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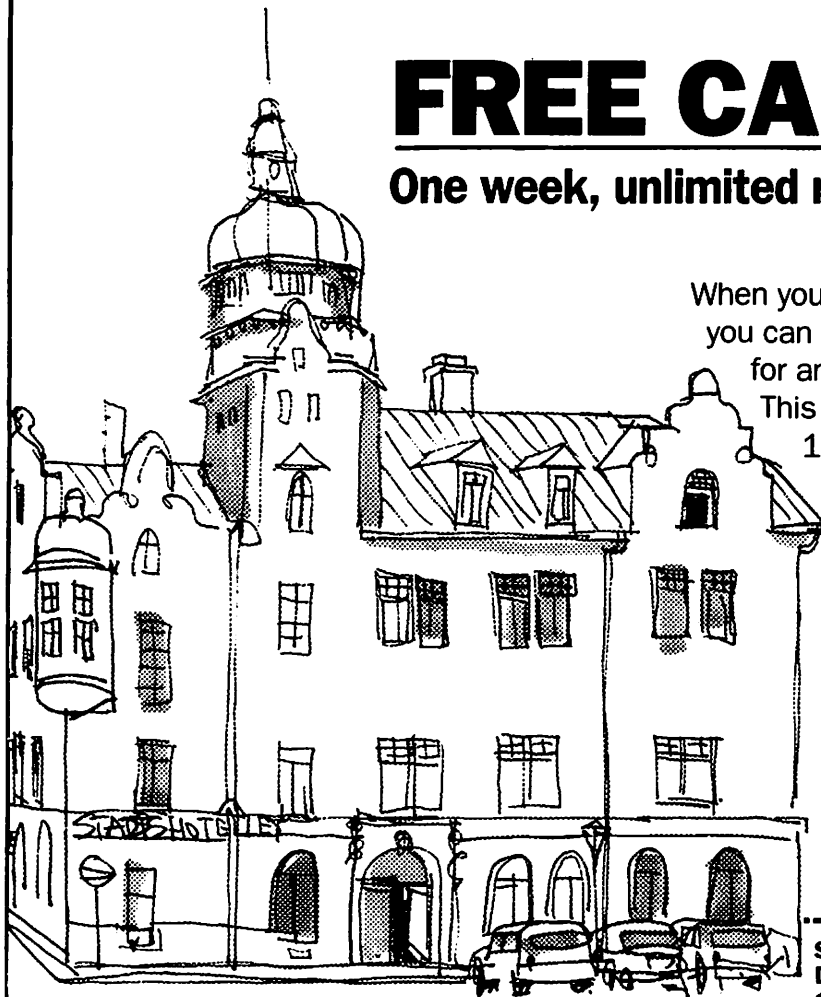
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Cover photo: The 1987 Queen's Float featuring Queen Adriane Duncan, Tanya Matchett and Margaret Mullendore was part of the Den Grande Danske Parade in Greenville, Michigan. Photo courtesy of George P. Graff.



President's Page

**Clyde R. Langsted
National President**

Not too many years following my election as Secretary of my local lodge I thought I knew all there was to know about the Danish Brotherhood in America and from the perspective of a young Secretary at that! The perceptions of people never cease to amaze me yet I can understand how people can have different ideas but I sometimes have difficulty in understanding why.

The point I am driving at is this: We must be doing a great job! Each month I write a page for the American Dane magazine and it is difficult to come up with a topic most of the time; at least one that will not get me into trouble with the membership. Please remember, I am a member also. I recall the time when, as Secretary, I took the Editors, Staff and the Board to task over the fact that I felt the magazine should have more information and input from the membership. I subsequently found that it is not always practical to make any publication a forum for pros and cons. I do believe it can be a vehicle for positive thought, especially when information and comment will benefit the membership as a whole. Again, that is not always easy to do.

Shortly after I was elected President of our Society I did comment in one of the American Dane publications that I would like to hear from you on your thoughts for improvement. On the other hand, if you have some disappointment in an area, I would like to know that also as without communication we do not know of problems existing and thus never have the opportunity to hopefully get such problems resolved and in a manner that will be good for us all. I know that members of the Board, living within your District, would like to hear from you as well and be of service wherever and whenever they can. I did receive a communique from a member who has perceptions of what is wrong with the Society but sadly that person never seems to offer any concrete suggestion for turning things around.

It wasn't too long after being elected to the Board of Directors that I found I really didn't know a lot of what I perceived I did. I know another thing: I am not about to tell you today that I know a great deal but I am learning each day. Although we wish it could be otherwise, our Society is not a perfect entity and I will acknowledge that there is much room for improvement. What if each member sponsored just one new member this year? It does involve more than just that simple statement. Membership growth is very important to us but before we can get that growth we must have a viable local lodge system that will make being a member an important credential in that person's life.

It must be such that people will want to meet and participate in lodge programs. The present membership must get to work in making their own local unit a viable, working entity. The many newsletters that I receive indicate a number of local lodges that have some satisfying and exciting programs for their membership. I am left with the feeling that most members of those lodges are excited about what they are doing. It makes me excited and I wish we could make it contagious. With some help, we could. With support from the membership for those who are trying to make a local lodge something special, it could become just that.

Some will ask who gave me the soap-box? Before that question is asked the answer is simply that I built it myself and as a spokesperson for the Danish Brotherhood, I claim that liberty.

We members of the Board are not aloof from the membership, we are a part of this organization with you. The home office staff is not aloof from the membership, they are a part of this organization with you. I guess I can safely say that we must be doing a great job and that every suggestion we make is eagerly assimilated by the membership and the local lodge combined. I am not that naive! I sincerely would like to hear from you and I intend to make my ears your forum. We want to hear of positive ideas and what has been successful with you. We want to know why you joined the Danish Brotherhood in America. (I hope to have some comments on that subject in a future edition.)

The subject of our District Fraternal Coordinators has been discussed a number of times and we saw the fine example of Elizabeth Pedersen and her assistance to the Flemming Hinrichsen family. You also noted the tremendous response the Hinrichsen family received from fellow members and lodges. All of you deserve my compliments and a sincere thank you for this fine example of true fraternalism. It

became our own 'operation care and share'! We saw how a District Fraternal Coordinator grasped her role and assumed the duties she was trained to do. It was a unique illustration of dedication.

Some District Conventions have already been held and I know one of the topics for discussion by my colleagues on the Board of Directors was that of our District Fraternal Coordinators and what they represent to all of us. It is an extension of the home office. Other District Conventions are scheduled for this month and into early September. Give these people an opportunity to discuss the program first-hand and offer your support for their endeavors. I personally feel this is one of the best programs that could have been established on a District/National basis but it will need your continued input and patronage.

District Conventions are an exceptional opportunity for members to get together for friendship and to discuss the business of the District. I wish all of the membership could have the opportunity to visit the various Districts, as we members of the Board do, and learn of the different ideas and aspects which make our Society work. Fortunately each District meet is different in its own way. The diversity is there but it is coupled with unity of purpose. I have enjoyed all of those I have been able to attend and I have carried away much richness about our Society. I am confident that the committees who work so hard in producing the District Convention are relieved when it is over with and probably sink into a comfortable chair and breathe a sigh of relief. I have served on a number of District Convention committees and have always enjoyed the challenge. I have found it to be a rewarding experience. Interestingly, there are a number of lodges within Districts who, for one reason or another, do not invite a convention as a host group. I would like to challenge each of them to consider an invitation for an ensuing year. They might be pleasantly surprised.

Have a good day!

1988 DBIA Bowling Tournament Results

Lodge	Team	Score	Handicap	Total	Award	Lodge	Team	Score	Handicap	Total	Award
75	Senior League	2409	675	3084	\$100 1	34	Bad News Strikers	2455	297	2752	36
14	Country Boys	2703	372	3075	75 2	186	Great Danes	2077	666	2743	37
143	Petaluma Gals	2159	915	3074	60 3	34	Handy Five	2096	639	2735	38
45	Minneapolis Vikings	2552	498	3050	45 4	227	Team #2	2110	624	2734	39
263	Askov Alley Cats	2475	552	3027	40 5	92	Dolls	1991	732	2723	40
34	Pony Express Riders	2573	432	3005	35 6	341	Lisa's Team	2039	675	2714*	41
34	'Dis 'N 'Dat	2395	588	2983	33 7	34	Wilkey's Shellers	2000	714	2714*	41
30	Viking Press	2746	234	2980	30 8	34	Go-Nads	2293	414	2707	42
283	North Dagmar	2564	414	2978	27 9	227	Team #1	1903	777	2680	43
51	Shorty's Stingers	2534	435	2969	25 10	341	Mixed Team #3	1917	756	2673	44
51	Jensen's Jokers	2392	570	2962	24 11	95	Ferndale Vikings	1799	849	2648	45
14	Kenosha Metal Products	2584	360	2944*	23 12	34	Pin Busters	2187	429	2616	46
51	D.B. A-Team	2545	399	2944*	23 12	95	Ferndale Dancers	1466	945	2411	47
34	The Great Danes	2307	630	2937	22 13						
283	Lowell Valley	2466	456	2922	21 14						
143	Young Timers	2412	507	2919	20 15						
51	Rich's Rockets	2564	354	2918*	19 16						
34	The Standards	2507	411	2918*	19 16						
30	Danish Brotherhood	2385	528	2913	18 17						
34	Herman's Hermits	2273	624	2897	17 18						
341	Mike's Team	2303	591	2894	16 19						
143	Old Timers	2464	429	2893	15 20						
143	Henry's Gang	2162	717	2879	21						
227	Team #4	2333	540	2873	22						
51	Tuna's Bombers	2398	462	2860	23						
95	Ferndale Hot Shots	2187	648	2835*	24						
345	Danish Dolls	1986	849	2835*	24						
227	Team #3	2281	549	2830	25						
34	Marge's Misfits	2234	585	2819	26						
345	Great Danes	2248	570	2818	27						
14	Accurate Printing	2286	531	2817	28						
341	Mixed #2	2196	615	2811	29						
227	Team #5	2163	642	2805	30						
341	Mixed #1	2140	657	2797	31						
34	Dwight Danish Dolls	2114	678	2792	32						
14	The Hot Shots	2297	480	2777	33						
51	Old Timers	2380	384	2764	34						
92	Guys	2238	522	2760	35						

Women											
Top Women's Team											
143	Petaluma Gals	2159	305	3074	\$100						
Women's Individual High Game											
34	Marlene Perschnick	221	30	251	\$ 25						
Women's Individual High Series											
143	Karen Scullen	416	255	671	\$ 25						

Men											
Men's Individual High Game											
34	Steve Dorsett	239	39	278	\$ 25						
Men's Individual High Series											
14	Ron Gillmore	658	60	718	\$ 25						

Young Vikings											
Young Vikings Top Team											
95	Ferndale Junior Vikings	1218									
Young Vikings Individual High Game											
95	Katina DeNune	100									
Young Vikings Individual High Series											
95	Katina DeNune	281									

Greenville Celebrates it's Danish Heritage

by George P. Graff



Hardworking members of Rosendal Lodge No. 70 agreed to take a break from their duties at Tivoli Gardens for this group photo: 'from right to left) — Paul Sharrow, Frank G. Olsen, Bob Olsen, Wes Kraft (Past President), Paul Worden (Trustee), Wes Thomsen (President), Clare Thomsen, Nathan Noah and Darwin Noah (Secretary).



1987 Danish Festival Officials (left to right) Dr. and Mrs. George Stuewer, Parade Judges; Consul and Mrs. Marshal Frederick, Honored Guests; and Mr. and Mrs. George Ranney, the 1987 Grand Marshals.

"Greenville is a very special community," says Marshal Frederick, Royal Danish Consul of Michigan, at the Flag Raising Ceremony of Greenville, Michigan's 1987 Danish Festival. He continues, "This area is indeed fortunate to have maintained a particular Danish atmosphere. Their Dansk heritage is very important to these people — in fact, it's important to the entire county."

Each year since 1964, during the second week of August, Greenville, a west-central Michigan town of 8,000 has commemorated Montcalm County's Danish heritage by hosting a three-day Dansk Fest. Again this summer, members of the Dorthea Sisterhood and Rosendal Brotherhood have been leaders in planning this ethnic event which attracts thousands of visitors and former residents from as far away as California and the East Coast.

For twenty-two consecutive years, Consul Frederick and his wife, Rosalind, have been the Fest's honored guests. Mr. Frederick, a commercial designer and sculptor in Detroit, has high praise for Greenville and its many residents who continue to recognize their Danish heritage. Appropriately, the festival's Opening Ceremony is staged beneath the American, Danish and Michigan flags which fly above the community's "Hans Christian Andersen — Ugly Duckling Fountain." This beautiful stone and metal sculpture was designed and built by Consul Frederick for the 1985 Dansk Fest.

His graceful community centerpiece is similar to one he built in Skaelshør, Denmark. The distinctive base of Greenville's fountain is sculpted from highly polished, black granite which Mr. Frederick obtained directly from Norway.

Marilyn Thomsen and her sister-in-law Jennifer Thomsen are currently the president and secretary of the Dorthea Lodge. During this festival, they will spend much of their time "running" large kettles of aebleskiver batter between the Lodge Hall, where long-time Sisterhood members: Dagmar (Hansen) Kraft — a member for 47 years — Fern Mason (42 years) and Jeanette Olsen (50 years), mix the basic ingredients which permits food-booth cooks: Kayrene Cooper, Lorraine Rasmussen and Linda Bellows to turn out the delicious confections for the long lines of eager customers.

While their wives mix and cook the hot aebleskivers, members of the Rosendal Brotherhood serve a variety of beverages and snacks at their concession, "Tivoli Gardens," located in Greenville's Armory. Senior lodge members: Robert Olsen (who has belonged to the Brotherhood for 52 years!) and cousins, Alfred Olsen and Frank Jensen (both members for over 40 years), all express satisfaction with their lodge's activities.

Again this year, on the Saturday following Thanksgiving, the Brotherhood will sponsor its Stifelsefes (fall dinner), and last March the members hosted the annual Michigan-Ohio Bowling Tournament held in Greenville.

The Saturday afternoon Den Grande Danske Parade is always a festival highlight. This year's 131 units include: many high stepping bands, precision drill teams, colorful floats and even a horse-drawn covered wagon honoring Michigan's 1987 Sesqui-centennial.

The official Danish Festival Band with members appropriately dressed in black pants, white shirts and stockings and red, Danish tasseled hats is the first marching unit. This outstanding group of musicians include many former Greenville residents who return "home" each August to take part in the Dansk Fest. They are followed by the Danish Dandy (Pom Pons) Drill Team and the Danish Tiny Twirlers — pre-schoolers, whose ability and enthusiasm receive welcomed applause from the appreciative crowd.

The Danish Festival Band was organized in 1972 and is directed by Bob Hansen, owner of Greenville's Hansen Music House. The drum major is Les Morford.

Each year during Dansk Fest, the Danish Festival Players, a local, amateur theatrical group, stages a different musical production. This year's show, "The Ransom of Red Chief," is directed by Jean Rydahl, a Greenville resident majoring in drama at near-by Alma College. The Players, in 1985, the year Consul Frederick's fountain was dedicated, appropriately presented a musical version of "The Ugly Duckling."

On Festival weekend everyone in Greenville and Montcalm County is "somewhat" Danish. Festival Queen Adriane Duncan, a senior at Greenville High School, when asked if she is Danish, quickly replies, "Certainly, I have many distant relatives and most of them are Danes."

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A Likely Story

A Danish Folk Tale by Beverly Swerdlow Brown

ONCE UPON A TIME there was a very poor man. He lived all by himself in a little hut.

He was so poor that he decided to leave home and set out to seek his fortune.

He walked along a road, never meeting anyone along the way, when suddenly he felt very hungry. He continued on his way until he came to an inn.

As he entered he saw people eating and drinking and he almost fainted from lack of food.

He approached the innkeeper and said, "Please be kind and give me a bite of food. I haven't any money, but I'll pay you on my way back from my travels."

The innkeeper wasn't too sure whether to give this man any food, but he felt sorry for him and gave the poor man ten boiled eggs, a chunk of bread and some milk.

When the poor man's stomach was full he was happy again and he once more set out to seek his fortune.

Twenty years later, the man, who was no longer poor, was on his way home and he came to the inn where he had eaten.

He went and said to the innkeeper, "Do you remember me? I had dinner here about twenty years ago and I didn't pay you. I've come to settle my debt. How much do I owe you?"

The innkeeper looked at the old man, scratched his head and suddenly remembered him.

The old man said, "I had ten boiled eggs, a chunk of bread and some milk. Remember?"

"Yes, yes," said the innkeeper. "Now I do!"

"How much was it?" asked the old man.

"Let me see," said the innkeeper. "That will be 100 krone!"

"WHAT?" cried the old man. "How do you figure that?"

The innkeeper smiled and said, "Well, it's like this. If I hadn't given you the ten eggs they would have hatched and I would have had ten hens. When they were grown they would have ten chicks. And if you work it all out carefully you will see that it comes to exactly 100 krone."

"That's not fair," said the old man. "I can't pay you that. And I won't!"

The innkeeper became angry. "Then I will take you to the king. He will make you pay!"

The old man left the inn and walked home.

On the way he met Lars, a man with dignity and charm.

"What is the matter, old man?" asked Lars. "Why

do you look so angry?"

The old man told him the whole story of what happened twenty years ago, finishing up with what took place that very day.

Lars smiled. "Do not worry," he said. "There's no need to be gloomy. I will help you. I'm Lars the lawyer. Just write down what you have told me and I will send it to the king. He must know all the facts about this case so don't leave anything out."

The old man did as he was told and gave the written information to Lars, whereupon he sent it to the king.

After a while the king summoned Lars to court, but Lars did not appear.

The king summoned Lars again and again he did not respond.

Finally, Lars went to see the king.

The king was angry. "Why didn't you come when I first summoned you?" he asked. "I want to discuss the old man and his unpaid bill."

"I'll tell you why," said Lars. "I was boiling some corn that I was going to sow in my fields and I couldn't leave the corn in the pot or it would have spoiled."

The king looked puzzled.

"Do you boil the corn before you sow it?" he asked.

Lars smiled. "Of course," he replied. "I boil it first."

"And does it grow?" asked the bewildered king.

Lars smiled broadened. "Yes," he said. "It grows just like the innkeeper's boiled eggs that hatch and become chickens and the chickens lay eggs and so on."

The king nodded and smiled and told Lars that the old man did not have to pay the 100 krone.

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The old General Store in Dickson, which is in the process of being restored as a museum.

The seventh Danish Canadian Conference of The Federation of Danish Associations in Canada was held in The Scandinavian Cultural Center in Winnipeg, Manitoba, on May 27-29, 1988, where the Danish Canadian Club of Manitoba was host. The theme of the conference was communication, the focus being on newsletters and interpersonal relations. Moreover, the conference dealt with, and supported, a proposal from the Danish Heritage Society of Dickson to establish a National Danish Canadian Museum in Dickson, Alberta. Dickson, which was founded by Danish farmers in 1903, and which is therefore the

oldest Danish settlement on the Canadian prairies, is located approximately half way between Edmonton and Calgary. The Danish Heritage Society of Dickson, which was founded in 1985, specifically to establish a local pioneer museum, has since taken over the Christiansen family's General Store which is now in the process of being restored as an old General Store in the 1920s.

The idea of also establishing a national museum has been discussed for a couple of years. The proposal to establish a National Danish Canadian Museum on the property adjacent to the old General Store was officially put forward at the Winnipeg Conference, as the Dickson Heritage Society was only willing to proceed with this national project if there was support for such a project among the Danes in Canada. The proposal was well received and passed unanimously. The Danish Heritage Society of Dickson is now able to proceed with the plans for a national museum, well knowing that they have the support of the Danish community in Canada.

The National Museum, which could be built on the property between the old General Store and the Dickson Church, will take many years to build and complete. First of all, it will be necessary to raise funds, draw up blueprints, and collect material and artifacts to display. But a good beginning was made at the conference in Winnipeg, which clearly showed that there is support and enthusiasm for such an enormous project among the Danes in Canada.

About 75 delegates participated in the conference, including Villy Andersen and Poul B. Christensen, both from The Danish

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The Federation of Danish Associations in Canada is a national umbrella organization which brings together 29 member organizations across Canada. The aim of the Danish Federation is to provide a permanent framework for cooperation among the existing Danish organizations in Canada. Most of the member organizations are social and ethnic clubs, but other members include Danish Lutheran congregations, old people's retirement homes, newspapers and magazines, fraternities, historical societies and businessmen's associations. The Danish Federa-

tion was founded at Sunset Villa, a Danish retirement home and community center in Puslinch, Ontario, in June, 1981.

The 180-page Winnipeg Conference Booklet was in itself a heritage project. The booklet contains a treasure of Danish Canadian biographies, as well as histories and articles. The booklet, costing \$10 is available from Mrs. Esther Machacynski, 16 Campbell Crescent, Kingston, Ontario, Canada K7M 1Z5.

Next year's Danish Canadian Conference will be held in Canada's capital, Ottawa, where the theme will be "Danish organizations — our future."

Memories of Denmark

by Willis O. Olesen

*Our memories reflect a perfect time, a day, a year
And sometimes, when we dream about the beauty of our
homeland, we shed a single tear
We see the dawn begin to break, as the rising sun chases
remnants of the night away
And in a burst of radiant hues, announces the beginning
of a perfect day.*

*It rises, slowly, in the east, so those awake can see,
and feel, the wonder of its glory
For soon it will touch each island, town and city, and to
each will tell a story
Of its history, past and present, and how it came to be
A glorious part of Denmark, surrounded by a sea or two,
or maybe more than three.*

*It shimmers down on castles, cities, churches, and
fortresses built so strong
With beautiful gardens, and promenades now used by happy
Danish throngs
It sweeps across the Skagerrack, Cattegat, Baltic, Belts
and the North Sea while an azure sky's reflections
paint the waters blue.*

*Meanwhile, it adds a golden touch to the beauty of Zealand,
Låland, Langeland, and Funen, as each comes into view.*

*The Beech and Oak stand tall, as sunbeams accent the woods,
furrowed lands, and meadows green and fertile.
Soft sunlight shows the peaceful beauty of Denmark, her
man-made structures built with strength and Danish
style.*

*Small lakes appear, and look like diamonds sparkling on a
jewelers velvet cloth.*

*Now Jutland appears, stretching north to south, while
rolling waves outline its shores with their
spittle and pure white froth.*

*Small towns and villages, so picturesque they take your
breath away,
Are settled here and there on rolling lands of Jutland,
and on the shores of every pretty bay.
Their bright colors are reflected as moors and heath
surround them in a handsome way
And like golden picture frames, add symmetry, and matchless
beauty to the start and finish of each day.*

*The Limfjord, on this perfect day, floods the land in a
shapeless pattern, and creates a home for
wildlife, fish, and birds that sing*

*As it weaves its way through Hjorning, Aalborg, Thisted,
Viborg, and Ringkjobing.*

*In the east it sips the waters of the Cattegat, and in the
west, the North Seas brimming glass offers up
a welcoming toast.*

*Its inlets, islands, open water stretches, provide the sun
with settings about which only Danes can boast.*

*As the sun settles in the west, to end this perfect day, it
drops beyond the skyline of the sea,*

*And, in its wake, it leaves behind the beauty of this land,
its people, caring and so free*

*Which we must add to our memories, for this is yet another
perfect day,*

*Much like the one our memories recall did happen, oh so
long ago, before we packed up and sailed away.*

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PACIFIC-NORTHWEST

Lodge #29, Seattle, WA — The 39th annual Pacific Northwest District Convention of the Danish Brotherhood was held on May 20-22 in Eugene, Oregon. It was well attended and everyone had a good time. It was decided to admit Dillon, Montana Lodge No. 273 into the Northwest District. Welcome, Dillon! The 1989 convention will be hosted by our lodge on May 19-21, 1989. The 1990 convention will be hosted by Vancouver, B.C. Lodge No. 328 and the 1991 convention hosted by Bellingham, Washington Lodge No. 155.

It is now final, the Northwest Danish Home has been sold and a part of our history is gone but definitely not lost. The new owner, Harmony Gardens Care Center, would be happy to see us use the facility for any occasion.

The Northwest Danish Home has changed their name to the Northwest Danish Foundation and will be more active than ever with different programs and services to young and old alike. The Northwest Danish Foundation Board is currently negotiating the purchase of an office building by Northgate with possible room for a meeting hall, etc.

Again this year we have ordered sunshine on August 21 around Martha Lake for our annual Brotherhood picnic with lots of fun and games from 1 to 5 p.m.

On August 13, the Danes Soccer Club will host a soccer tournament for Danish teams from New York, Chicago, Toronto, Los Angeles, Vancouver, B.C. and Spokane. This will be an all-day event starting at 8 a.m. and going until approximately 5 p.m. There will be a concession stand open for breakfast and open faced sandwiches will be available at lunch. The event takes place at the 60 Acres Soccer Fields in Redmond. Come and cheer for your favorite team.

On June 3, over 100 people attended the Danes Soccer Club Fund Raising Auction and dinner. Everyone had a good time and the club gained some much needed income.

The best idea for August goes to Lodge No. 167, Portland, Oregon. See this page.

When you come to the monthly meetings, please bring your donation to the food bank. Every contribution is appreciated.

**Gary Bang, Cor.
Frank Poulsen, Cor.**

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Lodge #167, Portland, OR — We had 32 members present at our last meeting. There were several items of correspondence that were shared with the members. Eugene Lodge No. 348 sent a thank you to all members who helped to make the Pacific Northwest District Convention a pleasant memory. We also received a letter of thanks from the Omaha office for our contribution to the Flemming Hinrichsen Fund. Tami Hansen, chairperson for the 1991 National Convention, sent us a letter of update regarding the site selection for the convention. We welcomed Scott MacHaffie and Doug Turner's mother as visitors. A motion was made to advance \$1500 for Folkfest fees and to order some T-shirts. Young Vikings can use our new button machine to make some buttons; there will also be nail pounding again this year and possibly a display for our booth.

Tami Hansen reported that our request for loans from the lodges for the national convention has been wonderful. Diane Fisker needs new information for the newsletter.

Asbjorn Fisker reported on the convention in Eugene. We received the Best Annual Activity Schedule Award and a \$25 gift. We are happy to announce that the following persons received academic scholarships from the Danish Brotherhood: Kris Pihl, Lisa Peterson, and Scott MacHaffie. Scott was present to receive his certificate and tell us his college plans and career aspirations.

We made a selection from Portland for the Board of the Northwest Danish Home

(Foundation). Don Bogh is a nominee, Ed Hirsch will go as a delegate, and Delores Sharp as an alternate delegate. There are scholarships available from the Northwest Danish Foundation for cultural heritage as well as academic classes for Danes. They are given out quarterly. Tami Hansen reported that the committee has selected the Red Lion Jantzen East for the convention site. She cited many good fringe benefits that the Red Lion has to offer for conventions.

We presented Silvano Hansen with a birthday cake in celebration of his 93rd birthday. Ed Hirsch suggested that in honor of the Good of the Order, we send \$100 to the Enumclaw Lodge No. 113 to help them get their building started. It was moved and seconded. **Sylvia Hurst, Sec.**

Lodge #348, Eugene, OR — During the month of May, members of the lodge volunteered to help in the study of Denmark at a local school, grades kindergarten through fifth grade. Appropriately, the school is named Danebo. Allan Nyegaard gave Danish lessons twice a week for six weeks. Marianne Hinman and her guests from Denmark, Jeppe Berg and Dorte Paulsen, international exchange students from Denmark, gave presentations on customs and holidays in Denmark. Also Eva Nielsen gave a talk on Danish traditions and customs. The same day that they gave a program of Danish dances in traditional costumes, Mary and Scott Stefansen were in charge of the evening folk dancing at the Northwest District Convention in Eugene. Busy feet! Members contributed some traditional Danish recipes to share. Our President Peter Jensen featured Legoland and children in Denmark as his contribution to the program. Birgit Sand, Hanne Taekker, Karen Toftemark and Bernice Jensen spent a lunchtime making 400 aebleskivers in the cafeteria, while Knud Toftemark demonstrated making straw goats in the school gym. The final part of their study was a special Danish lunch of June 6. Thanks to all these people who gave of their time and talents to teach American children of many backgrounds the pride of our heritage. Most of these members were also very involved in the

planning and work at the same time for our convention.

President Peter Jensen called the June 9 meeting to order with approximately 35 members present. Guests present were Torpe Petersen, Bebe Nielsen, and Bill Jensen, Peter Jensen's father.

A letter was read from Peter Anders writing on behalf of a Danish accordion group which was coming to the U.S. They will be in Eugene on July 17-18 and would like to stay in various members' homes. There was a proposal that the Junction City lodge could host half of the group and we could host the other half. In return the group would give a concert. Al Nyegaard, Homer Hansen and Glen Matson will contact a church where a concert could be held and Kris Sand will correspond with the group.

Flowers were sent to the Lorenzen family as Chris Lorenzen, a former member of our lodge and long-time friend of Knud and Karen Toftemark, passed away. Susan Applegate also received flowers because she was recuperating from an injury received during the soccer game at the convention.

Peter announced he had pictures from the convention and anyone interested in reprints were to write their name on the back. \$500 worth of tickets were sold for "fishing" at the convention according to Martin Taekker. Martin and Hanne did a terrific job of getting gifts for the convention, door prizes, raffles and "fish pond."

After the meeting, the members adjourned to the downstairs for the social hour. The monthly committee, chaired by Bente and Flemming Pedersen, served coffee and cake. The Operation Care and Share this month was large cans of fruit juice.

Marianne Hinman showed a video she and Lowell had taken at the convention and Henning Kristiansen showed some slide pictures. The many members that pitched in and helped, the friends who came from out of town, the wonderful cooking by the chef at Valley River, the good folks from Canada who played and sang their hearts out, all helped to make the weekend a

great success. It would not have fallen together nearly so easily without our convention chairperson, Lois Toftemark. Mange, mange tak to you and all of us at Lodge No. 348 wish you a safe and delightful trip to Sweden and beyond!

Susie Pedersen, Sec.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST DISTRICT



Lodge #126, Los Angeles, CA — We had a very young guest at our last meeting. She is Jessica Lynn, just fourteen months old. She kept us busy but I'm sure she enjoyed the company of the Brotherhood and their fussing over her. We hope to have her as a member in the very near future.

Our Past President, Bill (Villum) Christensen passed away after a year of poor health. Many of us had the pleasure of visiting him and his wife, Doris, in their beautiful Agoura Hills home. We extend our deepest sympathy to Doris and to the family.

The lodge is planning on a bus trip to Solvang for Danish Days which will be the third weekend in September. It will be scheduled for one day only.

President Karl Duus, Vice President Upton Hansen, Secretary Betty Seale and Financial Secretary Hal Mathiasen volunteered to help at the Grundlovsfest this year. They were at the picnic bright and early helping at the admissions gate. The picnic was a great success even though the air was a little chilly. It is a beautiful spot for a picnic outing. **Anne Kofod, Cor.**

Lodge #143, Petaluma, CA — May and June found us celebrating Mother's Day and Father's Day as we do annually. In May we honored the local sisters by preparing and serving dinner to them. The menu consisted of several kinds of sausages which we had barbecued on the premises. Happy hour was held at 6:30 with dinner following. Brother Dick Hansen and his wife Betty provided roses from their garden as table decorations — the ladies were invited to take the flowers home. We were pleased to initiate two new members in May, both sponsored by Brother Jim P. Larsen. They are Tom Wilson and Earl Upchurch. The Sisters reciprocated in June by serving a potluck dinner to us and we say "mange tak." There was a ticket drawing which was won by Brother Iven Iverson, the prize being a gift certificate from Baskin-Robbins Ice Cream.

We were asked by letter earlier in the year if we would be able to house a tour group of 30 senior citizens from Denmark who would be visiting the western United States and would be in our area on June 4th, 5th, and 6th. Our secretary Hank Brown and the tour group's leader had been in contact through letters and the telephone, and the members had agreed to provide housing for these Danish citizens who came from various parts of Denmark. When the time arrived, we all met our guests at a central location and took them to our individual homes. Each family entertained their guests in their own way, taking them on sightseeing trips to points of interest in the area — the redwoods and wineries were some of the attractions. During this time, strong friendships were made, and we highly recommend that everyone take part in such a program if it is made available. On the group's last evening here, we all gathered at the homes of Jack and Nancy Cameron and Walt and Lillie Miller (they have adjoining yards) for a chicken barbecue, similar to the one served at our annual picnic. Unfortunately, we had rain that evening and were forced to eat indoors. That did not dampen our spirits and after the meal was completed, we took part in community singing in both Danish and American. On June 7th we all delivered our guests to their tour bus and many sad but fond farewells were exchanged. Instead of "farvel," we said "paa gensyn."

Our annual chicken barbecue was held on June 26th with a large attendance, including out-of-town guests. During the afternoon, bingo was enjoyed, and there were organized games for children. Honored guests were Mr. and Mrs. Otto Sorensen of Vacaville who had just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary and Mr. and Mrs. James Mason of Petaluma who have been married for 25 years. This is our 26th year of having the barbecue and we now see several generations in attendance!

We wish everyone a happy summer.

Alice Rasmussen, Cor.

Lodge #319, Bakersfield, CA — June was highlighted by our lodge and the Sisterhood lodge entertaining 32 guests from Denmark who were on a tour. A California style barbecue was served in almost perfect weather which was welcomed after being on a bus for many hours. Verner and Birthe Stenderup's patio was a lovely setting and Kent Stenderup did a fabulous job of barbecuing. One of the guests is a professor at the college Erik Michelsen attended so there was much to talk about.

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St. Hans Eve was almost canceled out because of unusual thunderstorms but the timing was good and the picnic went on as scheduled. Bill and Inge McDonald were in charge of the arrangements and all had a good evening and from all reports the best food ever. Lou Jacobsen was able to join the group and happily is doing better.

Erik Michelsen was elected delegate to the California-Nevada District Convention. Verner Stenderup is the alternate.

Dorothy Peterson, Cor.

Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA — About 60 people attended the annual Steak Barbecue. The weather turned cool and windy in the evening, but nothing that a warm sweater couldn't fix.

All in attendance enjoyed watching the Rebuild 1987 film and to top off the evening, we all kept warm by joining in the dancing led by Lloyd Christensen. Thanks to all who helped make this yearly fundraiser a great success. An especially great big thank you to our most gracious hosts Helene and John Kristensen for opening up their home to us.

We were invited to join the social hosted by Karl Duus, President of Lodge No. 126 at his home in Arcadia. Approximately 40 members and friends gathered to eat, play games and, in general, just to have a good time. Plenty of good food, good fun — some of the games were hilarious. Thanks Karl and Louise. Hope we can do it again sometime. **Kate Krake Nielsen, Past. Pres.**

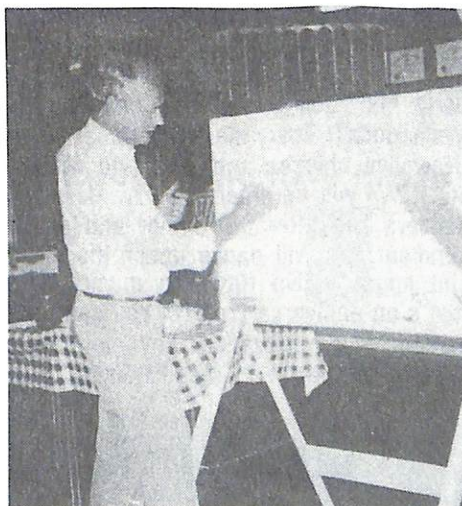
Lodge #332, Modesto, CA — On May 20, 26 members attended a dinner and melodrama at Pollardville. The master of ceremonies introduced our lodge and we entertained them with the traditional Down on the Farm song. It really became exciting when two lovely young dancers enticed Vernon Olsen and Brian Mefford to join

them in a dance number on stage. What a fun night we had! Thanks to John Scheuber who planned this night out.

Our June meeting was held at our new meeting place, the Eagles Hall. A delicious spaghetti dinner prepared by Opal Craig was followed by a business meeting led by President John Craig. Howard Kjellsen and his lovely wife Hazel from Lodge No. 345 in Orange County were our special guests. Howard talked about an all out national effort being made to improve lodge membership and participation.



Vernon Olsen, John Craig, and Regnor Hansen enjoy new business at the Eagles Hall.



Jerry Zoller draws clues for his team as they attempt to win at Win, Lose or Draw.

Members selected to be delegates to the upcoming convention in San Diego on July 28-30 are John Craig and Ray Olsen.

Following the meeting members enjoyed a game of Win, Lose, or Draw. Congratulations to the ladies on their victory. Thanks to Glen Olsen for providing this entertainment.

Bob Sorenson invited members to attend a Dania picnic at his home on August 7. Children are also invited to swim and join the fun.

Marge Scheuber, Cor.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST NEWSLETTER

Lodge #345, Orange County, CA — Summer days are upon us, the weather has turned from quite cool mornings and evenings to warm summer temperatures. Time to cool off at the beach or yard pools.

We started our June meeting early because we played bingo. We want to thank the committee for all the delicious desserts the ladies on the committee served. The men did a fine job of calling bingo and presenting the prizes. Thanks also to all those who gave prizes. There really was a variety and they were plentiful. Thanks for your generosity.

Gary Gossett called the meeting to order and we observed the usual opening. Mary Andersen, a frequent guest, was with us again. We were so happy to have with us two real good friends, Walt and Lil Miller, from Petaluma, California. Walt is a Past District President and Lil is Past District Sisterhood President. They are very active friends within the Brotherhood and Sisterhood.

Cal Christensen, Bowling Chairman, reported that all the forms have been sent in on the district and national level. The team had a lot of fun bowling again this past year. Hopefully we'll take some awards.

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
3-15-87	Christian Jensen	94	Aalborg, Denmark	126	Los Angeles, California	1914
5-26-88	Jeffrey S. Johnson	29	Lakeview, Michigan	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1975
6-3-88	Einar M. Jensen	91	Falster, Denmark	182	Waukegan, Illinois	1941
6-16-88	Torkild M. Nielsen	79	Copenhagen, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1930
5-19-88	Walter F. Miller	66	Plainview, Nebraska	117	Plainview, Nebraska	1944
6-5-88	Arthur Bay	72	Dillon, Montana	273	Dillon, Montana	1936
5-31-87	Helen E. Midtgard	85	Unknown	257	St. Petersburg, Florida	1974
1-5-88	Ena S. Thaens	80	Viborg, Denmark	257	St. Petersburg, Florida	1974
12-31-87	Hans P. Schmidt	90	Denmark	257	St. Petersburg, Florida	1974
6-4-88	Villum Christensen	64	Denmark	126	Los Angeles, California	1984
4-18-86	Peder Kristensen	97	Denmark	17	Chicago, Illinois	1922
7-19-87	William Esbeck	101	Audubon Co., Iowa	341	Kimballton-Elk Horn, Iowa	1983
1-14-87	Clarence N. Hansen	84	Audubon Co., Iowa	341	Kimballton-Elk Horn, Iowa	1975
6-18-88	Oswald Pederson	83	Elk Horn, Iowa	113	Enumclaw, Washington	1950

Operation Care and Share is still going on. Chairman Margaret Motz wants us all to keep on bringing in those cake mixes. When the supply gets larger, she will deliver them to the Orangewood Home for Abused Children. President Gary reminds us that in August we will have a fund raiser for Operation Care and Share. We will have a wrapped gift auction. Hopefully each family will bring a wrapped gift, valued at \$5.00, to auction off. All proceeds will go to Operation Care and Share.

In reference to a letter received from the Portland Lodge No. 167, we took action to lend \$100 which will be returned after the 1991 National Convention. The interest of the loan will help finance the convention. The theme will be "Portland for Fun in 1991." The promise from the convention committee is "we insure all members of the Brotherhood and Sisterhood a fun and productive convention."

Ken Olsen informed the lodge of the passing of a fellow brother from Los Angeles. Bill Christensen passed away after a battle with cancer. May we extend our sympathies and condolences to Doris Christensen and family. Each loss within the Brotherhood is a loss for all of us. We passed an offering plate around to send a memorial offering to Emmanuel Danish Church in Los Angeles in memory of Bill.

Gerry Olsen, Sec.

Lodge #346, Riverside, CA — On June 5th, about 15 members and family from our lodge attended the Grundlovsfest in Soledad Canyon. It turned out to be a cool day but comfortable. We saw lots of friends from other lodges and some really beautiful table decorations done by several people and groups. The theme this year was "Renaissance" in celebration of the Danish King Christian IV ascension to the throne in 1588. Several people had made beautiful replicas of some of the buildings and castles he had built during his rule. Doris Thompson was in charge of decorating our table and once again renovated "Lars" to look like the King (pigtail and all) and she had him setting at a table celebrating his 400th anniversary.

Anelise Andersen finished and framed the most beautiful needle point picture of Copenhagen Harbor at the time the popular king was ruling in time to place it by our table as part of Kodan's display. It is just beautiful. We did not win a prize but everyone came to see our King and Lisa's lovely needle point. Thank you both Doris and Anelise for your work. After the judging we had a community picnic.

At the June Board meeting Kaja let us know that we had made \$200 profit from

the barbecue. Horizon House was contacted to find out exactly what they needed.

They needed lots of things and we did get a few things for the home itself such as a hand mixer and blow dryer and they needed a couple of booster chairs but we purchased the majority of things needed for the children such as socks and underwear, pants, shorts and shirts. They requested a few things for the kids to play with that could be kept at the home such as clay and some building blocks.

They were so happy when we called to see what they might need. It's such a good feeling to see our lodge helping our community. When we deliver the goods to them they are going to take us through the home. At our next meeting we will have a report on what it's all about and what else we might be able to do in the future.

At our Board meeting we also discussed upcoming events such as our luau to be held on September 21. Chairman Kaja gave a report on the progress of the anniversary party. It is going to be so much fun because we don't have to do anything but put on our Hawaiian outfits and go to Kaja and Bill Del Grippo's beautiful back yard. The party is going to be catered by "Islanders" in the Riverside area (Hawaiian chicken and pork and salads, etc.). We will be entertained by Hawaiian dancers and after the dinner and entertainment, we will dance under the moon and stars to live Hawaiian music. Now that's an anniversary party! You can start making your reservations anytime now to Kaja Del Grippo.

Sue Patterson, Cor.

thank you to Armand Thomsen for building the bonfire and staying at the park until the fire was fully extinguished.

We will shortly be electing delegates to the Nebraska State Convention to be hosted by Minden Lodge No. 16 on September 16-18. We are entitled to five delegates.

Jim Christiansen, Cor.

Lodge #206, Blair, NE — Our bake sale held Saturday, June 25, at the Eagles Building was a huge success. Coffee and kringle was served to area residents along with home baked goodies made by our very talented members. The coffee and bake sale was held in conjunction with Blair's Gateway to the West Days.

Our picnic was held Monday evening, June 27, at Black Elk Park. Members grilled their own meat and shared a vegetable, salad or dessert with all.

Harriet Palle, Cor.

MISSOURI

Lodge #56, Kansas City, MO — We have had a busy June. We celebrated summer's arrival at a picnic at President Norm Danielson's home. Lola and Norm were good hosts. Norm cooks a hamburger to rival the local "burger shops." Afterwards we met to plan the lodge's activities at the annual Ethnic Enrichment Festival to be held at Swope Park in Kansas City in August. The lodge will prepare aebleskiver and cookies for the thousands of visitors expected at this year's festival.



Our hats are off to our hosts for a terrific picnic.

In addition to Danish delicacies, the lodge will sell Danish articles and distribute information about the Danish Brotherhood and the National Danish Immigrant Museum. Proceeds of the festival will be used to support non-profit organizations.

The lodge's current newsletter included an "editorial" by Norm Danielson in which he expresses his pride in his Danish ancestry and his recognition of the ways we can help promote and preserve the Danish-American heritage. Among the ways identified were lodge activities, par-

NEBRASKA

Nebraska District

The Nebraska District Convention will be held in Minden on September 16-18. It is time to select your delegates to the convention as well as your candidates for Monarch King and Queen. Lodge secretaries should have received information about this part of the convention.

James Christiansen, Cor.

Lodge #1, Omaha, NE — Thanks to the June committee of Jim Christiansen, Jim and Shirley Rosse and Bob and Anna Kuony for organizing a sumptuous potluck dinner and burning of the witch on the bonfire at Vennelyst Park on June 7. A special

Payment to Board Members

JUNE 1988

Erling C. Braumann, Pacific-Northwest District Convention, \$513.00.

JULY 1988

Clyde R. Langsted, salary, \$244.00.



We were pleased to meet Theo Andersen.

participation in the annual Ethnic Festivals and supporting the National Danish Immigrant Museum.

In another activity in June, several members of the lodge and other local Danish-Americans joined the Board members of the Danish Immigrant Museum at a dinner in Kansas City. The board is meeting at different locations across the country to meet local Danish Americans and tell them about the museum. Among the guests was Theo Andersen who immigrated to America at the age of 17 and will celebrate his 103rd birthday.

Bob Wallace, Cor.

IOWA-MINNESOTA

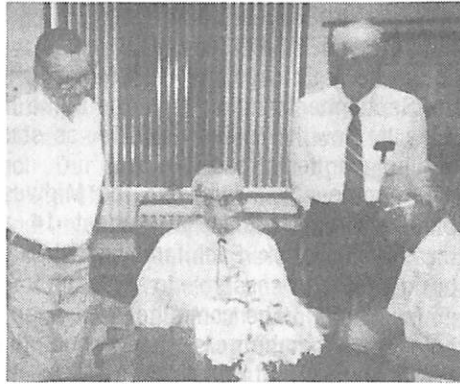
Lodge #75, Albert Lea, MN — Val and Leona Severtson of rural Albert Lea graciously invited members of the Albert Lea Brotherhood and Sisterhood to their lovely home park and fish pond for the Midsummer meeting on June 26th. A good crowd gathered and enjoyed a picnic supper at 5 in the Pavilion. The perfect evening was spent visiting, fishing, walking and enjoying the cool breezes in the country setting. The evening was climaxed by the burning of the statuesque witch prepared and dressed by Alton and Marge Neve in the celebration of the St. Hans Aften custom.

Grace Tomson, Sec.

Lodge #147, Newell, IA — Our lodge in conjunction with Danish Sisterhood Lodge No. 109 had a potluck picnic at the Newell Park with 35 present. After eating and singing, court whist was played. Special guests were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kladstrup of Reno, Nevada.

On July 4, our lodge with the Sisterhood lodge served an aebleskiver breakfast to over 425 people at the Allee Building in Newell. Needless to say, there was a lot of tired workers.

At the Good Samaritan Center in Newell, Iowa-Minnesota District President Herluf Rasmussen presented a certificate of merit



Happy 96th birthday to Jens Husted!

to Jens Husted on his 96th birthday. Also attending was Elmer Jensen, our lodge secretary-treasurer, and Donald Fredericksen, the president of our lodge. Flowers were given by the National Headquarters.

Jens has been a member since 1951. He is a World War I veteran. He has sponsored over 30 young men from Denmark on their coming to the U.S. through the years.

Elmer Jensen, Sec.-Treas.

MIDWEST

Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI — Congratulations to Ronald and Carole Fechner on the marriage of their daughter, Julie, to Steven Shilhavy. Congratulations to Jeffrey Bernhardt and Christine Willems on their marriage. The parents are Rudy and Glori Berndhardt, Jr. and Vince and Shirley Roders. Both wedding parties were held at the hall. Congratulations to Carson Rohde on his retirement from Chrysler with over 30 years of service.

At this writing our baseball team stands at 2 and 3. Come out and support them. We are once again sponsoring a bow and arrow team — Jim Kirby, Bill Kirby, Bob Johnson, and Ron Fechner.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to Bill Myers on the passing of his daughter.

Congratulations to Brother Jim Kirby on his election as First Vice President of the state Letter Carrier's Union. Our sincere

VELKOMMEN!

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



Member	Lodge No.	Location	Sponsor
Gary L. Petersen	1	Omaha, NE	Andy Andersen
Carl J. Minikus	1	Omaha, NE	Andy Andersen
A. Richard Christensen	14	Kenosha, WI	Raymond Zieth
Frank L. Burrows	15	Des Moines, IA	Ray Bartlett
Christian T. Schoewe	36	Milwaukee, WI	Elsa Berlin
Margaret R. Schoewe	36	Milwaukee, WI	Elsa Berlin
Ron Sniegowski	51	Ludington, MI	Theodore Hermann, Jr.
Kim C. Haner	51	Ludington, MI	Keith Koegler
James N. Lund	51	Ludington, MI	Robert Jensen
Anthony T. Swider	51	Ludington, MI	Gary Wickery
Lee A. Rasmussen	70	Greenville, MI	Clayton Rasmussen
Kermit G. Severin	84	Lincoln, NE	Olga Severin
Joyce E. McColm	121	Tyler, MN	Therkel Jorgensen
Jack J. Burk	121	Tyler, MN	Therkel Jorgensen
Thomas James Wilson	143	Petaluma, CA	Jim Larsen
Earl Upchurch	143	Petaluma, CA	Jim Larsen
Constantine N. Polites	172	Philadelphia, PA	Knud Koefoed
Joseph T. Leis	172	Philadelphia, PA	Knud Koefoed
Elsie A. Reinbach	182	Waukegan, IL	Yvette Lauridsen
Anthony R. Froncek	184	Hayward, CA	Jonna Villadsen
John B. Sorensen	299	Solvang, CA	Bent Olsen
Bent F. B. Clausen	299	Solvang, CA	M. Mortensen
Inge K. Conrad	323	Alhambra, CA	Inger A. Dix
Jørgen Jensen	328	Vancouver, B.C.	Jan Dich Nielsen
Flemming Tholl	328	Vancouver, B.C.	Jan Dich Nielsen
Henning Jensen	328	Vancouver, B.C.	Uwe Bruhn
Knud Fabricius	328	Vancouver, B.C.	Fred Hansen
Timothy J. Armstrong	342	Bucks Co., PA	Robert Lindemann
Inge E. Mathiesen	346	Riverside, CA	Kenneth Nielsen

thanks to Jane Sorensen who has donated a beautiful framed tapestry of the American and Danish flags that belonged to Einer.

We are happy to announce that the men's and women's national basketball teams from Denmark will be playing at Carthage College on Tuesday, November 15, 1988. We will be selling tickets later on and hope to get a good showing there to welcome them to Kenosha. This will also be a fund raiser for the lodge plus a lot of good publicity for us in the city and county. Keep the date open on your calendar.

We now have a ceiling smokeater courtesy of the Rathskellar regulars. Thank you Brothers!

Congratulations to delegates Ronald Jensen and Roger Nelson and alternates Ben Peterson and Vince Roders who will be representing us at the Midwest District Convention. Rudy Bernhardt, Jr., and Richard Wade are officers of the District so we are well covered. If you have anything you would like brought up or discussed at the convention, please notify one of these Brothers of your concern.

It is time to start selling raffle tickets once again for the Jule Fest. Tickets will be delivered to you or better yet, stop by the lodge and pick yours up. And even better than that, take some with to deliver. This is our big money maker of the year and we need your cooperation.

Welcome to new members Charles Woelffer, Louis Andrea, William Andersen, Edwind Turner, and Donovan Wuolo.

The Hawthorne Horse Race Bus trip will be held on Saturday, August 6. Beer, wine, soda on bus, reserved seats, buffet at track and admission is all yours for only \$25.00. On August 14 we will hold the annual Midwest District picnic, rain or shine, in Homewood, Illinois. Call Bob Ibsen for details. **Bob Ibsen, Cor.**

Lodge #34, Dwight, IL — Five teams participated in the Midwest District Trap Shoot on June 18 held at the 4-H Park in Pontiac. Thanks to Chicago Lodge No. 35 for joining us. It was a beautiful day. A chicken supper was cooked by Cyrus Dunlap with the help of Shirley and Lori Holzhauer. Thanks to Dick Perschnick for letting us use his yard.

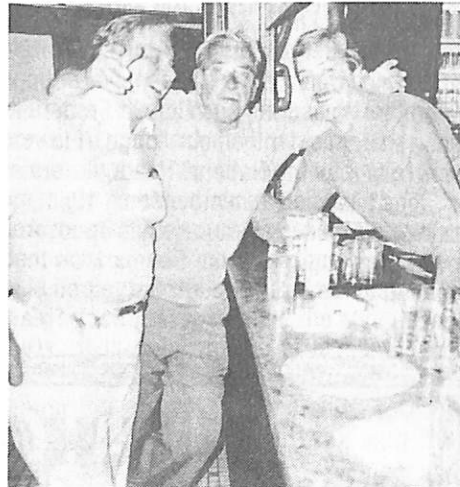
We donated \$50 towards the Dwight Fireworks and sent \$100 to Portland, Oregon, for the 1991 National Convention. Delegates elected to the Midwest District Convention are Shirley Holzhauer and Dick Perschnick. Alternates are Genny Andrea-sen and Keith Telford.

Margaret Goodwin, Sec.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST NEWSLETTER

Lodge #35, Chicago, IL — Coming up at the September meeting it will be Make It, Bake It, Sew It, or Grow It time, so start getting your items ready now.

Bring the whole family to the Midwest District annual picnic on August 14 at Izaak Walton Park. Each family is asked to bring a salad or casserole to serve ten for a potluck lunch. The committee will supply hot dogs, hamburgers, beer, pop, ice cream, coffee, and kringle.



Members enjoy the fellowship at our lodge meetings.

At our June 17 meeting Grethe Jepsen announced that the Scholarship Committee has awarded three \$500 scholarships from our lodge to Kari Christensen, Marc Connery and Susan Jepsen. She asked that these young people be present at the next meeting. In fact, she said they **had** to be there! Marc Connery who received a national scholarship of \$1,000 was given a round of applause. Congratulations to all the scholarship recipients.

A vote was taken on the motion made at the last meeting — namely that the lodge will absorb the cost of the 100th anniversary dinner in 1989 — that is, it will be free to our lodge members only. One stipulation was made and that is if a reservation is made and no one shows up, they will have to pay. Unanimously passed!

Paul Sloth stated that his son Paul Eric is going to Skovsøen Danish Camp this year and urged more members to have their young people go. Paul Erik loves it.

Ray Nielsen announced that at the October meeting, the Keifer-Wilson film on Denmark and Greenland will be shown. It has been updated. Tickets will be available at the next meeting. The date is October 14.

Delegates for the Midwest District Convention to be held in September were elected as follows: Paul Sloth and Elsa

Petersen will be delegates with Frank Connery and John Jorgensen serving as alternates. Ray Nielsen urged everyone to attend the convention whether they are delegates or not. Call Ray for details.

Audrey Christiansen reported on the survey she conducted and read some of the answers — some quite interesting. Food, activities, and congeniality are among the things folks like best about the lodge.

Poul Parkes donated a bottle of akvavit for his birthday and Elsa Petersen donated \$25 to the Scholarship Fund for hers. Thanks!

Al Iversen, Jenny Jensen, and Henry Jepsen gave their versions of how they remembered St. Hans Aften or Midsummer's celebrations in Denmark. Henry's was the spookiest, telling about "Hangman's Hill" in Varde.

Elsa Petersen, Cor.

Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI — During our June 15 business meeting we discussed the program of events associated with our lodge's centennial celebration in 1989. Enthusiasm ran high. Thanks to Rev. Ernest O. Norquist and Jeanette B. Norquist who served refreshments following our meeting.

In our May 1984 newsletter we congratulated our member Connie R. Wickert for receiving a Danish Brotherhood Scholarship at the National Headquarters level. Now we offer our congratulations on her graduation from college and extend our very best wishes for the future.

In our June newsletter we left Lena and Ole on their way to attend the Nordic Council picnic, Saturday, June 18. They were pleased to find that the Schwabenhof grounds, the site of the picnic, were well kept and clean. It was a very warm day but our crowd of an estimated 150 people were comfortable inside the spacious pavilion and enjoyed a cooling breeze that swept the area. It housed a large stage which was bedecked with Old Glory and Scandinavian flags adding to the festive mood.

Reverend Ernest O. Norquist gave an informative talk on the formation and mission of the Nordic Council and his envisioned goals for the Scandinavian community including a Scandinavian Center where associated activities could take place.

Olav Eide also lauded the work of the council and voiced his expectations of greater participation and support by member groups in the future.

The Scandinavian Chorus, under the direction of Ann Marie Hummel, made the day even more enjoyable with their singing of Scandinavian songs.

Thanks to all who attended, to those who

conducted the many tasks connected with the event, brought cassette taped music and so on.

This was the first event sponsored by the Nordic Council of Wisconsin and thanks must certainly be extended to them for the planning and executing of the picnic. Each of the member organizations had donated operating funds and raffle items.

The Nordic Council is planning a big Scandinavian Festival for Saturday, June 1989 — craft items, food, bakery, dancing and more entertainment. So mark your calendar book and plan to attend and offer your services to make our first festival a success!

Albert Larsen, Sec.

Lodge #343, Waupaca, WI — Our lodge met on June 23rd for our monthly meeting. We continued our plans for our entry in Waupaca's Fourth of July Parade. A horse and wagon pulled our officers riding in the parade. Our annual aebleskiver supper is scheduled for September 22 at Trinity Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall.

President Harold Rasmussen initiated Doris Mabery of Waupaca. Welcome to our group, Doris. We hope to see you often.

For our program, Aleine Miller gave an interesting reading of "The Land of Legos" which was featured in the Life-style section of the Milwaukee Journal on November 10, 1985.

After a delicious lunch of open-faced sandwiches, bars and coffee, we ended the evening with bingo. **Evelyn Doerr, Cor.**

MICHIGAN-OHIO

Michigan-Ohio District

On June 17, 1988, the Ludington Lodge No. 51 hosted the Michigan-Ohio District annual Golf Tournament which was

followed in the evening by a steak fry. The entire day turned out to be a great success with 68 people participating in the golf outing and about 90 people attending the dinner and award presentations following golf. Our hats are off to these people for all of the effort and organization required to host an event such as this.

A baseball jacket was donated as a gift for the tournament but the committee decided to raffle it off with the proceeds going to the District Scholarship Fund. These people should be auctioneers. When the bidding was over, the jacket went for \$75.00 but then one bidder donated another \$50.00 to the fund followed by others until the scholarship fund ended up with \$180.00. Not bad for a jacket to bring in that much money.

Once again, our thanks to the people in Ludington for their efforts in showing us such a good time. Incidentally they also won most of the prizes.

Bob Sorensen, Dist. Sec.

Lodge #227, Detroit, MI — Our monthly Social Night continues to be a success. The following people are responsible for our latest venture: Otto and Dana Pedersen, Bob Sorensen and Hans Nielsen. They presided over a "Film Festival" and the serving of Danish aebleskiver. The evening was enjoyed by over 150 members and their families and friends.

September 14 is the first dinner meeting of the upcoming season. Please plan to attend. On September 21, we have a special night of bingo planned. Be there early with your one dollar donation. Games start at 7 p.m. and we are looking forward to having a good attendance.

Paul Carlsen is handling the annual Anniversary Dinner Dance on September 17 at the Danish Club. **Karl Larsen, Sec.**

Capital Campaign Organized in Seventy-One Communities

The campaign for The Danish Immigrant Museum has been organized already in seventy-one communities throughout the United States.

The first communities to be organized were Elk Horn and Kimballton, the Danish villages in Iowa, during early 1988.

"We are pleased that the pace of organizing has been fast," declared Campaign Manager Stephen Wilhelm. "In less than six months we have begun campaign activities in almost six dozen areas. That is an average of about one dozen a month, or, better than one every other day."

The cities range alphabetically from Albert Lea to Wichita. Geographically, they reach from Los Angeles to New York.

Campaign activities include the identification and recruitment of volunteer leaders; the identification and cultivation of gift prospects; and the enlistment and training of volunteer solicitors, to name a few.

The average gift thus far has been \$1,788.15, usually over a five-year pledge period. "We are very pleased with this high level of giving," noted Dr. James Iversen, member of The Danish Immigrant Museum Board of Directors and the Campaign Steering Committee. "The early donations are coming naturally from people in the rural communities closest to Elk Horn. As businesses, foundations and residents of the large, metropolitan areas are contacted, the average will likely increase."

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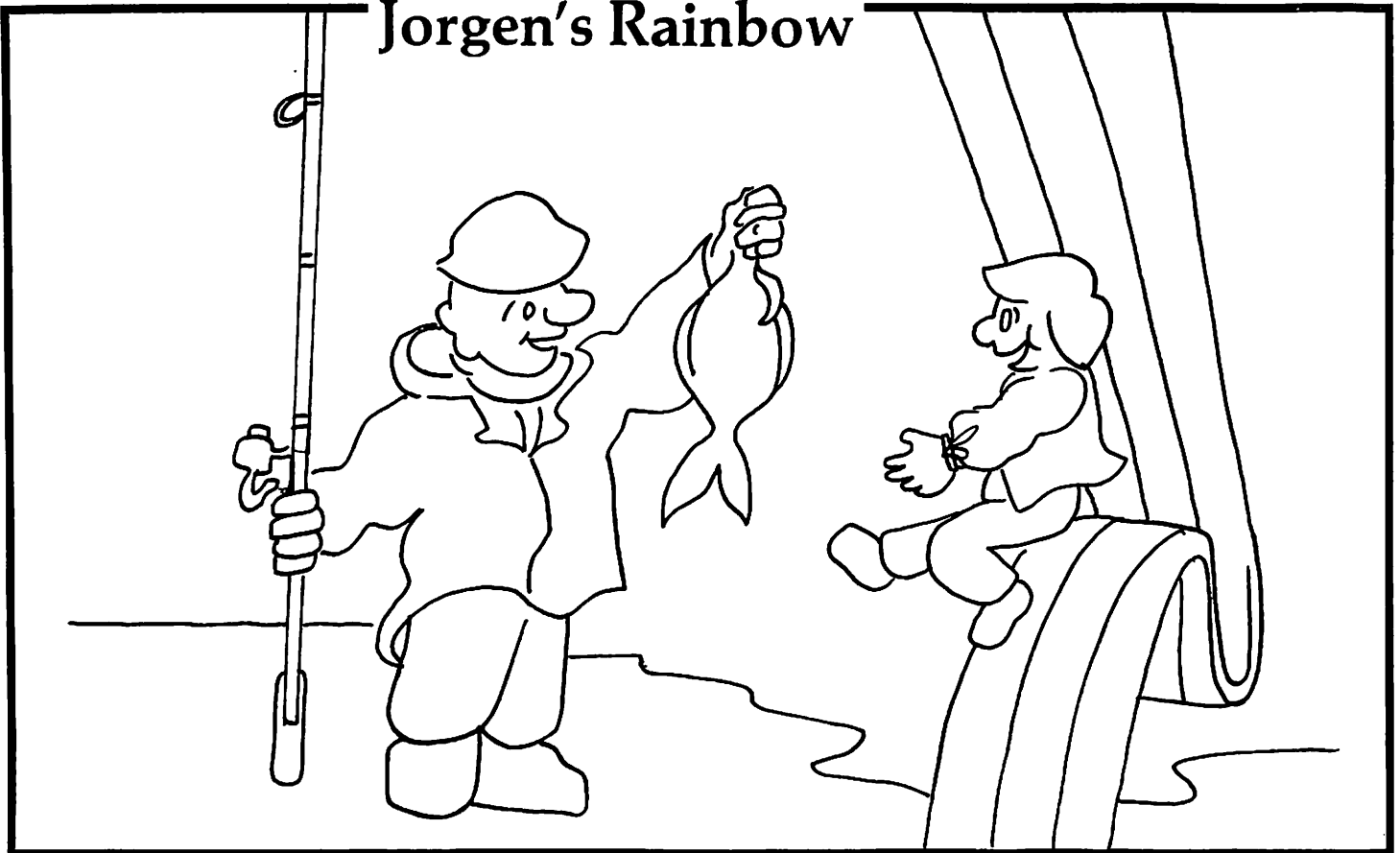
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Jorgen's Rainbow



The sea is a part of everybody in Denmark's life. Nowhere can one go that the sea is more than 35 miles away, thus fishing is a popular sport and way of life. Jorgen enjoys trout and cod the best, but there are at least 100 species more to choose from! Do you collect rocks? Next month Jorgen will visit two rocks that are larger than he is. Can you imagine?

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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 the following age groups: 2-4, 5-7, 8-9, and 10-12.

July winners: Peter Andersen and Darcy Morrison.

Grandma's Kitchen



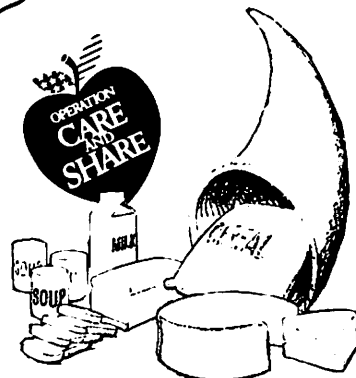
by Dagmar Jensen

Oatmeal Bread (Havre Brød)

2 cups oatmeal	1/2 cup water
4 cups water	1 tsp. sugar
2 1/2 tsp. salt	2 tbsp. oil
2 pkgs. dry yeast	7 cups white flour

Cook oatmeal, water and salt until it is mush and let cool. Mix dry yeast, water and sugar together and set aside. When it begins to work, add oatmeal and 2 table-
spoons of oil. Mix and add 7 cups of flour. Knead. Set
aside and let double in size, approximately 30 minutes.
Form into loaves and put in greased pans. Let rise
about 20 minutes. Bake for about 45 minutes at 350-
400 degrees.

Help the Danish Brotherhood Help the Hungry



Bring canned goods and other food to:

The Danish Brotherhood in America
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
3717 HARNEY STREET
OMAHA, NE 68131

To learn how your lodge can become involved, contact the National Headquarters.

Viking Adventures

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

Plan Ahead for your September Activity



Parents are cheering, teachers are planning, and children are groaning for school days are here again! This month would be an appropriate time to offer a fun but educational activity. Why not offer a membership orientation with a school day's theme. To begin, you may want to decorate your meeting place with a teacher's desk adorned with the appropriate apple, of course, chalk boards, etc. The teacher may act as the master of ceremonies. Your Lodge President, Vice President, your local District Fraternal Coordinator or Lodge Representative would all make good candidates for this position. Be sure to ask if they would be willing at least a month in advance so they may gather appropriate materials.

Each "student" should be given a school book (an Orientation Booklet is provided free of charge by the National Headquarters). The teacher will want to review this book with all students and then must — as all good teachers know — give a test to make sure the "students" have understood the material. Questions could include:

Name at least three activities our lodge conducts each year.

Name at least three fraternal benefits offered by the National Headquarters.

Who do I contact if I have a question regarding my insurance certificate?

How many scholarships may be awarded each year?

You may want to award diplomas to all who scored 70% or better. Then finish off the evening with a graduation party. For this you could serve an appropriately decorated cake with punch and coffee. Of course, Danish open-faced sandwiches would also be an added treat.

Does your lodge have an activity suggestion you would like to share with other lodges? We would like to feature successful lodge activities in this column and ask for your assistance. Please forward an article and photographs regarding any new and exciting activity sponsored by your lodge to The American Dane, c/o Viking Adventures, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131.

Danish Folk Dance Kits Now Available

Designed for the beginner or expert, the Danish Folk Dance Kits were produced to provide a variety of interesting Danish Folk Dances in good quality and authentic tradition to promote cultural appreciation, good fellowship and wholesome recreation. Each kit contains the recorded music, sheet music and dance instructions for nine Danish dances, in addition to a description of Danish Folk Dancing costumes and the Spirit of Folk Dancing. The recorded music is featured on a full-length cassette tape which will fit any standard tape player. The Danish Folk Dance Kit, packaged in a handsome red travel or storage album, is an easy enjoyable way to continue one of the longest standing Danish traditions.

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Proud To Be A Dane?

We're proud of our Danish heritage and would like more information about The Danish Brotherhood. We understand we can become members even though we may not be near a local lodge. We will receive *The American Dane* each month as members and be eligible to apply for other membership benefits. Please send information to:

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