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# President's Page

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

Under normal circumstances, decisions made by the National Board of Directors of the Danish Brotherhood in America are discussed in my annual report printed in May. However, during the annual meeting held at the National Headquarters on October 24-26, decisions were reached which need our immediate attention.

First of all, I would like to draw your attention to page 10 which contains a plea of help for Brian Perschnick. While no one ever wishes this type of illness to happen, we must look at this situation as an opportunity to prove our fraternal spirit. At times such as this we must remind ourselves of the promise we made during our initiation ceremony — "To the best of our ability, we (will) assist our members during illness and distress." Brian's family truly needs our assistance.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of another promise we made during our initiation ceremony — "to preserve precious customs and traditions originating in Denmark." What better way to preserve our Danish traditions than by supporting the Danish Immigrant Museum. Enclosed in this issue of the **American Dane** you will find a brochure describing this worthy cause. Please note charter memberships will only be available through December 31, 1985, so you must act now to have your name engraved on the history books forever.

Another tool which keeps many of our members in touch with Danish customs and traditions is the Danish newspapers. Only two such newspapers are available in the United States. We need to show our support to guarantee their continued existence. The two newspapers are (1) **Den Danske Pioneer**, Chris Steffensen, Editor and (2) **Bien**, Poul Dalby Andersen, Editor. Both newspapers welcome articles of interesting Danish events. I encourage all lodges to take advantage of their generosity and mail articles on a monthly basis. If you would like to subscribe to the **Den Danske Pioneer**, published bi-weekly, just mail your check or money order in the amount of \$17.00 per year to **Den Danske Pioneer**, 1582 Glen Lake Road, Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60195. If you would like to subscribe to **Bien**, published weekly, just mail your check or money order in the amount of \$15.00 per year to **Bien**, 4540 Hollywood Blvd., Los Angeles, California 90027. Your lodge might want to inquire about advertising rates to promote your lodge activities.

The National Board of Directors also recognized that we are constantly asking of our members and need to be giving more to our members. Therefore, the Howard E. Christensen Award has been developed. Since we all remember our late National Secretary-Treasurer for his outstanding dedication to the Danish Brotherhood, we feel this is an appropriate tribute to him while at the same time recognizing a member who constantly is putting forth that extra effort. Please see page 8 for complete details.

Finally, it is my pleasure to announce the National President's Awards. Please join me in congratulating the following:

**Best District for 1985 - Pacific Northwest**

**Best Single Social Activity - Lodge No. 1, Omaha, NE, St. Hans Aften Party**

**Best Single Civic Activity - Lodge No. 36, Milwaukee, WI Participation  
in "Sugar Plum Days" for 3 weekends**

**Best Annual Activity Schedule - Lodge No. 348, Eugene, OR**

**Best Newsletter - Lodge No. 167, Portland, OR and  
Lodge No. 35, Chicago, IL**

The winning district will receive a plaque and a check for \$200. Each winning lodge will receive a plaque and a check for \$100.

Special recognition is also being given by the Board of Directors to Lodge No. 227 of Detroit, Michigan for their continuation of blood drives.

Additionally, each lodge winning a District President's Award received \$25 in prize money from the National President's Award Committee. Congratulations to the following lodges winning within each district: **Pacific Northwest**, Lodge No. 328, Vancouver, B.C., single social activity; Lodge No. 167, Portland, OR, single civic activity; Lodge No. 348, Eugene, OR, annual activity schedule; and Lodge

No. 167, Portland, OR, newsletter. **Iowa-Minnesota United Lodges**, Lodge No. 341, Elk Horn, IA, single social activity; Lodge No. 144, Dike, IA, single civic activity; Lodge No. 217, Humboldt, IA, annual activity schedule; and Lodge No. 347, Cedar Rapids, IA, newsletter.

**Nebraska District**, Lodge No. 1, Omaha, NE, single social activity; Lodge No. 16, Minden, NE, single civic activity; Lodge No. 161, Ruskin, NE, annual activity schedule; and Lodge No. 206, Blair, NE, newsletter. **Midwest District**, Lodge No. 34, Dwight, IL, single social activity; Lodge No. 36, Milwaukee, WI, single civic activity; Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, WI, annual activity schedule; and Lodge No. 35, Chicago, IL, newsletter.

**Michigan-Ohio District**, Lodge No. 70, Greenville, MI, single social activity; Lodge No. 227, Detroit, MI, single civic activity; Lodge No. 51, Ludington, MI, annual activity schedule; and Lodge Nos. 225 and 301, Canton and Akron, OH, newsletters. **California-Nevada District**, Lodge No. 345, Orange County, CA, single social activity; Lodge No. 143, Petaluma, CA, single civic activity; Lodge No. 126, Los Angeles, CA, annual activity schedule; and Lodge No. 346, Riverside, CA, newsletter. **G.C.E.L. District**, Lodge No. 342, Bucks County, PA, single social activity; Lodge No. 71, Penn Yan, NY, single civic activity; Lodge No. 32 New Haven, CT, annual activity schedule; and Lodge No. 116, Newark, NJ, newsletter. Unfortunately the California-Nevada District was not considered for the President's Awards due to late submission of the reporting forms. Also the G.C.E.L. district was not considered due to incomplete reporting forms. Sorry.

The Board of Directors wishes to thank each and every district, lodge and individual member for all their hard work in making these awards possible.

From myself, the Board of Directors, and the National Headquarters staff, have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## Remembering the Farm

by Olga Overgaard Wood

Recently I was reading some old copies of the American Dane. In the May 1979 issue there is an article about the Danish Home for the Aged in New Jersey, with a bit of history, to be exact, 65 years.

As I looked at the picture of the original home again I remember how the first time I saw it I immediately knew what and where it was, but I was surprised to see my father's name, A.R.A. Overgaard in the text. I didn't know until I read the article that my father was the signer of the agreement to purchase the property.

I was about five or six years old at the time we, the Overgaard family, moved to the farm. How long we stayed I don't remember, but I do know there was a man already there who was taking care of the livestock and the farm. There were horses for plowing, chickens, pigs, ducks, cows, dogs, cats.



At age 6 with my best friend, Susie.

To me, at the time, it was a fantastic place, with all those animals to play with, particularly a dog named Susie. She was killed during the hunting season when she took off at the sound of a shotgun. Although I didn't see her after she was killed, it was the first brush with death that I was exposed to. Very sad because she and I had been very close — she followed me wherever I went. Of course, afterwards there were other dogs, but they were not Susie.

Then there were the picnics. On the day following the first picnic

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I remember I was surprised to find on the grounds hundreds of tin ice cream spoons. They had been discarded after the free ice cream and soda was finished. The ice cream stand was in the gazebo. The gazebo was situated out front, to the left. It was where I would play house. Imagine having your very own play-house and such an elegant one at that.

In those days not many people had a motor car or even a horse and buggy. This didn't stop the families from Perth Amboy from coming to the picnics. There was a man who owned a fleet of trucks who so graciously picked up whole families, brought them to the farm and then late in the day brought them back to the city. This was a Godsend because not only were there the families to transport, but everyone had large picnic baskets with all kinds of homemade food to carry.

Across the road from the house was a huge walnut tree. One had to go down a gully to reach it, but not just for the fruit. There was a rope swing where I spent much of my time, swinging hard to see if I could reach the branches. A bit scary as I look back now.

But it was not all play. There were chickens and ducks to feed and I had to bring in the calf from grazing with its mother. I would lead the calf back to the barn and the mother would follow. In the house between the kitchen and the dining room was a back stairway. It was also my job to wash the 3x3 foot hallway. These were the first jobs I ever had, and I've been working ever since until eleven years ago when I retired from nursing.



**My brother, Walter and I kept busy with all the animals.**

I mustn't forget the working cats. I can't recall how many we had, but we didn't give them too much food because their job was to catch the rodents that always infest barns. I once saw a cat play with a live mouse and thought how cruel that was, but I guess she thought it would make a nice play toy for her kittens.

There were wild strawberries and asparagus in addition to the wheat, oats, and potatoes which we raised. We had apple and cherry trees. Some of the apple trees were rustics and so delicious. It's too bad the rustic apple no longer exists. During the

summer the other apples, which ripened in the fall, were hard, green and sour. The cherry trees produced a fruit which was pale yellow with a tinge of red. I never tasted such sweetness again until I ate bing cherries from California.



**My mother, Mrs. Anemarie Overgaard.**

We also had a grape arbor in the form of a tunnel. When the grapes first appeared they were very tiny, green and hard. As they grew larger, temptation was too great for me. I picked one and bit into it. What a horrible taste! I never again ate green grapes — I just stuck to the unripe apples that were quite sour but tasty.

I remember Christmas at the farm. Like most Danes we had a big dinner on Christmas Eve. After dinner we would all gather outside the door to the large parlor. When the door was opened there would be a huge tree all lit with burning candles. I couldn't understand who had lit the candles because the whole family had been together in the dining room. Years later I realized that with such a large family and the residents of the home eating dinner it was easy for my father to slip into the parlor to light the candles.

My brothers and I went to the one-room school house which stood on the corner of a crossroads. There was a row of desks for each grade and being in the first grade I was in the first row. My brothers, Walter and Raymond, were probably in grades three and five.

In the back of the school room was a large heating stove. The teacher's desk was on a raised platform with, of course, the American flag. I remember the teacher well — not her name, but the way she looked. She was tall and thin and wore long dresses to her ankles. The dresses would have high lace collars and be decorated with black ribbon. She was not young, but also not old, although at the time she seemed ancient to me. She was one of the kindest and most pleasant people I have ever known.

It's been said that you can't go back, that nothing is the same. Well, regardless, a few years ago I just had to go back. I knew the house wasn't there anymore — it had burned to the ground many

years ago. I took my daughter with me. It was a little hard to tell her what had been there, but I think she understood and appreciated my description of the farm.

What we saw was a low spread out building. We went into the dining room and saw the kitchen with its large refrigerator and all the modern things one has in today's home. It was so different from the kitchen Mama worked in. We went outside to look around the grounds. I then went over to the road and looked across to the fields and trees on the other side. As I stood there looking and remembering, I could see the house with the porch across the front and part way around the left side. And I could see the small porch on the right with bay windows and an entrance to the dining room. I saw the portico at the front door and the half circle driveway with the mailbox at the beginning of the driveway. I could see Mama sitting under the trees, surrounded by baskets of apples. There was the pump near the kitchen door, and my elegant doll house (the gazebo). To the rear were the pigpens with the overhanging branch from my apple tree which gave the pigs an extra dividend from falling apples.

## ***How the Milky Way Came To Be A Danish Folk Tale***

by  
**Beverly Swerdlow Brown**

*Long, long ago, the sky was pitch black at night; however there were billions of stars. No one knows how many because no one was able to count them. People learned in time to make fire to light up the darkness.*

*One night, a young girl who sat warming herself by a wood fire, played with the ashes. She took the ashes in her hands and tossed them up to see how pretty they were when they floated into the air.*

*As the ashes floated away, the young girl put more wood on the fire and stirred it with a stick. Bright sparks flew everywhere and went high, high into the night. The sparks from the ashes hung in the air and made a bright road across the sky.*

*The road is still there. Some people call it the Milky Way, but it is the path made by a young girl who made a road in the darkness many, many years ago.*

Everything was there, the chicken coop and a place for the ducks, the slanting roof on the wood shed, farm implements and carriage house, the corn crib. Then a curved driveway alongside of the barn. This driveway led way to the back and there was a split rail fence with blackeyed Susans entwined. Out in the field were daisies. I saw it all. Then it changed from summer to early fall and there were corn stalks piled together. I saw the beautiful deer. In a moment she was gone to the woods in the back.

Now I'm back in the barn, up in the hayloft with my brothers. We're sliding down to the hay we had pushed to the floor. Later I found a nest of chicken eggs snuggled in a hole in the hay. How this hen thought she could get her chicks down from the loft once they were hatched I never did find out.

As I stood on the other side of the road and saw all of this in my mind's eye, the thought came to me about the saying one can't go back. Not true, not true at all. I am glad I went back because I did see and did enjoy seeing all of it, although everything was gone, the house, the barns, the animals, and even my dog Susie.

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The Danish Brotherhood in America has many members who constantly put forth that extra effort and should be recognized. Since the late Secretary-Treasurer, Howard E. Christensen, was known for his constant hard work and dedication to the DBIA, this award has been named after him in tribute.

The Howard E. Christensen Award will be presented by the Danish Brotherhood in America to an individual in recognition of dedication, outstanding service and accomplishment to our society. To qualify, the award winner must be a member in good standing of the Danish Brotherhood in America.

Nomination forms, along with guidelines and procedures have been forwarded to your Lodge President and Secretary. The National Headquarters is looking forward to securing at least one nomination form from every lodge by the deadline of April 1, 1986.

The award winner will receive an engraved plaque and will be recognized in the **American Dane**. An additional plaque will reside

at the National Headquarters to which the winner's name will be added each year. Also, the award winner will automatically be nominated for the National Fraternal Congress of America's "Fraternalist of the Year" Award.

For further information, contact your local lodge President or Secretary, or the Danish Brotherhood in America, National Headquarters, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68131.

## Congratulations!

**Verne A. Madsen** of Lodge No. 1 in Omaha, Nebraska, **Elpha O'Brien** of Lodge No. 164 in New York, New York, **Keld Christensen** of Lodge No. 328 in Vancouver, B.C., and **John A. Larsen** of Lodge No. 14 in Kenosha, Wisconsin have all been declared "Recommender of the Month" for October. Each sponsored three new members.

We salute them for enlarging our chain of members and for truly believing that "It's Better to Give Than to Receive!"

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**1. What is the purpose of an IRA?**

The purpose is to allow individuals the opportunity to build a more secure future for themselves and their families by establishing a Tax-Favored Retirement Plan.

**2. Who is eligible?**

Individuals are eligible who have earned income even though participating in a qualified corporate pension or profit-sharing plan, a Keogh Plan (HR-10) or a government retirement plan.

**3. How much may I contribute to an IRA?**

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**4. How is my IRA funded?**

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**5. When may I receive retirement benefits?**

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**6. May I withdraw benefits before age 59½?**

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**7. How are the benefits taxed at retirement?**

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**8. How do I begin an IRA with The Danish Brotherhood?**

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# Attention all DBIA Members

Brian Perschnick was born with a heart defect and, at the age of five, had an



operation to correct the problem. However, it has recently been determined that Brian needs an additional operation and has been scheduled for open-heart surgery on December 10, 1985.

At the time of his birth, Brian's parents, Richard and Marlene Perschnick, did not have health insurance and since that time have been unable to secure insurance for Brian. It has been estimated the cost of Brian's operation will be \$40,000.

Since the conception of the Danish Brotherhood in America, our society has always held the tradition of caring for and helping each other. We need to all pull together and help this particular member.

Brian's home lodge, Lodge No. 34 in Dwight, Illinois, has recognized the need to help Brian and his family and has started a campaign to raise funds. A Las Vegas Night will be held and they will be conducting a

raffle. The Board of Directors of the Danish Brotherhood has approved special aid for Brian, also. However, much more help is needed.

Remember the promise you made during your initiation ceremony — "to stand by each other when illness or sorrow comes to (one of) our homes." Won't you stand by Brian and his family in their time of need?

A special fund for Brian has been established at the National Headquarters. Please send your check or money order to the Danish Brotherhood in America/Brian Perschnick Fund, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68131. Once all donations have been received, a check will be issued to Lodge No. 34 for presentation to Brian's family.

Together we can prove fraternal spirit is alive and growing at the Danish Brotherhood in America!



*From the Desk of*

## National Fraternal Director

More than 28,000 children are missing today. Missing from the security and love of their families and homes. Alone, frightened, at risk.

This may come as no surprise to you. The problem of missing children is a national epidemic that has received a considerable amount of attention in the news media. Americans from all walks of life are working together to resolve this problem. As members of the Danish Brotherhood in America it is our responsibility to demonstrate our fraternal philosophy of concern and join the efforts to protect our children.

In cooperation with the National Fraternal Congress of America (NFCA) and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children we are joining with other fraternal benefit societies to help combat this national problem. Just think of the difference we can — and will — make with 10 million fraternalists all working together.

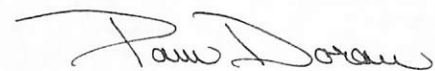
No one is sure of the exact magnitude of the problem of missing children in the United States. Different state and local agencies have different definitions of "missing children" and different ways of recording and reporting such incidents. However, some facts are known. The National Crime Information Center, run by the FBI, received reports of more than 212,000 missing children in 1984. The center's information shows evidence of more than 28,000 missing children on any particular date. And officials admit

that a significant number of cases probably are not reported to the center. Estimates of the number of children who are abducted or falsely imprisoned by strangers vary greatly, from 4,000 to 20,000 each year, possibly more.

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children regards any child whose whereabouts are unknown to his or her parents, guardian or legal custodian as a "missing child." That could include abductions and false imprisonment, parental kidnappings, runaways and abandoned children. All available evidence, according to the Center, indicates that any child who has lost his or her home for any reason is indeed at risk.

Beginning with the January, 1986 issue of the **American Dane** we will publish a picture of a missing child on the back cover of the **American Dane**. We will also be mailing suggestions, ideas for local lodge activities, and preventive information concerning missing children to your lodge officers. Since concern for families and preservation of a positive family life have long been important to the Danish Brotherhood we are strongly urging all lodges to become involved with this project.

Fraternally,



Pam Dorau

# Our Lodges in Action

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## PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST DISTRICT PACIFIC- NORTHWEST

**Lodge # 29, Seattle, WA** — The big soccer game between Seattle and Vancouver, B.C. was held on Saturday, September 28, 1985, at the Queen Anne Bowl. In the first game with the Old Timers, 65 years old, under and over, the Seattle team prevailed over Vancouver with a 3-1 score. The second game was a hard fought game, and at the end of the game, the score was tied 3-3, and overtime had to be played, and here, Vancouver got one more goal in a penalty kick. So the score was Canadians 4, Seattle 3. But at least half of the silverware stays in Seattle — maybe we can get the rest back next spring. In the evening a hearty dinner and dance was enjoyed by the Canadians and Seattle together.

At our October 2nd meeting, a special moment of memory for Sam Frederiksen was held. Kristen Jorgensen told us what Sam had meant to us and his contributions to the Danish Brotherhood during his many years of membership. We are especially thankful to Gunnar Sorensen for his beautiful tribute to Sam in the Danish Weekly "Bien."

"It was with great regret that we learned that Sam Frederiksen had passed away on Tuesday, September 17. Sam always put his personal touch in so many of our activities here in Seattle in the Danish community, and it will not be easy without him. But we are thankful for all the happy hours that he contributed.

It was close to Sam's 90th birthday, September 23, so plans had been made to observe it. But when we saw him on Wednesday evening on September 4 at the lodge's Annual Veterans Night, and he was presented with his well-earned 60-year pin, we realized that he would not be with us much longer.

More than anything, Sam applied himself by giving his time and energy to all the Danish organizations that he was affiliated with. He was an invaluable help and encouragement in the many years that he lived in Washington. Since

The best idea for December goes to Lodge No. 34, Dwight, IL. See page 14.

1925, he was an active member of the Danish Brotherhood Seattle Lodge No. 29 and, from the beginning to the end, he was a force which supported the lodge in everything that our Danish organization symbolized. It would seem natural for a Danish immigrant who in the beginning of the 1920s came to this big and unknown country that he would save his energy and ability to establish himself and live according to the old rule "Everyone for himself." But this was never the motto of Sam Frederiksen. He possessed the unusual quality of wanting to give more than he received.



Soren (Sam) Frederiksen's memory will live on forever.

For many years he was on the Board of Directors of the Northwest Danish Home in Seattle. He was a member of the Club 'Harmonien,' Past Danish Brotherhood District President in 1959 and Past President of Lodge No. 29. Some years ago, he was a delegate to the Danish Brotherhood National Convention in Denver, Colorado. He was an honorary member of the Danish Club in Seattle. For more than 25 years, he was the correspondent to the Danish Weekly 'Bien' and wrote faithfully every week. Every Christmas he would write

a story for 'Bien' called "Juleminder fra Danmark" — Christmas Memories from Denmark. Memorial services were held for Sam on September 21, 1985, at the St. John's Lutheran Church where Sam was one of the oldest members.

We will miss you Sam!"

We welcome Ken Jacobsen, who was initiated at our last meeting. Ken is a legislator in our state government in Olympia. We hope to see you often Ken!

Paul Hansen thanked the lodge on behalf of his granddaughter Lisa whom the lodge sponsored at Skovsøen. She had a marvelous time. It would be nice if Lisa could come in and tell us about it.

Ted Kofoed, Cor.

**Lodge #42, Spokane, WA** — Everyone had a great time at Agnes and Sheridan Perry's 50th anniversary party. Their children did a lion's share of the work helping with the decorations, food preparation and even supplied their own music for the 165 people in attendance. About 10 percent were members of the Danish lodges.

Planning to attend next year's District Convention in Vancouver, B.C.? Better get your reservations made real soon. If you need more information, contact an active lodge member. **Lawrence Charneski, Sec.**

## PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST NEWSLETTER

**Lodge #167, Portland, OR** — The annual Children's Christmas party will be presented by both the Brotherhood and Sisterhood on December 21 at Bethany Lutheran Church.

Linda Jensen, Chairman, is seeking volunteers to help with the planning preparations, decorating and set up the day of the party, and entertainment (either children or adults). Please call her to offer assistance.

This has always been a wonderfully fun Danish Christmas celebration. There will be singing around the juletrae, entertainment, a visit by the Juleman and refreshments.

Mark your calendars now to attend the annual Lillejuleaften service at Bethany Lutheran Church on December 23. This is a traditional Danish/English Christmas service that will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Members of the lodge will participate in

both the choir and the readings, along with Pastor Dahle of Bethany Lutheran Church and a visiting Danish guest pastor.

Refreshments will follow with time for renewing friendships. It's a wonderful way to include your Danish heritage in your family's festivities for the season.

**Joanne Kantor, Sec.**

## CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

**Lodge #39, Oakland, CA** — An Italian dinner was cooked and served by the "Italian Dane," John Mottoros, before the meeting on November 22.

The annual Christmas brunch will be held December 15 at our hall. Reservations are a must.

The yearly installation of the new officers of Lodge No. 39 and Lodge No. 17 will take place at our meeting hall on January 24, 1986, with happy hour and refreshments, so come out and enjoy the great evening.

Lodge No. 39 wishes all their friends a very happy holiday season.

**Age Lundquist, Cor.**

**Lodge #299, Solvang, CA** — A delightful sirloin dinner was served by the Janin Acre's Crew for about 40 persons.

The following meeting, attended by 25 members, was presided by Vice President Johannes Jaeger.

The Danish Days was reported as a very successful event by Bob Larsen, who also revealed that the profit of \$2,500 would be divided between the sponsoring parties.

**Jacob Ravn, Cor.**

**Lodge #306, San Diego, CA** — We joined the Sisterhood lodge and held our annual yard sale on October 26 and 27, again hosted by a dear member in Old Town. The proceeds enable the Brotherhood and Sisterhood to carry on their programs, supplementing annual dues.

The Danish Brotherhood in America Constitution in Article IV, sub-par. 2 states among objectives of the society: "Perpetuate memories and traditions from Denmark for the benefit of future generations in America."

And so are the proceeds spent. Thanks to all who made, gave, came, sold, and who supported in any way.

Christmas celebration for the lodges is slated for December 7 at Norway Hall.

Following a stay at a care facility, we are all happy to see that Oscar Jensen, one of our long-time actives is again home and doing well. And Alfred Vestergaard, also a 50-year service member, is again about and involved in many facets of his interest.

**Ted Hansen, Cor.**

**Lodge #322, Santa Barbara, CA** — The annual tri-tip barbecue was held at Oak Park on September 22. Over 140 members and guests were present. Vagn and Rigmor Elbek were in charge of the smooth running operation.

Mogens and Karen Christianson, Henning and Henny Jensen, Betty Jacobsen, and Gert and Inge Jeppesen assisted with the barbecue. Ivan Petersen was in charge of the games and contests for the children. Astrid Giffin was the treasurer for the event.

**Carl Lauritsen, Cor.**

**Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA** — The Progressive Dinner was a huge success. The drive was quite nice; not to mention the good food. Many people from Los Angeles Lodge No. 126 attended. Thank you to everyone who attended and to those who helped. Danish music and dancing was enjoyed after dinner by all. Certainly a great time was had by everyone!

On that same date, Ole Christensen celebrated his 80th birthday. A gathering was held that afternoon in honor of his birthday.

**Philis Davis, Cor.**

**Lodge #332, Modesto, CA** — Our October meeting was held in the lovely spacious home of Vernon and Bessie Olsen. Members enjoyed a delicious potluck. A business meeting followed.

Harold Olsen read a letter of apology from the **American Dane** for an error made in listing Sandra Scheuber, a 1985 scholarship winner, as being a member of Santa Barbara Lodge, when in fact she is a member of this lodge. President John Craig presented Sandra with her certificate at a previous meeting.



After receiving the 1985 scholarship award, Sandra Scheuber joins her parents John and Marge Scheuber and grandparents Harold and Ellen Olsen.

Ebba Norby announced that our annual anniversary dinner will be at the Oasis Restaurant. A discussion was held on beginning plans for a very special celebration for next year's 40th anniversary.

**Lodge #345, Orange County, CA** — The business portion of the evening was called to order by President Ken Olsen with 52 members and friends present.

Howard Kjellsen reminded us of the punch board. Evelyn Andersen donated a lovely hand painted wooden "Santa" door stop as the prize for the punch board. A big thanks to Howard and Evelyn for helping the lodge treasury in this way.

The Christmas party will be held on December 14. Refreshments will be your special Christmas cookies. The language class will present special Christmas music under the direction of the teacher, Kaj Bjorn. A gift exchange will be held. Men are to bring a man's gift, and the ladies bring a lady's gift. There is a \$3.00 limit.



Gary Gossett prepared the entire meal with brothers-in-law helping to serve.



Young Vikings enjoyed the Luau too!



DaNeil Gossett won the youth costume prize.



Everyone had a fantastic time.

Special thanks need to be given to Gary and Toni Gossett for all the work concerning our recent Luau. Eighty-two were present and all dressed for the occasion!

**Gerry Olsen, Sec.**

**Lodge #346, Riverside, CA** — Forty-two revelers came to our Oktoberfest and had a good time. We were pleased and honored to have representation from the Los Angeles Lodge No. 126 and Orange County Lodge No. 345 on this night. There was plenty of beer and wine, and the food was plentiful and scrumptious. Chef Jim Patterson prepared the pølser on the barbecue, Anelise Andersen prepared delicious hot potato salad, and Vikki Garrison made the great red cabbage. We even had a 3-piece polka playing band! Weren't they wonderful? Prizes were won by Gerd Bryvall and John Kristensen (best costumes), John Kristensen and Inger Dix (log sawing), Helen Kristensen (nail pounding), Ken Nielsen and Vikki Garrison (beer drinking). Everyone who came took home his or her personally engraved beer stein. All profits from this event have gone into our 1987 Convention Fund. We're off to a great start!

Plans have been made for our Christmas party at Harry C's in addition to our Children's Christmas party.

Nancy Nielsen, Sec.

## IOWA-MINNESOTA

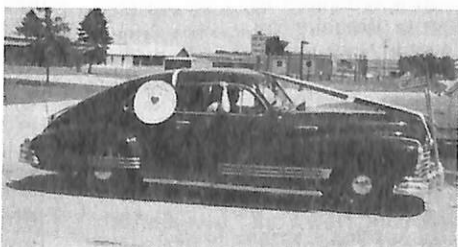
**Lodge #15, Des Moines, IA** — Our regular monthly meeting was on October 14 with a fair attendance. Illness of some of our members was reported by Svend Christensen.

The annual Christmas party will be on Saturday, December 14, at 3 p.m. There will be the usual dancing around the Christmas tree, refreshments, and a visit from Santa. This is one of the highlights of the Christmas season and has been very well attended.

Mary Riber, Cor.

**Lodge #144, Dike, IA** — We took part in the Dike Watermelon Days Parade by entering a sporty '47 Pontiac with some Dane adornments. We also donated \$50.00 to help defray the expense of a Shriner entry in the parade. Also in August, we had our annual picnic, held in the Reinbeck City Park. It was good to have some of the younger Danes there.

Labor Day weekend was enjoyable for many Iowa-Minnesota District Danes at the



Our entry in the Dike Watermelon Days Parade.

District Convention hosted by the very able Cedar Rapids-Marion Danes, Lodge No. 347.

Our October 14th meeting was very enjoyable with the best cooks in three counties around, making aebleskiver which we all ate without proper regard for calorie intake. The Sisterhood Lodge No. 176 was responsible for this successful evening and the ladies in the kitchen were Jannette Jensen, Lenore Madsen, Rita Galloway, Avriel Olsen, Helen Jensen, and Betty Danielsen, Chairperson.

We are sorry to report the loss of James Kahler, member of Lodge No. 144, due to an industrial accident. He served on our Board of Trustees and was a good man.

Lyle Refshauge, Sec.

**Lodge #217, Humboldt, IA** — Our business meeting was held on October 14 at the Senior Citizens Center.

Correspondence included a letter from United States Senator Paul Simon concerning financial help for Dana College. We combined the \$25.00 that we won at the District Convention at Cedar Rapids and \$75.00 out of our savings for a total of \$100.00 to give to the Dana College Endowment Fund.

The program committee consisted of Beulah and Fred Benjamin, Carroll Jensen and Rudy Olson.

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Lunch was served to 22 members and two guests by the committee which consisted of Mary and Glen Brodale, Anna Christensen, Mabel Pedersen, and Neils Schultz. **Peggy Hansen, Sec.**

**Lodge #341, Kimballton-Elk Horn, IA** — At our meeting on October 28, 1985, we enjoyed visiting with an exchange student, Michael Kraus of Hirtsbal, Denmark. Mr. Kraus showed slides of his family and other places of interest in Denmark. We also welcomed Michael's host father, Dennis Stomp of Harlan, Iowa.



Exchange student Michael Kraus points out his home town in Denmark.

The local Choraliers favored the members with the Danish anthem, songs from the Hans Christian Andersen themes, and America the Beautiful.

Axel and Ellen Hassen and Laura Thomsen from Aør, Denmark and Mr. and Mrs. Len Sannille of Westbrook, Maine, were guests also. **Verdie Christensen, Cor.**

## MIDWEST

### Midwest District

We are happy to report that as a part of our Focus on Youth, we were able to award \$100 to six youngsters to help defray the

cost of tuition to attend Skovsøen, the Danish Language Village.

**Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI** — Eighty people were present for a very enjoyable "Danish Night." Many different Danish sandwiches were served in courses with a little akvavit and beer to go with it. Two films featuring Queen Margrethe and Victor Borge were enjoyed very much. It was a relaxing and delightful evening for all who attended. We thank the hard working committee who brought us a "Touch of Denmark," Tom and Judy Nielsen were the chairpersons along with Dan and Barb Ervin, Rick and Chris Wade, Melvin and Lynn Petts, Joe and Barbara Jenel, Rudy and Lou Bernhardt, and Janet Jensen.

Fourteen members from our lodge and the Sisterhood Lodge represented Kenosha at the Midwest District Convention held in Bradley, Illinois, sponsored by Lodge No. 34 in Dwight, Lodge No. 35 in Chicago, and Danish Sisterhood Lodge No. 11 in Chicago. It was a well organized convention and was very enjoyable. Congratulations to Gordon Andersen who is now the Midwest District President, Ron Jensen who is chairman of the Scholarship Committee and Rudy Bernhardt, Jr., who is a member of the Youth Committee.

The lodge has received thank you notes from Carrie Kirby and Ann Marie Higgins for helping them to attend the Danish Language Camp in Minnesota; both had a good time.

Upcoming events include the Adult Christmas party on Saturday, December 14, the Children's Christmas party on Sunday, December 22, and the gala New Year's Eve party on December 31.

**Lodge #34, Dwight, IL** — At the Midwest District nine dart players from Dwight fared

very well. Some stayed for the Halloween party and had a real good time. Another Midwest District event well hosted by Wood Dale Lodge No. 340.

At our meeting on October 14, Violet Matzen was approved for membership. We had a winner for the jackpot of \$70! Our President, Bill Clavey, won the night's jackpot and immediately turned the money over to the lodge for the Brian Perschnick Fund. **Sixteen-year-old member Brian Perschnick, son of Dick and Marlene Perschnick will be undergoing open heart surgery on December 10. Needless to say, this will be quite an expense on the family since Brian was born with a heart defect; he is non-insurable. The lodge unanimously voted to start a fund for Brian and also have a fund raiser in his benefit. The secretary was asked to write each of our brother lodges for support for this fund. This having been done, we have already had responses. This shows that one of our objectives, "to assist our members during illness," is being carried out. We're a great organization. A committee was immediately formed and includes Rick Sullivan, Ray Holzhauser, Jim Lauritsen, and LaVern Weller.**

Since Bede Sondergaard has left Dwight, we will need someone to take care of the scrapbooks and send cards to those who are ill. Bede did this for a number of years and we greatly appreciate all her time and dedication in keeping our books up to date and sending out the cards. Thanks Bede, may you have good health and joy in your new home. **Margaret Goodwin, Cor.**

### PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST NEWSLETTER

**Lodge #35, Chicago, IL** — At our October 17 meeting, a letter from Lodge No. 34 in

# Lest We Forget

In Grateful Remembrance Of Their Service and Fellowship, We Honor Those Members Who Have Passed Away Since The Last Report.

Date of Death	Name	Age	Birth Place	Lodge No.	Location	Year Joined
9-12-85	Viggo Hansen	91	Marstal, Aør, Denmark	126	Los Angeles, California	1912
9-26-85	Carl C. Madsen	83	Aalborg, Denmark	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1942
9-15-85	Ernest R. Nelson	61	Minden, Nebraska	16	Minden, Nebraska	1961
6-26-85	Johannes Sorensen	92	Denmark	184	Hayward, California	1925
10-6-85	Wilbur Sofus Jensen	79	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	1925
9-17-85	Soren K. Frederiksen	89	Auning, Denmark	29	Seattle, Washington	1925
9-11-85	Hans Christian Sorensen	77	Farstrup, Denmark	29	Seattle, Washington	1929
10-10-85	Viggo Pedersen	78	Copenhagen, Denmark	116	Newark, New Jersey	1945
9-7-85	Lawrence Rasmussen	84	Amasa, Michigan	51	Ludington, Michigan	1947
10-9-85	Arnold H. A. Jensen	83	Lunde, Denmark	143	Petaluma, California	1921
10-2-85	James F. Kahler	59	Waterloo, Iowa	144	Dike, Iowa	1975
9-19-85	Ernst C. Keseler	83	Norre Omme, Denmark	116	Newark, New Jersey	1969
10-1-85	Robert J. Knutzen	75	Iowa	29	Seattle, Washington	1979
9-6-85	John A. Johnson	91	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	1974
9-4-85	Helene Meyland-Smith	79	New York City, New York	164	New York, New York	1974
9-22-85	Viggo J. Mortensen	83	Bellinge, Denmark	337	Fremont, California	1970
9-8-85	Ella A. Jensen	81	Chicago, Illinois	257	St. Petersburg, Florida	1975

Dwight asking for assistance for Brian Perschnick, who will undergo open-heart surgery on December 10, was read. Brian is the son of Marlene and Dick Perschnick, very active members of that lodge. Their son is non-insurable because he was born with a heart defect. It was wholeheartedly agreed that \$100 be sent from the lodge.

Jenny Jensen is taking ads in the Danish Pioneer for Christmas greetings, individual and otherwise. The lodge will take such an ad.

This is an abbreviated version of Al Iversen's report at the last meeting: It was a good convention. Those representing the National Board of Directors were Ken Pedersen, Bob Ibsen, and Woody Petersen. Lots of work was done by Ray Nielsen, Al and Hertha Iversen, Henry and Grethe Jepsen, Woody Petersen, and more who were on various committees.

Bylaw changes included: the Secretary-Treasurer is to receive \$200 and new articles were added to the Youth Committee. A proposal to increase the number of delegates to three from the larger lodges did not go over well.

A scholarship fund known as the Midwest District Arthur LaPointe-Dick Christiansen Memorial Fund was formed.

We received \$25 and a certificate for the best newsletter for 1985.

All those who donated raffle prizes were thanked. Thirty-four raffle prizes netted a \$263 profit. Doris and Herb Peterson were thanked for running the raffle.

Joint installation of officers for 1986 were as follows: Past President, Ken Jensen; President, Gordon Andersen; Vice President, Ray Nielsen; Secretary-Treasurer, John Mollerskov; 1st Trustee, Rick Sullivan; 2nd Trustee, Jack Andersen; 3rd Trustee, Chris Jensen and for the first time in the history of the Midwest District, a woman is on the board. Sue Andersen is the new conductor. Installing officer was Ken Pedersen of Ruskin, Nebraska. It was a good convention.

Be sure to mark your calendars for our Christmas party on December 13. A potluck supper will be held followed by various Christmas festivities. Make sure that you plan to attend and bring the kiddies. This is a family night for all.

**PRESIDENT'S AWARD  
SINGLE CIVIC ACTIVITY**

**Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI** — We were proud to have been listed as a charter member, along with the Danish Brotherhood in America and Lodge No. 299 in Solvang, California, in the first issue of the America Letter, the newsletter emanating from the national Danish Immigrant Museum, Box

178, Elk Horn, Iowa 51531. We urge the members of other lodges to consider making a contribution to this worthwhile effort to preserve the Danish heritage.

We were pleased to have Mr. Ejler Steen Rasmussen, from Odense, Fyn, Denmark, attend our October 15, 1985, business meeting. An English teacher in the Odense school system, he gave us an insight regarding the teacher exchange program affiliated with the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee. He also talked about problems associated with refugees coming into Denmark from the Middle East.

Thanks to Lillian Jensen and Emily Petersen, hostesses, who served refreshments following the meeting.

Our October 26 roast pork and red cabbage dinner was another success. After a delicious dinner we viewed the movie "Dairy Denmark by Victor Borge." There were 23 door prizes, six raffle items and singing by the Milwaukee-based Scandinavian Chorus under the direction of Paul Triplett. A subsequent group sing was accompanied by pianist Ty Triplett.

Thanks to all who contributed in any way and especially to Sally Jorgensen who chaired the event. **Albert Larsen, Sec.**

**Lodge #340 Wood Dale, IL** — At the Midwest District Convention we voted to donate

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\$100 to the Statue of Liberty and the Focus on Youth Program. Six children were each given \$100 towards their fee to Skovsøen, the Danish camp for children. There will be a fund raiser in Kenosha next year as a Midwest District event which will be for "Focus on Youth." If this event is a success, it may become an annual event. There will be a Christiansen/LaPointe Fund set up for scholarships.

At the end of the meetings, we voted on the new slate of Midwest District officers for next year. Our own Sue Andersen was voted in as Conductor, by secret ballot.

On October 19th we hosted the dart games. We had 34 darters, all of which did a great job keeping the excitement level

In the evening we had our annual Halloween Dance. The Mike Sanders Trio was as good as it was the last time we had them. Everyone was having such a good time that they had the band stay over another hour. It seemed that no one wanted to leave. We had a wide range of costumes at the party. Some of the better costumes included Mr. Potato Head, two skeletons, an angel and a devil, the Bride of Frankenstein, two skunks, two monks, a dance hall girl, a Stanley Steamer driver, several cowboys and Indians, a crayon, several witches, and a boy scout.

The Midwest Convention for 1986 will be held in Racine on September 5-7, 1986.

**Janet Villacci, Sec.**

**Lodge #343, Waupaca, WI** — We met on October 24 and made further plans for our Christmas potluck supper on December 19. Instead of exchanging gifts, we voted to again each make a cash donation of the amount we would have spent for an exchange gift and give that total from all the members present to Tomorrow's Children (a home for autistic children) for a Christmas party for the children, not otherwise provided for in their budget. Our meeting closed with the film "The Vikings: Their Life and Conquests," after which open-faced sandwiches, cake and coffee were enjoyed.

**Evelyn Doerr, Pres.**

## NEBRASKA

### PRESIDENT'S AWARD SINGLE SOCIAL ACTIVITY

**Lodge #1, Omaha, NE** — At our November 5th business meeting we discussed the incorporation of Danish Brotherhood in America Lodge No. 1. Wayne Rasmussen, attorney, was present to answer questions.

Incorporation in the form of a non-profit organization is done for the purpose of providing the club with a formal type of organization and for the limiting of potential

liability of club officers and members, which may arise in the event a successful claim were to be made against the club for personal injuries or other types of damages.

Voting members present moved and seconded that we incorporate. Wayne Rasmussen, attorney, was employed to draw up the necessary papers for incorporation and act as legal consultant.

We continue to grow. Four applications for membership were approved at our November 5th business meeting. New members are Jeffrey and Jeri Lange, and their two children, Andrew and Megan. This is another 100% insured family added to our lodge membership.

A planning session for the Ethnic Fair was held November 14 at the Leonard Davidson home. Our representatives are Stephen Oleson and Michael Nielsen.

We voted to donate \$100 to the Danish Immigrant Museum at Elk Horn, Iowa. Individuals who would like to become a charter member of the Danish Immigrant Museum may do so by sending a contribution to the Danish Immigrant Museum, Box 178, Elk Horn, Iowa 51531.

**Jim Christiansen, Sec.**

**Lodge #84, Lincoln, NE** — Our regular October meeting was held at the I.O.O.F. Hall. Paul Hansen, Treasurer, assisted President Donald Lehn in a ceremony of initiation for the following: Olie Ahlquist, Roy Boyeson, Clarence Hansen, Raymond Jensen, Quentin Johnson, Paul Muggy, and Paul Nielsen. Welcome to all!

Following our business meeting, we joined our Lincoln Sisterhood Lodge No. 90 in an evening of festivities of lunch and a display of Harvest Festival items of fruits, vegetables, jams, jellies, baked goods and crafts. After all had made their silent bids under the items, Quentin Johnson revealed who were high bidders. **Donald Lehn, Pres.**

## MICHIGAN-OHIO

### Michigan-Ohio District

This has been an active year for the Michigan-Ohio District.

Starting in the spring, Greenville Lodge No. 70 hosted the District Bowling Tournament; next Detroit Lodge No. 227 was the host for the District Convention. In June, Ludington Lodge No. 51 sponsored the District Fishing Tournament; in July, Muskegon Lodge No. 30 was the host and sponsor of our District Picnic and finally in September, it was back to Detroit for a District Baseball outing.

For those of us who were able to attend all or any of these activities, we had a good time each and every time we went somewhere.

There was a lot of time and effort extended by the members of these lodges to make these events a success and a big thank-you is sent to each one of you for going out of your way to entertain us and doing your part in keeping the Michigan-Ohio District the solid district that it is.

**Bob Sorensen, District Sec.**

**Lodge #51, Ludington, MI** — The regular meeting of our lodge was held on Wednesday, November 6 with 20 members attending. Our velkommen to Frank Lynch who was initiated at this meeting.

We also had the nomination of officers with John Laird being nominated for President; Michael Bray, Secretary; Erv Kissel, Treasurer; Ken Johnson, Conductor; Lars Christoffersen, Guard; and Arnold Koegler, Trustee.



The winning team celebrates.

Our lodge boasted the winning team of Gerry Klaf, Jude Wickery, Linda Bray, Kathy Krause, and Lu Trembl in the Michigan-Ohio District Bowling Tournament. They had the district high team series of 3045.

**Keith Koegler, Past Pres.**

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## GCEL

**Lodge #116, Newark, NJ** — Our December 13th meeting will be dedicated to our Christmas party. Remember to bring the ladies and gifts to be exchanged. Refreshments as always will be the fantastic buffet we always enjoy. Have a nice holiday and a very successful 1986.  
**John Madsen, Sec.**

**Lodge #164, New York, NY** — Three new social members were admitted to our lodge at the September meeting. We welcomed Walter Whitefield of Newark, New Jersey, and Bette Nichols and Catherine Terra, both of Brooklyn, New York.

The hour-long business meeting adjourned in favor of a smorgasbord luncheon.  
**Barbara Perrin, Cor.**

**Lodge #325, Nassau County, NY** — At our October meeting we had as our guests Michael Harris and his friend Chris Schroder. From Lodge No. 167 in Portland, Oregon, our visitor was Linda Hjulmand Daly, daughter of John Hjulmand.

Applications for membership from Silvia and Erik Storm Pedersen were accepted.

**Niels B. Hansen, Sec.**

**Lodge #328, Vancouver, B.C.** — At the last meeting there were 40 members present. Villy Andersen was re-elected as our representative to sit on the board of the Danish Community Center for the coming year. Let's all hope that the board works well together so they can get started building or buying a hall for the Danish community within the coming year. Good luck and "Godt samarbejde." A club historian is still needed so if you would like to take on this responsibility, or know of somebody who would, please let the board know.

The 16mm color film "Danish Heritage in Alberta," produced by the Alberta government's Department of Culture, may be borrowed from Alberta Culture, Cultural Heritage Division, 12th Floor, CN Tower, Edmonton, Alberta T5J 0K5.

**Jarl Christensen, Cor.**

**Lodge #334, Geneva, NY** — Member John Robinson recently celebrated his 100th birthday. John was one of our charter members when we organized our Geneva Lodge in 1951. He was born in Assens, Denmark on October 16, 1885. He came to



Mr. and Mrs. Robinson celebrating John's 100th birthday. Photo courtesy of The Chronicle Express.

the United States as a young man and spent his years as a barber in Geneva. He retired at the age of 90.

Mr. and Mrs. Robinson now reside in Penn Yan, New York. He was honored by a party planned by the Penn Yan senior citizens celebrating his 100th birthday.

To honor Robinson on this occasion, Yates County Legislature Chairman Gilbert Smith presented him with a certificate of merit.

**Chris N. Christensen, Cor.**

## MONTANA

**Lodge #273, Dillon, MT** — Our lodge entered a float in the Dillon's Labor Day Parade. Everyone pitched in to help make it and we were very pleased to take second place.



Everyone enjoyed our "Little Mermaid."

## Payment to Board Members

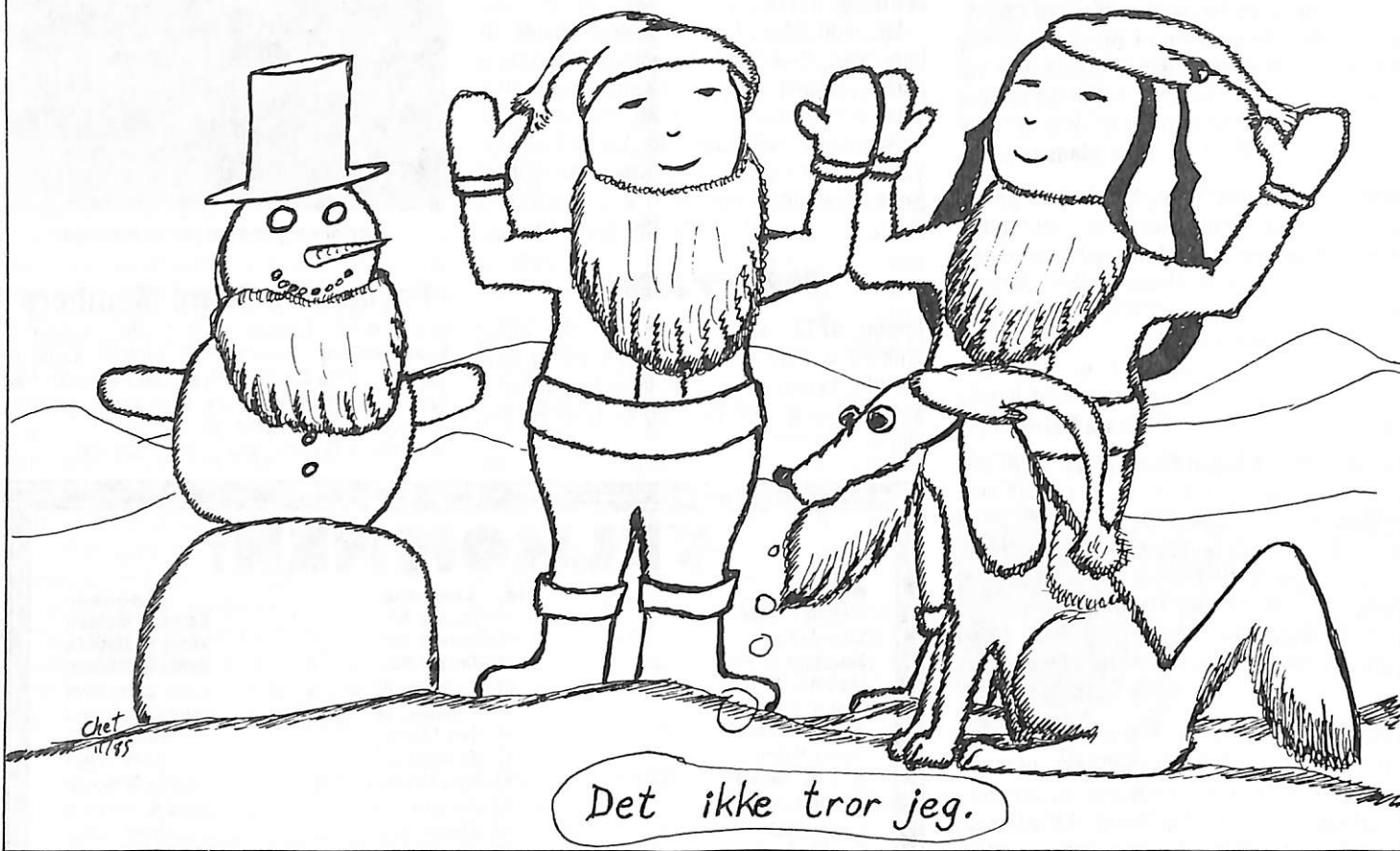
OCTOBER: Semi-annual Board Meeting, Robert E. Ibsen, \$362.00; Peter Weber, \$468.00; Clyde R. Langsted, \$518.00; Erling Braumann, \$488.00; Paul Carlsen, \$408.00; Woodrow T. Petersen, \$413.20; George J. Jacobsen, \$448.00.

NOVEMBER: Robert E. Ibsen, salary, \$262.00.

## VELKOMMEN!

Name	No.	Location	Sponsor
Michael E. Paul	1	—Omaha, NE	Verne A. Madsen
Vicki J. Paul	1	—Omaha, NE	Verne A. Madsen
Morganne Q. Paul	1	—Omaha, NE	Verne A. Madsen
Marvin C. Boyd	14	—Kenosha, WI	Larry Boyd
Dale A. Kolmos	14	—Kenosha, WI	Askel Christensen
Arne R. Sorensen	15	—Des Moines, IA	Howard Hansen
Donna Nylen Smith	17	—Chicago, IL	Merle Nylen
Anne G. Jensen	32	—New Haven, CT	Gerda Sorensen
Axel B. Crest	33	—Tacoma, WA	Signe A. Wenness
Cyrus James Dunlap	34	—Dwight, IL	Mike Dunlap
Gwynne D. Haugen	45	—Minneapolis, MN	William M. Aagaard
John E. Christoffersen	46	—Perth Amboy, NJ	Robert W. Christoffersen
Frank J. Lynch	51	—Ludington, MI	Arnold Koegler
Andrew Seyller	92	—St. Charles, IL	Deborah S. Seyller
Larry L. Westerskov	126	—Los Angeles, CA	Lars C. Westerskov
Catherine Terra	164	—New York, NY	Elpha O'Brien
Walter Whitefield	164	—New York, NY	Elpha O'Brien
Bette Nichols	164	—New York, NY	Elpha O'Brien
Ted G. Degerness	167	—Portland, OR	Jan Hansen
Ernest O. Vincent	167	—Portland, OR	Sharon Cheney
LeRoy E. Cameron	167	—Portland, OR	Jan Hansen
Mary A. Wolfe	167	—Portland, OR	Mel Pihl
Jorgen Andersen	167	—Portland, OR	Mel Pihl
Esther C. Walla	167	—Portland, OR	Gert Jensen
Michael R. Cloud	172	—Philadelphia, PA	Georg T. Olesen
Alfred Axel Johansen	257	—St. Petersburg, FL	Howard Hansen
Ulla C. Johansen	257	—St. Petersburg, FL	Howard Hansen
Carl E. Kreider	261	—Fowler, CO	Victor V. Hansen
Roy Dell Catlin	261	—Fowler, CO	Victor V. Hansen
Wayne A. Hendrickson	283	—Dagmar, MT	Joel J. Petersen
Jens B. Nielsen	283	—Dagmar, MT	Joel J. Petersen
Erik Storm Pedersen	325	—Nassau County, NY	Niels B. Hansen
Silvia L. Pedersen	325	—Nassau County, NY	Niels B. Hansen
John Barfoed	328	—Vancouver, B.C.	K. Christensen
Jorgen Larsen	328	—Vancouver, B.C.	K. Christensen
Tommy B. B. Johansen	328	—Vancouver, B.C.	K. Christensen
Toni Ann Trust	342	—Bucks County, PA	Ulla Pedersen
Fred J. Rasmussen	343	—Waupaca, WI	Loyal E. Lundorf
Deborah J. Rasmussen	343	—Waupaca, WI	Loyal E. Lundorf
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Steven L. Davis	600	—Omaha, NE	Andy Andersen
Clifford F. Leach	600	—Omaha, NE	Don Lehn
Pamela A. Leach	600	—Omaha, NE	Don Lehn
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GLÆDELIG JUL!



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November winners: Erik Danko, Kenny Wedel, Alison Schumacher, and Kari Simonsen.

## Grandma's Kitchen Brune Kager



by Dagmar Jensen

### Brown Christmas Cookies

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|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1 cup butter or lard                 | 1 tsp. cloves                         |
| 1 cup brown sugar                    | 1/2 tsp. salt                         |
| 1 cup dark corn syrup                | 1/2 tsp. allspice                     |
| 1 tsp. carbonated ammonia (optional) | 1 tsp. cinnamon                       |
| 1 tsp. cardamon                      | 4-5 cups flour                        |
| 1 tbps. grated orange rind           | 1/4 cup finely chopped butter almonds |

Place the shortening, sugar, syrup on the range to heat. When all is melted, remove from fire and add the rest of the ingredients. Mix well, form into rolls as for refrigerator cookies. The dough improves if it is allowed to remain in the refrigerator for three weeks before baking. Usually these cookies are cut very thin and decorated with a half or a quarter of a split blanched almond. Bake in a 375° oven until crisp. When cold, put aside in a tightly covered jar or tin. This recipe also makes delicious peppermint.

## American Dane Classified

A nucleus of former students is seeking the addresses of people who at one time or another attended Danebod Børneskole School in Tyler, Minnesota, where the Centennial will be celebrated in July, 1986. If you know of any such past students, please contact Ove R. Nielsen, 6 Wendron Circle, Bella Vista, Arkansas 72714, (501) 855-4013.

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