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# President's Page

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

As I write this column, it quickly comes to mind that in a couple of weeks one of the most rewarding experiences of my life will come to an end — my term as National President of the Danish Brotherhood in America.

During the last four years it has been a great source of pride to serve with the current Board members. Their spirit of cooperation and dedication has been outstanding. I look forward to working with them again as Past President, when I replace my colleague George Jacobsen, who I also owe a debt of gratitude. George has been a constant asset and a good advisor. His thoughtful advice and considerable knowledge will be sorely missed, but it is a comfort to know he will only be a phone call away if needed.

Serving on the National Board of Directors for the past 12 years has given me the opportunity to meet and work with the most dedicated group of people I have ever known. I will always hold dear the many friendships I have made and the many memories I have shared. During my travels my wife and I were always greeted with courtesy and friendliness and I sincerely thank all for the outstanding hospitality shown.

As I visited the many lodges and districts all across the land, it brought to mind how much we, even though literally thousands of miles apart, are bound so close together by our Danish heritage and membership in the DBIA. This will be proven over and over again as members come together for our National Convention in Des Moines, Iowa, on September 24-26.

I would certainly be remiss if I did not give our office staff a well deserved thank you. During the transitional period after dear Howard passed away and up to the present time there has been no turnover of full-time personnel which indicates to me a dedicated staff who like their jobs. They are a very hard working group, congenial and always willing to assist you. My sincere thanks to all of them for making my job that much easier — Jerry Christensen, Pam Dorau, Andy Andersen, Deloris Hansen, Rita Christensen, Lynne Davis and Lori Meier. You are all super! I would also like to welcome and offer my thanks to our newest part-time employee, Debbie Thomas.

I am extremely proud to be given the opportunity to preside at the 32nd National Convention knowing that so many members coming from so many places will meet with one purpose in mind — to determine policies for the betterment of our society. We must all work closely together in fraternal spirit and brotherly love to ensure that future generations will be able to enjoy what we all hold so dear to our hearts, our Danish heritage.

Last but certainly not least I want to publicly thank my dear wife Elaine for her support these past years. She missed only one convention with me in twelve years on the board and has thoroughly enjoyed meeting all of you and we both will never forget the many friendships we have gained.

As I relinquish my duties as President of the Danish Brotherhood, please be assured that I will not relinquish my respect for and support of our society. While the past holds many great accomplishments, we must never lose sight of an even greater future.



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# How I Rediscovered My Danish Roots

by Douglas D. Sorenson

When my grandparents immigrated to the United States from Denmark almost 100 years ago, they cut most of their ties with the Old World and blended into the American society. By the time I was born, there was almost no communication remaining with Danish relatives. In my generation the only evidence of my Danish ancestry that remained was my name (whose spelling had been Americanized from Sorensen to Sorenson.)

In the 1960s I became interested in my Scandinavian roots, but by then my grandparents, my father, and most of my aunts and uncles were dead. It seemed like a nearly impossible job to find living relatives in Denmark or to trace my Danish ancestors. But I was determined that it could be done with some persistence, a little detective work, and a lot of luck. How I did it could be a help and encouragement to others who want to trace their Danish family history.

My only clues to the Sorenson family in Denmark came from a second cousin in the United States. His father was the only other Sorenson besides my grandfather who migrated to this country. This cousin remembered hearing of the town of Hadsten in Jutland, and he had been visited by a Danish cousin, Soren Pedersen, in the early 1900s. He also knew about an uncle, Anton Sorensen, who had been a shopkeeper in Aarhus.

With this sketchy information, I wrote a letter in 1963 to the "District Minister, Hadsten Church Parish, Hadsten, Denmark," knowing that the birth and death records were kept by the church. I got no reply. In 1966 I wrote another letter, this time addressed to "Hadsten Church Parish, Hadsten, Jutland, Denmark." This letter went through to Fredslund Andersen, the parish priest of Lynga, a small village near Hadsten where the Sorensen family had lived. Pastor Andersen sent birthdates of my great grandfather, Soren Nielsen, and identified all the members of his family, including two great aunts and a great uncle who I had never heard of. A series of letter exchanges over the next two years filled in more information.

In 1973 an aunt, the last member of my father's generation, gave me a photograph of the Sorensen family in Denmark taken about 1880. It showed all the brothers and sisters but had no identification. This photograph would become a key to more family information later. I made copies of the photograph to distribute to other family members.

In 1976 I planned a trip to Denmark which included a visit to an agricultural research farm near Hadsten. In my letter to the farm superintendent I mentioned that my grandfather had lived in that area. When I visited the research farm a couple of weeks later, the superintendent told me, "We want you to meet a man

who knows about your family." He was Nydam Jensen, a retired farmer who now lived in Hadsten and was director of the local historical museum. Genealogy was his hobby, and he had found the records of the Sorenson family going back two or three generations beyond my grandfather. He discovered, in fact, that his great grandparents were god parents of some of my ancestors. And he easily identified the family members in the old 1880 photograph.

In the exchange of correspondence over the next two or three years, Nydam Jensen furnished me with records of older generations, photographs of many of the people, and maps of the area where they had lived. He also found addresses of living relatives in the vicinity of Hadsten and Randers. He told me that further records might be available in the archives at Viborg.

I wrote to Viborg where I contracted the services of a genealogist named Aage Bonde. By this time I had information on my grandfather's ancestry back to about 1800, and I also asked Bonde to find records of my grandmother's family. By 1980 he had traced the records as far as they went, and I now had information on my ancestry back to 1706 on one genealogical branch. Also I had accumulated a thick file of copies of wills, news clippings, letters, and photographs.

I hoped to fill in many blank spaces in the record with information from living relatives. Anticipating that I would some day visit them, I wrote letters to the addresses that I had, identifying myself and describing how I fit into the family. I suspected that most of these relatives were not fluent in reading and writing English and I would not get any replies. This proved to be the case.

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# The Three Wishes

A Danish Folk Tale by Beverly Swerdlow Brown

Once upon a time there was an old man and his wife who lived in a tiny little cottage.

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One day, a troll appeared on the windowsill of their tiny cottage.

"I heard everything that you both have said," remarked the troll. "I feel very sorry for you. I will grant you three wishes to make your life happier. Three wishes only. Think this over very carefully."

And the troll disappeared.

"Oh, my," gasped the wife. "We can have anything we want. Never more will we be poor. What shall we wish for?"

The happy husband shrugged. "Let's have our dinner and talk about it."

They both sat down and ate a light supper.

"We can ask for great riches," said the husband.

"Oh, yes," said the wife. "We can ask for a bigger house."

"We can ask for a whole empire," said the

husband.

"Or we can ask for gold and diamonds by the millions," said the wife.

"We can ask for a big family," said the man. "Six sons and six daughters."

"That would be wonderful," said the wife.

The husband and wife continued talking and eating, but never deciding on what three wishes they wanted.

The husband looked at his empty plate and said, "I wish I had some rabarbergrød for dinner."

At that every moment, rabarbergrød fell onto his plate.

"Oh dear," said the wife to her husband. "What a foolish mistake. You used up one whole wish. Now we have only two wishes left."

"That's true," said the husband. "I was not very smart. But we can still ask for great riches and a family."

"Yes," said the wife, "but it's your fault for being so foolish for wanting rabarbergrød. I can't believe my ears. Why couldn't you have wished for something

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# Meet Your Hosts for the 1987 Joint National Convention



Your hosts, the Steering Committee, for the Joint National Convention for the Danish Brotherhood in America and the Danish Sisterhood of America welcome you to Des Moines, Iowa, on September 24-26. (Front row, left to right) Wilber Williamson, Ed Harris, Willy Christensen, Chairman; Edith Paulsen, Liz Ibsen; (back row, left to right) Svend Christensen, Goldie Sorensen, Clark Rasmussen, Mary Riber, Linda Christensen, Erik Sorensen. (Not pictured: Joyce Beadle, Ester Hansen, and Carl Nielsen.)

else?"

She went on complaining until her husband said, "I wish you would be quiet."

No sooner had he said that when his wife's mouth closed shut and she couldn't say a word. She kept mumbling and grunting, but no words were heard because her mouth would not open.

The husband was slightly amused, but he did not show it. (He was in enough hot water already.)

"We still have one wish left, he said. "We can still ask for riches or an empire. Which one would you prefer?"

The wife turned beet red from being so frustrated at not being able to talk that she didn't know what to do. So, she stood before her husband and looked him squarely in the eye and pointed to her mouth.

The husband knew what he had to do.

He thought about it for quite a while.

The wife tapped her foot on the floor.

She mumbled something again which the husband could not understand, but he could certainly tell that she was furious.

"I wish," said the husband. "I wish that," he continued. "I wish that you could talk again."

Instantly, her mouth opened and angry words spilled from her lips. It seemed to her husband that she didn't even take a breath, but kept right on admonishing him until he shouted, "I'm sorry. I'm a very foolish man. I didn't stop to think what I was doing."

After a moment, she sighed and said, "We have no riches, no empire, and no family. We had a chance to have it all. What a day this has been."

The husband woefully shook his head. "You are

right, my dear. You are right, but all is not lost."

The wife looked confused. "What are you talking about?" she asked.

"We still have each other," said the husband, as he looked at his wife who nodded; then ran to the window to see if the troll might reappear.



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## PACIFIC-NORTHWEST

**Lodge #167, Portland, OR** — Following the Danish hot dog and potluck dinner with the Danish Sisterhood, the July 1 DBIA meeting came to order with 28 members present. Jens Gimbel led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the explanation of the symbols.

The following three persons were initiated for membership: Alison Fisker, and Christian Fisker, children of Diane and Asbjorn Fisker; and Mr. Robert Brown. It was motioned, moved and seconded that all three be accepted for membership. A short intermission followed to greet the new members.



President Asbjorn Fisker and Conductor Norman Powell welcome new members, Christian and Alison Fisker and Robert Brown.

Don Bogh reported that some interest has been shown in the Danish Brotherhood as a result of our participation in the Starlight Parade.

We have noted to send Joyce Gimbel as our nominee for the Board of Directors of the Northwest Danish Home. It was moved and seconded. We selected Don Bogh as an alternate.

**Jens and Joyce Gimbel went to Denmark and purchased a book on Danish costumes. Would our lodge like to buy this from them to have in our library? It was moved and seconded that our lodge buy it from the Gimbels and donate it to the Danish library which is sponsored by the Sisterhood.**

The time is fast approaching for the annual DBIA and DSS Joint National Convention to be held in Des Moines, Iowa, on September 24-26, 1987. Our lodge will be well represented at this convention and our delegate deserves an introduction.

Ed Hirsch, delegate from Portland Lodge No. 167, was born on June 26, 1917, in Portland, Oregon. He graduated from

**The best idea for September goes to Lodge No. 167, Portland, OR. See this page for details.**

Franklin High School. He was active in the DeMolay and subsequently joined the Masonic Lodge.

In 1940 he married Helene Christensen, from an all Danish family, and learned to love the Danish way of life.

Ed served in the Quartermaster Corps of the American Army from 1943-46, mostly in the Pacific Theater. Shortly after coming home, he joined the Danish Brotherhood and has been President three times. He was also President of the Pacific Northwest District in 1954-55, when it was in its infancy, and still attends every convention with a keen interest.

Ed is a retired body mechanic from Consolidated Freightways where he worked for 32 years. He enjoys traveling with his wife and also enjoys his family of three daughters and five grandchildren.

Woodworking and jig-saw puzzles are his favorite past-times as well as working in the yard when it's that time of the year.

Ed and Helene have attended five national conventions and he looks forward to the responsibility of representing Lodge No. 167 in Des Moines and hopes to see you all at the 1991 National Convention in Portland, Oregon.

**Lodge #348, Eugene, OR** — About a year ago, Birgit and Kris Sand, members of our lodge, started to build a new home. First, Svend Toftemark and Poul Olesen did the site work for the foundation. The contractor was Henning Kristiansen and he and Kris Sand did the carpenter work. As work progressed, they called on another Brotherhood member, Chris Christensen, to do the electrical work. It was not just because they were Brotherhood members, but because each had demonstrated their craftsmanship on other jobs. When it came to a plumber, they had to get a 'furriner' as there was none among our members. For the finishing touches, they had a former member of Junction City Lodge and now

living in Washington, Soren Andersen, do the beautiful cabinet work and the artisan's pride showed especially in the kitchen.

When about 40 lodge members met at Knud Toftemark's and went in a group, they really surprised Birgit and Kris with a housewarming. Each couple brought a plate of open-face sandwiches or finger foods. There was coffee and kringle, also. Everyone had contributed towards the cost of a gift and someone found out that they needed bushes for their yard. They were presented with three rhododendrons and a rosebush. Those members who were involved in the construction attended the housewarming with a great deal of pride.

Verna Lynge, Cor.

## CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

### California-Nevada District

President Ed Madsen brought the meeting to order on Friday, July 17, 1987. The convention was opened with the salute to the flag and a moment of silence in respect of the memory of members who have passed away since the last convention.

President Madsen introduced the two National officers, Robert Ibsen, National President, and Peter Weber, First Vice President. President Madsen also introduced Andy Andersen, National Sales Director. All three guests were escorted to the front of the room and seated to the left of President Madsen.

Secretary-Treasurer Ebba Norby announced that the Solvang Lutheran Home had sent the District a beautiful Danish Blue Plate of Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tales for our donation sent to them last year. This plate was again raffled off during the meetings of the convention.

President Madsen reported memories of a very memorable year. He had good travels and renewed old acquaintances as well as made new friends.

President Madsen reported of his trials and tribulations of undergoing a triple bypass surgery in March.

The last installation was held in Lake Tahoe on July 4th weekend for Lodge No. 332, just three days after returning home

from the Orient and reported an unusual but fun event.

Trustee Owen Miller reported that they found all the books in order. He also reminded the convention floor of all the due dates and that non-compliance of these dates makes it a very trying and difficult job for the Secretary-Treasurer to organize and prepare the required reports.

At this time, National President, Bob Ibsen, spoke giving greetings and saying how pleased he was to be in California again. Appreciative of our enthusiasm, he let us know that we can call on him anytime.

Andy Andersen, National Sales Director, spoke at this time about the new program instituted by the National Board of Directors and the Home Office to appoint a District Fraternal Coordinator in all districts, hopefully two (2) to be appointed in California. A pamphlet was passed out with an explanation in detail of this program.

The Alternate Funding Committee that was appointed at the previous convention was called upon for a report.

Gail Perkins of Lodge No. 306 reported that they met several times during the year and had many good discussions but came up empty-handed with any constructive directions to take at this time but wanted to stress that all delegates to the National Convention should support the new bylaw change that was submitted by their lodge.

President Madsen told of the difficulty in choosing an Honorary Life Member if all the history and facts are not put into the nomination letter. Many people are deserving in their local lodge but maybe not for the district. The officers were in favor to start a new program along with the District Honorary Life Member and that to be a Hans M. Andersen Award to honor a member for an outstanding feat in their local lodge.

We decided to donate \$100 to the Axel Skelbeck Scholarship Fund.

San Diego delegate, Gail Perkins, invited the confirmation of the 1988 Convention to be held on July 28, 29 and 30. Literature was passed out on all the sights of the city and the plans were in the working.

Both Los Angeles and Santa Barbara invited for 1989 and a secret ballot was held. The results were 22 votes for Los Angeles and 28 votes for Santa Barbara.

Both invitations were presented to the Sisterhood and accepted.

Election of officers resulted with the following: President, Kenneth Nielsen; Vice President, Karen Rowse; Secretary-Treasurer, Ebba Norby; Trustees, Art Norgaard, Bob Lassiter, and Jim Larsen; Conductor, Kaj Kristensen; Inner Guard, Sue Patterson; and Outer Guard, Jim P. Larsen.

The District President's Awards were all awarded to Lodge No. 345 of Orange County.

Thanks was extended towards Riverside Lodge No. 346 and chairman Ken Nielsen and his committee for their hard work, to Thursday night's welcome and Friday night's entertainment by the convention committee, to Bob Ibsen, Peter Weber, and Andy Andersen for their comments and support of the convention, and to Ed Madsen for attending all the installations and an anniversary on behalf of the California-Nevada District. May it be resolved that this convention helped promote effective and positive steps towards increasing membership by suggesting a possible Associate Membership on a year's trial basis.

New President Ken Nielsen closed a successful convention with good attendance.

**Lodge #39, San Leandro, CA** — After our meeting late in July, we had a Welcome Home Party for the delegates who had attended the 66th California-Nevada District Convention in Riverside, California. A delicious smorgasbord table was served, with snaps and beer and enjoyed by all present.

Members of Lodge No. 39, please pay attention to this notice. We will not have our regular meeting on the fourth Friday in September. Instead we will have our meeting on Sunday, September 20, where we will join the Sisterhood Lodge in a brunch which will start at 11 a.m. and at its conclusion, we will have our meeting. So please come and join us. Reservations are a must and the price for brunch is \$5.00 per person.

Brother John Mottoros will serve his yearly well-known Italian dinner on October 23. Happy hour will be from 6 to 7 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Guests are welcome with a charge of \$5.00 per person.

That evening we will honor seven members for 50 and 60 year memberships in the Danish Brotherhood. Hopefully they will be present that evening to receive their pins. The 60-year members are Edgar Nelson and Jens C. Jensen. The 50-year

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members are William Jensen, Robert Langeberg, Henry Langeberg, Edwin Kerr, and Jack Riis.

At the meeting following the dinner, the delegate from our lodge who attended the National Brotherhood Convention will give his report.  
**Aage Lundquist, Cor.**

**Lodge #126, Los Angeles, CA** — Flag Day at the Danish Lutheran Church in Los Angeles was very well attended with Hal Mathiasen bearing the flag for our lodge. All the clubs of the Danish community were well represented.

Our anniversary party will be held on September 19 at the Alamo. Hans Christensen will be the chef and music will be provided by Ray Vermuelen and Band. All this for only \$20 for a great evening of fun.

**Anne Kofod, Cor.**

**Lodge #230, Arcata, CA** — For the second time this year, we are draping our charter to honor the passing of our oldest member and his wife, Marius and Andrea Holgersen, who passed away on the same date, July 2, 1987, from natural causes.



**Farewell to our friends Marius and Andrea Holgersen.**

Marius and Andrea would have been married 67 years on July 27 of this year. Their marriage took place in Denmark before sailing to this "Land of Plenty," at the invitation of his late brother, Hans Holgersen, of Beatrice.

Marius joined Gimle Lodge No. 95 in Ferndale, California, along with several candidates 66 years ago. Incidentally, he was the last living candidate of that group. Later he transferred his membership to our lodge since they made their home in this area.

The two of them worked side by side on their small dairy and when the children came along, Marius worked outside of the farm during the day, and Andrea took care of things on the farm and in the home. She never failed to raise a beautiful flower garden, and in the evenings did her sewing and wrote many poems about her family and friends. The vegetable gardens and his bee hives were Marius's pet projects, especially after his retirement.

He was very active in the Danish Brotherhood, having served in all the

chairs and was an invaluable advisor to the officers. He willingly assisted the secretary in translating the minutes of the order that had been hand written in Danish in earlier years to the English language, while Andrea provided the delightful lunches.

Aside from all of his other duties, he was a trustee for the Bay Elementary School District for 18 years. They were also members of the Balder Lodge in Eureka; Humboldt County Historical Society; and members of the First United Methodist Church of Arcata. Andrea was also a member of the Danish Ladies Aid Society of Arcata and the Vassar Sisters of Eureka.

Funeral services were held on July 6 at the First United Methodist Church in Arcata, conducted by their son, Rev. Otto Holgersen, and grandson, Rev. Darrel Deuel, with Pastor Clarence Freeman giving the invocation.

Marius and Andrea will be sorely missed by the family and a host of friends throughout Humboldt County. **Laura Schuler, Sec.**

**Lodge #299, Solvang, CA** — On July 8, 33 members and guests enjoyed a tasty Biksemad dinner by Max Hanberg and crew. The following meeting, attended by 19 members, was chaired by our President, Bent Pedersen.

Howard Petersen and Bob Lassiter spearheaded a discussion on the pros and cons of their Fourth of July Parade judging, which, even though our float did win the blue ribbon in the senior event, indicated a

questioning of the competency of the judges and a critic of the selection of the Grand Marshal. Svend Pedersen voiced his disgust at the fact that the local high school band was not in attendance.

Johannes Jaeger thanked all who took part in the Fourth of July Queen Contest activities and the float for the parade, saying that all functions went well. He also volunteered to repair the beer wagon's ailing wheel.

Rick Johnson gave a brief summary of the Fourth of July Queen Contest activities where his daughter, Susan, became the winner recognizing the participating lodges: Rebild, Dania, Sisterhood and Brotherhood.

A certificate from the Home Office for years of outstanding service to the Brotherhood was presented by Bent Pedersen to Johannes Jaeger.

Because of the small attendance at this meeting's dinner, it was decided to reimburse the dinner committee for their loss. It was decided to establish a charge account with El Rancho Market, who during the Queen Contest went all out to be very courteous and congenial to the lodge's needs.

Bob Lassiter reported that ten lodge tables were purchased from the Boys Choir proceeds.

Ed Madsen spoke of a drive to establish a foundation for acquiring Ferdinand Sorensen's house as a museum. The project would be so involved and costly that

participation from other local organizations would be necessary and the project was tabled for a future meeting. A minute of silence for Ferdinand was observed at the beginning of the meeting.

A committee to create next year's Fourth of July float was formed, comprised of Mark Andersen, Chairman, Max Hanberg, Bruce Pedersen, and Steen Weber.

**Jacob Ravn, Cor.**

**Lodge #306, San Diego, CA** — We had a great turnout at our picnic this year. It was held at Rohr Park in Bonita and the weather was beautiful. There was a nice cool breeze all day. Petra Ferullo made all of the arrangements for the day and the committee would like to thank her for that. It turned out great.

This year the California-Nevada District Convention was held in Riverside on July 16-19. A good time was had by all those in attendance. We had a fairly good attendance from San Diego.

This month we sponsored a bingo trip to the Sycuan Indian Reservation. Unfortunately we were not able to get enough people to go in order to receive the \$500. But for those of us who did attend, we certainly had our work cut out for us. They moved pretty fast up there. It was a lot of fun and I have been back and hope we put on another trip this year. Hopefully our next trip will provide us with enough time to advertise it in the newsletter and maybe some more of you will be interested 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
4-8-87	Axel V. Andersen	83	Racine, Wisconsin	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1947
6-20-87	Jesse H. Hansen	81	Højbjerg, Denmark	29	Seattle, Washington	1929
6-16-87	Aage T. G. Larsen	89	Denmark	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1929
5-18-87	Alfred Wisby	82	Nordby, Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1943
6-14-87	Harold S. Hansen	81	Odense, Denmark	322	Santa Barbara, California	1937
7-2-87	Marius Theodor Holgersen	87	Denmark	230	Arcata, California	1921
6-17-87	George K. Wanggaard	63	Racine, Wisconsin	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1963
6-14-87	Clarence Alfred Mortensen, Jr.	63	Williston, North Dakota	260	Williston, North Dakota	1945
7-2-87	Chris H. Christensen	90	Lilleheden, Denmark	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1928
6-20-87	Arthur S. Asper	76	Adams, Minnesota	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1949
6-10-87	Walter Brinkman	81	Copenhagen, Denmark	257	St. Petersburg, Florida	1945
6-9-87	Helge G. Johnson	88	Story City, Iowa	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1917
7-7-87	Ivan N. Kollgaard	72	Ørslev, Denmark	300	Oneonta, New York	1937
4-22-87	Calvin T. J. Christensen	55	Racine, Wisconsin	675	Omaha, Nebraska	1976
7-4-87	Alfred Peterson	90	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	1976
7-2-87	Andrea Holgersen	89	Sverdrup, Denmark	230	Arcata, California	1972
6-14-87	Carl N. Frost	97	Denmark	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1914
7-7-87	Howard J. Clark	72	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	36	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	1983
2-28-87	Anton E. Christensen	66	Denmark	325	Nassau County, New York	1973
2-28-87	Arne Vranum	80	Denmark	325	Nassau County, New York	1977
3-31-87	Chris Larsen	82	Denmark	325	Nassau County, New York	1985
7-1-87	Spencer L. Nielsen	70	Michigan	345	Orange County, California	1984
3-31-87	Kresten A. Sorensen	93	Omaha, Nebraska	195	Omaha, Nebraska	1963
7-1-87	George R. Petersen	81	Davenport, Iowa	3	Davenport, Iowa	1974
7-23-87	Russell J. Soddy	88	Kenosha, Wisconsin	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1979
6-29-87	Ferdinand Sorensen	87	Dannebrog, Nebraska	299	Solvang, California	1955
7-3-87	Elizabeth K. Koefoed	69	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	172	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	1987

going out with us. The next trip will probably be an evening trip. If you are interested, please contact someone on the steering committee so that you will be sure to be contacted.

Please mark your calendars for the following upcoming events: camping on September 11-13 at Ma-Tar-Awa, contact Lillian Suda for reservations; yard sale on October 24-25 at the home of Jonna Ace; and the Christmas party on December 5 at the Norway Hall.

Many of our steering committee members were present at this year's convention in Riverside and we have many ideas in the works now for ours. So any one interested in getting on a committee, please contact one of the steering committee members and they will be happy to put you to work.

**Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA** — A big thank you goes to Andy Andersen for the beautiful plants so generously donated to our June bingo. We had the fastest bingo ever — everybody went home with a prize.

Our club has donated to Lutheran Social Service some plates, cups, etc., which for a long time had been stored in the Kristensen's attic. A nice thank you was received.

Kodan Lodge No. 346 did a magnificent job. We had another successful convention. Congratulations to the new district officers: Ken Nielsen, President; Karen Rowse, Vice President; Ebba Norby, Secretary-Treasurer; Jim Larsen, Trustee; Art Norgaard, Trustee; Bob Lassiter, Trustee; Kaj Kristensen, Conductor; Sue Patterson, Inner Guard, and Jim P. Larsen, Outer Guard.

**Inger Dix, Cor.**

**Lodge #332, Ripon, CA** — Congratulations to our member and Past National DBIA Board member, Al Tunsen, who was honored as Murphys Community Club's Citizen of the Year in a surprise action at the club's regular potluck meeting at Murphys Park on July 14.



Al Tunsen is congratulated by Jack Pedersen on being named Citizen of the Year.

Al has given many hours of time and hard work in getting the park expansion moving and accepted. He did all the leg

work for the renovation of the caretaker's cottage, solicited the assistance of AAUW for the Kinderland project, solicited funds and materials for many of the park projects and, most important of all, rallied many local groups to work together for this significant community achievement.

Jack Pedersen presided for the ceremony and jokingly called up Al to help out with a problem member in the club, who turned out to be Al. When all the jokes were finished, Al was presented with a commemorative plaque made by Auyles that will find a place of honor in the park some day.

The Citizen of the Year Award is a new idea and it has been decided to make it a tradition and to retroactively honor those people who have made great contributions in time, work and money in the past.

Al is an honorary life member.

**Lodge #345, Orange County, CA** — July was a busy month for all within our lodge and our district. On July 12 we had our annual family picnic in lieu of the regular meeting. We had approximately 65 with us on a beautiful Sunday. The day began with an aebleskiver breakfast. We had more people attend this year than ever before, and believe me, the cooks, Toni Gossett, Helga Bjorn, Gary Gossett and their helpers did a great job. The day was filled with laughter, games and lots of fun. Games were the highlight of the day, with almost everyone participating to the fullest. What fun being smashed in the face with a water balloon or having a shirt full of fresh eggs.



All were made welcome thanks to the banner made by Gary and Toni Gossett.



Sixty-five people enjoyed the fantastic annual picnic.

Those were the toughest eggs you ever saw and they were fresh, not boiled. Gary Gossett did a great job officiating the games and Toni helped keeping the teams honest. After the games, we had hamburgers grilled at the site. We want to

thank everyone for bringing such wonderful salads, desserts and goodies to share with the burgers. Our picnics have really become an event that you shouldn't miss. We had several visitors with us and many of them commented on what a well organized picnic we had.

We were so happy to have with us Soren Christensen, who has been having a lot of physical problems lately. Also, Gertrude Nielsen and her family were with us. With the passing of her husband, we were so pleased that Gertrude felt she could come and be among those that loved her and Spencer so much.

We would like to congratulate Kodan Lodge No. 346 in Riverside for a wonderfully successful convention. The western theme was delightful and the hosts and hostesses from the lodge made sure everyone had a good time. We had three delegates and three alternates plus another 11 members to make quite a nice delegation.

All lodges of the DBIA are eligible to enter into competition implemented by districts to create a closer bond between the local lodges and the districts. Awards are given to lodges selected in the following categories: Best Single Social Activity, Best Single Civic Activity, and Best Annual Activity Schedule, and Best Newsletter. We won all four awards! Those of us that were at the convention to hear this announcement were overwhelmed. With a loud exuberant applaud, we accepted.

We send our most sincere thanks to the district officers and the committee who felt that our contribution to the district and to our local lodge were deemed good enough to receive these most prestigious awards. We also are not so presumptuous as to assume that we are the best, for we are well aware that all the lodges do their very best to make each lodge one that each member can be proud of. One thing that was mentioned was that lodges need to keep things in order, deadlines are very important, filling out forms are equally important, the district officers have only the entry forms to make their decisions by. Riverside Lodge and Alhambra Lodge were honorably mentioned in conjunction with the Best Newsletter award.

For the next couple of months, we will be selling raffle tickets on a delightful cabbage patch allstar kid. The All Star comes equipped with a pennant, carrying case and his own stand to assist him to be in an upright position. Marie Christensen has generously donated him for a raffle to aid our treasury. The donations are \$1.00 each. These are for you to take and sell to others. We don't expect you to buy them all.

**Gerry Olsen, Sec.**

# NEBRASKA

## Nebraska District

First, we would like to say thank you to Grand Island Lodge No. 211 for hosting the state picnic at the Elks Club. With temperatures in the mid nineties, we all were thankful for the air-conditioned facilities of the club.

Nebraska District President, Bill Jorgensen, Jr., reported that his wife, Merrie, was at home now following heart surgery. We wish her a continued speedy recovery.

Lodge Presidents, did you remember to appoint a membership chairman, someone to work toward the growth of your lodge? Reach for the 5% (1 for 20) increase in membership. Be proud of your heritage. Remember, "If it is to be, it is up to me."

**Lodge #1, Omaha, NE** — Thirty-two persons from our lodge, Blair Lodge No. 206, and Sisterhood Lodge No. 6 traveled to Grand Island by bus on Sunday, July 19, to attend the annual Nebraska Picnic. Everyone had a grand time, enjoying all the good food brought by all. We appreciated the air-conditioned Elks Club, since the temperature rose to the mid nineties. The bus trip home was a little warm especially when the air conditioner froze up, and the temperature must have been in the nineties in the bus for the last 30 miles.

It was suggested that we should have a correspondent for "Den Danske Pioneer." Anyone interested in writing a short column for the paper should see one of the officers.

**Jim Christiansen, Cor.**

**Lodge #16, Minden, NE** — We held our annual picnic on June 18 at the swimming pool park with a wiener roast and picnic. A variety of cakes were furnished by the committee for dessert. Around 30 members were present.

A short meeting followed the picnic supper. The group voted to serve at the Harvest Days which was held in August. We served homemade ice cream and cake and cookies. The meeting was adjourned.

In July, Glen Hazelbarth, President, presided over the business meeting. Delegates elected for the state convention included Lyle and Doris Mauer, Herbert and Shirley Nielsen, Merrie Belle Jorgensen and Allen Jorgensen.

The evening was enjoyed by playing cards. Refreshments of ice cream and pastries were served by the committee.

**Shirley Nielsen, Cor.**

**Lincoln #84, Lincoln, NE** — Our July 11 meeting held at the I.O.O.F. Hall was well attended by members held jointly with our lodge and our Lincoln Sisterhood Lodge

No. 90. Open-faced sandwiches and salads were served at 6:30 p.m.

Gladys Sorensen was program chairman. Bertha Jensen led the group in "Let's Speak Danish." Members who have July birthdays were read by Margaret Standley and Quentin Johnson, followed by everyone singing the birthday song. Susan Busskohl, the agent for Allied Tour and Travel in Nebraska, was the special guest and speaker for the evening showing slides of Michigan.

Our business meeting was held following the program. Delegates chosen for our Nebraska State Convention held at Superior were Greg Hansen, Quentin Johnson, and Lennie Kincheloe. Alternates were Donald Lehn and Stenvald Pedersen.

Following the meeting the members enjoyed playing cards.

**Don Lehn, Cor.**

**Lodge #206, Blair, NE** — Our Board of officers and wives met at Oehler Brothers Restaurant on July 13 for supper. After eating a good meal, a discussion on membership drive, bake sale, setting up committees for the remainder of the year, and a college scholarship fund in the name of our lodge was held.

It is proposed that we send a check for \$50.00 to Pride, Danish Museum in Elk Horn, Iowa, and Blair Rescue Squad; \$150.00 total from the proceeds of our bake sale.

Rather than tie our scholarship fund to one college, and have more flexibility, your Board voted to transfer \$2,000 plus last year's interest from the C.D. that renews in January to Lodge No. 206 DBIA Scholarship Fund. Three trustees will be elected to administer the fund. Only the interest will be awarded each year. They will work through the high school. Each award will require a full membership vote. The trustees will be elected at our November meeting.

**Harriet Palle, Cor.**

## IOWA-MINNESOTA

**Lodge #15, Des Moines, IA** — June Sampson, Director of the Danish Immigrant Museum to be built in Elk Horn, Iowa, was guest speaker at a recent meeting. She presented an informative slide program about the progress of the museum.

Members J. O. White, Edith Paulsen, and Jane Gillaspey have all had some health problems but are now on the mend.

Guy Lary had a retirement party for his wife Marguerite at Cherry Glen, Saylorville recreation area. Many of our members attended and had a wonderful time.

Delegates for the Iowa-Minnesota District Convention held in Mason City on September 5-6 were Svend Christensen

and Wilber Williamson. Harvey Andersen was the alternate.

**Mary Riber, Cor.**

**Lodge #217, Humboldt, IA** — We met for a potluck supper in June. At the business meeting of June and July, plans were made to take part in the Iowa-Minnesota District Convention at Clear Lake and the National Convention in Des Moines. Delegates have been elected for the Iowa-Minnesota Convention.

The 57th wedding anniversary of Fred and Beulah Benjamin of Humboldt, Iowa, was observed.

A book is to be placed in the Humboldt Public Library in memory of our three deceased members, Jens Andersen, Magnus Larsen, and Fremond Nielsen. Jens Andersen had received his 50-year pin as a member of the Humboldt Lodge.

Guests have been Mr. and Mrs. Bill Thoren of Denver, Colorado, and Carol Jensen from Viro Beach, Florida.

Gary and Sandra Nielsen from Pocahontas, Iowa, who are members of the Christian Motorcycle Association, showed slides and told of some of the work they are able to do at some of the motorcycle rallies which draws large crowds and members from many groups, and of their Christian witnessing.

**Violet Bergeson, Sec.**

**Lodge #219, Clear Lake, IA** — The July meeting of the lodge was supposed to have been a picnic supper in the park at Clear Lake. Stormy weather forced us inside for our supper. Plans are progressing well for the District Convention. Following the meeting, Christine Harris entertained us with selections on the piano.

**Lodge #347, Cedar Rapids, IA** — For our June St. Hans picnic we were at the Paul Nielsen farm. Rain delayed the start of the picnic and we had to move inside, but the weather cleared and we were able to move to the timber for the burning of the witch and some fireworks. Dagmar Jensen from Clinton was a guest of Harold and Erma Jorgensen and had not seen the "burning of the witch" since she has been in this country.

Our July meeting was held at the Don and Ruth Rosdail farm with approximately 40 members and guests enjoying homemade ice cream and cake. President Nielsen announced the Iowa-Minnesota District Convention site which is Mason City over Labor Day weekend and passed out reservation blanks for the National Convention in Des Moines.

An egg toss and cake walk for prizes concluded the evening entertainment.

**Norman Nielsen, Cor.**

**Lodge #349, Atlantic, IA** — We met for a picnic in July with 51 members and guests attending. The hosts pampered us with homemade ice cream. Our short business meeting was conducted by our vice president, Folmer Molgaard, in the absence of our president. Reports were read and approved and necessary business conducted. Lodge members were encouraged to attend the District Convention at Mason City. All who signed to go to the National Convention in Des Moines were reminded of that event in later September. Guests were encouraged to become members of our lodge. Our hosts, Nadine and Paul Williamson, Wayne and Phyllis Olsen, and Ida Rasmussen introduced our guest speaker for the evening, Karen Molgaard. Karen is the daughter-in-law of Folmer and Helen Molgaard and lives with her husband and two sons in Switzerland. She related to us about life in Switzerland, the Swiss traditions, Geneva and about their home and activities there. The boys' favorite vacation, however, was a trip to Denmark. All the Danes, spouses and guests had a great picnic!

**Mary Holland, Sec.**

## MIDWEST

**Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI** — Congratulations to our National Handicap Bowling winners which included: 4th place, Country Boys; 6th place, Kenosha Metal Products; 9th place, Ipsen's Service; and first place high game, Jim Rush.

Mat Fosbinder, Louis DeFord and Bob O'Neal represented us at the Midwest District Trap Shoot in Dwight and said they had a great time.

Our softball team is 6 and 2 as of now and tied for first place.

The U-14 Vikings soccer team sponsored by our lodge made it to the Milwaukee Journal Soccer Tournament finals in Milwaukee. This is a first for the Vikings, they had a fantastic season finishing second in the Kenosha Area Soccer League. Thanks to Tom and Judy Nielsen for their involvement.

Eighty golfers had a hot but great time golfing in the Midwest Outing held at Maplecrest and afterwards enjoyed a great meal and dancing at the lodge. Sixty-seven raffle prizes were given away. The hard working committee for this event are to be congratulated for a job well done — Don and Elaine Servais, Dick and Ginny Meyers, Don and Bev Tredup, Tom and Lou Richer, Lavora Bohn, Tom Banski, Dick Edwards, and Dan Greenwald. Everyone had a great time.

We need help from our members on getting out the raffle tickets to members that have not picked them up, so let's all

pitch in for a successful raffle this year. Stop by the lodge and pick some up.

We had a great start on the chair lift fund, but it has been slowing down recently. Any donations are going for something we owe our elderly and handicapped Brothers and wives. Let us meet our target date of this fall.

**Lodge #34, Dwight, IL** — Congratulations to Amy Lund and Devereaux Jensen for being winners of the Midwest District "Christensen-LaPointe" Scholarship Fund. Each will receive \$500 that will be issued in two checks of \$250 each.

We mourn the death of our Brother, Wendell Christensen, who was killed in an accident on May 27, 1987.

Another link is added to our chain as we welcome Sandy Lauritsen to our lodge. A contribution was sent to the Dwight Chamber to be used for the 4th of July celebration; also to the Midwest District to be used for a hospitality room at the District Convention. We have raffle tickets to help raise money for the National Convention. They are for a round trip to Denmark and are \$1.00 each.

We will be taking a bus (or two) on October 18 to see Conklin Players Dinner Theatre present "Key for Two." It will be a noon brunch with the play at 1:30 p.m. We would like to get 70 to go. Reservations have to be in by September 15. The lodge will pay for part of the day. Get your reser-

vations in early to Margaret Goodwin or Keith Telford. This is a good opportunity to do something together as a lodge. Let's all join.

**Margaret Goodwin, Sec.**

**Lodge #35, Chicago, IL** — Two initiations took place at our July 17 meeting. Ethel L. Orzulak and Charlotte Adams were made welcome by members present.

Several of our Florida members were visiting that evening and were recognized by President Iversen and welcomed. They were Yvette and Bob Jensen and Mary and John Bondegard. Jack Black, a friend of Susan Jepsen's, and Bob Jensen (Eric Jensen's brother) and his friend Norma were also introduced.

Scholarship awards were given to Laurette Jorgensen, Jeff Jorgensen, Michelle Sloth, and Susan Jepsen and were gratefully received.

Al Iversen gave a report on the golf outing that took place in Kenosha. Two teams placed first and third and our lodge will have the traveling trophy for a year thanks to Henry Jepsen, Herb Peterson and John Jorgensen. Nice going fellas!

**Elsa Petersen, Cor.**

**Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI** — We have chartered a comfortable 47 seat bus with air conditioning and toilet facilities for our members and friends to attend Scandinavian Day at VASA Park in South Elgin, Illinois, on Sunday, September 13, 1987.

# VELKOMMEN!

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



Name	Lodge No.	Location	Sponsor
William A. Christensen	14	Kenosha, WI	Tom Nielsen
Michael B. Thompson	14	Kenosha, WI	John Hosmanek
Curtis H. Petersen	35	Chicago, IL	Woodrow Petersen
Alma L. Scohy	43	Denver, CO	Norman Wittrup
Alice M. Miller	43	Denver, CO	Norman Wittrup
Mae K. Jensen	75	Albert Lea, MN	Grace Thomson
Wesley C. Jensen	75	Albert Lea, MN	Grace Thomson
Erin R. Eitzmann	161	Ruskin, NE	Kenneth Pedersen
Tyler John Boynton	263	Askov, MN	Howard Boynton
Daniel E. Madsen	299	Solvang, CA	Ed Madsen
Kai Diessel	325	Nassau County, NY	George Jacobsen
Viola A. Sander	341	Kimballton-Elk Horn, IA	Ray Johnson
Richard Perez	346	Riverside, CA	Nancy Nielsen
Grethe K. Perez	346	Riverside, CA	Nancy Nielsen
Martha L. Andersen	346	Riverside, CA	Knud Andersen
Knud S. Larsen	348	Eugene, OR	Kristian Sand
Katherine J. Larsen	348	Eugene, OR	Kristian Sand
Jens F. Busch	600	Omaha, NE	Andy Andersen
Nancy June Mayland	600	Omaha, NE	Carl Mayland

During our July 17 business meeting, the membership voted to collect cash, instead of collecting non-perishable food items, for Lodge No. 36's participation in the Care and Share Program. Monies will be donated to the Milwaukee Christian Center, enabling the center to purchase more food products, in quantity, at reduced prices as compared to amounts paid for items by our individual members. Twenty dollars was collected at the July 17 meeting. A lodge check for that amount was delivered to the center.

This will be an ongoing program. The approach will permit members, who are unable to attend our lodge meetings, the opportunity to join in this worth while endeavor. We do realize that all of us give some extra support to fight hunger through our churches and other organizations. But, if you would like to help us with our Care and Share Program, mail your check or money order, payable to Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 36, to our lodge treasurer, Alice T. Andersen, 3760 North 75th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53216.

Inga Hermansen and Albert Larsen were our delegates to the 36th Midwest District Convention held in LaGrange, Illinois, July 25-26. They attended all sessions and reported that the host lodges, Chicago's Brotherhood Lodge No. 35 and Sisterhood Lodge No. 11, did an outstanding job of organizing and executing the event.

Midwest District President Ray Nielsen accepted the "Best District" Award presented by National President Bob Ibsen.

Midwest District President's Awards were made by Ray Nielsen to member lodges as follows: Best Local Lodge Single Social Activity, Lodge No. 34 in Dwight; Best Local Lodge Single Civic Activity, Lodge No. 36 in Milwaukee; Best Local Lodge Annual Activity Schedule, Lodge No. 14 in Kenosha; and Best Local Lodge Newsletter, Lodge No. 35 in Chicago. Our own Vice President, Inga Hermansen, accepted the award for Lodge No. 36. The award consisted of a certificate and a Headquarters check in the amount of \$25.

**Al Larsen, Sec.**

**Lodge #64, Rockford, IL** — Louis Petersen received his 60-year membership pin from Sofus Sorensen, Secretary, while Presi-



**Congratulations to our 60-year member, Louis Petersen.**

dent Peter Larsen made a speech. Louis is 80 years young and very proud to be a member of the DBIA. His father, Lars Petersen, was a charter member of our lodge in 1893.

**Sofus Sorensen, Sec.**

**Lodge #92, St. Charles, IL** — The June meeting was our usual aebleskiver evening. During our meeting that evening, President Einar Danielsen presented a 50-year pin to Karl Madsen. That was a special event for our lodge. After the meeting, we had the delicious luncheon prepared by the good ladies of the lodge. Then some of the men took over. Walter Kusk and David Hunecke pitched in to make the last of the aebleskivers so the ladies could also enjoy some lunch. It was a delightful evening.



**President Einar Danielsen presents Karl Madsen with a 50-year pin.**



**Walter Kusk and David Hunecke took over as cooks.**

In July we had our annual picnic at the home of Andrea Mylen. It was a really warm day and everyone brought a great dish to pass and we had a delicious dinner. Games were played and everyone was in a great mood despite the hot weather.

We also had a sad note in our month of July with the death of one of our faithful members, Harriet Tobin. She will be sadly missed by all of us but especially by her

friend Ellen Fisher. They had shared an apartment for several years.

By the time this is published, it will be time for the National Convention in Iowa. Here's hoping the weather cools off and that everyone has a good time and that much is accomplished. As for our lodge in St. Charles, we sure wish that we could get more people to the meetings. The more that come, the better time we have.

**Lois Skrably**

**Lodge #343, Waupaca, WI** — Our lodge held our annual picnic in Waupaca's Riverside Park on July 23. Program Chairman Melda Mortensen's guessing games and planned activities following our buffet potluck supper were interesting and fun and she awarded prizes to many.

We are now looking forward to our annual aebleskiver supper in the Fellowship Hall of Trinity Lutheran Church from 4:30 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, September 24, and to our annual Mortensaften dinner on Saturday, November 7, at the Waupaca Country Club.

**Evelyn Doerr, Past Pres.**

## MICHIGAN-OHIO

**Lodge #227, Detroit, MI** — On August 2 there was a gathering in Muskegon, Michigan, for a day of picnicking, swimming, and a softball game for the members of the Michigan and Ohio lodges. A group of 14 ball players and 22 cheering members represented our lodge at this event. We just managed to win the ball game by a score of 10-9 but everyone seemed to enjoy the day and the company.

Carl Mayland and his wife are off to enjoy retirement in the distant state of New Hampshire. Carl has served our lodge with distinction for a good many years and all will miss him. Have a long, healthy and happy retirement Mr. and Mrs. Mayland!

An important upcoming event is scheduled for September 19. The annual Anniversary Dinner Dance at the Danish Club is being held that evening. Get your reservations early by contacting Paul Carl- sen.

Once again, our lodge has been saddened by the passing of two members. Our sincere condolences to the families of Hans Madsen and Axel Lohman.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind all lodge members that a 50/50 raffle will be held October 7. This can be a very lucrative source of income to our lodge and all members are expected to do their fair share of buying and/or selling tickets. Remember that everyone benefits from the proceeds and so far participation has been very disappointing.

**Karl Larsen, Sec.**

# GCEL

**Lodge #41, Derby, CT** — How often do you get to attend a 100th year birthday party for a member? Recently we did! Magnus L. (Mac) Petersen celebrated his 100th birthday on July 25, 1987, at a dinner party held in his honor. Twenty visiting members from the New Haven Lodge No. 32 helped us celebrate the occasion and had arranged for some light entertainment, much to the surprise of us all.



Happy 100th birthday to Mac Petersen!

Allen Miner, Secretary of our lodge, read greetings from President Reagan and Connecticut Governor W. O'Neill, and presented Mac with a framed certificate from

the DBIA National Board of Directors. He has been a member of the DBIA for 81 years and still attends meetings and enjoys a game of cards afterwards.

**Henry Bungard, Cor.**

**Lodge #325, Nassau County, NY** — In spite of a heat wave, our July meeting was very well attended.

John Hjulmand reported from the home in Metuchen. He stated that not too many people are living there anymore and maybe it's time to think in terms of apartments.

George Jacobsen reported from the Rebildfest on July 4th. It had been a glorious day. We finished the evening listening to tapes from Rebild.

**Niels Hansen, Sec.**

## Payment to Board Members

JULY 1987

California-Nevada District Convention, Robert E. Ibsen, \$563.82.

AUGUST 1987

Robert E. Ibsen, salary, \$251.

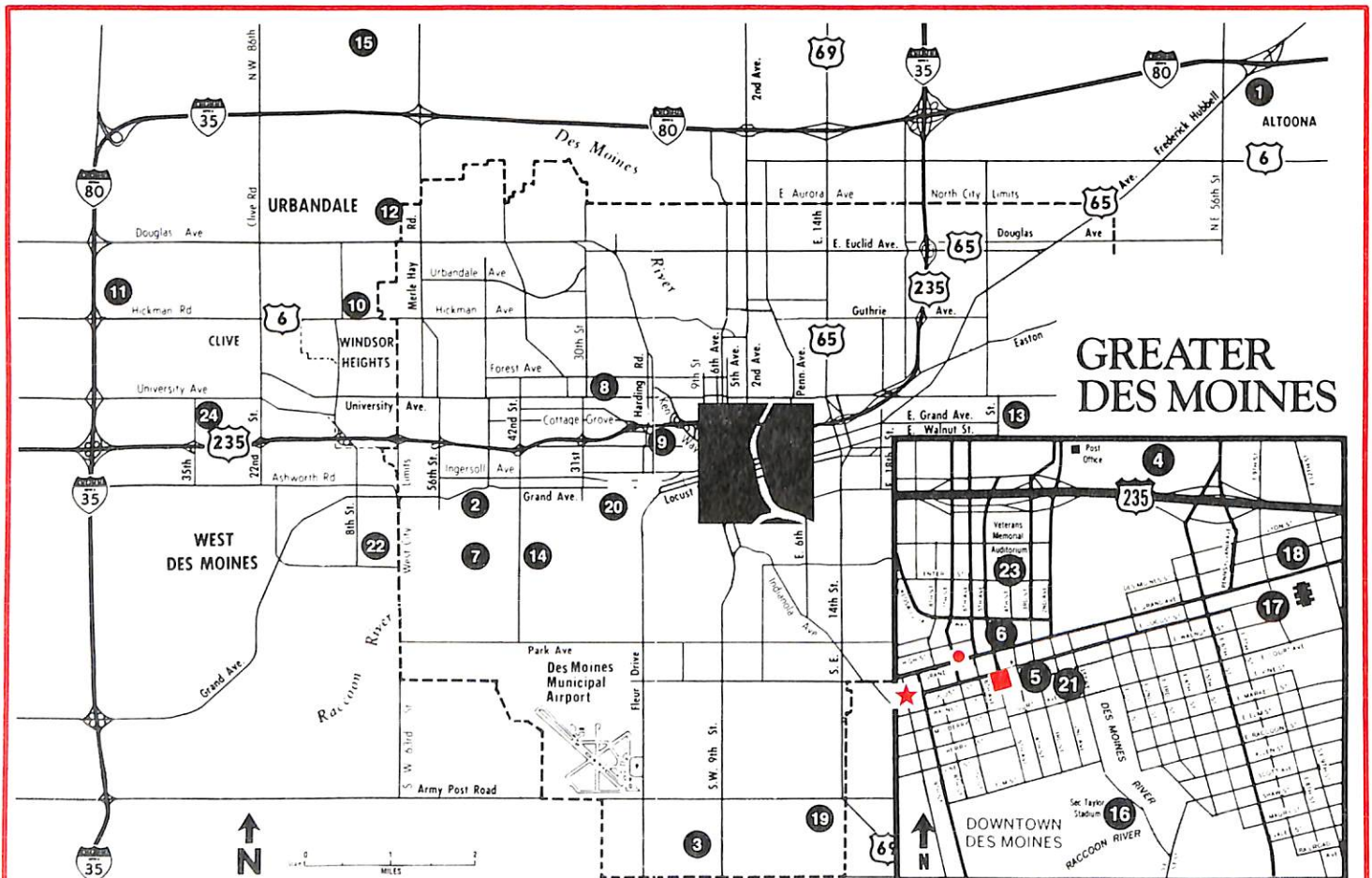
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# Des Moines, Iowa . . . The Surprising Place

## Joint National Convention, Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood, September 24-26, 1987

**TO REGISTER:** Complete this form (one per person) and mail with your check or money order payable to: 1987 NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE.

### Wednesday, September 23

7:00-9:00 p.m. DBIA and DSS Presidents' no-host cocktail party, Hotel Fort Des Moines

3:00 p.m. Coffee break - \$1.00  
5:30-6:30 p.m. Cocktail hour (cash bar) Hotel Marriott  
6:30-7:30 p.m. Banquet - Melon with fruit, tossed salad, petite fillet with sauce, two vegetables, grand marnier dessert with raspberry sauce, rolls, and coffee or tea.

### Thursday, September 24

8:30 a.m. Joint Grand Opening  
10:00 a.m. Coffee and Danish - \$3.00  
Noon Bar/Buffer Lunch - Cheese soup, sliced roast beef, turkey breast and ham. Sliced cheddar and Swiss cheeses, assorted breads, potato salad, marinated vegetables, fresh fruit in season, brownies or carrot cake. - \$12.50  
3:00 p.m. Coffee break - \$1.00  
Thursday p.m. Bus tour A - Grand View College and Living History Farms.  
Bus tour B - Botanical Center and Living History Farms. Refreshments served. - \$14.50

8:00 p.m. Installation of officers.  
9:00 p.m. Dance to William Tell Band - \$28.00  
Souvenir Program - \$4.00  
Convention package deal including one souvenir program - \$80.00.

Free evening

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Enclosed find my check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the cost of events circled above.

### Friday, September 25

10:00 a.m. Coffee and Danish - \$3.00  
3:00 p.m. Coffee break - \$1.00  
5:30-6:30 p.m. Cocktail hour (cash bar)  
6:30-7:30 p.m. Iowa pork chop dinner with dancing following - \$14.50  
Capital Square Atrium.

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### Saturday, September 26

10:00 a.m. Coffee and Danish - \$3.00

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## The Headquarters for the Convention is the Hotel Fort Des Moines, 10th and Walnut

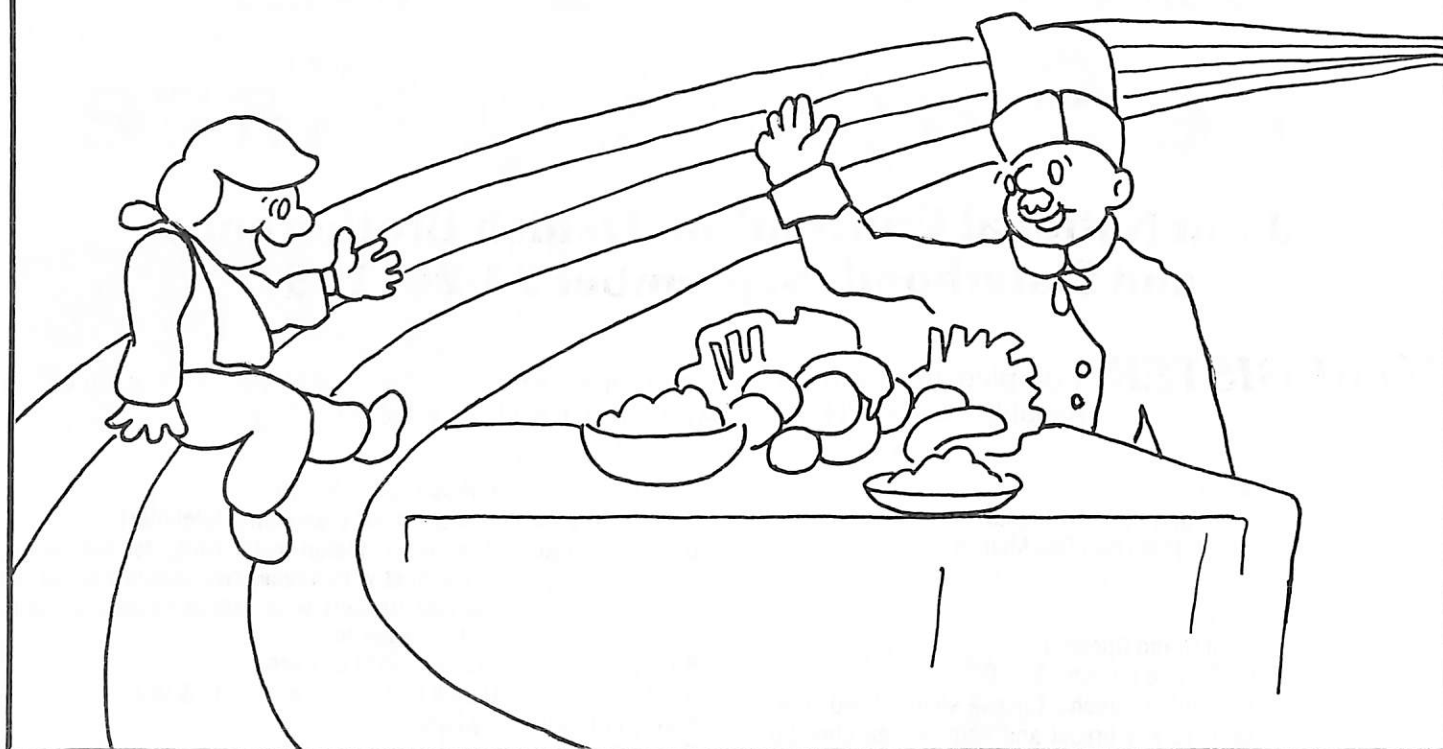
All events will take place at the Hotel Fort Des Moines except: Friday night cocktails, dinner and dancing at the Capital Square Atrium and Saturday night cocktails, banquet and dance at the Marriott Hotel.

Tours will depart from the Hotel Des Moines around 1:30 p.m.

We will not be mailing receipts back to those of you who have registered. They will be in your packet at the registration desk.

Get your reservations in soon! Looking forward to seeing you!

# Jorgen's Rainbow



Denmark has traditionally been the land of butter and bacon yet Jorgen enjoys everything that the country has to offer. Open sandwiches and a "Koldt bord" with cold fruits and meats as well as egg cakes and fresh garden vegetables are all inviting. After they had eaten, Jorgen and his rainbow tell the cook, "Tak for mad" or "Thanks for the meal."

Please color this picture and send it to the Danish Brotherhood

in America, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, Nebraska 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.

**August winners: Peter Andersen, Tiffany Bosworth, Eric Barber, and Anthony John Springer.**

## Grandma's Kitchen

### Leverpostej (Liver Paste)



by Dagmar Jensen

1 1/2 lb. beef or pork liver	1 tsp. salt
3 slices of french bread	6-7 slices of bacon
2/3 cup milk	5-6 anchovies
4 small onions	2/3 cup cream
2-3 eggs	1/2 tsp. flour
pinch of pepper, allspice and timian	

Finely chop the liver. Soak the bread in 2/3 cup milk. Add soaked bread, bacon, onions, and anchovies to liver and chop. Add remaining ingredients including at least 2/3 cup cream and 2 or 3 eggs. Grind through the meat grinder three or four times to get a smooth paste. Pour the batter into a loaf pan. Cover with strips of bacon. Bake at least 1 hour in a 350 oven. Set in a pan of hot water. Remove from the pan when the loaf is cool.

### How I Rediscovered My Danish Roots Continued from page 6

In 1985 I planned to make the long-anticipated visit to Denmark and the Hadsten area. I wrote letters again to a representative of each branch of the family, giving them an approximate date I expected to be in their area and telling them that I would telephone locally when I arrived. I departed for Denmark in September, stocked with records, addresses, photographs, and other background.

All of my letters went through, and my newly found relatives were eager to meet me when I called. I don't speak Danish, but that was no handicap because all the cousins under age 40 were fluent in English and served as interpreters for the others.

Every home visit brought more cousins and second cousins together to see "the cousin from America." We took pictures of each other and visited old farms and homes that had been in the family for 150 years or longer. It was a joyous occasion as strangers from opposite sides of the ocean became friends.

It was evident that the family history interest was awakened in the Danish relatives, as they eagerly copied records and asked more information. Since that 1985 visit letters and greetings have been exchanged in both directions, and the family bond that was broken nearly 100 years ago is strong again.

(The author's grandparents, Jens Peter Sorensen and Dorthe Marie (Christensen) Sorensen came to the United States in 1890 and settled in Glenwood City, Wisconsin, where they were farmers. He died in 1940; she died in 1935.)

# Viking Adventures

Coming Together — A Beginning      Keeping Together — Progress  
Working Together — Success

## An Opportunity to Host Tingluti



The Danish Tingluti Ensemble is a folklore-ensemble from Copenhagen founded in 1951. The Ensemble started out as a group of singers, and have since then expanded to include a group of dancers and an orchestra.

The name Tingluti originates from a Danish medieval ballad, but the exact meaning of the word and the author of the ballad is unknown, nevertheless that ballad has been their theme song ever since.

The word Tingluti and the ballad invokes thoughts of music, singing and dancing, which is exactly what they deal in. Tingluti uses those three key activities to activate as many people as possible especially among the youth into expressing their happiness and joy of life and to create contacts and a sense of togetherness.

It is also their hope that, by communicating the immense values in national folklore traditions to people of different origins and cultures, they will improve the understanding and communication among people of different countries and across any man-made borders. This is the purpose of the Tingluti Ensemble.

Tingluti is preparing for a trip to the USA next summer and hope that DBIA members will be interested so that they can visit and perform for you.

The trip is arranged so that in exchange for food and lodging, Tingluti will perform in a number of concerts where you can charge admission.

Since Tingluti travels often and to widely different cultures, they are used to all forms of accommodations. These can vary from private homes, where one or two members could stay with a family, or where the entire group can stay in a gymnasium or in a dormitory. This depends on your financial and practical possibilities.

They are prepared to pay for their own tickets to the USA. You would just have to arrange food, lodging, concert(s) and transportation to and from concert(s).

Tingluti consists of approximately 30 adults ranging in age from 20 to 25 years, so you would have no additional responsibility for them.

If your lodge is interested in hosting a concert, contact Tingluti, Att: Rejseudvalget, Valhalsgade 4, 2200 Copenhagen N, DK Denmark by October 15, 1987.

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