144	Dike, IA	Gordon Sloth
Hans A. Jall	164	Brooklyn, NY	Elpha O'Brien
Borge M. Nielsen	167	Portland, OR	Mel Pihl
Cheryl D. Freeman	167	Portland, OR	June Pihl
Hans Hoeck	167	Portland, OR	Mel Pihl
Ronald Jensen	167	Portland, OR	Mel Pihl
Janice M. Costa	167	Portland, OR	Mel Pihl
Marion V. Nelson	182	Waukegan, IL	Janet Petersen
Milo N. Nelson	186	Luck, WI	Irvin Christensen
Margaret E. Nelson	186	Luck, WI	Irvin Christensen
Evelyn A. C. Pedersen	186	Luck, WI	Raymond Pedersen
Donald E. Hunt	227	Detroit, MI	Ronald E. Hammer
John P. Warren	227	Detroit, MI	Orla Pedersen
James C. Harriman	261	Fowler, CO	Jim Harriman
Richard D. Harriman	261	Fowler, CO	Jim Harriman
Willis H. Lowther	261	Fowler, CO	Tom Fedde
Orval G. Garrett	261	Fowler, CO	Mike Pharr
Hans Jorgen Faarø Pøvlisen	299	Solvang, CA	Ferdinand Sorensen
Amelia Bech Nielsen	323	Alhambra, CA	Inger Dix
Viggo Bech Nielsen	323	Alhambra, CA	Inger Dix
Ilse Sullivan	325	Nassau County, NY	Niels B. Hansen
Hanne A. Maxwell	325	Franklin Square, NY	Henry Rohl
Keld Christensen	328	Vancouver, B.C.	Jorgen Schroder
Carlo E.C. Jensen	328	Vancouver, B.C.	Holger Wammen
Roger M. Kovaltzenko	328	Vancouver, B.C.	Holger Wammen
Per E. Caspersen	328	Vancouver, B.C.	Jorgen Schroder
Ann M. Schlensker	340	Wood Dale, IL	Ted Kaiser
Hedwig A. Taurino	342	Bucks Co., PA	Joan Nielsen
Yvonne L. Nielsen	342	Bucks Co., PA	Ulla Pedersen
Erik Nielsen	342	Bucks Co., PA	Ulla Pedersen
Vivian I. Lindholm	343	Waupaca, WI	Melda Mortensen
Aage Lindholm	343	Waupaca, WI	Melda Mortensen
Eric B. McKinley	600	Omaha, NE	Lenora Madsen
Steven M. Christensen	600	Omaha, NE	Michael Nielsen
Diane L. Christensen	600	Omaha, NE	Michael Nielsen
Maxine E. Altic	600	Omaha, NE	Diane Doyle

**A Steak in Our Future . . . And a Byte More
New Members Can Participate, Too!**



Petaluma's mother hens.

One example is the group of Petaluma "chicks" and "mother hens." The "mother hens" who lead the group are Dorothy MacKinnon and Carol Elu. The group has performed for lodge functions, as well as for the Dania-Dannebrog's state convention in Santa Rosa during April and the Brotherhood-Sisterhood's chicken barbecue last summer. They brought pleasure and smiles to an eager audience at "Aldersly" Danish Retirement Home in San



Chicks and mother hens in performance.

Rafael, where these pictures were taken. Their last performance was for an audience at a local convalescent home. With that performance they have "retired their feathers." We are all very proud of our mother hens and chicks — all are children, grandchildren and great grandchildren of local lodge members. We thank them for bringing pleasure to so many.

Alice Rasmussen, Cor.

Lodge #299, Solvang, CA — A real good tri-tip dinner was served by the Janin Acres crew. New member Jan Poulsen was initiated and welcomed.

A contribution was made to the memorial fund, which will go to the F.F.A. in memory of Frank Jacobsen. At the Danish Days party a total of 220 dinners were served. The Brotherhood's share of the proceeds amounted to \$665. The secretary was instructed to search the minutes for bylaw changes suggested but not acted upon and report to the Bylaw Committee consisting of Johannes Jaeger, Bob Lassiter and Max Hanberg. Committee for November was Jorgen Hansen, Victor Kunze, and Kevin Petersen.

Henry B. Edwards, Cor.

Lodge #306, San Diego, CA — The newest Danish Brotherhood in America lodge in California is Kodan Lodge 346 of Riverside/San Bernardino Counties. The members of 346 have published a useful and fascinating cookbook entitled, Viking Vittles. Art Norgaard has a supply of this publication available at the bargain price of \$5.00 each. A good way to assist a neighboring lodge would be to purchase one.

Art Norgaard, Cor.

Lodge #319, Bakersfield, CA — The October meeting featured a delicious barbecued steak dinner ably handled by many brothers, but special thanks go to President Bill McDonald, Elton Nelson, Owen Nelson, and

Verner Stenderup. And to their wives, Inge, Ethel, Oline and Birthe for their help. The Sisterhood's program was a display of books and materials for Danish Embroidery with many sisters bringing their handwork for show and tell. Jacob and Vivian Jeppesen and Pete and Dorothy Peterson served dessert.

The Christmas party for adults and children will begin at 6:30 p.m., December 6 at the Labor Hall, 200 W. Jeffrey. Open-faced sandwiches, beer, cookies, coffee and punch will be served. Bill Fowler will play accordion music.

Installation of officers will be held February 16. Details will be announced. Save the date and join us for a delightful evening.

Dorothy Peterson, Cor.

Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA — Phylis and Dawn Davis represented our Youth Committee at the California-Nevada convention. Phylis and Dawn rented a car and drove 11 hours straight through from Long Beach to attend.

Viggo and Amelia Bech Nielsen were initiated at our November meeting.

Julie and Bill Grant came down from San Francisco just to be at the Progressive Dinner.

A short meeting was held before the regular business meeting on November 2, to make further plans for our Christmas party, December 7.

Kate Krake, Cor.

Lodge #345, Orange County, CA — In November we held our "Cabbage Patch" doll raffle drawing for "Lissa Lucie." We also held our annual bazaar. Of course, November was our big bingo night.

Our December meeting will be our Christmas party. It is a custom of our lodge to give a stocking to each child that attends.

Our Installation Dinner will be held at the Indian Hills Country Club in Riverside. We hope to travel by bus, and we have room for 41 people on that bus. The cost of the bus ride will be \$6.50 (if the bus is full) and the dinner will cost \$17.50 for a total of \$24.00 per person.

It is too bad that Marile Christensen wasn't present at the last meeting, as her name was drawn for the \$30 cash door prize. I realize it's a little far to come from Laramie, Wyoming, Marile!

Hazel Kjellsen, Sec.

Lodge #346, Riverside, CA — Our Lake Perris outing in August was a lovely day under warm sun and in refreshing blue water for nineteen members and guests.

The food at our Harvest Ball was outstanding. It's surprising how many made

dishes from recipes in our "Viking Vittles" cookbook. A special thanks to Darlene Petersen who created a beautiful birthday cake for Kodan's sixth birthday! Doris Thompson recycled Lars into a terrific scarecrow. Jim Patterson brought Charming Clara Cluck to the party. Winners of the Chicken Drop were Bill Johansen, Betty Forgrave, and Nancy Nielsen.

Lars also showed up at our Oktoberfest meeting, where we were treated to a complete dinner prepared by Sue Patterson. Thanks, Sue!

Too bad more members didn't come to Janet Jensen's swim party. It turned out a very pretty day. Thank you, Janet.

We'll be playing bingo at the November meeting. The grand prize for the blackout game will be the traditional gift certificate for a Thanksgiving turkey.

December 16 is the date for our family Christmas party at Patterson's barn. Plans are forming for our installation dinner dance January 12. This will be a joint affair with Lodge 345 and held at Indian Hills Country Club in Riverside.

Nancy Nielsen, Sec.

IOWA-MINNESOTA

Lodge #75, Albert Lea, MN — The anniversary dinner of Lodge 75, Albert Lea was held November 2 at the Cottage Cafe, Geneva, Minnesota. President Alton Neve welcomed the 90 brothers and sisters. Pastor Fred Jacobsen gave the invocation.

Brother Viggo Barthelsen served as Toastmaster —

*Brother Soren Sorensen was recognized as being an active member since 1913 — 71 years.

*Mr. and Mrs. Chris Jorgensen were recognized as celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary.

*The Presidents of the Minnesota-Iowa District were both present - Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Opdahl.

Vice President Helen Nelson was chairman of the event.

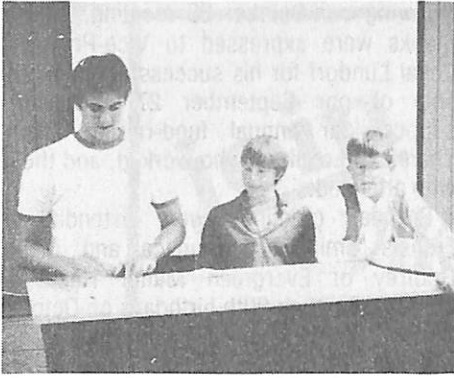
Door prizes were awarded to the following: Eunice Jensen, Milford Larson, Orin Martinson, Margaret Jacobsen, Orva Sorensen, Chas. Eastlund, Christine Hoyt, Eleanor Wegner, Laila Larson, Violet Jensen, Alvina Smith, and Elton Jorgensen.

President Neve reminded all of the Christmas party and gift exchange December 1st.

Alton and Marjorie Neve, Cor.

Lodge #144, Dike, IA — In October Lodge 144 and Sisterhood Lodge 176 learned about Skovsøen, one of the International Language Village camps.

Aaron Olsen, son of Don and Avriol Olsen,



(left to right) Paul Petersen, Aaron Olsen, and Dan Petersen, tell about their Skovsøen experience.

and Paul and Dan Petersen, sons of Merlyn and Catherine Petersen, told of their experiences at the two-week camp. Paul had taken a number of pictures and showed an interesting series of slides.

Each of the three young Danes told of events such as turning in their money, in exchange for Danish currency; going to gymnastics before breakfast, cleaning quarters thoroughly to pass a "white glove" inspection, and the pleasure of spending some of their money at the boutique.

There were five "Dane" meetings each day, a 20-minute period for the purpose of following some demonstrations from their language books, counting money in Dane, and greeting one another in Danish. Aaron said that they could sit at any table for breakfast, but in the afternoon they sat with their own groups.

There were various language groups represented at the Concordia College summer camps. Youth ranged in age from 8 to 17. There were even some Chinese there for the first time. The Dane population this year was 95 persons, more girls than boys. The boys reported the food was OK, lots of boiled potatoes. On one occasion, Paul made aebleskiver, which was good, but just a little burned. They enjoyed frikadeller and other good Danish dishes.

Activities included making artistic things, crafts, and clay articles. The final day was exciting, with friends and relatives present to watch the closing ceremonies.

Lyle Refshauge, Sec.

Lodge #219, Clear Lake, IA — Clear Lake Lodge 217 met in October following a potluck supper. Many of the members wore Halloween costumes. President Thorvald Sorensen called the meeting to order and introduced guests Ed and Sharon Meyer and their son John. A check from the Home Office for Best Suggestion for October was presented to the lodge.

President Sorensen read an article from

the Manly newspaper about Emy Lou and Chris Carstens. The writer of the article told of the burning of the Carsten's home, which stood where a park is now located. They passed away many years ago, but the lady remembers the welcome at their home when she was young and Danish words used by Chris and Danish foods fixed by Emy Lou. (Emy Lou and Chris were related to many of the members of our lodge.)

All members will bring food items to the November meeting to be used in the food pantry at Riverside Church in Mason City. These food items are needed for distribution to needy persons. **Kathy Sonsalla, Cor.**

Lodge #341, Kimballton-Elk Horn, IA — We met October 29 to celebrate Mortensaften by having a goose supper at the Kimballton Town Hall. Eighty attended.

Members brought a salad, vegetables or dessert. A bountiful meal was served by the committee.

The special activity award won at the district convention was displayed.

Maurice and Kathleen Lykke were accepted as new members.

A reading on Mortensaften was given by Lucille Wiges.

Lisa Riggs showed a slide presentation that was made up to show to the Danish Immigrant Museum committee when they were considering Elk Horn as the site. June Sampson, museum director, was a guest. She reported on her recent trip to Denmark. Also a guest was Anna Berg from Aurelia, Iowa. **Irene Boose, Cor.**

MIDWEST

Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI — What makes Lodge 14 one of the most active clubs in the country? As we have mentioned a number of times in the past — it's the devotion of our members!

A good example is one of our dedicated family members, Rudy Bernhardt, Jr. Rudy not only comes from a family of active brotherhood members (his father and mother, Rudy, Sr., and Lou, sons Todd, Jeff and Brian, and his wife Glori), but is responsible for many of the activities and improvements taking place in our lodge. They say "if you want a job well done, give it to a busy person." That seems to be the case with Rudy and Glori.

Welcome to new members — David Richardson and Leon Koker.

Ten-year-old Carrie Kirby sent a letter to the lodge thanking all the members for helping her attend the Danish Language Camp in Minnesota. She had a wonderful time and hopes to return next year. We hope more of our local children will think

about Skovsøen next year. It is a marvelous Danish experience. There will be money available from the Midwest District and also from National Headquarters for those interested.

The first meeting in December is election of officers.

Lodge #34, Dwight, IL — Our lodge was happy to honor Jens Andreassen for his 70 years of membership recently. Mr. Andreassen was born on October 5, 1888, in Hjorring, Denmark. After journeying to America in 1911, he joined our lodge on January 1, 1914.

Jens was presented with a certificate from the National Board of Directors commemorating his 96th birthday. He received an engraved pipe holder and pipe from the Board and our lodge. He was very proud to be recognized for his membership and service to The Danish Brotherhood.



Lodge 34 President Rick Sullivan makes presentation to Jens Andreassen (seated). (Star Newspaper photo)

Lodge 34 hosted the annual Midwest Dart Extravaganza October 20 at the Carriage House in Dwight. Fifty members from 7 lodges participated in the annual event. There were 38 men and 12 women, and 3 guests who attended the dinner at 12:30 p.m. In each division — the winning teams were: Ladies - Elaine Ibsen, #14 and Pam Seyller, #92; men - Dwight's Rick Sullivan and Dale Seyller, #92. We were pleased to host the event where everyone enjoyed good food, friendship, fraternalism and sportsmanship. Thanks to Bob Weller for organizing the event.

Margaret A. Goodwin, Sec.

Lodge #35 Chicago, IL — Three applications for membership were read and approved in October with initiation taking place. Those welcomed were: Doris C. Whitcomb, Florence L. Peterson and Helge Johnson.

The committee for January, February, and March will have a barbeque January 18.

Woody Petersen reported the Danish Consul General would be asked to attend the barbeque.

Several members have suggested the lodge do a little more than it does to help others. Everyone is to bring canned or non-perishable food to the next two meetings so Christmas baskets can be filled for those in need. All items will go to Lutheran Family Mission in Chicago. **Elsa Petersen, Cor.**

Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI — Our October 13 Pork and Red Cabbage dinner was another successful event. We were honored by the presence of National President Bob Ibsen and his wife, Elaine. Thanks to Sally Jorgensen who chaired the event and to all who worked so hard. We fed 131 satisfied people, who dined with background music. There were 15 door prizes and 6 raffle items. Special thanks to the visiting Milwaukee-based Scandinavian chorus; to Paul Triplett who led them during their program; and to Ty Triplett for her piano accompaniment for group singing.

Our members will participate in Sugar Plum Days at the Pabst Mansion in Milwaukee on December 1-2, 8-9, and 15-16.

The Milwaukee public Museum will celebrate the fifth anniversary of the museum's European Village in December. Members will demonstrate counted-cross stitch and making Danish heart baskets on December 8, 9 and 27 as part of the celebration. **Albert L. Larsen, Sec.**

Lodge #92, St. Charles, IL — We held election of officers at our November meeting. This was changed so we would not have two evenings in a row for our December meeting and Christmas party. Initiation of officers will be in January, as in the past.

Our Christmas party will be December 15,

1984, with a cocktail hour at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. I know we'll have a delicious dinner and good fellowship. We have an evening of entertainment planned that includes a guest singer by the name of Adeline. We will also have a gentleman by the name of Vernon Schwartz who does mime. It wouldn't surprise me at all if we had a visit from that old man of the North, Santa Claus. He just may have a gift in his sack for you. Reservation forms will be sent and we sure hope all of our members will join in this most festive time of year.

Lois Skraboly, Cor.

Lodge #340, Wood Dale, IL — We have been invited to Olga Lodge 11 and Denmark Lodge 35's 95th anniversary dinner-dance on November 10, 1984.

We had five people attending the Dart Extravaganza in Dwight on October 20. Ted, Jack, Allan, Poul and Rune all had a good time. They did not place in the competition; however, they did win four raffle prizes.

At the Midwest District Convention, 1984, Jack Andersen was elected to the board as 3rd trustee. Congratulations Jack. Now go get 'em. **Barb Karsbaek, Sec.**

Lodge #343, Waupaca, WI — A colorful Danish display table at the October 10 Pioneer Arts Festival, part of the local Chamber of Commerce Fallorama, was that of Aleine Miller, Margaret Miller, Margie Hansen, Sarah Rasmussen and Inga Polly, all in Danish costumes, and with the American and Danish flags in their stands. A lighted ceramic Christmas tree, trimmed with Danish heart baskets and strings of Danish flags, drew attention to the aebleskiver in their pan and to instructions for making woven Danish heart baskets for traditional Danish Christmas trees.

During our October 25 meeting, special thanks were expressed to Vice-President Loyal Lundorf for his successful chairmanship of our September 27 aebleskiver supper, our annual fund-raising effort. Thanks to Loyal, all who worked, and those who attended.

Birthday greetings were extended to Francis Smith of Waupaca and Mabel Godfrey of Evergreen Manor Home in Oshkosh for their 90th birthdays on October 7 and 25, respectively. Melda and Henry Mortensen visited both and extended our good wishes.

Program co-chairperson Melda Mortensen introduced Past President Margaret Miller who presented an informative program on "The Contributions of Danes in the Early Settlement of Waupaca." Her trip down memory lane took us across the town, pointing out Dane after Dane who had been in business along the way; telling who or what is presently in the location. Delicious sandwiches, cake and coffee were served by Inga Polly, Mae Stocker, Vivian and Carroll Jensen.

Our December meeting will start with a 6:30 p.m. potluck meal on Thursday, December 13. **Evelyn L. Doerr, Pres.**

DECEMBER ASSESSMENT NUMBER 1026

Is Due and Payable to the Lodge Treasurer

December 1, 1984

And Must Be Paid Before

January 1, 1985

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

HOWARD CHRISTENSEN, Secretary-Treasurer

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
10-9-84	Warren J. Axelson	70	Chicago, IL	35	Chicago, IL	1977
3-10-84	Helge V. Nielsen	63	Copenhagen, DK	325	Nassau County, NY	1981
9-9-84	Marguerite Vida	64	Spokane, WA	42	Spokane, WA	1970
10-13-84	Perle Boyd	77	Litchfield, IL	14	Kenosha, WI	1975
9-29-84	Jens C. Agesen	77	Denmark	46	Perth Amboy, NJ	1973
9-2-84	Kai B. Bjorsen	83	Copenhagen, DK	46	Perth Amboy, NJ	1976
9-29-84	A. Leth Nissen	96	Silkeborg, DK	227	Detroit, MI	1927
9-22-84	Orville J. Anderson	68	Illinois	14	Kenosha, WI	1974
9-20-84	John Lauritzen	84	Schottburg, Schlesvig	92	St. Charles, IL	1946
8-31-84	Aage Dolleris	80	Frederikshavn, DK	325	Nassau Co., NY	1935
9-8-84	Bernhard E. Petersen	91	Bridgeport, CT	314	Hartford, CT	1920
9-30-84	Otto H. Meyer	76	Elk Horn, IA	314	Hartford, CT	1939
5-15-84	Henry Kanstrup	80	Helsingør, DK	50	Byram, CT	1927
10-21-84	John L. Nelson	95	Rønne, Bornholm, DK	171	Jamestown, NY	1912
9-24-84	Harold Hansen	83	St. Paul, MN	45	Minneapolis, MN	1939
10-84	Jack Jacobsen	64	Omaha, NE	195	Omaha, NE	1961

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NEBRASKA

Lodge #84, Lincoln, NE — The display and sale at the Harvest Festival held Saturday evening, October 13 was a huge success. This will help greatly in planning for our Christmas activities. The festival was sponsored by our Sisterhood Lodge 90, with our Brotherhood lodge.

Visitors for the festivities were: Armand and Eloise Thomsen of Omaha Lodge No. 1; Andy and Verna Madsen of Minden Lodge No. 16 and their granddaughter Kimberly Poore of South Sioux City, Nebr.; Olie and Dagmar Ahlquist of Lincoln; Curt and Pat Crandall of Lincoln; and Dr. Otto and Dagmar Hoiberg of Lincoln.

Program chairmen for the evening were Bertha and Olga Andersen. Their assistants were Margaret Fintel, Wilma Kavanagh, Mabel Petersen, Claudia and Gunnar Overgaard.

Dr. Hoiberg was the main speaker of the

evening and his topic "Danish Immigration to America" was very interesting. He also gave us the latest information about the new Danish Immigrant Museum being planned on a site at Elk Horn, Iowa.

Biographical exchanges were given by Don and Eudean Lehn.

Gunnar Overgaard was our capable auctioneer for the evening, who stimulated the Danish members to bid on the harvest items.

Don Lehn, Pres.

Lodge #161, Ruskin, NE — We met Saturday evening, October 13, at the Ruskin Party Room. Twenty-nine members were present. A business meeting was held. The new State President, Floyd Andersen (member of 161), was introduced. Ginny Schultz, State Secretary-Treasurer, read the minutes of the state convention.

Kim Erickson gave an excellent report and had pictures to show on her week spent at Skovsøen Danish Camp in August. A Hallo-

ween party consisting of several games provided much merriment. Cooperative refreshments were enjoyed. Hosts for the evening were Wayne and Ginny Schultz and Soren and Grace Thompson. The next meeting will be a pre-Thanksgiving supper November 10.

Lois Lewis, Sec.

Lodge #206, Blair, NE — The following members were appointed to the nominating committee: Bob Jorgensen, Chairman; Harriet Palle, Duane Nielsen. This committee has been hard at work to present us with a slate of officers for 1985.

Jerry Christensen, Pres.

MICHIGAN-OHIO

Lodge #51, Ludington, MI — The regular meeting of Lodge 51 was held October 3. We wish to velkommen Randy L. Ray into Lodge 51. On September 19 a special meeting was held on proposed bylaws of Lodge

51. After presentation by the Bylaw Committee and some discussion, the bylaws were accepted by the membership.

In September, Lodge 51 hosted the Michigan-Ohio District Fishing Derby.

None of the boats ventured out of the harbor, but fished Pere Maurice Lake instead. It seems the boat Howard Olsen, the President of Detroit Lodge 227, was on developed motor trouble shortly after they were out and returned to the dock. They didn't miss much outside of a boat ride, as fishing was not good. Only two salmon were caught, the biggest one 15 pounds.



National Director Paul Carlsen presents 25-year pins.



50-year and over members receive pins and certificates from Director Carlsen.

On October 6 Lodge 51 had an awards dinner and dance honoring 11 members who received their 50-year Service Certificate and pins. Three members received their 25-year pins. Presenting awards was Paul Carlsen, National Director. Receiving Service Certificates for 50 years or more were Albert Christofferson, 61 years; Harold Williamson, 54 years; and Hans Larsen, 54 years. Receiving 50-year pins and service certificates were Delbert Williamson, Alfred Larsen, Arne Christensen, Clarence Fonnesbeck, Edward C. Larsen, Earl Jensen, Niels P. Christensen, Howard Hansen and Walter Sadowsky. Members receiving their 25-year pins were James F. Hansen, Richard D. Hansen, and Eugene Cater. The evening started with a chicken dinner at the Danish Hall. The award presentations followed and two slide programs furnished by the national headquarters. The evening was capped with dancing. We thank everyone who made this an enjoyable evening for over 120 members and guests.

Keith Koegler, Pres.

Lodge #227, Detroit, MI — It was a wonderful surprise for many of us to see Viggo Mikkelsen at our September meeting. Viggo and wife Caroline were here from Florida.



National Director Paul Carlsen presents Past National President Viggo Mikkelsen with a portrait which will hang in the Detroit Danish Club.



Lodge 227 President Howard Olsen stands by (left) while Viggo thanks the lodge and accepts the DBIA baseball cap which accompanied the portrait. National Director Paul Carlsen is on the right. (Photos courtesy Harold Capion)

Viggo has been president of 227 several times over the years. He was a Past National President from 1963-1967 and claims to be the oldest Brotherhood member (not age, but time as a member).

The 79th anniversary dinner/dance held September 29 is now history. A delicious prime rib dinner was served followed by dancing to the music of "Four of a Kind."

We send our best wishes for speedy recovery to Frans Jensen, Axel Christensen, Edgar Larsen, Viggo Mikkelsen, Henning Jensen and Carl Jensen.

The first meeting in October was well-attended with dinner before our business meeting. The second meeting of October was short because of the Sisterhood's card party next door in the Viking Room.

Bob Sorensen made a motion to purchase Danish Christmas ornaments from the Sisterhood's craft table. Some of the Sisterhood members are making ornaments for our lodge's children's Christmas party on December 26.

The Danish National Committee is planning to give away a turkey at our first dinner/meeting in November.

Ken Christensen, Cor.

GCEL

District News

The Scholarship Committee has chosen Christina Simonsen of Lodge 32, New Haven, Connecticut as the winner of the 1984 GCEL scholarship.

Christina graduated from North Branford High School, 16 in a class of 157, achieving a b+ average. Chris is now attending James Madison University in Harrisonburg, VA, where she is a freshman pursuing a nursing degree. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Simonsen, long-time members of Lodge 32.

Erling Braumann, Chairman
GCEL Scholarship Committee

Lodge #116, Newark, NJ — November 9 was nomination and election of officers, and election of delegates to the Old People's Home. This was also Past Presidents' night, with Carl Ingeholm in charge of refreshments.

If you missed our anniversary banquet, you missed a good time. The meal was very good; the music just the kind you like; the company was congenial. A fine tribute to our 85 years.

Hope everyone enjoys a very Happy Thanksgiving.
John C. Madsen, Sec.

Lodge #172, Philadelphia, PA — We welcomed the parents of Carl Gudnitz who were visiting the U.S.

October brought the fall's first smørrebrød, by Bobbie and crew.

Our annual Christmas party will be held this year on December 14. It will be sponsored by the Philadelphia lodge and held at our new meeting place, the IAM Hall.

Cost is \$22 per person and reservations will be taken by Joe Jeantet (328-9307) on a first come, first served basis. We are promised a prime rib dinner, complete with salad, potatoes, vegetables, coffee, a dessert table, etc. Look forward to shrimp hor d'oeuvres!

Erik will do the catering, Al will provide music for dancing, and Tom will prepare drinks.
Lorraine Malmquist, Cor.

Lodge #190, Schenectady, NY — Holiday greetings to our brothers, sisters and friends of Lodge 190. The seasons march right along.

In September and October we had tasty dinners and transacted our business in good order.

We will celebrate our 80th anniversary and annual Christmas party on December 22, 1984, at the Century House, a few miles north of the traffic circle at Latham (going north, on the right). Cocktails at 6:30 p.m.; dinner at 7:30 p.m. Reservations must be in

by December 15. Contact Bill Peterson, 459-4417; Norm Hanson, 346-8328; or Pete Nielsen, 346-8153 for reservations. Cash bar. Reservations \$10 for all Danish Brotherhood or Sisterhood members and spouse, or one companion, if no spouse; and \$25.00 for other guests.

Bill Peterson, Cor.

Lodge #257, St. Petersburg, FL — The beautiful weather here in the Sunshine State brought welcome visitors from far off points. (It may be they were tipped off aebleskiver were to be served after the business meeting.) Present at our October meeting were guests Harold Gade, Lodge 4, Racine, Wis.; Carl Meyer, Lodge 35, Chicago, Ill.; Florence Rawsley, Toronto, Canada and the sister of Greta Larsen, Lilly Rasmussen, North Carolina.

We were very happy to welcome back from a siege of sickness former National President, Viggo Mikkelsen.

The plentiful supply of delicious aebleskiver was prepared by Greta Larsen with an assist from her sister, Lilly Rasmussen. Stense Hansen baked a beautiful cake. With the aebleskiver and cake, we all gained about 5 pounds each.

Emil Mogensen, Vice Pres.

Lodge #325, Nassau County, NY — Our meeting October 12 was well-attended. A number of guests were present, and some showed interest in joining our lodge. One of them, Hanne Maxwell, did. She is a niece of one of our past members, Sofus Christensen.

Sofus was a founder of our lodge, his membership number was 4. He was very active in the Danish Brotherhood until his death in 1971. It is good to welcome one of the Christensen clan. We are also glad to welcome Ilse Sullivan, our newest member.

From Carolyn Andersen, we received a beautiful thank you letter, describing her

stay at Skovsøen. Seems like she really learned a lot about Denmark. Glad we were able to sponsor her. Carolyn is the granddaughter of Soffy and Ib Andersen.

After our business meeting we showed a Danish film about the 4 of July at Rebild in Denmark.

Niels B. Hansen, Sec.

Lodge #342, Bucks County, PA — Our lodge is growing! We welcome our new initiates — Rick and Loretta Trust, Kathryn Smith, and Lynda Malmquist.

A big "thank you" to our conductor, Bob Phoenix, who took over the meeting with the unexpected absence of Staff Keer and Ed Haag. Nice job, Bob. And thanks also to Harry Scarlett and Bill Madsen for performing the initiation ceremony. All went well.

Marge Jensen will enjoy a free Christmas dinner for selling the most raffle tickets (22 books) for the basket of cheer! And the winner of the drawing, Herman Nielsen, proclaimed this "my biggest surprise in 70 years!"

It is no longer unusual to see over 50 people attending our meetings, and this was the case in October. Our thanks to new members Rick and Loretta Trust who, along with Toby Bobman, produced some delicious roast beef sandwiches and desserts for all.

We are happy to report that we have two applicants for membership, Erik and Yvonne Nielsen. We also welcome as a "first-timer" George Haag (Ed's son), and hope he returns! George, who is presently interning with Senator Bradley from NJ, will graduate from Glassboro State College in December with a political science major.

Our president, Staff Keer, has been offered a terrific opportunity by his company to work at a Sattelite Tracking Station in Germany. We congratulate him, but will miss him and Jean when they depart in February.

Take heart! Walt Nielsen has informed us

that the "Mighty Viking Players" will return again! Any volunteers out there? The event is scheduled for April.

As our meeting was concluding, we were pleasantly surprised by the appearance of two very active former members known to most of us — Charlie and Ria Bartek. They say they like their new home and, after a trek on Roosevelt Blvd., noted that "There's no traffic in Indiana!"

November will see the nomination of officers for 1985. It is important that you be there! We will also hold our annual "bingo" evening, and an admission charge will cover some cards, coffee and cake (and of course, prizes).

Lorraine Malmquist, Cor.

Youth News

Lodge #167, Portland, OR — The Young Vikings outing to Astoria in September was a very informative and fun day, with warm, sunny weather to add to it. We had a wonderful tour of the Maritime Museum with a tour guide and then a picnic at Fort Stevens State Park. We delighted in eating Danish hot dogs, corn on the cob, salads, fruit and desserts.

The children had a great time in the sand and wading in the lake. We were pleased two sets of grandparents joined us, Mr. and Mrs. Rutledge and Mr. and Mrs. Petersen (Ben Roley's grandparents) from Astoria were our guests.

Our next scheduled meeting will be in January with our third annual trip to Snow Bunny Lodge.

In the meantime, many ethnic events will be taking place in the next few months which the Brotherhood will be involved in. Young Vikings and parents can enjoy these events together and add to their knowledge of Danish culture and traditions.

Scholarship Announcement

The Scholarship Committee of the Board of Directors of The Danish Brotherhood wishes to announce that scholarship applications for the school year beginning September, 1985, will be considered beginning February 15, 1985. Eligible members wishing to apply should write to: The Danish Brotherhood in America, Scholarship Committee, P. O. Box 31748, Omaha, NE 68131. No applications received after February 15, 1985 will be considered by the Committee for the 1985 awards.

Scholarships are awarded in the amount of \$250.00 per semester and are renewable, pending qualification, to a total amount of \$2,000.00.

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

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

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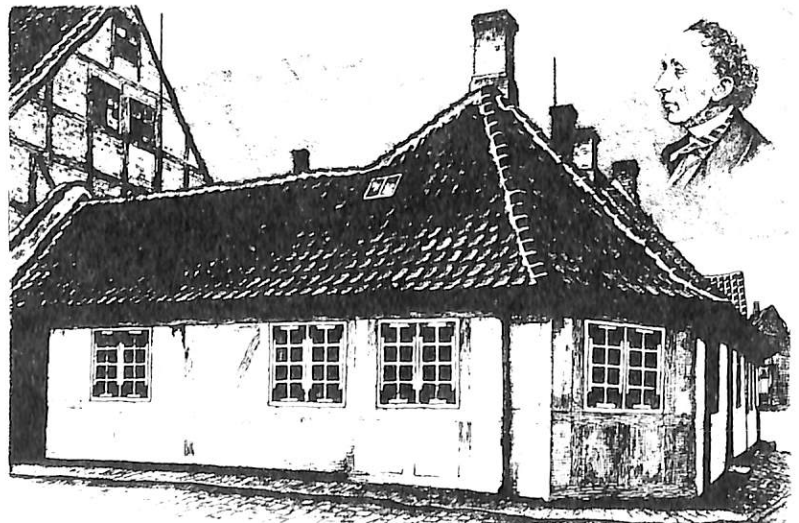
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A Danish Christmas in



the United States

by **Gunnar Horn**
Omaha, Nebraska

All during my childhood I enjoyed ethnic Christmases, although, of course, I didn't think of them that way. The celebrations were transplanted Danish Christmases, but at least in the early years, I didn't realize that either.

My mother, especially, had had a happy childhood in Denmark. In 1915 when she and my father came to the United States in their late twenties to start a new life, there must have been many occasions when they were homesick.

Christmastime had obviously been dear to my mother, and as I came to realize later, she strove to make my holidays memorable for me. It is likely that with the passing years, holiday customs in Denmark underwent changes, but our celebrations of Christmas didn't.

The big day was December 24, but preparations began weeks in advance. The home-made Christmas tree decorations were brought down from the attic and repaired or replaced, and new decorations were added. We spent many evenings around the dining room table cutting out angels and pasting on wings and

weaving little heart-shaped baskets out of colored paper. With my small fingers I was quite adept at pulling through the narrow strips of paper without tearing them. Dad usually gave up in disgust halfway through his first basket.

For many days mother baked "vanillekranse," "kringler," "pebernødder," and perhaps as many as half a dozen other Danish confections. The "kranse" were small cookies shaped like wreaths, which made them especially appropriate for the season.

Since dad was a carpenter, he suffered from seasonal layoffs. If he was working in mid-December, mother made marzipan, a real luxury in our eyes. Marzipan was made of crushed almonds, sugar and egg whites. I expect the almonds were expensive. Mother shaped carrots, radishes, onions, and potatoes of marzipan and decorated them realistically with fruit coloring. She also made a small replica of a roast goose. This was to play an important role on Christmas eve.

The morning of the 24th I was sure to wake up early, as my American friends would do on the 25th. As a small child I was

barred from the livingroom, where mother decorated the Christmas tree, brought in the night before after I had been sent to bed. In later years when I was allowed to help decorate the tree, I felt very grown up.

At noon we had a light lunch. Mother was busy with preparations for the big evening meal, and she wanted us to save our appetites.

We were only a family of three, but there were always guests on Christmas eve. They were often single young men who had recently come to America and had found work on one of the dairy farms on the fringes of Omaha. My parents would have met them at the Danish church on Twenty-second Street just south of Leavenworth.

Sometimes there were young women, too, who had come from Denmark to work as maids or cooks in the big houses on Farnam Street, in the area then known as the Gold Coast. I remember one who worked for the George Joslyns and often entertained us with tales of how "the other half" lived.

Sometimes chance meetings at our Christmas eve parties blossomed into romance and marriage, and dad and mother would be asked to "stand up" for the pair. In addition mother would likely be asked to prepare a wedding dinner.

Back to Christmas. The menu was always the same. The *piece de resistance* was a roast goose, stuffed with bread crumbs and prunes. The goose was preceded at the table by "risengrød," which was rice cooked in milk to a pudding consistency. The rice would be dished into soup bowls in the kitchen, and as Christmas was a holy day, mother would carefully spoon a cross in the center, into which she poured melted butter. The pudding was sprinkled with a mixture of sugar and cinnamon.

In one dish mother hid a blanched almond before the plates were carried to the table. Whoever found the almond would be awarded the marzipan goose, or in the years when there was no marzipan, a chocolate Santa Clause.

The search for the almond provoked much hilarity. Dad would sometimes refuse his place at the head of the table, saying there was never an almond in that plate. Sometimes it would happen that whoever got dad's chair would be the one to find the almond.

With the goose we had both mashed and scalloped potatoes, red cabbage, pickles and relishes and fresh-baked rolls.

Although we were not generally a wine-drinking family, we always had a glass of wine on Christmas Eve to toast one another. I didn't like the wine, but I drank it to appear grown up. The men in the party had a glass of schnapps if dad was working. Akvavit, imported from Denmark, was expensive then as now, and was considered a rare treat indeed. Sometimes several of the young men visitors would have gone together to buy a bottle as a gift for their host.

Dessert was always aebleskage, made of alternate layers of applesauce and bread crumbs baked in the oven with butter and cinnamon. The cake was covered with a thick layer of whipped cream and decorated with red and green maraschino cherries.

After dinner mother and any women guests would clear the table while the men sat around smoking cigars. For me this part of the evening seemed to drag on interminably.

With the dishes put away, mother read aloud the Christmas message in Danish from a prayerbook that had belonged to her grandfather. Following that we sang several Danish Christmas hymns while mother went into the livingroom and lit the candles on the tree. The candles were carefully placed, and despite dire warnings from American neighbors, our Christmas tree never caught fire.

The candles lit and the electric lights turned off, mother opened the door and we went in to admire the tree. In the earliest years



that I remember, we had only candles to light the tree. Later mother saved sparklers from the Fourth of July and hung them on the tree. The first year we had the sparklers they had been a well-kept secret and brought "ohs" and "ahs" from everyone.

A special feature of the tree decoration were strings of flags. At first there were only Danish flags. When my parents proudly became American citizens, mother felt that equal prominence should be given to the American flag. She wrote of her problem to her sisters in Denmark, and one of them found a shop that had a quantity of tiny American flags. We carefully glued them on long strings, and thereafter the Stars and Stripes hung in graceful loops around the uppermost branches of the tree.

Our tree always stood in the center of the room, and with chairs pushed back, we would hold hands and slowly circle the tree, singing more Danish hymns. It seemed to me that some of them had an endless number of verses. We always closed with "Glade Jul" ("Silent Night"). By then I was impatiently anticipating the distribution of the packages piled around the base of the tree.

Even before I could read the names on the tags, it was my job to distribute the gifts. I would take the packages to mother or dad to learn for whom they were intended. My own presents were carefully stacked until everyone else had been taken care of. Then came the excitement of unwrapping my gifts. I think I was always delighted with them, but then, of course, there were no television commercials to inflame my desires.

While I played with my new toys, the adults would sit around talking and smoking. Dad would offer the men another cigar, and if there were recently arrived young women who had brought the smoking habit with them from Denmark, mother would light her annual cigarette to make them feel comfortable. Women commonly smoked in Denmark in those days, but in the United States women who did so were considered "fast."

About 10 o'clock we would return to the dining room table for coffee, rum pudding, and cookies. Dad invariably claimed he couldn't taste any rum in the pudding and would pass around the akvavit bottle to anyone who wanted to "spike" his coffee. Mother would be alert to empty plates and insist that the guest have at least one more cookie.

An hour or so later the guests would depart with a "tak" and a "Glaedelig Jul." From force of habit mother would wash up the coffee cups and dessert plates, although she would have insisted to the female guests that she would just stack the dishes.

By then sleepy-eyed but reluctant to leave my new toys, I would toddle off to bed with a final "god nat" from my parents.

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(Chicken Soup)



by Dagmar Jensen

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| 2-3 parsnips | |

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Viking Adventures

May peace be your gift at Christmas
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From the National Headquarters staff, we send you Christmas greetings. Christmas is a special time for Danish Americans. Danish Brotherhood Christmas parties have been special events in the lives of many youngsters throughout the years. Memories carried home from annual lodge events last a lifetime. Here's how one lodge celebrates the holiday.

LODGE NO. 206, BLAIR, NEBRASKA

Harriet Palle was our correspondent and tells us how the Blair lodge spent one Christmas. "The Fraternal Order of Eagles Hall in Blair was the site of the annual Family Christmas supper. One could not help but have the Christmas spirit as you entered the beautifully decorated hall. The tables were set with red coverings, Christmas candles. There were crepe paper Christmas bells and streamers overhead. On the stage was a beautiful, decorated, live Christmas tree.

"Our menu was turkey...with all the trimmings. Following dinner Norman Bansen read a Christmas story, and Ivan Johansen led the group singing Christmas carols. Next, Santa appeared to distribute gifts to the children. (The gifts were brought by parents or grandparents.)

"Santa's appearance was followed by our adult "White Elephant" gift exchange, which always brings on laughter. It's unbelievable what might be found in these packages! (White Elephant gifts are something you might have in your home and no longer use.) The gifts are marked "ladies" or "mens" and kept in separate boxes to be passed out by someone on the evening's committee. A few of the gifts distributed were: a box of cigars, the kind passed out on the birth of a baby girl, for one man; a cookbook someone did not want any more, a plant and a vase. It's fun to see the expression on people's faces as they open their gifts.

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