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# In Denmark the Fish Must Swim

by Marilyn Hansen Hagerty

My mother made fruit soup, rhubarb pudding and aebleskiver. She was, after all, an American Dane. Her parents were born in Denmark, and she grew up absorbing their traditions.

I suppose it was only natural for me to picture Denmark as a land where little round pancakes called aebleskiver were served every day. A land where rhubarb was served clear with cinnamon sticks and fruit soup thickened with tapioca was a daily event.

Actually, on two visits to Denmark, I have hunted for the traditional Danish foods. My fantasy was dashed when a woman on a Danish train told me, "Aebleskiver is still made here, but mostly by grandmothers."

On the streets of Danish cities today, you find the same ice cream treats, soda pops and hot dogs you find everywhere. Except, in Denmark the hot dogs are called pølser and are just as likely to be made with horsemeat as pork. It's all a matter of what you get used to, a Danish cousin explained.

Many visitors to Denmark are pleased with the open faced sandwiches and the Danish ales.

I was fascinated by the opportunity to come out and eat with relatives from the old school. They are Danes who prefer eating at home and preparing their own food. They spurn restaurants. When they have time, or company, they like to serve according to Danish tradition.

Here's how evening meals were served:

★A starter course of white French bread heavily covered with smør, or butter. On top, there would be shrimp, or sardines and herring with onion. A decorative leaf often placed beneath the bread. Some Danish fish eggs sprinkled on top of the fish.

★A main course, often veal or pork. Sometimes thin ham rolls. There were vegetables and salad with the meat course. No bread.

★Desserts: Often a cheese tray with crackers or rye bread. Maybe fruit, such as figs in cognac, accompanied by a bowl of whipped cream, just slightly sweetened — if at all.

★Coffee, usually served in the living room. With it, there would be port or another liqueur and fine chocolate. And, as a final reaction to an excellent meal, some Danes — both men and women — like to smoke a cigar. They are thin, brown cigars many women still enjoy.

Danes enjoy toasts, or saying "Skaal," during a festive meal. Our hosts provided glasses of beer, which they explained were for thirst. With the beer, for the toasts, there were tiny glasses of schnapps — which might be anything from akvavit to brandy.

In Denmark, they say, "The fish must swim." Any course with fish or fowl calls for drinking something. At the beginning of the meal, hosts propose "skaal," and at that time guests drink their shot of spirits. Succeeding toasts can be offered by hosts or guests and do not require a bottoms-up approach, we were told. The beer was for drinking any time.

Recipes from the collection of Marilyn Hansen Hagerty.

## Liverpaste

Make a sauce of one-half cup of flour mixed with two cups of milk and five tablespoons of butter or margarine.

Then mix two pounds of pork liver ground with three-fourths pound of pork fat. Add two chopped and ground herring or one tablespoon of anchovy paste and two small onions. These can be blended in an osterizer or put through a meat grinder.

Add the liver mixture to the milk and flour sauce. Then add two beaten eggs, one tablespoon of salt and one teaspoon of pepper.

Bake in loaf pans for one and one-half hours at 300 degrees. Refrigerate and serve with appetizer course or on open-face sandwiches.

## Danish Marmalade

4 to 7 oranges, depending on size

2 lemons

2 grapefruit

½ pound soaked dry apricots

2 pounds sugar

Put fruits once through meat grinder. Add sugar and stir only until sugar cannot be heard. This is delicious on French bread with butter and cheese.

## Frikadeller, Danish Meat Balls

2 pounds ground beef

½ pound ground pork sausage

1 egg, well beaten

1 medium-sized onion, grated

2 tablespoon flour

½ cup sifted bread crumbs

1 teaspoon salt

½ teaspoon pepper

½ cup milk

Brown gravy

Combine meat and add bread crumbs, and then gradually add flour. Add egg, onion and seasonings. Slowly add milk and mix thoroughly. Shape mixture with a tablespoon before dropping into heated frying pan containing melted butter or cooking oil. Turn until well browned. Make brown gravy in same pan and pour over frikadeller.

## Brown Gravy:

1 small onion, chopped

1 tablespoon margarine

1 tablespoon flour

1 cup potato water

1 can mushroom soup (optional)

Salt and pepper

Remove meat balls. Melt margarine (or butter) in skillet. Add chopped onion and brown slowly, stirring to prevent scorching. Add flour and mix well. Slowly add potato water, a little at a time, stirring each time to make it smooth. Season to taste and simmer until thickened. Add mushroom soup, milk or cream for creamier gravy.

## Rødkal (Red Cabbage)

1 medium sized head of red cabbage

3 tablespoons butter

4 tablespoons sugar

¼ cup vinegar

¼ cup water

1 tablespoon salt

¼ cup currant jelly

Quarter the cabbage and shred into long thin strips. Brown butter in heavy kettle, add shredded cabbage and stir well. Then add sugar, salt, vinegar and water. Cover and simmer slowly over low heat for several hours. When cabbage is tender, add currant jelly and stir until it is dissolved. Red cabbage tastes best if it has been made the day before and reheated.

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# The Lazy King

A Danish Folk Tale

by Beverly Swerdlow Brown

Once upon a time there lived a young prince who was very lazy. He never bothered to play with other children because he would not run after a ball or fly a kite.

He would just sit and look out the windows of the castle.

His parents insisted that he study, and people were hired to turn the pages of his books. He enjoyed reading and learning and would have put forth more effort had he not been so lazy.

Eventually his parents died of frustration and the lazy prince became the king. He was now alone.

His advisors suggested that he find himself a wife.

"How am I going to do that?" asked the lazy king.

"We will bring some princesses to you," said the prime minister, "and then you can choose which one you would like to wed."

The king thought about that. "Select one for me," he said, looking out the window.

And so, the prime minister did just that.

He selected a lovely young princess who was, however, the exact opposite of the lazy king. The prime minister did that purposely hoping her attitude would change the king. She was lively and exuberant and the kingdom was not used to such animation.

After the royal couple had three sons, who were also lazy, the queen left the kingdom because she couldn't deal with this listless group.

The queen and king remained friends and the king had his scribe write letters to her; and she said that she would come back if her family changed their ways. Fat chance.

And so, the king became an old, lazy man.

His advisors still loved him even if he was lazy, but he never started wars or imposed taxes on his people. He just continued to lie around his castle all day from morning til night.

Because of his laziness, he became so fat he could not squeeze through the door and he never left his room.

"So be it," he yawned.

But, the king got fatter and fatter until one day he grew into his room. Whatever space had been in his room, was now filled with him. It was not a pretty sight. He grew and grew until his head poked through the ceiling. Thus his body remained in the bedroom and his head in the attic.

One day, his advisors came to the attic to visit him.

"Your Highness," said the prime minister. "It would be wise to decide which of your three sons would become heir to the throne — when the time comes."

"Bring all three of my sons here," said the king, "and I will decide which one is the laziest to be the future king."

The prime minister did not understand the king's reasoning, but summoned the three sons who were so lazy they were carried up to the attic to see their father.

The king could barely move his head to look at his sons, but he did try.

He looked at his first son, who was on the shoulders of the prime minister and said, "My son, how lazy are you?"

The first son thought about that and said, "I am so lazy I don't even think."

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*"Then you can't be king," said the king. "For even a lazy king must think."*

*The king looked at his second son, who was on the shoulders of the philosopher and said, "My son, how lazy are you?"*

*The second son thought about that and said, "I am so very lazy that I can't read."*

*"Then you can't be king," said the king. "For even a lazy king must know what's going on in the world!"*

*The king looked at his third son, who was on the shoulders of his scribe and said, "My son, how lazy are you?"*

*The third son thought and thought. "I am so very, very lazy that I do not bother to eat food when it is put into my mouth."*

*"Foolish, boy," said the king. "If you do not eat you die and you will never live to be king!"*

*The king dismissed everyone from the attic.*

*He had some serious thinking to do.*

*Finally, the prime minister returned and asked, "Your Highness. Who will be our future king?"*

*The king sighed. "I will!"*

*The prime minister looked confused. "How?"*

*"You see," said the king, "I am lazy, but not as lazy as my sons, so I shall not die."*

*And he did not die for another 403 years, but he caught cold and when he sneezed the castle collapsed on top of him.*

*So that is the story of the laziest king in Denmark, who was beloved by all of his countrymen.*

## Danish Canadian Conference Held

The Federation of Danish Associations in Canada held its sixth Danish Canadian Conference at Koldinghus Castle in Kolding, Denmark, from June 30 to July 3, 1987.

Over 250 people participated in the Canada Day Parade in Kolding, Denmark, on July 1. The parade was led by fife and drummers from The Royal Danish Guards in their traditional uniforms with bearskins. Then followed the many standardbearers with their Danish and Canadian flags. Club flags and colorful provincial flags were also represented.



Conference participants in the Danish Canadian Parade in Kolding, on Canada Day on July 1, 1987.

After the Canada Day Parade, the visitors from Canada attended the official opening of two exhibits in Kolding.

At the public library the Danish Cultural Institute opened "Denmark in colour and design," an exhibit of photographs and Danish art, which had just returned from West Germany, Switzerland, and Austria. It will later be shown in the United Kingdom. In one of the library's windows, facing the pedestrian mall, an exhibit gave further information about Canada, the

Scandinavian Canadian Friendship Association and the Federation of Danish Associations in Canada.

The Canadian guests thereafter participated in the official opening at Koldinghus Castle of the exhibit from New Denmark. Acting Mayor Peter Skov Christensen welcomed the Canadian ambassador, Dorothy Armstrong, whereafter she officially opened the exhibit from the oldest Danish settlement in Canada.

The Canadian ambassador hosted a reception in the Knights Hall after the opening of the New Denmark's exhibit. The large Knights Hall, having been beautifully restored, could easily accommodate the many guests.

In fact, the evening before Canada Day, the guests from Canada had been invited to a reception in the Knights Hall, whereafter they were treated to a performance of *Farinelli*, a Danish musical, performed outdoors in the court yard.

Canada Day, July 1, ended with a barbecue in the Geographical Garden, where Canada's ambassador, Dorothy Armstrong, planted a Canadian maple tree in the Canadian part of the garden. The weather cooperated, and later there was dancing on the lawn.

Thursday, July 2, was devoted to the Conference theme "Our Roots." The three talks were given in the library on the second floor in the west wing of the castle. Indeed, all meetings were held in the Library, a large bright hall, with a good view of the court yard and the town.

Thursday afternoon had been set aside for the five young people from Canada: Ena Holtermann, Bettina Bourgeois, Lene Sondergaard, Trine Schioldan, and Michael Kristensen, who spoke about youth involvement. Their presentations

were followed by questions and discussion.

Before ending the afternoon program, Poul Gjørup of the Danish Heritage Society of Dickson, Alberta, spoke about the old Dickson General Store and the plans for a National Danish Canadian Museum. To give an impression of the site and plans, Poul Gjørup showed some photographs and drawings of the proposed museum.

The traditional Conference Banquet was held Thursday evening in the theatre of Industriforeningen, where the fife and drummers from the Royal Danish Guards played at the entrance. Kolding Male Choir sang before dinner, while during the dinner, Kolding Salontrio played. The keynote speaker was the Hon. Bertel Haarder, Denmark's Minister of Education.

Entertainment was provided by actress Anne Jensen and entertainer Jan Schou. There was also quite a number of official greetings as well as congratulations, as Scandinavian Canadian Friendship Association was on that same evening celebrating its 25th anniversary. The evening ended with dancing and a late night snack.

On Sunday, everyone gathered for a special service by Pastors Sven Christensen and Ole Jørgensen at Saint Nicolai Church. The lunch was held at Saxildhus Hotel, where the luncheon speaker was Marie Tastesen, one of Kolding's aldermen.

In the afternoon the participants met in the Library for a business meeting. They discussed next year's conference in Winnipeg, and decided that the theme should be communication. Then the election was held, where Rolf Buschardt Christensen, Martha Larsen and Esther Machacynski were re-elected to president, secretary,

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# The Founder

(Reprinted from the Danish Journal)

by Holger J. Bladt

Many call him the founder of the State of California. That is not a tenable claim, but he left such a mark on that state and its development that America's only active volcano was named for him, as were Lassen Volcanic National Park, Lassen County, and many others.

His father's name was Lars Nielsen. His own changed over the years from Larsen to Larssen to Lassen, but it is Lassen who went down in history.

At the age of 17, Peter Lassen became an apprentice blacksmith with his uncle in Kalundborg in Denmark.

In 1823 he traveled to Copenhagen, which later earned him the nickname of **Smithy from Copenhagen**. In 1828, he was admitted as master in the Blacksmith's Guild, but things didn't go well. His income was small, so when in 1830 he became an artilleryman in the militia, he petitioned the King for permission to emigrate to "the new Danish colony in America." On October 12, 1830, Master Blacksmith Larsen sailed from Elsinore for Boston.

He headed West, and for time he lived in Keytesville, Missouri, where he acquired quite a bit of land and was known as a merchant and a Free Mason. The latter had considerable influence on his later life.

Missouri was no permanent place for Peter Lassen. In 1840, Peter Lassen reached California where he was to leave such durable traces. At that point, California was still Mexican territory, but Lassen got in anyway. Thanks to the Russians who had established a trading post at Fort Ross, Lassen and his companions got an escort and were equipped with arms and ammunition. The Mexicans did not oppose them and the journey could continue. For the time being, Lassen settled on a contributory to the San Joaquin river, the Cosumnes.

One day, while chasing horse thieves in the north, Lassen found an area which greatly appealed to him near Deer Creek, and in 1844 he staked a claim for 22,000 acres. He had long played with the idea of founding a colony, and this looked like

the perfect spot with many possibilities. He worked hard, his land holdings grew, and he even became a ship owner. He got embroiled in the political situation which led to the separation of Texas and later California from Mexico. When the war between Mexico and the U.S. ended in 1847, with California becoming a state of the union three years later, Peter Lassen's dream of founding a brand-new city, Benton City, on his land could now finally be realized.

On May 10, 1848, Peter Lassen also became one of the founders of the first Masonic lodge in California. An obelisk on his grave, erected by American Free Masons, commemorates this fact.

In 1854, Lassen went to Honey Lake Valley, the site of today's Susanville. Benton City had been a dream bubble that burst. The Masonic lodge Lassen had founded there was transferred to Shasta City which saved it from ruin. Actually, nobody had the faintest idea in which state Honey Lake Valley was, whether in California or Nevada. It turned out to be Nevada. In April, 1856, the Republic of Nataqua (the name means woman) was founded there, and Peter Lassen became its president.

When it was established that the new state really lay inside California after all, there was much confusion. After many complications, the district which extended over half of Plumas County was given independent administration in 1864, five years after Lassen's death, and called Lassen County.

Peter Lassen had supported the Indians in their grievances wherever he could. It was one of the ironies of fate that he, who was a successful peacemaker on so many occasions, should himself fall victim to an Indian massacre while searching for silver at Black Rock Canyon, some 140 miles East of Honey Lake Valley. This ended a life of adventure. Peter Lassen was only 59 years old at the time of his death.

On September 27, 1859, he was buried on his own soil under one of the tallest trees known, a Sequoia Gigantea, with the highest honors Free Masonry can bestow.

*See November 1987 issue of the American Dane for the complete results of the 32nd National Convention of the Danish Brotherhood in America held in Des Moines, Iowa on September 24 through 26.*



# Our Lodges in Action

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## **PACIFIC-NORTHWEST**

**Lodge #42, Spokane, WA** — Congratulations Walla Walla and Spokane Lodges for putting on such a terrific Pacific-Northwest District Convention. Positive feedback has come from near and far. The Perry family and every person who actively participated from the three host lodges contributed to its success. Not to mention all the wonderful Danish guests from throughout North America who did their part.

A big thanks to Emil and Mary Larsen for hosting another outstanding picnic in the shade of their magnificent trees on a perfect day. It was great to see Emil's cousin, Karen Larsen, visiting from Copenhagen, and also to have Darrell, Beth and Kathy Larsen back with us from the south land.

**Lawrence Charneski, Sec.**

**Lodge #167, Portland, OR** — It was a hot day at Tom McCall Waterfront Park on Sunday, July 19 as thousands of people enjoyed Neighborfair and Folkfest.

Our booth was again kept busy selling numerous cases of that frothy Carlsberg and Giraf beer, over 20 T-shirts with Danish flags, stickers and many cups of soft drinks.

The nail pounding was again a popular sight to behold and was continuously busy until the closing of the fair.

Chairman Don and Karlene Thorkildsen and Doug and Debbie Turner did their usual fantastic job of organizing the work crews and supervising everything. Many members assisted and all seemed to enjoy themselves.

A big thank you is in order to all those who helped by setting up and taking down the booth, selling, manning the nail pounding, clean up and for supporting the Brotherhood cause.

Interest in Brotherhood membership was generated by the crowd and in the handouts of Danish culture and tourism.

A Danish class at Alameda School will begin on Monday, October 5, 1987, from 7-9 p.m. Call Lili Gregerson, Instructor, or Janice Dolan to register. Lili informs us that she just returned from Denmark with a new textbook which looks excellent. If you

**The best idea for October goes to Lodge No. 345, Orange County, CA. See page 12 for details.**

haven't ever taken this class, you owe it to yourself to do so. Besides learning a lot about the language, you enhance your awareness of Danish culture and traditions and meet some interesting people.

**Lodge #328, Vancouver, B.C.** — Again this year there will be a bus trip to Reno sponsored by our lodge. Your tour guide will be the same as last year, Mr. Herluf Pedersen. He has already informed us that the bus will be leaving Vancouver on Saturday, October 17, 1987. For those of you who need to make arrangements for holidays and want to join us for a fun-filled 7-day bus trip to Reno, the time is now. For more information, please contact your tour guide.

On October 10, the exciting rivalry we have with the Seattle team continues in Seattle. They are trying to schedule Queen Anne Bowl for the games that afternoon. The post-game dinner/dance will be held at Nordic Heritage Museum. Mark your calendars if you would like to participate. This year we would also like to have a girl's team participating. If you want to participate, please contact Herluf Pedersen or Keld Christiansen.

At our last meeting there were 48 members present. A report was given by Brother Elith Marcussen, regarding the convention in Kolding of the Federation of Danish Clubs in Canada, in which we are a member. Elith was our delegate to the convention and took our flag with him to Denmark. There were many Brothers who also attended the convention. At the meeting, the President presented the first Danish Brotherhood flag that Marie Overgaard made and presented to the Brotherhood many years ago.

We also received a picture that was taken at the Danish Brotherhood Birthday Banquet on May 7, 1938. This picture had been in the possession of Vernon Tryson, and when Vernon passed away, his widow,

Betty, gave it over to the Brotherhood.

Also at the meeting, Poul B. Christensen informed us that the Danish Church in Vancouver celebrated their 50th anniversary with a dinner on Saturday evening and a special service on Sunday morning.

The President was asked to attend on behalf of the Brotherhood.

After the meeting, the brothers enjoyed an open faced sandwich, a beer, and snaps.

**Lodge #348, Eugene, OR** — A soccer game between the Vancouver and Seattle Danish Brotherhood sponsored teams will be in Seattle on October 10, 1987, with a dinner/dance afterwards. If you are headed north in October, this would be a fun event to include in your travels.

President Niels Nedergard called the meeting to order on June 11, 1987, with approximately 40 members present. Applications for membership were presented for Peter Larsen, Katherine Larsen, and Glen and Bettie Madsen. Recommendations were made by Kris Sand and Al Nygaard to consider these applications for membership. Martin Taekker moved and Svend Toftemark seconded a motion to approve the applications for membership. Initiation for Knud Larsen was conducted by the President in the usual and customary way. A moment was taken to welcome Knud to the lodge.

A letter was read from Signe Bryant thanking all of the members for their thoughtfulness in remembering her 90th birthday celebration. She is looking forward to her next round birthday and hopes to have another big party.

Martin Taekker gave a report on the pølse dinner. He showed the membership the certificate from the Northwest District for "Best Newsletter" in the district.

The 1988 convention will be held on May 20-22 at the Valley River Inn in Eugene. The planning committee has been meeting for the past two months to work out preliminary details. Please try to reserve this weekend so that as many local members as possible can attend. The advertising chairperson will be Svend Toftemark. Bernice Jensen will be in charge of table decorations for the banquet and Betty Christensen

has accepted responsibility for the menu planning, including meals and coffee breaks.

Mary Stefansen, Sec.

## CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

**Lodge #126, Los Angeles, CA** — First and foremost, the delegates, members and friends of Lodge No. 126 thank Kodan Lodge No. 346 for their hospitality and congratulate them for a truly successful convention. Our hats off to the chairpeople and all the hard workers who made it possible — par excellence!

We were honored to have at our convention meetings people from Omaha and members of the National Board of Directors. The members present were: National President, Bob Ibsen; National First Vice President, Peter Weber; and National Sales Director, Andy Andersen.

Holger Danske Lodge No. 345 in Orange County, California, captured all four of the District President's awards.

The 67th California-Nevada District Convention will be held in San Diego, California, on July 28-30, 1988, at the Kona Kai Club on Shelter Island. Already the plans are in gear and some are even falling in place, with that hard-working gal, Gail Perkins, as chairman. She has been co-chairman of the Alternate (Optional) committee for the past year as well.

A good portion of our meetings was spent on discussing the alternate (optional) funding. Gail Perkins, co-chairperson of our Southern California Committee, gave her report. We, on the committee, realized that the Danish Brotherhood in America could not do away with the insurance and suggested, for the sake of the discussion, that we accept prospective members for two years without insurance and with no voting powers, no benefits, no "American Dane," etc. Then at the end of those two years, if they joined, they would take the insurance that best fit their needs.

Delegates from Lodge No. 332 in Modesto, California, felt that prospective active members would know by the end of one year whether or not they wanted to join. We opted to go along with Modesto Lodge NO. 332 on the one year.

Our reasoning on this Associate Membership is that it is better to lose a year of insurance for the sake of a new active member who will, in all probability, pay for twenty or more years of insurance. As it is now, we are getting no new active members so DBIA is not selling the insurance. Of course, the bottom line to the above is that each lodge should welcome each prospective associate member into

their lodge, get them involved in their social affairs, answer any questions that they may have about the Danish Brotherhood and definitely make them feel that they are a part of the Danish heritage.

We are sorry to have to report that Eric Roug passed away on August 1, 1987. Those that knew him, knew him as a good and kind friend. He always worked hard for the Danish community. He was a member of the Los Angeles Lodge No. 126 for 36 years. He was President of the local lodge, President of the California-Nevada District, and was recently made an honorary member of the Naverdalen Club. He will be missed by many, many people. Our very deepest sympathy to his wife, Marion, and to his family.

Doris Christensen, Chairperson of the Entertainment Committee, has informed me that there will be a fish dinner and bingo on October 16, 1987, so mark this date on your calendar. I know you won't want to miss this great evening. **Anne Kofod, Cor.**

**Lodge #299, Solvang, CA** — Our August meeting took place on the 12th at which time Rob Petersen and crew served a first class and very tender sirloin barbecue dinner for 40 members and guests. The following meeting was chaired by Bent Pedersen and attended by 19 members.

Johannes Jaeger gave a brief report on the District Convention where among other things an idea for membership increase was proposed, whereby new members of mandatory insurance age could join the lodge for a trial year period, while the necessary work would be done on the insurance compliance.



The 4th of July Queen, Miss Susan Johnson, and Bill Rasmussen admire our blue ribbon float.

Photos from this event and from the July 4 festivities here in Solvang were displayed by Ken Fitzgerald and Johannes Jaeger.

Special attention was paid to the pictures of our beautiful float honoring the 200 year anniversary of the constitution, which was the winner of the blue ribbon. Behind the building of the float was Bill Rasmussen who made the inscription.

Jacob Ravn, Cor.

**Lodge #306, San Diego, CA** — We will hold a yard sale on October 24 and 25 at the home of Jonna Aace. Hope to see a good turnout for this. This is our biggest fund raiser for the year so please try and support your lodge.

Our Christmas party will be held on December 5 at the Norway Hall. Please keep this date open. It should be a very nice evening for everyone.

**Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA** — The club received a thank you note from Kodan Lodge No. 346 thanking us for the \$100 received to cover part of the convention expenses. It was our pleasure!

We welcome back the members that attended the Rebuild Festival and from all accounts, the weather there was beautiful with the exception of one day. Everyone had a great time!

On October 2, we will hold our regular meeting at the lodge hall. A convention report by our delegate to the National Convention, Jens Andersen will be given and a nominating committee will be established.

Plan now to attend our Christmas party on December 4 at the lodge hall.

Kate Krake, Past. Pres.

**Lodge #345, Orange County, CA** — On August 8 we celebrated our 10th anniversary. Everyone seemed to be in a festive



The Young Vikings are ready for a rootin' tootin' good time.

mood. The evening started with the usual attitude adjustment hour. The evening was geared around the western theme, and as usual, all or most of those present were good sports and came in western attire. Western music was heard in the background, while everyone barbecued their choice of dinners.

A letter from National Headquarters was read in reference to the DBIA Bowling Tournament. Congratulations to our Great Danes for coming in 16th place in the national competition.

Einer Nielsen stated that 10 years ago, there were 90 persons initiated into the newly formed lodge. A wonderful time was had by all that were present. Charter members that were present at that meeting were asked to stand and receive an appreciation applause. Those standing were Pat and Cal Christensen, Alf Rasmussen, Einer and Irene Nielsen, Soren and Betty Christensen, and Kaj and Helga Bjorn. It's interesting to look at this list and realize that these same members are at almost all the meetings. They certainly have remained faithful to the DBIA during these past 10 years.

On November 14 we will be having our first Tivoli Fair with judging for the following categories: baked goods, hand crafted items, hobbies, arts, and collections.



Gerry Olsen, secretary, receives a plaque in appreciation.

Ribbons will be awarded. We would like anyone interested to take part in this fun evening. We will also have game booths and food booths sponsored by the Vikings. We will also have a boutique for those interested in selling their items.

**A sincere thanks to all the wonderful friends at Holger Danske lodge from our secretary, Gerry Olsen, who was totally**

**surprised and humbled by the presentation of a beautiful plaque of appreciation for conscientious and dedicated work on behalf of the lodge. This was a wonderful, thoughtful thing to do.**

We will be collecting cake mixes and that sort of thing for the next couple of months. Many items have been taken to the Orange-wood Home for Abused Children already by the Operation Care and Share committee. So this month, let's all bring something for this project and let the home know that we really do intend to aid them in some way.

**Gerry Olsen, Sec.**

**Lodge #346, Riverside, CA — We did it!** Last month we hosted the 66th annual convention of the California-Nevada District (DBIA) and the California General Committee (DSS). We were honored to have the following National DBIA representatives in attendance: Bob Ibsen, National President; Peter Weber, National First Vice President; and Andy Andersen, National Sales Director. Reports from all sides are favorable and we have received countless written congratulations and thank yous from those who attended. Even the Holiday Inn sent us a warm thank you! Special notes were received in appreciation of Doris Thompson and Vikki Garrison for literally "going the extra mile" and helping several delegates

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get to the airport on the day following the convention. Kodan members, you can be proud of your super talented committee. They did an outstanding job and worked to the max and beyond to make this a "class" convention.



Friday night's western theme was a huge success.



Kaja Del Grippo presents her stained glass Viking ship to winner Margaret Motz.

My personal favorite convention event was our Friday night pool-side western buffet, complete with entertainment — "Shoot-out at the Copenhagen Saloon" — written, produced and directed by George Dzida.

Holger Danske Lodge No. 345 aced the President's Awards for all events.

Newly installed officers of the California-Nevada Districts are Past President, Ed Madsen; President, Kenneth Nielsen; Vice President, Karen Rowse; Secretary, Ebba Norby; Conductor, Kaj Kristensen; Trustees, Art Norgaard, Bob Lassiter, Jim A. Larsen; Inner Guard, Sue Patterson; and Outer Guard, Jim P. Larsen. Congratulations and we hope you have a successful year! Next year's convention will be hosted by San Diego Lodge No. 306 at the Kona Kai Club on Shelter Island.

Nancy Nielsen, Sec.

## Payment to Board Members

AUGUST 1987

Midwest District Convention, Peter Weber, \$485.72.

SEPTEMBER 1987

Robert E. Ibsen, salary, \$251.

## MONTANA

**Lodge #273, Dillon, MT** — Our member, Clifford Bay, raised enough flowers again this spring to fill 36 boxes that have been placed in front of business places. A number of members helped prepare the boxes and plant the flowers. With the cooler summer days this year, the flowers look more beautiful than last year.

On August 16 we held our summer picnic at Barrett Station with about 65 in attendance. As usual, there was an abundance of good food. Thanks to the committee of W. F. Koeneke and George Pedersen for another successful picnic. A few members and friends from Butte and Missoula, Montana, and Idaho Falls, Idaho, were also present. The lodge will resume regular meetings on October 3, 1987.

Harry Abernethy, Sec.

## NEBRASKA

**Lodge #1, Omaha, NE** — Maurice O'Neill, mortician from Beem Belford Funeral Home in Council Bluffs, entertained us with a series of humorous stories on Tuesday evening, August 4. After that we enjoyed ice cream, cake, pie, coffee and punch. There was enough food so everyone could have second and third helpings. Thanks to the committee: Charles and Louise Johnson and John and Lois Hansen.

We received \$250 for our annual participation in the Ethnic Festival which was held May 2-3 at the Civic Auditorium. A special thank you to Mike Nielsen, Chairman of the Committee of Danish Societies, and the nearly 40 members of Lodge No. 1 who assisted at the Festival or donated cookies.

Jens Therkildsen received a camp grant and attended Lutheran Bible Camp at Ashland, Nebraska. He gave a report on the camp at the August 4 meeting. We look forward to hearing from the young people who attended Skovsøen Danish Language Village.

Jim Christiansen, Cor.

**Lodge #161, Ruskin, NE** — Ruskin celebrated its centennial on June 13-14 and we



Our float for the centennial parade was a huge success.

participated by entering a float in the parade both days.

Riding on the float were Vikings Soren Thomsen and Wayne Schultz. In Danish costume and bearing the flags were Kenneth and Loetta Pedersen. Acting as chairman of the two day event was member Eugene Schultz.

Loetta Pedersen, Cor.

**Lodge #206, Blair, NE** — Our July meeting drew our biggest attendance of the year. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed our speaker Legislator Frank Korshoj's talk.

Following the meeting, it was announced that our August 24 meeting would be Visitor's Night and everyone was encouraged to bring a guest. The program, hosted by Wally and Anita Johnson, would have as its theme, County Fair Days.

## IOWA-MINNESOTA

**Lodge #121, Tyler, MN** — At our June meeting it was discussed if we should attempt to build a float for Tyler's centennial. A group of enthusiastic members said it could be done. They decided to build a Viking ship complete with trimmings and four little Danish girls dressed in Danish costumes to ride in the float. After three sessions of work the job was completed.



Our Viking ship floated down the streets of Tyler.

It attracted much attention in the parade. To the club members a real omission of fulfillment.

Yes, the 'Danish Brotherhood' rode down the streets of Tyler, Minnesota.

**Lodge #263, Askov, MN** — We held our annual picnic Sunday, July 19, at Obie's Campground with members and guests present. After a delicious picnic dinner the afternoon was spent playing lawn darts, cribbage, swimming, annual horseshoe tournament, and visiting. First place winners in the horseshoe tournament, taking home the trophy were LeRoy Larsen and Kay Jensen. Second place winners were Jerry Jensen and Pat Galvin and third was Jerry Webinger and Dan Larsen.



Congratulations to Kay Jensen and LeRoy Larsen.

Door prizes, donated by Obie, were won by LeRoy Larsen, T-shirt; Gilbert Clausen, Obie's cap; and Greta Sebald, Obie's mug.  
Edna Petersen, Sec.

## MISSOURI

**Lodge #56, Kansas City, MO** — Our lodge attracted thousands of festival goers to its booth in Kansas City's Ethnic Enrichment Festival. More than 25 ethnic organizations participated. Our main attraction was aebleskiver which was made on the spot and served to waiting festival-goers. More than 2,000 aebleskiver were sold.

In addition, the lodge members baked dozens of cookies which were quickly picked up along with a cup of coffee or ice tea. Other items included Danish American flags and flag pins as well as unique ceramic Danish churches. Many visitors who wanted to talk with a Dane about Denmark and their family immigration were accommodated by the lodge members.

Of special interest was the visit by Theo Andersen, a 102 year old Danish immi-



Visitor Theo Andersen, a Danish immigrant, enjoyed talking to our members.



Our booth attracted many visitors.

grant. Theo, accompanied by his family, enjoyed talking in Danish to the lodge members and eating an aebleskiver. He immigrated to America when he was only 17 years old. Theo lives in the Kansas City area.

Members of the lodge also participated in the festival Fashion Show which featured authentic costumes of the many ethnic groups in the area.

Monies from the proceeds of festival sales are donated by the lodge to local charities and Danish cultural activities.

Bob Wallace, Cor.

## MIDWEST

**Lodge #4, Racine, WI** — On Wednesday, August 12, the Sisterhood Lodge No. 5 and our lodge held a joint picnic at Pritchard Park. About 50 members attended. There was a corn and bratwurst roast and also potluck supper from the ladies. Many door

prizes were given out and a great time was had by all.

**Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI** — The 3rd Rathskellar party was a rousing success with over 90 people attending. A profit was made which will go toward the loan received from the lodge for the big screen TV. Thanks to the great committee and those who donated — Frank and Lenore Holderness, Glenn and Marie Hopkins, John and Ruby Hawley, Al and Lorraine Pecnick, Christine Willems, Jeff and Todd Bernhardt, Vince and Shirley Rodgers, Rich and Doris Wicks, Bob and Elaine Ibsen, and Dan Ervin. The idea of the party was to have members and friends come down and visit. Please do not wait for the next party to come again. We need your support to continue the operation. Hours are 3 to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday. We plan on having Monday night football parties and possibly on Sundays if we have enough interest.

The 36th Midwest District DBIA Convention was held in LaGrange, Illinois on July 25-26 and was a tremendous success. DBIA Lodge No. 35 and DSS Lodge No. 11 are to be congratulated for a well organized event. Two of our members are now on the Midwest Board — Rudy Bernhardt, Jr., 1st Trustee, and Rick Wade, 3rd Trustee. Rick Wade and Ben Peterson were delegates and Vince Rodgers

# 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
Robert K. DeHann	14	Kenosha, WI	Frank Holderness
Patrick H. Duchac	14	Kenosha, WI	Edgar Gastaldi
Gregg P. Vigansky	14	Kenosha, WI	Frank Holderness
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Mark A. Johnson	14	Kenosha, WI	Richard Wade
Richard G. Terp	15	Des Moines, IA	Sophus Christensen
Richard L. Jensen	15	Des Moines, IA	Mary Riber
Robert M. Jensen	15	Des Moines, IA	Mary Riber
Willy A. Nielsen	155	Bellingham, WA	Dorothy Colpitts
Mary J. Nielsen	155	Bellingham, WA	Dorothy Colpitts
Aksel Mikkelsen	167	Portland, OR	Jens Jensen
Ellinor Mikkelsen	167	Portland, OR	Jens Jensen
Jens A. H. Andersen	346	Riverside, CA	Knud Andersen
Patricia Marie Ramirez	346	Riverside, CA	Knud Andersen
Mary Eileen Ramirez	346	Riverside, CA	Knud Andersen



Members of the National Board of Directors congratulate Midwest District Past President for the 1986 Best District National President's Awards.



Congratulations to the new Midwest District officers.

and David Jensen alternates. Dwight will host the convention next year and Kenosha in 1989. The Target Shoot will be in Kenosha in 1988. We once again won the District President's Award for the Best Activity Schedule.

August 1st found 135 people enjoying another successful Western Night-Corn Roast. After a great meal of corn and brats and all the trimmings, Betty Jean and the Country Express did their usual job of keeping the floor full of dancers playing all their requests. It was a great time and if you were not there, you missed a good one, so keep it in mind for next year. This one takes a lot of work and we congratulate the hard working committee including Dan, Barb and Dan Jr. Ervin, Matt and Marge Fosbinder, Brian and Kris O'Neal, Tom, Judy and Kai Nielsen, David Jensen, Lenore Holderness, John Hosmanek, and Bob and Elaine Ibsen. Special thanks to all the volunteer bartenders. Also a big thank you to Larry and Dolores Sorensen for supplying the corn at a reasonable price and for the beautiful flowers. Several door prizes were supplied by Tenutas. A large group came to help Al Pecnick celebrate the big 50 and supplied everyone with birthday pie.

The night before the dance, a bus load went to see the Braves and they lost again! Haven't broke our record on that but all had a great time anyway with snacks, beer, wine and soda on the bus with excellent seats at the game. Thanks once

again to Rich Walker and Kenneth E. Hansen with assistance from the songleader Duke Ellingham and also Dick Walker.

The 7th annual Midwest District Dart Extravaganza will take place on October 10 at 9 a.m. at our lodge. One half of entry fee (\$2.50) will be paid by the lodge. You do not have to be an expert to play in this fun time event. Lunch will be served, \$5.00 each. Call Bob Ibsen to sign up. Come join the fun and meet our district friends.

**Lodge #34, Dwight, IL** — Our lodge entered five teams in the Midwest District Golf Outing. We didn't do anything outstanding but Bernice Lund and Betty Kern did come home with individual prizes. The non-golfers enjoyed the day at the Outlet Malls. It was a great day — good fun and a delicious meal. Thanks to Kenosha for another successful Midwest District outing!

Delegates Virgil Holzhauer and Dick Perschnick represented Dwight at the Midwest District Convention with comments that it was a very well organized convention and a meeting that everyone should try and attend some time. We're happy to report that our lodge is well represented with Rick Sullivan as President and Virgil Holzhauer as Conductor. Congratulations fellows in your new position. Dwight will host the 1988 convention. Also, our lodge won the President's Award for Best Single Social Activity (Christmas Party).

I'm sorry there was a misunderstanding about the meeting on August 10. Some did not show up because there was not a newsletter to remind them, but if they had read the July newsletter, it was mentioned that there would not be an August newsletter and the committee for the August meeting was listed. Oh well, worse things could happen. It was a good meeting enjoyed by all with the presentation by Dr. Fred Drake as 4th President, James Madison and Father of our Constitution. A motion was made and passed to contribute \$100 towards the new park equipment for the playground.

The Midwest District Dart Extravaganza will be held Saturday, October 10, hosted by Lodge No. 14 in Kenosha, Wisconsin. It costs \$5.00 per person to shoot; \$5.00 per person for a buffet lunch. Teams determined by the luck of the draw.

On October 31 we will be sponsoring a dance at the VFW with Bus Hansen's band. Put the date on your calendar.

**Margaret Goodwin, Sec.**

**Lodge #35, Chicago, IL** — The regular meeting was called to order by President Iversen on August 21. A letter from Susan

Jepsen was read by President Iversen thanking the lodge for the scholarship she received. Also read was a letter from Jens Hovmiller together with a check for \$50 to use as the lodge sees fit. A thank-you note has been sent to Jens. The Danish Home wrote thanking the lodge for their August birthday party. We again received the award for the best newsletter in the Midwest District together with a check for \$25.

Ray Nielsen, Midwest Past President, reported on the Midwest District Convention and thanked those who helped make it a success. Al Iversen continued on with the report and reviewed the new Midwest District officers. They are: President, Rick Sullivan; Vice President, Sue Andersen; Secretary-Treasurer, Albertice Nylen; 1st Trustee, Rudy Bernhardt; 2nd Trustee, Al Iversen; 3rd Trustee, Rick Wade; and Conductor, Virgil Holzhauer.

It was reported that a loss of \$200 was sustained from the convention. A big thank you to all of those who donated raffle prizes. Without those, the loss would have been much more.

Roy C. Haa has received his 70-year award as a permanent member and no longer will pay dues.

A motion was made to take \$10 from the treasury each month for a drawing that would be held at each meeting. The names would be put into a hat and drawn and a lucky winner would be named. The trustees were instructed to develop some rules for this drawing.

The weatherman was on our side and that helped to make our annual Midwest District picnic a success. There were over 200 in attendance and everyone seemed to be having a good time.

The potluck table was overloaded with delicious food to be shared and everyone who contributed deserves a big thank you. Woody Petersen and son Kent kept those hamburgers cooking along with some help from Rick Sullivan and Carole Bach. Charlie and Isabel Jespersen were kept busy cooking hot dogs. Sisterhood members started the morning out right by offering coffee and kringle and kept at it all day. The raffle table was full of prizes donated by members and friends and there were lots of winners when the drawing was held. The children were entertained by games planned by the Connery family. The adult egg throwing contest is always a hit and the winners were Kathy and Richard Jensen with runners-up being Susan Jepsen and John Vlack.

Doris and Herb Peterson were in charge of the occasion and did a great job together with the always willing helpers from our

lodge and Sisterhood lodge. The day was also a financial success due to the generosity of those making monetary donations and to all those who purchased raffle tickets and donated prizes. Thanks!

**Elsa Petersen, Cor.**

**Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI** — Thirteen members attended our August 18 business meeting. \$15.00 was donated for our Care and Share program during the refreshments and fellowship period that followed. A lodge check for that amount was delivered to the Milwaukee Christian Center for the Food Pantry. Thanks to Elsa Berlin and Carol Larsen, refreshment hostesses for the evening.

Sixteen people attended the Corn Roast at Ozzie and Luella Christensens on Saturday, August 15. It was a beautiful day in the Southern Kettle Moraine. Games and visiting were enjoyed. Delicious corn, brats and buns and tables laden with a large variety of food and drinks! We thank the Christensens for inviting us and for their usual generosity and hospitality.

We started our eleventh consecutive year of our monthly newsletter with the September 1987 issue of Danish Dimensions. That's 120 issues ago (September 1977)!

**Albert Larsen, Sec.**

**Lodge #343, Waupaca, WI** — Our lodge held our monthly meeting on August 27 and made final plans for our annual aebleskiver supper which was held on Thursday, September 24.

Program chairman Melda Mortensen arranged a very informative program which was given by our local Home Economist Bernadette Mayek on "Osseoporosis."

After our aebleskiver supper, our next social affair will be our annual Mortens-aften goose dinner at the Waupaca Country Club on Saturday, November 7.

**Evelyn Doerr, Past Pres.**

## GCEL

**Lodge #46, Perth Amboy, NJ** — A potluck picnic was held on August 15 on the spacious and beautiful grounds at the Danish Home in Edison, New Jersey and

were enjoyed by the approximately 90 people attending the gathering.

After a dinner consisting of a variety of Danish and American delights from hot dogs and corn to frikadeller and liverpostaj, well mixed with soda, beer and akvavit, games of different types were enjoyed by some, while others listened and danced to old familiar tunes from Denmark. To President Eric Brown, Bill Brose and their committee, thank you for a job well done.



A softball game was thoroughly enjoyed at the picnic.

Our next Atlantic City trip will be October 22. Good luck.

Congratulations to Arne Kjem, who will be presented with his 25-year membership pin at our October 14 meeting.

Plan now to attend our annual Christmas party on December 12.

**Kenneth Nielsen, Sec.**

**Lodge #190, Schenectady, NY** — We meet the first and third Wednesdays of each month at the Schenectady Elks Lodge. Dinner is served at each of these meetings at 6:45 p.m. Come and enjoy the fellowship of your lodge brothers and excellent meal.

The first Wednesday of each month is the business meeting and the third Wednesday of each month is a social meeting where all the birthday brothers are remembered with many skaals from a bottle of akvavit furnished by the Birthday Club.

Treasurer Olin W. Yauchler gave out copies of the Treasurer's Report for 1986

and the Report of Assets for 1986. The trustees, Pete Nielsen, Carl Christensen and Carl Hansen, stated that Brother Olin is to be commended for the manner in which he has kept the books for the lodge.

Brother Norm Hansen reported on the officers' meeting of the GCEL District held in Hartford, Connecticut.

Betty Severson thanked the brothers of our lodge for nominating her late husband George for the Howard E. Christensen Award.

Brother Norm "Jake" Jacobsen has donated a new tape recorder to the Brotherhood to replace an old one which finally quit working. Thanks Jake.

**Lawrence L. Barry, Cor.**

## Public Relation Committee Formed for Museum

In preparation for launching its international building fund drive, the Danish Immigrant Museum has organized a committee of volunteers to advise and oversee the public relations efforts of the campaign.

Made up of experienced individuals from various media and aspects of public relations work, the committee will plan releases to newspapers, special interest publications, radio and television. Special events as well as appearances by campaign leaders and museum supporters will also be coordinated through this committee.

Committee members are Poul Dalby Andersen, Publisher and Editor of **Bien**, the Danish American newspaper from Los Angeles; Ray Christensen, radio personality of WCCO Radio in Minneapolis; Phillip Pagel, Vice President of Institutional Advancement at Dana College in Blair, Nebraska; and Chris Steffensen, Editor of **Den Danske Pioneer**, the Danish American newspaper from Chicago. Special honorary consultant to the committee is Minister Counselor Bent Skou, Head of Information at the Royal Danish Embassy in Washington, D.C.

# 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
7-29-87	Christian M. Hansen	99	Roskilde, Denmark	213	Ord, Nebraska	1914
8-1-87	Erik Roug	69	Denmark	126	Los Angeles, California	1951
6-19-87	Christian Lungholm	67	Holbaek, Denmark	45	Minneapolis, Minnesota	1948
7-31-87	Hans E. Nielsen	76	Sayreville, New Jersey	241	Sayreville, New Jersey	1946
8-21-87	Ejvind V. M. Lausten	62	Tres Arroyos, Argentina	325	Nassau County, New York	1973
8-16-87	Lavern F. Lorentz	83	Ludington, Michigan	51	Ludington, Michigan	1977

## Introducing . . .



David Nathaniel Hopkins, one of our newest Young Vikings. David joined Lodge No. 323 and, with the assistance of mommy, has this to say:

"I celebrated my first birthday September 14. I live in Wyoming, Rhode Island, with my mom and dad. My dad is a Sergeant in the Army National Guard. My interests are now swimming in my little pool and playing on my swing set. My grandparents, Frank and Bea Jepsen, are very active in Lodge No. 323 and they helped me to join. My mom has been a member for 25 years and I hope I can be one for that long too!

### Welcome David!

Are you a new Young Viking member? If so, everyone would like to meet you, too! Just send a picture and a short article

## Danish Canadian Conference

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and treasurer, respectively, of the Federation.

At the end of the official business, the president thanked, among others, Gunnar Kristensen, the host and organizer of the conference, for a constructive and successful conference. He also thanked Poul Dedenroth-Schou for making Koldinghus Castle available for the conference, and Poul B. Christensen for chairing the meeting.

The conference concluded Friday evening with a Goodbye Party in Staldgaarden, where Kolding Royal Danish Guards' Association was host. Vejen Garden, a boys band, played before dinner, which was held in a big tent. The atmosphere was such that many songs were sung, even one composed for the

describing yourself and the hobbies or activities which you enjoy with why you joined the Danish Brotherhood and mail to DBIA, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131.

## Grand View President Resigns

Karl F. Langrock has resigned as President of Grand View College as announced recently by Daniel J. Krumm, chairman of the Executive Committee of Grand View's Board of Directors. According to Krumm, Langrock's retirement will be effective June 30, 1988.

In making the announcement, Krumm said, "Karl has been a great asset to Grand View these past 15 years because he has provided sound leadership and guidance during very challenging times for the college and higher education in general. We appreciate his dedicated service and loyalty."

Langrock has been President of Grand View since July 1972. During his tenure the school advanced from an associate degree-granting institution to a bachelor degree-granting institution with full accreditation by the North Central Association. Enrollment has increased from 825 in 1972 to 1110 in the fall of 1986.

Under Langrock's leadership, Grand View has maintained financial stability and completed two major building projects. The College Center was opened in 1981 and the new Communications Building is scheduled to be dedicated October 17.

Before becoming President of Grand View, Langrock was an administrator at Berea College in Berea, Kentucky.

occasion by Inger Andersen of Kingston. After that, everybody met in Garderstuen at the other end of Staldgaarden, for a refreshing drink or two.

That terminated a successful convention in a lovely town with a grand old castle. It was an eventful conference, which will long be remembered by the participants from Canada.

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## The Newcomer's Guide to the USA

Living in the USA — it's exciting, fast-paced and full of opportunity, but it can be a frustrating experience for hundreds of thousands of newcomers, many of whom arrive without the basic information needed to get settled.

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**The Newcomer's Guide to the USA** eases the transition to American life for immigrants, students and visitors, explaining everything from acquiring health insurance and credit cards to making friends in an unfamiliar culture. Ms. Donde helps readers over the necessary hurdles of dealing with customs, finding a place to live and getting a driver's license, and includes hundreds of resources for further information on specific topics.

Currently available in English only, **The Newcomer's Guide to the USA** is written in a clear, straightforward style, easily followed by those new to the language. It is available in bookstores throughout the United States and is distributed by TAB Books, Blue Ridge Summit, PA. In Washington and Oregon, it is available directly from Self-Counsel Press, Inc., 1303 N. Northgate Way, Seattle, WA 98133.

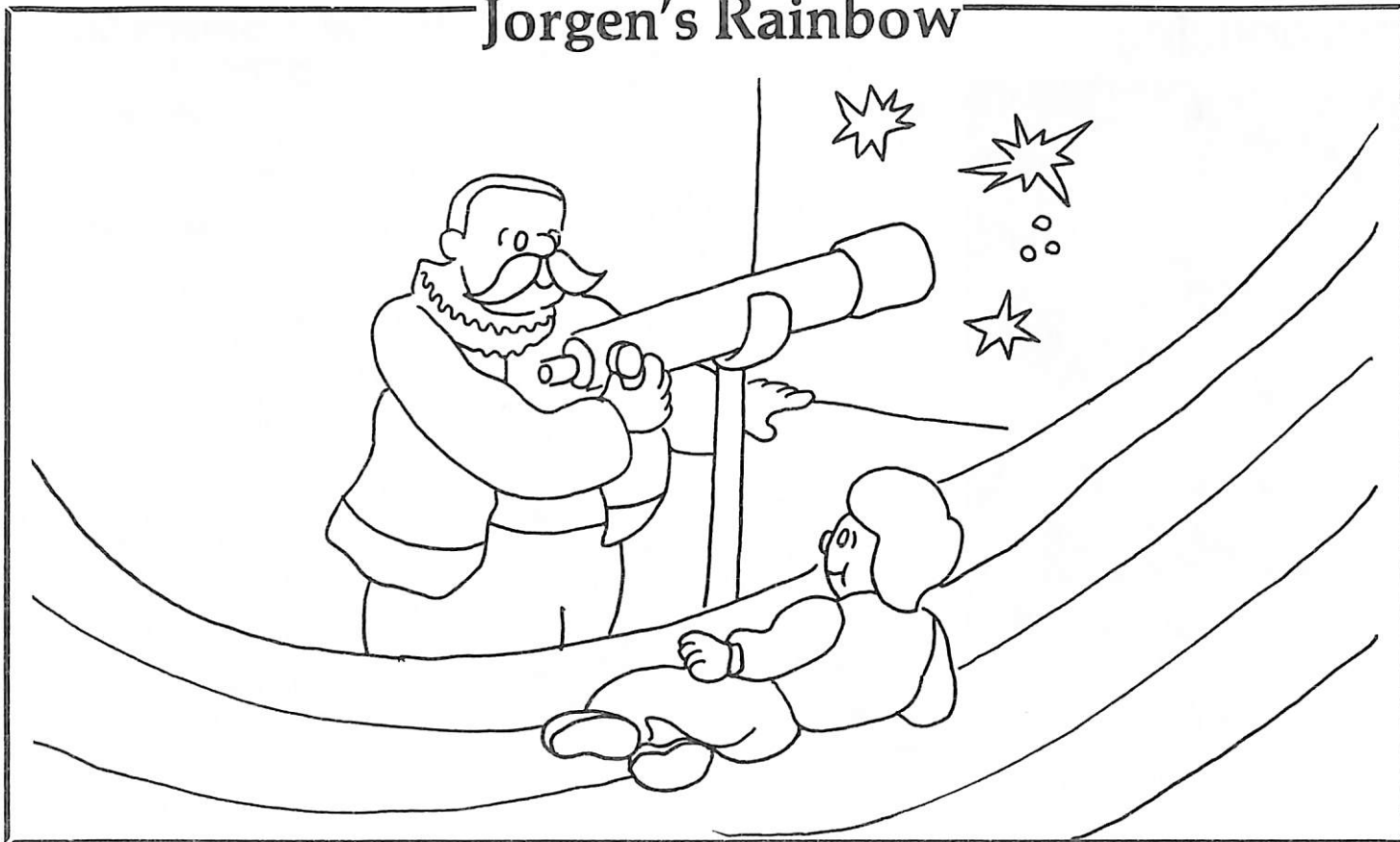
## 1987 Photo Contest

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 prize for adult entries (17 and over) include: 1st - \$75; 2nd - \$45; and 3rd - \$30. Send all photos by December 31, 1987 to

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# Jorgen's Rainbow



BiFrost takes Jorgen into the 1500s where they meet Tycho Brahe, a famous Danish astronomer. Brahe was going to be a lawyer until an eclipse made him change his mind. He studied astronomy for years and made his greatest contribution with the paper he called "De Stella Nova" or "The New Star." The exploding type of star that Brahe studied is still known to us today as a "nova." Do you have any Lego blocks? Jorgen does and he finds an entire town of them next time.

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**September winners: Amanda Brown, Beth Godthaab, and Jill Nesselhuf.**

## Grandma's Kitchen

### Kødboller i Selerri (Danish Celery Root Balls)



by Dagmar Jensen

1 large celery root	1 egg
1 lb. round steak (ground)	4 tablespoons flour
1 small onion (chopped fine)	1 cup water

#### Gravy

2 tablespoons butter	2 tablespoons flour
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Pare and cut the celery root into rather large pieces. Cover and boil in salted water until tender. Remove the celery root and place it in a bowl keeping it hot. Save the liquid in the sauce pan. While celery root is cooking, chop onion and add to ground meat. Add season-

ing, egg and flour, mixing well. Add a cup of water gradually. Form the mixture into balls using tablespoon and drop them into boiling liquid in which the celery root was cooked. Cook slowly for 30 minutes until done. Arrange the cooked celery root in center of hot platter and meat around the edge and keep hot. Make gravy by rubbing together 3 tablespoons of butter and flour and gradually adding hot liquid in which vegetables and meat were cooked. Cook, straining until smooth and thickened to gravy consistency. Pour the gravy over meat and vegetables on platter and serve at once. Serves four.



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