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President's Page

Robert E. Ibesen
National President

In the last issue of the **American Dane** magazine, information was given concerning the deadlines to elect your local lodge law committee, your local lodge delegate to the National Convention, and delegates which will constitute the convention committee on laws. This month I would like to discuss the duties of each of these positions.

To ensure representation at the National Convention, your lodge will need to elect a local lodge law committee which must consist of at least five insured members, all of whom must have been a member of your lodge for at least one year prior to the election. This committee has the responsibility to guarantee that any changes to the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Danish Brotherhood which your lodge requests will be considered. To do this, the committee must see that all amendments, new proposals and resolutions are submitted in typewritten form in the English language and sent to the National Headquarters at least seven months before the convention. It is also the responsibility of this committee to make sure that each proposed change includes a brief summary of the reason for the change. It is mandatory that the committee present each and every proposed amendment and explanation in the exact wording that the members of their local lodge wish it to appear. A form has been devised by the Home Office staff for your convenience and must be signed by the chairperson of your Law Committee prior to submission.

From this group of members which comprise your local law committee, your lodge members will elect one delegate and one alternate to the National Convention. Please note that if your lodge has more than 100 insured members, your delegate will have two votes at the convention. The responsibility of your lodge delegate is to act as a voice for your lodge. The delegate is responsible to attend each session of the National Convention to cast his or her vote on any proposed bylaw changes and vote for candidates to serve on the National Board of Directors for the ensuing four-year period.

Every district with at least five hundred insured members is also eligible to send one delegate to the convention. The district delegate must be an insured member and shall be the highest ranking officer providing he is not a delegate from his local lodge. The district delegate is also responsible to attend each session of the National Convention to cast his or her vote on any proposed bylaw changes and vote for candidates to serve on the Board of Directors.

Out of all the delegates elected to attend the National Convention, a nine member convention committee on laws will be formed. To serve on this committee, the delegate must assure the National Headquarters of his willingness and then be selected by the Board of Directors. The responsibility of this committee is to meet at the National Headquarters at least six months prior to the convention where they must study each and every proposal and then, if possible, consolidate all proposals with the same intent. They will be required to make one report on their recommendation for all submitted changes to the delegates at the National Convention. Also, since proposals requiring the signature of at least five delegates or Board members may be taken from the floor at the convention, it is the committee's duty to render a report and submit their recommendations on the following day.

As you can see from the above, the individuals elected to serve at any one of these positions must be very carefully selected. Since they serve as **your** voice to represent **you** at the National Convention, please place a great emphasis on who you elect. If you happen to be elected to serve in one of these capacities, please take your responsibilities extremely serious. The decisions reached at the National Convention will, no doubt, affect our society for years to come.

In conclusion, I would like to urge each and every member to attend the National Convention to be held in Des Moines, Iowa, on September 24-27, 1987, whether you have been elected as a delegate or not. While only the delegates will be able to vote, the National Convention will give you the opportunity to speak out on what you want the Danish Brotherhood in America to become. It is also a time to renew old friendships and make new ones. Starting soon, information concerning the convention will appear in the **American Dane** magazine. Later on, information will be sent to each local lodge.

Finally, I, along with the entire Board of Directors, would like to offer my sincere sympathies to Paul Strand, Director of the Danish American Division at Dana College, on the passing of his wife, Lillian.

The pastor's "Amen" ended the service, but the small gathering of friends waited respectfully for the family to leave before melting away. Emma remained behind them all, turning once more to view the fresh grave. Miss Rørbye also waited, then joined the little girl as she walked in silence from the cemetery. For a while, the only sound they heard was the rhythmic crunch of gravel under their footsteps.

The quiet was broken by a sharp voice cutting through the damp air.

"Come on, Emma! Don't be so slow. There's work to be done!"

"My stepmother," explained Emma with a grimace.

"Is she always so impatient?" asked Miss Rørbye.

"Yes, always. I can never please her. She'll probably be very angry and beat me for having mud on these shoes."

"She strikes you?"

Emma nodded a silent "yes."

"Often?"

Again a silent "yes," this time accompanied by a fresh flow of tears.

Miss Rørbye thought for a minute before continuing. "And where are you in school?"

Emma wiped her eyes with her coatsleeve before replying. "Oh, I haven't gone to school for some time. I have my duties to do at home while *she* helps Poppa in the shop. There is no time for school."

"Emma!" the impatient voice called again.

"You mustn't forsake learning, Child. Perhaps in the evenings at my home. . ."

"She won't. . ."

"Perhaps I can persuade her. You'll be more help with an education."

"I'd like to, but she won't. She won't. . . she *never* will!"

"Emma!" The voice was shrill with anger.

"I must go, I must go. . ." Emma clasped the teacher's warm hand tightly, then turned and ran down the path toward the demanding voice.

"We shall see each other again. . . soon." Distance faded Miss Rørbye's voice as she replied.

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Emma woke with a start, uncertain for a moment as to her whereabouts. Her hands clutched the book so tightly that her fingers ached. She stretched, smiling at the memory of Miss

Rørbye's persuasiveness. Somehow the teacher had convinced Emma's stepmother to agree to evening study hours. What delicious hours they were — singing, reading the Bible, learning the poems of Grundtvig and Ingemann, and hearing the history of Rome and Greece.

A begging squirrel reminded her that it was time to eat.

"Oh, yes, you may have some lunch, too," she promised as she unwrapped her kerchief. "We must all share what we have. . . no?" She tossed him a piece of bread and decided to add a tribute to Miss Rørbye to her growing list of poems.

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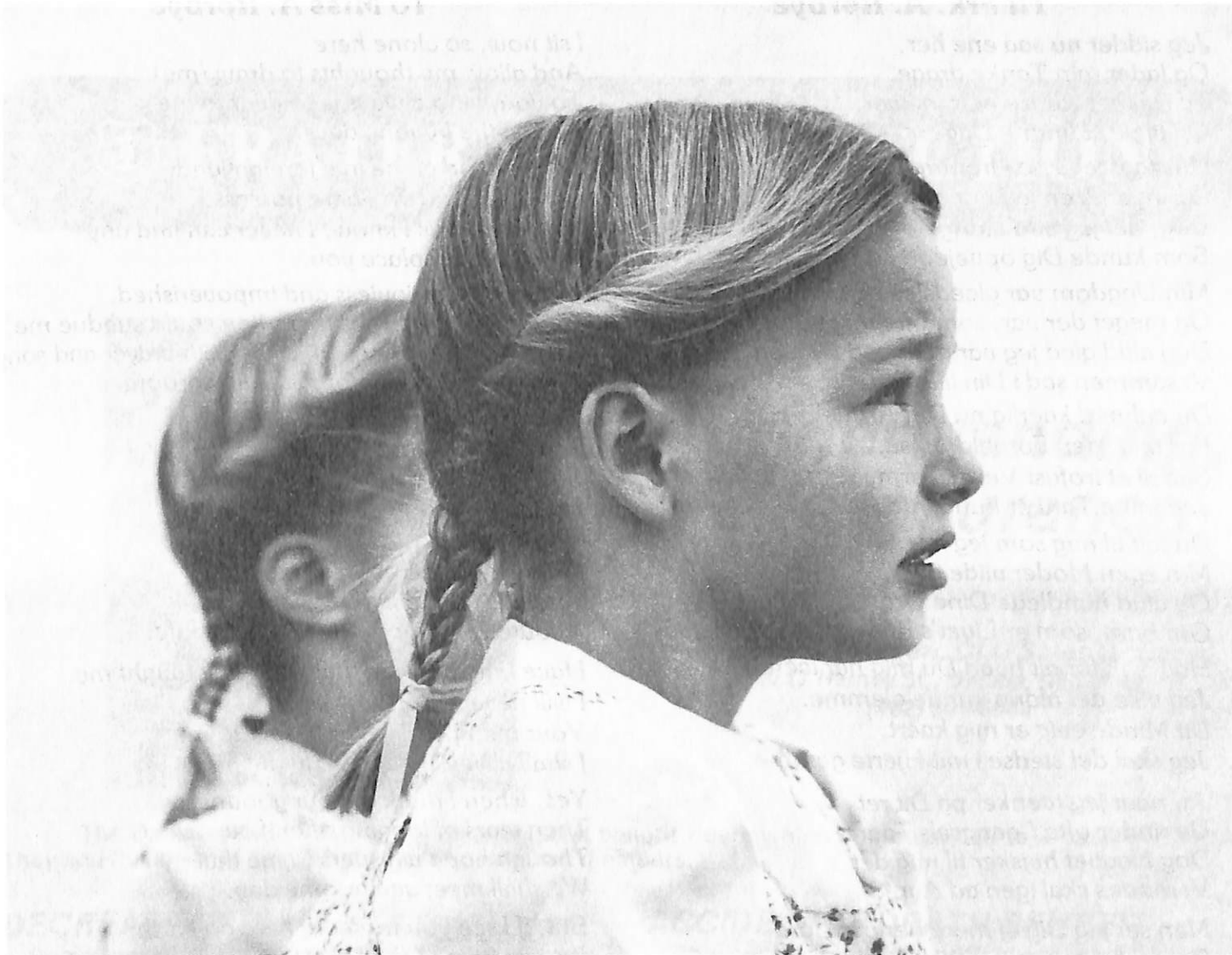
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Til Frk. A. Rørbye

Jeg sidder nu saa ene her,
Og lader min Tanke drage.
Til Dig der stedse er min kaer,
Og til de svundne Dage.
Nu staar jeg ene i fremmed Land,
Og ingen Ven jeg her mon eje.
Dog, det jeg ved aldrig nogen finde kan,
Som kunde Dig opveje.
Min Ungdom var glaedsløs og trang,
Og meget der var, som ofte mig kunde kue.
Dog altid glad jeg var naar ved Bøn og Sang,
Vi sammen sad i Din lille Stue.
Du aabned kaerlig nu Din Arm,
For mig, den Foraeldreløse.
Saa til et trofast Vennebarm,
Jeg mine Tanker kunde udøse.
Du talt til mig som jeg tror
Min egen Moder vilde.
Og altid handlede Dine Ord
Om ham, som er Livet's Kilde.
Hav Tak for alt hvad Du mig har laert.
Jeg ville det aldrig kunde glemme.
Dit Minde evig er mig kaert,
Jeg skal det stedse i mit Hjerte gemme.
Ja, naar jeg taenker pa Dit ret
Da rinder ofte Laengsels Taare
Dog Haabet huisker til mig det
Vi mødes skal igen ad Aare.
Men ser jeg Dig ej mere her paa Jord
Saa ved jeg vist, jeg skal Dig møde,
Hist oppe i det store Englekor
I Evighedens Morgenrøde.

To Miss A. Rørbye

I sit now, so alone here
And allow my thoughts to draw (me)
To you, who always is so dear to me
And to the bygone days.
Now I stand alone in a foreign land,
And no friend do I here possess.
However, this I know, I never can find any
Who could replace you.
My youth was joyless and impoverished,
And much there was that often could subdue me.
Still, I was always happy, when with prayer and song
We sat together in your little livingroom.
You opened lovingly your arms
To me, the orphan.
So that, to a faithful friend's bosom,
I could pour out my thoughts.
You spoke to me as I believe
My own mother would.
And always were your words
About Him, who is the Spring of Life.
Have thanks for all that you have taught me.
I will never be able to forget it.
Your memory is forever dear to me.
I shall always keep that in my heart.
Yes, when I think of your goodness
Then tears of longing often flow.
Though hope whispers to me that
We shall meet again some day.
But, if I see you no more here on earth,
I surely know I shall meet you
Up yonder, in the great chorus of angels,
In the dawn of eternity.

1986 Camp Grants

Congratulations to the recipients of the 1986 Danish Brotherhood camp grants. The following were awarded financial assistance to help defray the cost of a camp of their choice along with a Danish Brotherhood T-shirt.

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Alica Mann
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Daniel Nielsen
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Debbie Mortensen
Becky Alderman
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Is available on certificates to age 15. Under this benefit, the Society will waive any premiums that fall due after the death of the applicant, usually a parent, and prior to the certificate anniversary nearest the child's 21st birthday, and before the payor's 65th birthday.

Our Lodges in Action

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

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

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

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST DISTRICT PACIFIC- NORTHWEST Pacific Northwest District

The 37th annual convention of the Pacific Northwest District was called to order on Friday, May 23 by President Walter Reinhard in a joint opening with the Pacific Northwest Danish Sisterhood.

Presidents Phyllis and Walter Reinhard welcomed everyone to the convention. Walter led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and Phyllis led us in singing God Bless America.

Phyllis Reinhard introduced Sisterhood members: Gladys Nordine, National President; Dorothy Petersen, National Trustee and Edna Oslund, National Treasurer. Walter Reinhard introduced Brotherhood members: Woody Petersen, National Director; Clyde Langsted, Second National Vice President and Aage Lindquist, Past President of the California-Nevada District.

The business meeting began with Clyde Langsted explaining the signs and symbols of our society. Peter Praegel, President of the host lodge, welcomed everybody to the convention. Woody Petersen told us what a pleasure it was for him to be back in Vancouver where he was elected to the National Board several years ago. Committee reports were given and it was reported that only two lodges had returned the District President's Award forms. Hopefully, participation will improve next year. The award for Best Single Social Activity and Best Annual Activity Schedule was given to Seattle and Vancouver was awarded the Best Single Civic Activity and the Best Newsletter.

It was decided to increase the District President's travel reimbursement to \$35 for each business, not to exceed \$210.

Our meeting was adjourned after a film about the Scandinavian Festival in Vancouver was shown.

Lisa Mortensen, Dist. Sec.-Treas.

Lodge #29, Seattle, WA — On April 26 we celebrated our 98th anniversary. More than 200 people enjoyed a superb dinner made possible by special efforts of Gunnar and Else Sorensen and helpers. The price of the dinner was held to a minimum so that any

The best idea for July goes to Lodge No. 299, Solvang, CA. See page 12.

one belonging to the lodge and wanted to attend could afford to do so with thanks again to Gunnar and Else Sorensen. It was held at the Nordic Heritage Museum. This event was a kind of combined anniversary and sports event. Earlier that day, the Seattle soccer team had a play-off with the Canadian soccer teams from Vancouver, B.C. Unfortunately, Seattle lost both games and the Canadians took all the silverware home with them.

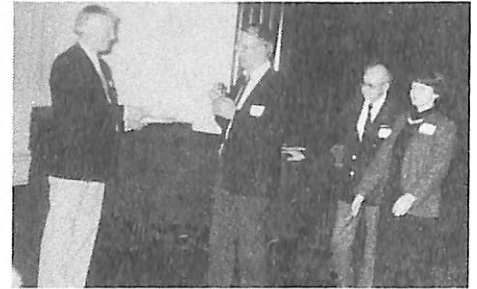
When our lodge built the Washington Hall as the lodge building in 1908, a stage was constructed in the building where the Danes dramatic club "Harmonien" put on countless performances over the years, sometimes before audiences of 500 to 800 people. In 1911, the 1848 Vaudeville, "A Sunday on Amager" was presented in Danish version. In 1936, the play was revived again, and our Grethe Pedersen, who used to be one of our main amateur actresses, took the main part in the play. And in 1961, her daughter, Grethe Larsen, took the main role in the play. And now in 1986, comes Grethe's granddaughter, Lori Larsen, to take the main part, this time in English version. It is a most delightful and nostalgic play in singing, dancing, performance, settings, and everything. Following the performance on May 7, delicious refreshments, prepared by Gunnar and Else Sorensen, were enjoyed by everyone. Else and Gunnar sure are a busy couple. Thanks a lot!

Our meeting was held Thursday, May 8, at the Swedish Club. The meeting was somewhat sparsely attended, but we enjoyed having with us some prospective members whom we are looking forward to initiate at our next meeting.

On April 30, many members were invited by the Nordic Museum for a complimentary dinner and a slide preview of the exhibit "Dream of America" which opened June 5. On this occasion, Second National Vice President, Clyde Langsted, on behalf of the

Danish Brotherhood in America, presented the museum with a very substantial check.

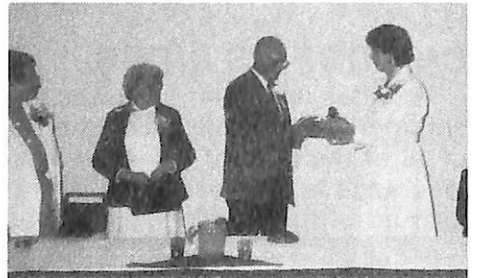
Also, Past National President Kristen Jorgensen, presented the museum with a substantial check on behalf of the lodge.



President of the Nordic Heritage Museum accepts a check from Second National Vice President Clyde Langsted.



An impressive flag presentation was held at the banquet.



National Director "Woody" Petersen installs new District President Sharon Kinder.

Many of our members attended the Danish Brotherhood and Danish Sisterhood Pacific Northwest District Convention in Canada. It would be hard to describe the convention in so many words, but a goodly number of people from every lodge attended. We might say that the convention was well attended.

On Friday, after unloading, having coffee, and registering, the convention was called to order by the District President Walter Reinhard of Eugene, Oregon, who did a fine job of chairing the meetings. Poul B. Christensen was appointed as Parliamentarian. In attendance also was National Director "Woody" Petersen from Chicago, as well as our own National Second Vice President Clyde Langsted. That evening we enjoyed a very fine dinner plus entertainment, dance, and nice door prizes.

On Saturday morning, we were back in meeting again, and election of officers for the ensuing year 1986-87 was held. Sharon Kinder of Spokane Lodge No. 42 is the new District President. For the Sisterhood, Lis Christensen of Seattle is the new District President.

In the afternoon, installation was held. National Director "Woody" Petersen and National Sisterhood President Gladys Nordine officiated.

The Saturday night banquet was really an elegant affair. Very impressive was the flag presentation. An RCMP in full uniform brought in the Canadian flag, followed by Bente Pedersen, in a national Danish costume, carrying the Stars and Stripes, and one of the members of the Vancouver Lodge in a full royal Danish Garde uniform brought in old "Dannebrog." At the head table, the following dignitaries were introduced: Mayor Tom Baker of New Westminster, Royal Danish Consul Finn Petersen of Vancouver and Mrs. Petersen, and Pastor and Mrs. Jens Arendt of the Danish Lutheran Church in New Westminster, B.C. Herluf Pedersen of Vancouver Lodge did an outstanding job as MC with the help of his efficient wife and committee members.

Sunday morning, our host lodge had arranged for a very bountiful and hearty brunch. Really the food was superb all the time. Many of the Brothers and Sisters departed after the brunch, but a few stayed over to take in some of the sights at EXPO '86.

Ted Kofoed, Cor.

YOUNG VIKINGS

Lodge #167, Portland, OR — The Young Vikings and families met on April 20 at Lewisville Park. We had absolutely perfect weather. It was sunny and about 75 degrees. We played several games of volleyball, ate a tasty chili dinner, and planned our calendar for the upcoming year.

With this enthusiastic group we are going to have a great year! If you and your family would like to join our group, contact Linda Jensen.

Mark your calendars now for the family

oriented events that are planned for this year. On July 20 all Young Vikings are encouraged to attend the Folkfest. If we have a volunteer parent to organize, we can have a booth for sales. Call Linda Jensen if you are interested. August 17 is the date for our picnic at Oaks Park. Kids games are planned as well as rides at the park. Finally, we will hold a hayride at the Pomeroy House on September 14. Join us in an old fashioned hayride at a historical farm on the East Fork of the Lewis River. We'll get together for a potluck smorgasbord dinner at Gert and Linda Jensen's place.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST NEWSLETTER

Lodge #167, Portland, OR — At our May meeting Larry West reported that the brunch and bingo showed a profit of \$55. Larry gave thanks to Joyce Gimbel for the flowers and all those who helped. Jens Gimbel stood and said a hand should be given to Larry for his fine job coordinating the event.

Karlene Thorkildsen reported that she had attended the last Neighborfair meeting. A request was made this year for all Folkfest participants to have a banner 10'x3' with their country's name imprinted to fly over the tents. Doug Turner will be checking on obtaining one. Volunteers are needed to help erect the tent.

The picnic is set for Oaks Park on August 17, 1986.

Mel Pihl introduced Bob and Nancy Gilpatrick and their daughter, Kathryn. Kathryn is the recipient of a DBIA scholarship. She is attending a university in Denmark and is engaged to a Danish man. She has been a Danish exchange student and is fluent in the Danish language.

Jens Jensen introduced prospective member, Kirk Lauritsen and his fiancée, Dana Lambert. Also introduced was Sonja Spencer who is related by marriage to Princess Diana of England. Gert Jensen lead the lodge members in a welcome to all.

Jens Gimbel reported that he had heard from the Embassy in Denmark that all foods had been tested for radiation and Denmark is safe.

Mag Esrom mentioned that next year's bowling tournament will be held in Portland.

Joanne Kantor, Sec.

Lodge #328, Vancouver, B.C. — Present at the business meetings of the Pacific Northwest District Convention from our lodge were the three delegates: Peter Jensen, Peter Praegel, and Jens Peter Vestergaard. Also present from the lodge were District Inner Guard Al Paquette as well as Past District Presidents Herluf Pedersen, Poul B.

Christensen and Elith Marcussen. Poul B. Christensen was asked to act as Parliamentarian during the meetings.

Friday night featured some amusing comedy skits plus music from an excellent eleven piece Glenn Miller type band. Saturday night was a more formal affair with a head table including New Westminster Mayor Tom Baker, Pastor Jens Arendt, and Danish Consul, Finn Pedersen.

The President's Awards were also given out that evening. Lodge No. 328 received awards for best newsletter and best lodge social activity. On Sunday morning breakfast was served and everyone said "pa gensyn" in Spokane.

I think Lodge No. 328 should be proud of all the work Herluf Pedersen, his committee, and all the others who pitched in did to make this a successful and memorable event.

Our hospitality suite was as usual a roaring success. Special thanks to the bartender, Conny Vinther.

At our last meeting there were 44 members present. Four new brothers were inducted into our lodge. They are Hans Erik Morthorst, Jorgen Johansen, Ole Damsgaard, Arne Pedersen. Welcome to you all. That brought the members present up to 48. After the meeting, the brothers enjoyed open face sandwiches and liquid refreshments.

Peter Praegel, Cor.

CALIFORNIA- NEVADA

Lodge #184, Hayward, CA — We were invited by Lodge No. 143 in Petaluma to join them for the national bowling tournament on Sunday, May 18.

Two teams comprised the Hayward lodge. The men's team included David Mahler, Fred Mahler, Walter Hansen, Roy Anthony, and Lynn Troxel, while the women's team consisted of Ceil Mahler, Diane Mahler, Beth Cowan, Signe Ann McNeil, and Jonna Villadsen. Despite a poor showing by the men and the women's strong showing, a fun time was had by everyone.

Thanks to Lodge No. 143 and their President, Harvey Rasmussen, for an enjoyable time.

Lynn Troxel, III, Pres.

Lodge #299, Solvang, CA — The California-Nevada District Convention will be sponsored by our lodge and the Sisterhood Lodge No. 177, and takes place July 17-19 in Solvang. Naturally an event of such magnitude creates a lot of excitement here in the little town of Solvang.

For months all committees have worked enthusiastically on the extensive program

under the very capable leadership of the two chairpersons Johannes Jaeger and Else Lassiter. The building will be beautifully decorated in harmony with the theme for the convention "Musical Fantasy of Tivoli" and a real Danish orchestra will make the atmosphere perfect.

There will be opening festivities on Thursday evening, a barbecue at Hans Christian Andersen Park on Friday evening, followed by a dance at the Solvang Memorial Building, and the traditional banquet and ball will take place on Saturday evening. Other activities will include a golf tournament at Alisal Championship Course with prizes for ladies and men in all five categories.

Youth activities, which will be entertaining as well as educational, are highlighted by a fun day at Lake Cachuma on Friday. The main feature is a nature boat trip where wildlife and folklore will be explained. Later there will be swimming in the parks. On Saturday morning, a youth program with games will be provided in Hans Christian Andersen Park in Solvang. A youth party with dinner and entertainment will take place simultaneously with the banquet on Sunday night.

Everything has been planned for your enjoyment and we sincerely hope that you will leave Solvang enriched with many good memories.
Jacob Ravn, Cor.

Lodge #306, San Diego, CA — We were very pleased to initiate Warrick Carlson at our June 11 meeting. Welcome Warrick.

Congratulations are in order to the daughter of Margaret and Warrick Carlson,

Sandra Carlson, who won the title of Miss Denmark-USA, a pageant sponsored by the Danish National Committee of Southern California.

Don't forget the California-Nevada District Convention to be held in Solvang on July 17-19. On August 13, we will welcome back convention delegates at our general meeting.
Lillian Suda, Sec.

Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA — At the last meeting we elected 5 members to the Law Committee, for the National Convention to be held in Des Moines, Iowa on September 24, 1987. They are: Frank Jepsen, John Kristensen, Jens Andersen, and Richard and Karen Rowse.

Gunnar Hansen received his 25 year pin at the last meeting. Congratulations, Gunnar!

Also at the last meeting, Viggo Bech Nielsen showed a wonderful film entitled, **The Ballerina**. It was filmed at the Royal Theater in Copenhagen and showed the "Swanlake." Thanks, Viggo.

Since there will be no regular business meeting in July, a swim-barbecue party has been planned later in the month at the home of Kate Krake.

Plan to attend the California-Nevada District Convention in Solvang on July 17-19.
Kate Krake, Cor.

Lodge #332, Ripon, CA — On March 21, members were treated to a delicious, authentic Danish Frikadeller dinner in the home of Alvin and Gunvar Olsen. A regular meeting followed.

Our April meeting followed a tasty bean

and wiener supper, in the home of Vernon and Bessie Olsen. A regular meeting followed. Those elected to be delegates for the District Convention this summer are John Craig, Reghnor Hansen, and Alvin Olsen. Alternates are Gunnar Olsen and Marge Scheuber.

On May 17, members and guests rented a shuttle bus and accepted Jack and Melba Belmont's invitation to spend the day at their home in Oroville. After partaking of the delectable brunch prepared for us, the Belmonts arranged for us to take a special tour of the Oroville Dam. What a fabulous chance to see how technology has advanced from the early days that John Bidwell roamed this territory to the present day view of the highest dam in the United States! Upon our return from the dam, we spent a relaxing afternoon enjoying the sun and warm conversation. We were then treated to a tasty chicken barbecue before returning home. Thank you Belmonts for a very special day.

Our members wish to extend special congratulations to Vernon Olsen, our member who received the "Howard E. Christensen" Award. We are very proud of you.
Marge Scheuber, Cor.

Lodge #345, Orange Co., CA — We had a superb evening on May 11. It was our annual Mother's Day dinner. It was a very special way to say to the mothers in the lodge how much they truly are appreciated. If you were not able to attend, do plan on it next year. It was so nice to arrive at the lodge meeting and sit down to a wonderfully tasteful and arranged dinner. We all enjoyed

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
4-7-86	Alfred K.K. Vestergaard	83	Denmark	306	San Diego, California	1929
4-19-86	Louis C. Jensen	78	Kenosha, Wisconsin	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1946
4-20-86	Harry C. Ploughman	67	Laurel, Nebraska	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1975
4-30-86	Nicolai A. Ibsen	91	Denmark	116	Newark, New Jersey	1928
4-22-86	Carl R. Jensen	53	Hancock, Iowa	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1975
4-1-86	Donald L. Kosmicki	32	Loup City, Nebraska	211	Grand Island, Nebraska	1975
5-2-86	Courtland R. Pieper	75	Clinton, Iowa	3	Davenport, Iowa	1958
4-15-86	Otto Christensen	88	Egvad, Denmark	273	Dillon, Montana	1917
5-20-86	Chris Nelson	78	Denmark	170	Rocky River, Ohio	1947
5-19-86	Christian H. Jensen	75	Jutland, Denmark	32	New Haven, Connecticut	1929
5-9-86	Harry B. Jensen	73	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	183	Troy, New York	1940
5-12-86	Lillian D. Strand	75	LaPorte, Indiana	206	Blair, Nebraska	1961
4-15-86	Edith C. Jensen	77	England	230	Arcata, California	1969
3-8-85	Felix L. Andersen	79	Copenhagen, Denmark	126	Los Angeles, California	1965
4-28-86	John F. Robinson	100	Assens, Denmark	334	Geneva, New York	1951
4-22-86	Carl P. Andersen	68	Nebraska	345	Orange County, California	1977
4-30-86	Evan Johnson	80	Waupaca, Wisconsin	343	Waupaca, Wisconsin	1976
5-9-86	Elmer B. Mertins	76	Racine, Wisconsin	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1968
3-16-86	Edward J. Ross	82	Manitoba, Canada	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1971
9-30-84	Gunnar V. Larsen	75	Denmark	325	Nassau County, New York	1965
12-31-85	Wayne Leser	93	Denmark	325	Nassau County, New York	1977
11-30-85	Borge Nielsen	73	Denmark	325	Nassau County, New York	1981
5-7-86	Robert R. Brewer	72	Hampton, Iowa	15	Des Moines, Iowa	1969

the catered buffet dinner. After dinner we had a short business meeting.

Our guests of the evening were Karl Johan Jorgensen, Claire and Alex Coates and many welcomed back Ernest and Kathy Andersen.

The evening's entertainment was a slide presentation given by Jim Dwyer of his recent trip to Sweden. Jim narrated his presentation and we all felt we were along on this trip. Thank you Jim for a job well done. We can always count on you for a superior evening.

We thank Chairman Jim Dwyer and his committee, Betty Christensen and Margaret Motz, for beautiful tables with fresh flowers. Also, thanks to Ken Olsen who supplied the wine for the dinner. The catered dinner was excellent and you could go to the buffet table as often as you wanted. After dinner Jim had special recognitions to award. The awards were living plants. The following were the winners: Oldest Mother, Marie Christensen; Youngest Mother, Kandy Chappell; Mom with the Most Children, Hazel Kjellsen; and Grandma with the Most Grandchildren, Dawn Nielsen. Congratulations to all you lovely mothers.

The language class had their last meeting of the year with a special meeting. Kaj Bjorn, the teacher, showed pictures of Denmark while narrating them. We all enjoyed Danish open faced sandwiches and accompanying goodies. We presented Helga and Kaj with a crystal dish with our thanks for their faithfulness and time they both put into the class. We all agreed that we are a great group and we look forward to the class beginning in the fall. If you would like to join us, please contact Kaj.

Most of our members know of the on-



Our language class is looking forward to meeting again next year.



Language teacher Kaj Bjorn, and wife Helga, prove their Danish speaking ability to Karl Christensen from Denmark.



Kim Irvin needs our help!

going fraternal endeavor we are currently involved in. We are excited about our raffle sale that is going on. Remember, each member and friend is being asked to sell one book of 10 coupons with the proceeds going totally to the Kim Irvin Fund. A beautiful multi-colored South Dakota afghan, handmade by Kim's aunt, Rosemary Allison, is the gift offered. This is totally non-profit. Our objective is to aid and assist. The drawing will be at the anniversary barbecue in August. You may recall Kim Irvin, a grandchild of members of our lodge, was left totally paralyzed after a car accident.

Gerry Olsen, Sec.

Lodge #346, Riverside, CA — The Folkdancers Barbecue was a big success. Forty-six members and guests feasted on a fantastic meal choreographed by Sue Patterson and "Deep-Pit-BBQ Expert Chef" Jim Patterson. Four additional people joined us to watch the folkdancers perform, making a total of fifty who turned out for the event. We really appreciate the efforts of those who made this evening possible. Welcome to our newest members, Wayne and Shirley Young, who were initiated into our lodge. We are glad you have joined us!

It is my sad duty to report the death of one of our members, May-Reece Marek, who died on April 25. May-Reece taught school for 17 years, was a secretary and bookkeeper for 10 years, and retired after 13 years from the County of San Bernardino as a social worker. Survivors include her three daughters, Deanna Johnson, Vivian-Gay Villines, and Katherine Todak; four grandchildren; five great grandchildren; numerous foster and god children. She joined Kodan lodge in January of 1984 and particularly enjoyed bringing her little ones to Kodan's children's parties. Our sincere sympathy to her family. Blessed be her memory!

Several members recently attended an open house at the 30-acre site of the early California ranch home of Danish sea captain, Cornelius Jensen, his Spanish wife, Mercedes Alvarado, and their ten children.

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This is the oldest standing home in Riverside County — located at 4350 Riverview Drive in Rubidoux — and was the first brick house to be constructed in Riverside County. It is being restored to its original 1868 condition by the Jensen-Alvarado Ranch Associates under the auspices of the Riverside County Parks Department. Plans include a public meeting room to be made available to organizations like ours. Of course, we are looking forward to the restoration with a great deal of interest!

We need your help! Please save your newspapers, aluminum cans and cardboard. Bring them to our meetings and give to either Kaja Del Grippo or Sue Patterson. All funds received from turning in these items will go into our treasury.

The District Convention in Solvang will be July 17-19. Entertainment will include many home-grown items and will feature an orchestra imported from Denmark. The theme for the convention is "Musical Fantasy of Tivoli" and decorations will include fountains and a replica of Tivoli's front gate. If you have not made your reservations yet, please do it now.

Nancy Nielsen, Sec.

IOWA-MINNESOTA

Lodge #15, Des Moines, IA — The famous and popular annual Sisterhood Champagne Brunch was held at the hall on May 4th with about 50 people attending. The food was wonderful and the champagne seemed to liven up the party. Thank you ladies for a fun party!

At our May 12th meeting, a new member, Harry Dahl, was initiated into the lodge. We welcome him and hope to also see his wife, Bonnie, at meetings and special events.

The Dania building has been sold so we will be facing the problem of finding a new "home" for our group. Please let us know if you have any suggestions.

Mary Riber, Cor.

Lodge #75, Albert Lea, MN — The evening of May 16 was the occasion for celebrating the 92nd anniversary of our lodge. One hundred and one members and friends were present for the banquet and program held at the Holiday Inn, with President Don Levisen presiding.

Following the invocation, given by Pastor Roy Mumm, a distinguished member of the lodge was recognized. Lights in the banquet hall were dimmed as waitresses appeared carrying a huge birthday cake illuminated with glowing sparklers. This special recognition was in honor of Soren Sorensen, who was observing his 95th birthday on that very

date. After introduction of Soren, all stood and sang "Happy Birthday," after which he spoke briefly recounting his many experiences in the affairs of the lodge during his 73 years of active membership. Other guests were introduced and we were privileged to recognize from the Home Office, Jerome Christensen, Andy Andersen, and Pam Dorau.

Following the dinner, Don Levisen made several announcements pertaining to lodge activities.

A new Danish flag, to be flown at the statue site, will be provided by Elvin and Marilyn Reim, in honor of Marilyn's father, Ernest Sorensen.

The committee studying the feasibility of purchasing a building has met on two occasions and will present a report at the September 6 meeting.

Our bowling team has participated in the DBIA tournament. Team members were Jack Paulsen, Waldo and Alvina Smith, Marcella Clausen and Mae Larson.

A moment of silence was observed in respect to Chris Hvolboll, a member for over 74 years, who had died on Tuesday, May 13, at the age of 97.

President Levisen called on the secretary for presentation of membership awards and door prizes. Commemorative pins were presented to Richard "Randy" Sorensen and Roxanne Wadding, brother and sister, and grandchildren of Soren Sorensen, in recognition of 25 years of membership in the lodge. At our September meeting, we will have the pleasure of presenting a 25-year pin to Robert F. Petersen.

Banquet committee members, Earl and Maurine Levisen, Roy and Florence Mumm and Mae Larson, were recognized and thanked by President Levisen for having made all arrangements for the festivals including the preparation of the attractive programs and appropriate table decorations.

President Levisen called on Jerome Christensen who spoke very briefly and then provided the evening's entertainment with vocal selections which were enjoyed by all.

And so ended a very enjoyable 92nd anniversary celebration.

Lodge #144, Dike, IA — On a recent Sunday afternoon, a group of Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood members gathered at the Axel Madsen home to help him celebrate his 90th birthday. He was born on April 30 in Assnass, Sjelland, Denmark. Just before he was 20 years old, he came to America with four other Danes, settling in the Dike area, where Axel worked on a farm for two years before going into the Army. Mr. Madsen served overseas in France with



Axel Madsen celebrates his 90th birthday.

the 30th Infantry Division.

Axel then returned to the Dike area, and continued as a farm worker before going to work for the Viking Pump Co., spent two years in California helping to build Model T Fords in 1925, and returned to Viking Pump Company. He continued there as a tool grinder until his retirement in 1961.

In 1958, Mr. Madsen married Elvina Nielsen. She died in 1983. Axel has one stepson, three granddaughters, and six great grandchildren.

Twice since coming to this country, Mr. Madsen went back to Denmark, once in 1929 and the second time was in 1937. It took five days via steamship.

Axel continues to be active, mowing his own yard with a power mower that is of the riding type. We enjoyed visiting with him and wish him continued health and happiness.

Axel is a charter member of Lodge No. 144 and is also an example of the type of individual which makes America great.

Lyle Refshauge, Sec.

Lodge #349, Atlantic, IA — The January meeting began with the introduction of new officers. Two guests from the National Headquarters were introduced, namely Andy Andersen, Sales Director, and Jerry Christensen, Secretary-Treasurer. Jerry entertained the group with a delectable variety of music. He plays guitar and has a mellow singing voice. Hosts for the evening were Richard and Ardis Knudsen and Ken and Mary Lou Hoegh.

In March, following our business meeting, the Danish Brotherhood members were treated with Danish singing. Two ladies from the Elk Horn-Kimballton lodge, Bertha Andersen and Karen Korsgaard, sang accompanied by piano. The ladies then directed the group in learning several Danish songs. The committee for March were Don and Fern Nelson, Wayne and Phyllis Olsen, Marvin Ohms, and Cliff and

Mary Ann Christensen.

On March 21st, we met at the Danish Inn in Elk Horn. A Danish goose dinner complete with red cabbage and homemade rye bread was enjoyed by all attending.

In May we awarded our most dedicated member. Our nomination for the "Howard E. Christensen" Award was presented to Richard Knudsen, Past President and organizer of our lodge. Speaking to our group was Pia Werborg, Danish language teacher at Dana College. Pia touched on a wide variety of subjects concerning Denmark, her native land. All members enjoyed her presentation and the "extras" she shared with us, and the questions she answered as well. Hosts for the evening were Louie and Lillie Johnson and Harvey and Priscilla Hansen.

Marge Holland, Sec.

MIDWEST

Lodge #4, Racine, WI — Our May 14 meeting was preceded by a great spaghetti and meatball dinner put on by the ladies of Sisterhood Lodge No. 5. It was most certainly enjoyed by all.

At our meeting we welcomed former lodge president and still member Gene Anderson who now lives in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and was in town on a visit. We all enjoyed a visit with him. After a good

meeting, we were served open face sandwiches and beer which was followed by card games.

Doug Larsen, Cor.

Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI — Congratulations to Dan Greenwald for being awarded "Recommender of the Month" for April in the national membership campaign.

The Midwest District Bowling was held in Racine sponsored by their lodge. They did an outstanding job of hosting the bowling and a fine dinner and dance afterwards. Kenosha came out on top in both men's and women's first place teams. Other placers for Kenosha were third place team — Roger Nelson, Rudy Bernhardt, Jr., Jerry Wamboldt, Alan Hinds, and Carl Moore; fifth place team - Al Pocnick, Peter Wildenberg, Rich Dunvow, Harry Krogh, and Eugene Keck; individual's first place - Bernice Schneider and Jerry Wamboldt; individual's second place - Eleanore Baas and Virginia Nelson; and individual's third place - Rich Walker.

Our 94th anniversary party brought out 260 members, guests, and widows for a good night of fellowship. Roger Nelson was our toastmaster and did his usual great job. President Bernhardt brought greetings and introduced his officers for 1986. Crystal Rozzoni, President of the Sisterhood Lodge No. 20; Russ Madsen, President of Dania in

Racine; Wayne Kavaliauskas, President of Lodge No. 4 in Racine; Gordon Andersen, President of the Midwest District; Rev. Robert Anderson and Rev. Lawrence Siersbeck from St. Mary's Church all brought greetings to the lodge. Sixty-year member Hans Nielsen living in Oklahoma was acknowledged and also the fact that Aksel Christensen received his 60 year pin post-humously. The "Pioneer Award" went to John Gellert and "Brother of the Year Awards" were given to Rudy Bernhardt, Sr., Arthur Pedersen and Edgar Gastaldi. Edgar was also awarded one of our Viking ships for his outstanding dedication to the lodge during the remodeling. Roger Nelson was given a certificate for being our nominee for the "Howard E. Christensen" Award. Two special awards were given with a plaque for the Honor Corner at the lodge. They are in memory of Aksel Christensen and Elmer Nelson, Jr. for their dedication and devotion to the lodge. Mrs. Evelyn Jensen was thanked for donating the new trophy case in memory of our good member Stanley Jensen. We once again welcomed and recognized those widows of our members who were present as our guests — Margaret Haugaard, Marie Hansen, Eleanore Baas, Vivian Hansen, June Knudsen, Evelyn Jensen, Carrie Petersen, Helen Nelson, Eileen Boyd, Christine Gram, Thora

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Nielsen. We thank those who sent flowers — Danish Sisterhood Lodge No. 20, Dania Society and Hansen's Funeral Home. The committee for the event was the Board of Officers.

A big thank you to Alan Frederick who donated a color TV set for use in the Rathskellar. We have the jar out to purchase a big screen TV for that room so we can have some football, boxing and other types of parties.

Our baseball team is now playing at Finney's West — come out and give them your support.

Friday Night Fish Fry is progressing satisfactorily. Bring your friends along and give us a try. A full menu is available.

Effective January 1, 1987, insured members will pay insurance premiums directly to the Home Office in Omaha. You will receive a bill from them. The reason for this change is that we have such a small number of insured members paying premiums to the lodge. You will continue to pay your annual dues to the lodge.

Welcome new members Ivan Petroski, Tom Banski, Cliff Plaisted, Carl Sward, James Redmond, and Clarence Cox.

Upcoming events include the annual Milwaukee Brewer baseball bus trip on Friday, July 11, the Midwest District Golf Tournament and Picnic in Dwight, Illinois, on July 12; and the annual Family Picnic on July 27 at Alford's Park No. 6. It is free to members, their families and a special welcome to all the children and grandchildren. Plan to attend all events.

Lodge #34, Dwight, IL — Congratulations to Art and Arnold Nielsen for their 50 years with the Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 34! Also, congratulations to Methe Jensen for having been nominated for the "Howard E. Christensen" Award. We're proud to have you all for members of our great organization.

We were entertained by the Dwight Jazz



Methe Jensen is congratulated for being nominated for the "Howard E. Christensen" Award.



President Bill Clavey congratulates Arnold and Art Nielsen for 50 years of membership.

Band at our May meeting. It's good to see our local kids perform — they're good!

On Saturday, July 12, we will host the Midwest District Golf and Picnic outing at the Dwight Country Club. Coffee and rolls will be served upon arrival with sandwiches and beer at the 9th hole. Horseshoes, swimming, and a raffle will be offered. Roast pig, baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw, rolls, watermelon, coffee, pop, beer, and dessert will be served later. There will be a free will offering for the food. There will be a guided tour of the Dwight Women's Reformatory by reservation.

Margaret Goodwin, Sec.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST NEWSLETTER

Lodge #35, Chicago, IL — The executive officers met one-half hour before the May 16th meeting in order to dispose of bills and correspondence not important. The usual bills were paid including \$100 each for Kari Elizabeth Christensen and Paul Erik Sloth who were awarded scholarships to the Danish Language Camp, Skovsøen.

The meeting was opened by Al Iversen. There were four initiations of new members, namely Martin J. Puska, Tyyne M. Puska, Rudolph M. Rossatto and Rita M. Rossatto. All were made welcome by members present.

Grethe Jepsen informed us that the Scholarship Fund now has its own bank account at the Lyons Savings and Loan Bank.

Ray Nielsen volunteered to organize the teams for the golf tournament. This will take place in Dwight, Illinois, on July 12. Don't miss a great day. The lodge will pay the entrance fees but the cost of the golf carts and lodging is to be paid by members.

A motion made and carried that the lodge pay for hotel accommodations for the two elected delegates to the Midwest District Convention. Paul Sloth and Henry Jepsen were elected delegates while Jesper Gronvaldt and Al Iversen are alternates.

Martin Christensen was presented with a framed certificate from the headquarters in Omaha for being nominated for the "Howard E. Christensen" Award.

Elsa Petersen, Cor.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD CIVIC ACTIVITY

Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI — Eleven of our members attended the workshop held April 20 in Kenosha. We had an opportunity to meet with Headquarters staff personnel who conducted the sessions — Secretary-Treasurer Jerome L. Christensen, Fraternal Director, Pam Dorau, and Sales Director "Andy" Andersen, as well as National President Bob Ibsen. The presentations were most enlightening as were discussions with participation by attendees. We had a good time renewing old acquaintances with members from other lodges.

We were treated with kringle and coffee, other drinks and a delicious hot lunch, the entree being stuffed pork chops. We were especially impressed by the warm feeling of welcome which was sustained by our host Lodge No. 14 in Kenosha.

During our April 16 business meeting, President Grace E. Gertz presented a Certificate of Merit to Albert L. Larsen as a result of his being chosen by the membership as the most dedicated member and for having been an entrant for the "Howard E. Christensen" Award.

Thanks to Grace Gertz and Barbara Larsen who served refreshments following the meeting.



We were pleased to meet Danish exchange students Peter Holst Sorensen and Finn Mortensen.

We had an enjoyable evening on Wednesday, May 21. Thanks to Elsa Berlin, Grace Gertz, Carol Larsen and Betty Martinson, 18 members and two guests enjoyed an oven-baked chicken supper. Our guests, exchange students from Denmark, were Finn Mortensen and Peter Holst Sorensen.

They showed slides of Denmark and made appropriate comments regarding scenes from "home;" an interesting discussion ensued. Our May 21 business meeting followed.

Al Larsen, Sec.

Lodge #92, St. Charles, IL — Our meeting in May was our usual business meeting and was followed by a guest speaker named Maggie Cutkowski. She is affiliated with Copley Hospital in Aurora in their Home Health Care area. She was a very interesting speaker and told us all about the different programs the hospital has to offer for people who are not able to care for themselves completely but are still well enough to remain in the home atmosphere. There are many ways that people can be helped that I'm sure none of us knew about. After a discussion of the subject, a delicious lunch was enjoyed by all of us.

For the month of July, we will have the summer picnic. It will be on July 27 at the home of Bob and Andrea Mylin. They have been kind enough to offer their home for our picnic once again. We are all to bring a dish to pass and our own table service. The meat and refreshments will be served by the lodge. We are planning some fun and entertainment for that afternoon. It is to begin at noon and end whenever everyone is tired out and filled up. For our regular July meeting night, we plan to have our Brown Bag evening. It was suggested that all Brown Bag items be worth at least \$1.00. Some people have bid a lot of money and gotten something that was of no use and have thus been a little upset, so let's try to make it a fun evening for everyone.

We are planning ahead a little for the fall meeting in October and plan to have our bake sale that month. I know you won't want to miss that meeting. We always have some good homemade items to auction off.

We sure hope to see every member at the picnic in July as it is a lot more fun when there are a lot of people there. The more the merrier is what we all say.

Lois Skraboly, Cor.

Lodge #340, Wood Dale, IL — At the April meeting we had a rousing game of Prize Dice with host Ted Kaiser. It is one of our most popular games. The gifts were outstanding as usual. We had just as much fun opening the gifts as playing the games.

During the short meeting that we had, a certificate which was sent from the Home Office was presented to Ted Kaiser. Ted has been the mainstay of our lodge for so many years now that it is only fitting that he should be recognized.

In August we will have our pool party. Be sure to attend. We have the pool and the

lodge will buy pizza. After a dip in the pool, everyone seems to have a healthy appetite.

Remember the Midwest District Golf and Picnic in Dwight on July 12th. They are going to roast a pig. Sounds good!

Lodge #343, Waupaca, WI — We met on May 22 for our regular monthly meeting. In celebration of the Danish year of Hans Christian Andersen, Jean Lundorf showed

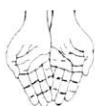
eight plates from her 24-piece collection of miniature Hans Christian Andersen plates and gave a shortened version of each story illustrated on the plates. Included were: The Shepherdess and the Chimney Sweep, The Little Mermaid, The Butterfly, Little Ida's Flowers, The Teapot, Five Peas in a Pod, The Emperor's New Clothes, and The Wild Swans. Helen Peterson read two articles on the Danish flag.

VELKOMMEN!

We have added more links to our chain — a chain of people who have joined hands promising to stand by each other.



New Member	Lodge No.	Location	Sponsor
Maynard Tiegs	14	Kenosha, WI	Charles Kreuser
William V. Swan	14	Kenosha, WI	John Hartnell
Richard H. Meyers	14	Kenosha, WI	Dan Greenwald
Richard J. Maier	14	Kenosha, WI	Charles Kreuser
P. Carson Rohde	14	Kenosha, WI	Lee McDonald
Larry L. Sladek	14	Kenosha, WI	Alan V. Frederick
Brian T. O'Neal	14	Kenosha, WI	Robert O'Neal
Bruce L. Shepherd	16	Minden, NE	Valerie Nielsen
Sven H. Rossel	29	Seattle, WA	Stig Andersen
Rita M. Rossetto	35	Chicago, IL	Audrey Christiansen
Curtis N. Christiansen	35	Chicago, IL	Audrey Christiansen
Cristy Lee Thomsen	95	Ferndale, CA	James S. Thomsen
Roy T. Sorensen	164	New York, NY	Marlin Olsen
Dorothy Ann Jørstad	164	New York, NY	John Knudsen
Rachel W. Conner	164	New York, NY	Charles H. Muskett
Kirk Lauritsen	167	Portland, OR	Mel Pihl
Mardi J. Braymen	167	Portland, OR	Ingeborg MacHaffie
Sylvia A. Hurst	167	Portland, OR	Caroline Schlitt
Lisa Renee Peters	225	Canton, OH	Audrey T. Pedersen
Jill Marie Peters	225	Canton, OH	Audrey T. Pedersen
Donald D. MacFarlane	227	Detroit, MI	Hans Gylling Nielsen
Robert G. Jeppesen	299	Solvang, CA	Rick Johnson
Shirley A. Nelson	341	Kimballton-Elk Horn, IA	Ray L. Johnson
Alvin W. Johnson	600	Omaha, NE	Ray L. Johnson
Marie K. Kent	600	Omaha, NE	Andy Andersen
Nicholas A. Bernhardt	600	Omaha, NE	Rudolph C. Bernhardt, Jr.
Nathan S. Bulicek	600	Omaha, NE	Ray L. Johnson



It's Better To Give Than To Receive
New members can add to our chain, too!



Congratulations

Audrey T. Pedersen of Lodge No. 225 in Canton, OH and **Charles Kreuser** of Lodge No. 14 in Kenosha, WI have been declared "Recommenders of the Month" for May. Each sponsored two new members.

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

In keeping with the true spirit of fraternalism, a \$50 donation has been sent to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children in their names.

Keep up the good work.

Our lodge President Evelyn Doerr is also president of the Waupaca Historical Society which maintains and operates our local 1854 Hutchinson House Victorian Museum. Mary Nelson is the acting curator and tour chairperson. Thanks to Mary and Evelyn for the task of cleaning and getting the house ready for guided tours of fourth grade public school classes and a group of Junior Girl Scouts. Thanks to all members who assisted as guides and helped with the various tasks.

Delicious open-faced sandwiches, cookies and coffee were enjoyed during the fellowship that followed the meeting.

Evelyn Doerr, Pres.

NEBRASKA PRESIDENT'S AWARD SINGLE SOCIAL ACTIVITY

Lodge #1, Omaha, NE — The insured members elected five persons to the Law Committee at our monthly business meeting on Tuesday, June 3. Members elected to the Law Committee are Jim Weedman, Robert Storms, Armand Thomsen, Gay Terkelsen, and James Hansen, Sr.. The delegate and alternate to the Thirty-Second National Convention in Des Moines, Iowa, on September 24, 1987, will be elected from this committee.

Michael Nielsen, Chairman of our Trustees, needs your help. If you know of someone who is in the hospital, ill at home, had some sort of misfortune, etc., please contact Mike.

We plan to charter a 47-passenger bus to attend the state picnic at Minden, Nebraska, on Sunday, July 27. It is a 4½ hour trip each way. Approximate cost per person will be about \$15.00. Contact Ted and Ruth



Annette Andersen led the singing of the national anthems.

Payments to Board Members

MAY 1986

Kenneth Pedersen, Michigan-Ohio District Convention, \$430.50.

JUNE 1986

Robert E. Ibsen, salary, \$257.00.

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Everyone enjoyed dancing.

Stollard or Clarence and Eleanor Hansen to make your reservations.

On May 10, we celebrated the 104th anniversary of our lodge at the Holiday Inn Central. An evening of dining, dancing and presenting awards was enjoyed by all. We thank the committee of Poul and Elie Stephensen, chairpersons, Walter and Marie Madsen, and John and Eleanor Norton.

James Christiansen, Sec.

Lodge #206, Blair, NE — The Riverview Grange is asking us if any of our members have any extra card tables they wish to loan or store at the hall as they are in need of more of them.

We are saddened by the loss of our dear sister Lil Strand, and wish to express our deepest sympathy to her husband, Paul.

Thanks to our April committee including Robert Jorgensen, Les Larsen, and Thorkild Pedersen for a very delicious lunch, and a most interesting program which everyone enjoyed.

Harriet Palle, Cor.

Lodge #211, Grand Island, NE — We met at the Blue Flame Room in Grand Island for a covered dish supper Monday evening, May 12. Edith Robbins of the Stuhr Museum told us about plans they are making for Danish Days on July 19. We will again furnish cookies and the museum will furnish coffee for lunch after the program. We had two guests from Denmark who were visiting Julius and Dorothy Thomsen. They were Gudrun Kristensen and her son Peter. Peter told us several things about Denmark and especially about his job as a town planner.

Vera Petersen, Sec.

MISSOURI

Lodge #56, Kansas City, MO — We celebrated our 94th anniversary in April. Thirty-five members and guests enjoyed a fine catered dinner. The guest speaker, Larry Sneegas, with the Theater in the Park program in Kansas, gave an interesting presentation on the plays and musicals presented last year. Future programs were also described. The lodge, established in 1892, is looking forward to the 95th anniversary next year.

Members of the lodge traveled to Elk



Larry Sneegas speaks at the 94th anniversary party.



Kansas City friends visit Elk Horn, Iowa.



Harry and Esther Prinds visit the temporary office of the Danish Immigrant Museum.

Horn, Iowa, with other local first and second generation Danes to demonstrate their support for the Danish Immigrant Museum. Elk Horn's famous display of Danish-American flags were on display. June Sampson, Director of the Museum, and Lisa Riggs, Treasurer of the Museum Board, joined the group at a fine Danish-style dinner. Several lodge members have donated artifacts to the museum including a "Wedding Coat" donated by Otto and Ruth Larsen and photographs by Harry and Esther Prinds.

R. J. Wallace, Cor.

MICHIGAN-OHIO

Michigan-Ohio District

The convention meeting was opened by John Laird, President of the Ludington Lodge who were hosts for the convention. After welcoming the delegates and guests, he turned the gavel over to Ralph Christensen, the District President.

The District President welcomed Bob Ibsen, the National President, and two members of the National Board, Ken Pedersen from Nebraska and Paul Carlsen from Detroit. Also introduced was John Mollerskov, who was visiting from the Midwest District. John is the Secretary-Treasurer of his district.

The President appointed an Audit Committee composed of Paul Worden, Willy Pedersen, and Mike Bray.

Paul Carlsen was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Scholarship Committee. The full committee now consists of Ken Johnson, Chairman, Don Boyd, Wes Thomsen, Rob Jensen and Paul Carlsen.

The election of officers was held with the following results: President, Russ Thayer; Vice President, Darwin Noah; Treasurer, Otto Pedersen; Secretary, Robert Sorensen;



District President Ralph Christensen welcomes National President Robert E. Ibsen and National Director Ken Pedersen.



National Director Paul Carlsen and his wife, Anne enjoy visiting with National Director Ken Pedersen and his wife, Loetta.

and Alternate, Wesley Thomsen.

The Akron and Canton lodges offered to host the 1987 District Convention as a joint venture. The offer was gratefully accepted by the convention delegates. A tentative date of May 16, 1987, was suggested by the host lodges.

Wes Thomsen donated \$50.00 to the District Scholarship Fund on behalf of the Greenville Lodge. The money was profits from the District Bowling Tournament that they hosted.

National Director, Ken Pedersen, donated a check in the amount of \$25.00 to our Scholarship Fund.

The Audit Committee reported that the treasurer's books were in excellent order.

The Scholarship Committee announced that they were able to award nine scholarships in the amount of \$125.00 each to the following students: Mark Pedersen and Dana Pedersen from Lodge No. 600 who live in Detroit, Gregory Larsen and Barbara Radulski from Lodge No. 227, Lisa Peters, Jill Marie Peters, and Tim Pedersen from Canton Lodge No. 225, Jacquelyn Young from Lodge No. 301, and Christina Kay Keson from Lodge No. 51.

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The scholarship chairman reported that since 1979 when the district started this program we have given out 40 scholarships totaling \$5,150.00.

The District President's Awards were awarded as follows: Social Award to Greenville; Civic Award to Detroit; Best Newsletter to Canton and Akron (joint); and Activities Schedule to Ludington. All of the award winners donated their \$25.00 checks to the District Scholarship Fund.

Detroit won the District Attendance Award. They donated the \$25.00 prize to the District Scholarship Fund.

National Director, Ken Pedersen, mentioned that this was his first visit to our district and he thanked the host lodge and the district for their hospitality. He also suggested that the district lodges get their law committees selected for the upcoming National Convention to be held in 1987 and he urged us to make more of an effort to attract young people to the Brotherhood. He mentioned the scholarships and camp grants available to young people. He also said that we should make sure that the lodge secretaries get their year end reports in to Omaha as soon as possible and he stated that we should feel free to discuss any concerns that we might have with any member of the National Board at any time.

Bob Ibsen thanked the convention for allowing him to say a few words about the Brotherhood. He feels that we are heading in the right direction to becoming stronger than we are at this time. He complimented the Home Office staff for the fine job they are doing. He also had praise for Paul Carlsen, our representative on the National Board, for the fine job he is doing as a Board member.

Audrey Pedersen thanked the district on behalf of the youngsters from their lodge who were awarded scholarships.

Ludington thanked the Detroit Lodge for the gift of the picture depicting soldiers from one of the wars of the past that Denmark was involved in.

Ken Pedersen, assisted by Paul Carlsen, installed the new district officers.

The new district president, Russ Thayer, after asking if there was any other business to come before the convention and finding none, closed the meeting.

Robert Sorensen, Dis. Sec.

Lodge #51, Ludington, MI — On Saturday, May 10, we hosted the Michigan-Ohio District Brotherhood and Sisterhood Convention at the Danish Hall. Friday evening, May 9, which was peanut night, was enjoyed by many district members and guests. Old acquaintances were renewed and new ones made. Coffee cake, which

was donated by Robert Pedersen of the Canton Lodge, was served during the evening. Kenneth Pedersen, National Director, was our Michigan-Ohio District national representative. Robert Ibsen, National President, and Paul Carlsen, National Director and delegate for the Detroit lodge, were also present. The business meeting was held Saturday and was attended by 22 delegates and 13 members from Canton, Akron, Muskegon, Greenville, Detroit, and Ludington. The meeting went very smooth with all of the business being taken care of. The Michigan-Ohio District Convention for 1987 will be held in Canton, Ohio. The Michigan-Ohio District awarded nine scholarships with Christina Kay Keson of Ludington receiving one. Chris is the daughter of Mike and Elsie Keson.

On Saturday evening, 93 attended the banquet held at the Ramada Inn and 101 attended the dance at the Danish Hall following the banquet, which also included a lunch at midnight. We again wish to thank Ken Pedersen, Bob Ibsen, the district delegates, members, the Sisterhood wives, and everyone who made this convention a success.

On Tuesday evening, May 20, the Bingo Committee and their wives were treated to a dinner at the Townhouse Restaurant consisting of a cocktail hour, swiss steak, chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, tossed salad, rolls, coffee and dessert. Attending with their wives were Arnold Koegler, Alf Larsen, Chet Shappee, Carl Soneral, Earl Jensen, Ed Geil, Joe Sielski, Linton Frost, Art Andersen, Emil Larsen, John Perez, Ken Johnson, and Keith Koegler. There are three or four dinners a year put on by the Bingo Committee for the time and effort put in by everyone who makes our bingo every Thursday so successful. Also, once a month they put on a bingo at Oakview Medical Care Facility.

On Wednesday evening, June 4, the regular business meeting was preceded by a Stag Steak Fry with 19 members attending. The members barbecued their own steak. Ken Johnson, Earl Jensen, and Carl Graber were in charge of the Steak Fry. There were 21 members in attendance at the regular business meeting.

Keith Koegler, Past Pres.

Lodge #170, Rocky River, OH — Our lodge was saddened by the death of Brother Chris Nelson on May 20. Chris came to America from Denmark in 1923. He joined our lodge in 1947.

Chris lived in Elyria, Ohio, where he owned and operated the Nelson Plumbing and Heating Company. In 1977 he sold his business and went to work for the City of Elyria as Plumbing Inspector. He was a

councilman in Elyria from 1962-65.

Chris is survived by his wife Laura, one son, three stepdaughters, eight grandchildren and two sisters both living in Denmark.

Chris seldom missed a meeting at our lodge and we will miss him very much.

John Gormsen, Sec.

Lodge #227, Detroit, MI — A combined meeting of the officers from our lodge and the Detroit Sisterhood Lodge No. 125 was held in early April to strengthen our events calendar for 1986. During this meeting, we added a number of events to bolster our activities during the summer and into the fall season with an eye towards increased attendance at both regular meetings and outings. It was also decided to publish a newsletter semi-annually to both lodges which has already been accomplished.

A good number of our members and their wives attended the DBIA workshop in Greenville and all returned with ideas to strengthen our program. It seems to help when you find you are not alone in your concerns about the direction of our lodge.

Word arrived that Otto Pedersen's daughter, Dana, has just received a scholarship from National Headquarters to further her education in physical therapy at Wayne State University.

Carl Mayland, Sec.

GCEL

Lodge #32, New Haven, CT — Thank you to Winnie Edmonds, Barry Edmonds, Gerda Sorensen, Berit Mann, Gladys Edmonds, Norman Edmonds, and Vera Holmes for attending the DBIA workshop on May 24. Everyone found it very informative. Perhaps they can pass the information on to us at a later meeting.

I recently received a letter from Theodore Sorensen, one of our members who lives in Blairsville, California. Thank you for your concern regarding the lodge. Ted has given us suggestions on how to increase attendance at meetings when excuses "lack merit." **Paul and Linda Christensen, Cor.**

Lodge #71, Penn Yan, NY — The General Committee of the Eastern Lodges will meet in Penn Yan over Labor Day weekend. National Second Vice President Clyde Langsted from Seattle, Washington, along with George Jacobsen, National Past President, and all the district officers and delegates, will be our guests. We are planning a Saturday night supper and on Monday a Danish breakfast to be held in the lodge. The banquet will be held at the Oresden.

Clarence Jensen and Erik Jensen went to Milford, Connecticut, to attend the DBIA workshop put on by the staff members from

Omaha. They had a good time and learned a lot about the Danish Brotherhood.

We hope many of our own lodge members will come to the convention and have a good time. Carl Spencer of our own lodge is President of the district this year.

Clarence Jensen, Sec.

Lodge #172, Philadelphia, PA — We want this year's picnic at the Danish Home on July 13 to be really "big time." This means we want you to come. Remember, with enough people attending, the "Marching Girls of Aarhus" will perform for us. So get a group together, pack a picnic lunch, and we'll see you there. Beer and coffee will be available on the grounds.

Niels Malmquist, Cor.

Lodge #190, Schenectady, NY — A memorial service for Clarence Hanson was held on April 17, 1986, at White's Funeral Home in Scotia. Several Brothers attended this service. God bless you, Clarence.

Guests at our regular meeting on March 5, were Bob Nelson and Irv Jensen from the Troy Lodge No. 183. Bob Nelson is also a member of the N.Y. Telephone Pioneers who are raising money for the restoration of the Statue of Liberty. Bob said he had an interesting film on the history of the Statue so we invited Bob and Irv back for our April 17th birthday dinner.

In April we had a delicious dinner of medisterpølse prepared by the Elks Club Chef Dick Sieb. We had the largest turnout in many moons for the dinner. Captain Kaye Sorensen said everyone must have heard he was buying as an extra added attraction. Visiting Troy Brother Bob Nelson showed a super film on the Statue of Liberty.

Olin Yauchler will be our delegate to the National Convention. Norman Hanson will be our first alternate and Carl Christensen will be our second. **Lawrence Barry, Cor.**

Lodge #325, Nassau Co., NY — At our meeting on May 9, it was decided to make a contribution to the Scandinavian Festival to be held in Eisenhower Park on July 19. Members of our group have volunteered to help out at the festival, some already involved in painting the decorations for the stage.

Leif Pedersen reported on the Grundlovsdags festivities held at the Danish Home for the Aged at Croton-on-Hudson on June 1. In addition to the selection of Miss Denmark USA, there were entertainers from Denmark and Victor Borge was the guest speaker.

Our artist member, Birgit Jacobsen, designed the poster for the event — a picture of the schoolship Danmark passing the Statue of Liberty — a poster to be proud

of. The poster can be bought for \$5.00.

Our picnic will be August 10 in Grove Street Park in Garden City.

Niels Hansen, Sec.

Lodge #342, Bucks Co., PA — The general consensus seems to be that our members are enjoying their night off from the kitchen when dinner at the lodge is served early. We plan to proceed this way again in September.

Congratulations to Tine Rasmussen who was initiated in May. We hope to have many good years together.

It was decided that it's about time that our non-Danish speaking members learn some useful Danish phrases. For May we learned "Tak for Mad" (thank you for the meal), which is very basic. Each month in the future we will be learning something new.

You did it again, Walt! The "Mighty Viking Players" were terrific in "As the Stomach Turns" and "The Mermaid." This marks the third year of your successes and congratulations to all who participated.

For our last meeting until September we will have a sing-a-long. Come meet once more with your friends before vacation season begins.

We want this year's picnic at the Danish Home on July 13 to be really "big time." This means we want you to come. Remember, with enough people attending, the "Marching Girls of Aarhus" will perform for us. So get a group together, pack a picnic lunch, and we'll see you there. Beer and coffee will be available on the grounds.

Niels Malmquist, Cor.

Charity is Declared

In the May, 1986 issue of the American Dane, Daniel Greenwald of Lodge No. 14 in Kenosha, Wisconsin was declared "Recommender of the Month" for April, 1986. Keeping with the membership campaign of "It's Better to Give Than to Receive," Mr. Greenwald has donated his award of \$50 to the Danish Brotherhood in America Midwest District Youth Fund.

Daniel is to be saluted for enlarging and helping our chain of Danish Brotherhood in America members!

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Denmark Conducts a Summertime of Festivals

The Danes have big plans for a summer full of music festivals that actually began when Tivoli Gardens opened for the season in Copenhagen on May 1. Both dance and music headline the Tivoli bill, with appearances by the Alvin Ailey Dance Theatre (September 2-7); the London Contemporary Dance Theatre (July 7-10); the Toronto Symphony (September 10); and opera star Janet Baker (July 24), among the nearly 200 guest artists appearing at the amusement park this season.

The Copenhagen Summer Festival runs all summer long. This year, soloists, orchestras and ensembles from across Europe gather to pay tribute to the music and composers of Paris. Performances, many free, are staged every weekday at 4:30 p.m. from July 1 through August 22 at different city spots, including Charlottenborg Castle and Christiansborg Palace.

The Hans Christian Andersen Festival in Odense, the great master's hometown on the island of Funen, will cap off a year of celebration in which Danes have marked the 150th anniversary of the publication of his first fairytales. Festival dates are July 16-August 15. During the festival, Hans Christian Andersen's most famous fairytales, like "The Ugly Duckling," "The Emperor's New Clothes," "The Red Shoes," and "The Princess and the Pea," are performed and read in his boyhood home, which is now a museum. Special guests at this year's festival will be the winners from the U.S. and Canada. All winners, who had to write an essay about or draw a picture of their favorite Hans Christian Andersen fairytale, are 14 years old, the same age Hans Christian Andersen was when he left home and went to Copenhagen to seek his fortune.

Topping off the summer in Denmark will be the Aarhus Festival, Scandinavia's largest cultural festival with more than 1,000 separate events packed into the week of September 6-14. All types of music will be performed and there will be theatre, dance and cabaret acts as well. Among the most well-known performers at this year's Aarhus Festival are Phillip Glass, the musician; Melissa Fenley, the dancer; the Janacek Philharmonic from Prague, Czechoslovakia, and the Nordic Theatre Laboratory, an experimental theatre group from Denmark.

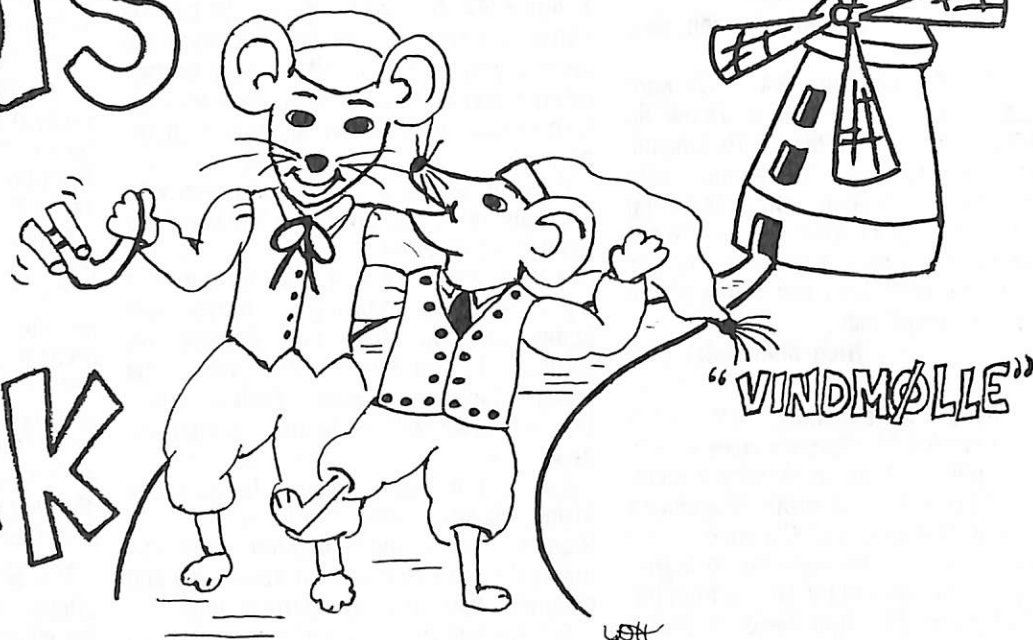
It is easier than ever to get to Denmark this summer. Write the Danish Tourist Board for hotel information and other free travel information about Denmark, at 655 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10017.

ADVENTURES IN DENMARK WITH

JENS

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ERIK



Motorcycle

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Jens and Erik will be traveling all over Denmark and invite you to come along. There are so many fun things they just can't decide what to do first. Jens suggested sightseeing on a motorcycle, a bicycle, or by horseback. Which do you think Danes ride the most in Denmark? If you think you know, just check one of the boxes above. As you color the picture you can practice saying WINDMILL in Danish.

Then send your entry to the Danish Brotherhood in America, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131. Be sure to include your name, address, and date of birth. You do not have to be a member of the DBIA to win. Four prizes are awarded every month, one for each of the following age groups: 2-4, 5-7, 8-9, and 10-12.

June winners: Becky Squires, Timmothy Schmidt, Melissa Thomsen, and Karen Lauritsen.

Grandma's Kitchen



by Dagmar Jensen

Tyndi Pandikager (Thin Rolled Pancakes)

1 cup flour (generous)	1/2 tsp. salt
1 tbsp. sugar	1/4 tsp. lemon extract or cardamom
4 eggs	
2 cups milk	

Beat egg yolks and sugar together. Add flour and milk alternately. Beat egg whites and add to mixture. Pour a thin layer of this batter over the whole hot buttered griddle pan. Turn as other griddle cakes. Serve rolled with jam filling and powdered sugar sprinkled over the top.

1986 Photo Contest

Enter your black and white or color photos depicting a DBIA lodge Danish ethnic activity and win cash prizes. The Young Viking 1st place winner will receive \$50 and the 2nd place winner will receive \$25. The prizes for adult entries (17 and over) include: 1st - \$75; 2nd - \$45; and 3rd - \$30. Send all photos by December 31, 1986 to

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Viking Adventures

District Workshops Have Successfully Concluded

Albert Lea, Minnesota



National Sales Director Andy Andersen begins the meeting.

Milford, Connecticut



National Director Erling Braumann finds out the workshop isn't all work and no play.



Participants enjoyed a very relaxing lunch.



National Past President George Jacobsen enjoys the conversation during break.



Time to go back to work in the afternoon.



Everyone enjoyed the delicious lunch.

National Secretary-Treasurer Jerry Christensen, National Sales Director Andy Andersen, and National Fraternal Director Pam Dorau would like to thank everyone for the outstanding hospitality which was shown at each workshop. Also, a big thank you goes out to all who attended and participated. We hope we were able to answer your questions. Please don't ever hesitate to let us know if you have any additional comments or suggestions.

Have You Seen This Child?



Clark "Toshiro" Handa

DBIA joins with NFCA to locate Missing Children

The Danish Brotherhood in America and the National Fraternal Congress of America have joined together to help locate missing children across the country. Each month a photo and information will appear in the **American Dane** magazine.

DOB: 12-5-80
 AGE: 5 years
 DATE MISSING: 8-23-84
 FROM: Fairfield, California
 HEIGHT: 3'2"
 WEIGHT: 35 lbs.
 HAIR: Black
 EYES: Black
 SEX: Male
 RACE: Asian

IDENTIFYING

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