

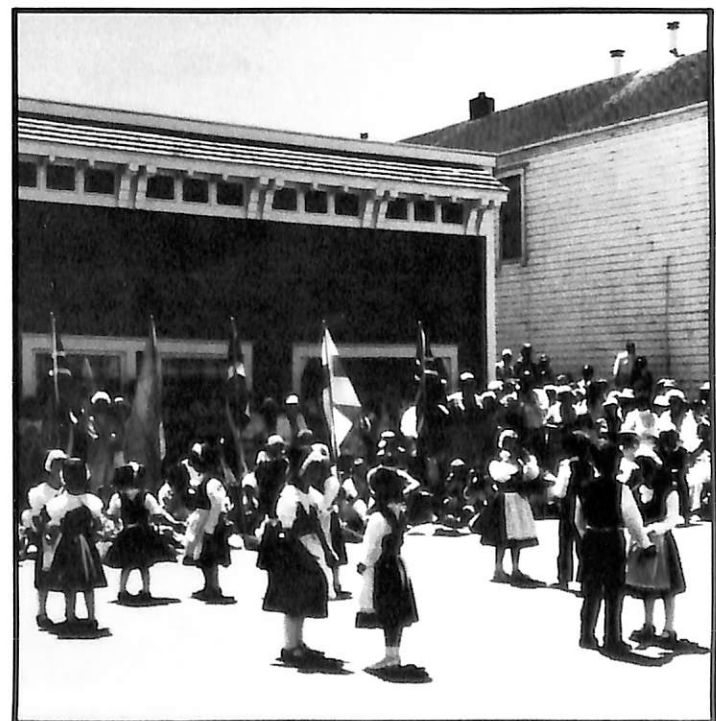
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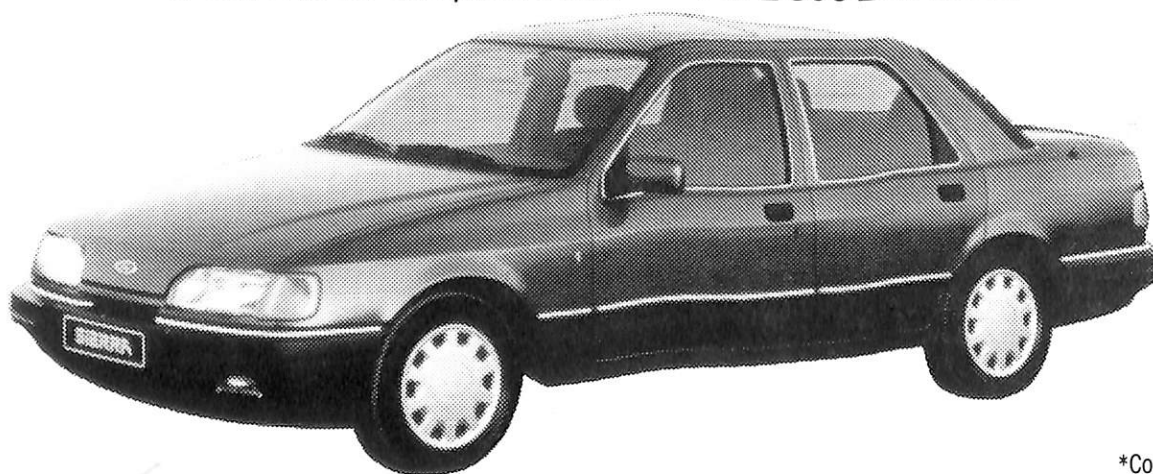
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# President's Page

**Clyde R. Langsted**  
**National President**

I had suggested at one time that if members of the Board would like to contribute to the President's Page they would be more than welcome to do so as I felt the membership would appreciate their commentary. Barry Edmonds took me up on my suggestion and even asked for a topic to write about. I welcomed the opportunity and asked him to comment on our new Five Year Plan for the Danish Brotherhood. What follows is Barry's excellent summary of the plan and its intent and I believe you will enjoy reading it as much as I did.

The National Board of Directors at their recent Spring meeting unanimously approved a Five Year Plan for the Danish Brotherhood. What is a Five Year Plan? It is a schedule of activities spread over a five year period that identifies specific goals and objectives that the National Board feels should be accomplished to insure the continued success of the Danish Brotherhood.

The Five Year Plan is something that we, as members of this organization, must take very seriously and fully support. Before I get into some of the important details of the Five Year Plan, I want to begin with a little background on why a Five Year Plan was developed and what steps were taken to arrive at the approved plan.

Most of us are primarily concerned, and rightly so, on the condition and stability of our local lodge. The local lodge is the backbone of our National organization and is where we spend a great amount of time and energy making it an enjoyable and worthwhile activity. The Home Office Staff and the National Board have the privilege of working with each and every one of the 120 local lodges nation wide. We share the joy of your accomplishments and sympathize with your problems and concerns. The annual reports that we ask each lodge to submit each year are an invaluable source of information which allows us to pass on to other lodges ideas and activities that have been successful and will help others.

The Board of Directors has a primary concern and that is the success and survival of our whole organization. The Five Year Plan is our way of assuring that the Danish Brotherhood will continue to be a financially strong and fraternally solid organization for years to come.

The development of the Five Year Plan has been going on for well over a year. Our management staff at the Home Office, Jerry Christensen, Pam Dorau, and Andy Andersen, have spent considerable time assembling the plan and making an excellent presentation to the National Board. They took a logical approach. In order to understand where the Brotherhood is today, they examined where the Brotherhood was five years ago and what has happened until now. They looked at membership, local lodge numbers, insurance policies in force both in dollars and number of certificates, expenses of the insurance, general and fraternal departments. With the help of the local lodge reports they identified our strengths: American Dane Magazine, our insurance portfolio, our active membership, District Fraternal Coordinator program, fraternal benefits and our organization being financially sound to mention a few. And some of our weaknesses: demographics (wide spread national organization), less people immigrating from Denmark, our ever changing social and personal attitudes that influence any organization, getting and retaining new members, keeping existing members.

There are several goals that we would like to reach over the next five years. If we all understand these goals and how they are important to our organization we can all benefit in our being successful with the Five Year Plan.

Retain our current membership: We have thousands of members and we have to work to retain these members. Offering new fraternal benefits like the newly announced Newborn, Graduation and Newlywed Benefits. Review and remain competitive with our insurance portfolios, contact our members and make them aware of all the benefits that we have to offer.

Increase our membership: Hold membership drives with impressive prizes, promote 100% family participation, hold seminars for our Insurance Representatives, continue to support the District Fraternal Coordinator Program.

Increase our membership involvement: Hold more and frequent district workshops, develop new lodge awards, expand the National Convention activities, increase involvement of the Home Office Staff at District conventions. Provide an environment so our membership can be active and enjoy being a member.

Increase recognition of the Danish Brotherhood: We should be involved in a national charity organization or institution. Make sure that our organization is known, especially in areas where we have local lodges. We have to promote our organization as a family organization.

I hope this information has been helpful. Our whole membership will be hearing about the plan at their District conventions and in articles in the American Dane magazine.

I want to thank Barry for his excellent interpretation of our Five Year Plan and for all of his efforts in presenting a clear view of what it will mean to all of us.

As Barry mentioned, the Board of Directors has gone on record supporting this new concept of action for the Danish Brotherhood in America as we feel it is a refreshing and positive step for all of us. One area of discussion which Barry did not include was the suggestion of a name change for the Danish Brotherhood in America. Please bear in mind that it is only a suggestion! The subject has been broached at some of the District Conventions with mixed reaction but with progress comes change and it will tie in with plans to update our image and hopefully make us more appealing as a family oriented organization and eliminate any gender gap suggested by our present name. We want our century old organization to continue. It (a name change) may never come to pass but the seed should be planted for consideration of improving ourselves no matter what it takes. Give it some thought.

As we begin to move into our fall season and the many lodge programs that follow, please take time to consider Operation Care and Share or, as Barry pointed out, consider support of some national group which local groups could identify with. There are many possibilities.

Featured this month on the outside back cover of the American Dane and available to any member or friend at a modest cost is a magnificent print of the Danish Training Ship "DANMARK" by Seattle maritime artist, Dean Waite. Mr. Waite has impressive credentials. Also available is the original should anyone be interested. The print or the original would be a compliment to any office or den.

## **The Constitution Bicentennial: A Continuing Celebration**

September 17, 1987, the 200th anniversary of the signing of the United States Constitution, was a glorious day for Americans. Highlighted by a nationally-televised parade past Independence Hall and through the streets of Philadelphia, millions of Americans gathered to honor the Founding Fathers of our American republic. Similar parades and events were held in thousands of cities, large and small, across the country.

But there is more to come, just as there was two centuries ago. In 1787, the signing of the Constitution by 39 delegates was only the beginning. The proposed new Constitution still had to undergo the beginning. The proposed new Constitution still had to undergo the test of the people, a test to determine truly if WE THE PEOPLE really wanted to establish the precepts set forth in the Constitution.

History tells us it was not an easy fight in many of the states. While Delaware, New Jersey and Georgia all ratified unanimously, other state ratifying conventions struggled mightily as the delegates wrestled with the arguments made by the Federalists who supported the Constitution and the Antifederalists who opposed it. The votes were very close in key states: Massachusetts, 187 to 168; New Hampshire, 57 to 46; Virginia, 89 to 79; New York, 30 to 27.

Two hundred years ago, the states were called upon to complete what had been started at the Constitutional Convention. Today, the commemoration begun on September 17, 1987, is being sustained by Bicentennial commissions in all 50 states and over 2,500 towns, cities and counties.

Americans everywhere can participate. Because of the vision of our founding fathers, the United States has grown from a

nation of less than four million people living in 13 states aligned along the Atlantic coast, to a continent-wide world power of 250 million. The Constitution allows people from all parts of the world to come here and be called "Americans." And because of the millions of people who have come to our shores to find religious, political and personal freedoms, our Constitution has endured two centuries, being the oldest written document of national government in the world today.

Plans to commemorate the Constitution Bicentennial vary from place to place; parades, speeches, plays, symposia, and lavish galas will all be used to illustrate that the people of today are just as important as were those 200 years ago when the Constitution was ratified. All Americans are urged to find out about the celebrations in their states. Most of the state celebrations will have segments that are either open to the public or invite public participation.

Over the next two and a half years, Americans are encouraged to continue to celebrate the creation of our government, while at the same time becoming more knowledgeable about the very document we celebrate. Public opinion polls taken early in 1987 indicate that Americans lack even a fundamental knowledge of their Constitution and its origins. Almost half of those asked did not know the purpose of the Constitution; 59% could not identify the Bill of Rights.

The participation in the commemoration thus far indicates that Americans do care about their Constitution. This momentum can be carried through the ratification period of the Bill of Rights in December, 1991, as WE THE PEOPLE try to understand the provisions of the Constitution.

# When An Apple Grower Walked A Silo

by Ove R. Nielsen

In his song about sunset, V. Thisted of Denmark wrote many years ago that when he would close his eyes, a thought would link itself to another thought and, rather than thinking about where he was, he would recall where he had been. The thoughts invariably led back to events in his childhood. The process is known to many of us because we have experienced it. In fact, my thoughts can return to childhood while both of my eyes are wide open. It is seen as something that comes with aging. I have no problems with that. If there were no such process, some things and some people would be too soon forgotten.

On a recent evening I was browsing and came across Robert Frost's poem "After Apple-Picking," and read the thoughts he expressed so well. He had had too much of apple-picking, too much of the rumbling sound of load upon load of apples coming into the cellar, and then penned the memorable line: "I am overtired of the harvest I myself desired." That has probably happened to all of us on occasion.

But apples and apple trees led my thoughts to Bjørnstjerne Bjørnson of Norway who, in one of his many poems, mused that the apple tree is really too lazy to grow "over the towering mountains." It kept postponing and therefore never achieved. But again, the thought process. I remembered that more than a half century ago I had learned that a whole half century before that rancher George Allen had planted apple trees in the Absarokee mountain range in Montana and had smiled some years later when a cowboy, riding on a moonlit night, wanted to know who had hung apples on those trees.

Linking of thoughts next brought me back to Tyler, Minnesota,

where I was raised, for Tyler had once been able to boast that it had an apple grower. Although that apple grower planted only a small part of his farm with apple trees, his orchard was big enough to distinguish him in a positive way. While trees on other farms mostly just stood there, the apple grower's farm produced much fruit. The fact that there was not a real market for it was just one of those things.

The apple grower retired from the farm rather early in life and bought a few acres south of Danebod Church. There, for some years, he kept a horse, a pair of cows and some chickens. I can only speculate that he moved to the Danebod location because his farm had been too far away for his children to conveniently attend the Children's School.

The apple grower had been retired for many years when there was need of a man to walk the silo at filling time. It was not a very pleasant job but at that time was seen as one that needed to be done. The apple grower was approached and agreed to come. It would be for only a day. That was all the time required to fill a silo when neighbors helped, and in turn were helped on another day.

The morning chores had been done and breakfast was under way when someone saw the apple grower. He was coming down the driveway, his even stride marked by a slight limp which seemed only to add dignity to his person. Soon he was at the kitchen door to announce his arrival. Mother welcomed him and invited him to join the group at the table for a cup of coffee. It was welcome after his walk of about one and one-half miles. After drinking the coffee he thanked Mother and then walked out



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of the house and into the "silage room" from which he would descend to the brick silo's pit when the first bundles of green corn stalks, with their leaves and ears, would be fed into the cutter.

Walking the silo was hard work. Rather than having the silage simply forced up through a pipe of considerable dimension and then enter the silo at its pinnacle to disperse at will, the silage was directed into a long spout that reached near to the bottom of the silo's pit. The silage pounding the spout sounded a loud stoccato in its passage.

The apple grower had prepared himself well for the dust that would accompany the silage. A large red kerchief around his neck would stem the progress of at least some of the dust so that as little as possible should get under his shirt to cause the otherwise unbelievable discomfort.

When the first load of bundles arrived, and the wagon was positioned for off-loading, the apple grower would make his descent and would be largely forgotten until the engine driving the silage cutter mechanism was shut down for noon, some five hours away.

The apple grower knew about silos and their importance to the farmer. The silage they contained after the filling would be a staple for cows so they could produce much milk, and for the young stock as well. First the corn would have been planted. Next it would have been cultivated throughout the summer for moisture retention in the soil and for weed control. In late summer it would tassel. When the tassels withered, corn ears would grow on the stalks. When the ears dented it was time to harvest the corn with its laden stalks. After harvesting and transport, the corn would be fed into the silage cutter, one bundle at a time, and propelled up the long pipe, but by now cut into lengths of only a few inches. In the silo it would ferment and become the precious winter food.

The apple grower knew all that as he walked the silo, guiding the spout so the roaring silage was distributed so evenly that the ratio of chopped ears of corn to chopped stalks and leaves would be just right. That took a lot of concentration. Should he stop for only a moment, he knew that too much corn would bounce to the silo's circular wall and at that edge likely freeze in winter and lose some of its nutritional value. And so he walked and walked, layers of dust gathering on his cap, his kerchief, his shirt, his overalls and shoes. The only moments of respite came when one wagon rack had been emptied of its cargo, was driven away toward the field, and another promptly took its place. Those moments of respite were brief. They could likely be measured in units of less than a minute.

When noon came (made official by blowing of the whistle at the power plant in town), the men and teams came in from the field, the silage cutter was shut down, horses were fed and then the men gathered at the washbasin under a box elder tree. As those men lathered their arms and faces with tar soap, and then rinsed it off before throwing out the dirty water as each man finished, the apple grower first dusted his cap, then he untied the kerchief which had protected him all forenoon and shook it so little clouds of dust puffed along under the tree. Then he brushed dust from

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his shirt, overalls and shoes and, having completed all that, looked directly down into the face of a boy. As he looked, his eyes twinkled, with merriment, yes, but with something more. The eyes had a special kind of aliveness, as if to say that the roar of the silage coming down the spout, the nearly insufferable dust, the walking in silage ankle deep for five hours, had not daunted him at all; at least not in spirit. He had come out of retirement for a day. He had done the dustiest work of the project. He had walked until his legs ached and the arms were in pain from guiding the unaccustomed spout.

At the table the apple grower ate his meat, potatoes, and other vegetables, and bread and pie, all the while listening to the conversation of younger men but with no need to be heard himself. He had his reward. He had proven to himself that he could still do a man's work, if only for a day. When the meal ended and all had said "Tak for mad" (Thanks for the food) to the cook, and the one o'clock whistle had blown at the powerhouse for all people to resume their appointed tasks, the men hitched refreshed horses to wagons and the apple grower ascended the built-in ladder to where he had left off an hour earlier. He ascended because, during the five hours, he had walked on as much silage as the men and machines could produce. Somehow he would have enough stamina for the five additional hours. That would be required of a man, and the apple grower was a man.

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# Letters From Denmark

## Home Again

by Abby Arthur Johnson

This is my last "Letter from Denmark." In mid-July 1989, my family and I returned to our home in Virginia, having spent the preceding six months in the village of Draeby, about 15 kilometers from Odense. By some measures, including those of several friends in the United States, our stay in Denmark was wonderfully long. According to other measures, our time was much too short. By spring, we had adopted the perspective captured by poet Piet Hein: "Denmark seen from foreign land / Looks but like a grain of sand. / Denmark as we Danes conceive it / Is so big you won't believe it." While we toured and talked and read as much as we could during our sabbatical in Denmark, we could only reach the surface of this culturally rich country.

The weather alone was too much to absorb on a first pass through. It was almost too much for the Danes as well, for the seasons we spent in Denmark were the warmest in decades. May and June, for example, were the sunniest in 30 years, having 311 hours of sunshine compared to the average 257 for the two months. These hours seemed particularly long at the summer solstice, June 21, when the sun hovered over the horizon 17 hours and 24 minutes. Awakened by the light at about 4:30 a.m. each morning, I used to think of a line in "Fern Hill," by Welsh poet Dylan Thomas: "And the sun grew round that very day."

The temperature never cracked the all-time Danish record of 97.52° Fahrenheit. The late spring and early summer were warm, though, peaking on a number of days in the mid-80°s F.

Meanwhile, talk circulated about so-called tropical nights, when the temperature does not dip below 68° F. Funen endured its first such night in 14 years on July 7.

Given the extended warmth, students at the local schools began to talk about "guaranteed" sunshine for their July vacation. Introducing a sobering note, the **Fyens Stiftstidende** (Funen newspaper) recalled that such expectations were like "a dream, passed on from year to year. . ."

Most Danes needed little caution, for they knew how quickly the warmth could pass, how ephemeral a Danish summer can seem. Accustomed to chasing the sun when it was there, they streamed to the beaches on bicycle and by car. They came in such numbers that the police and Civil Defense had to close the approaches to some of the choicest spots, the adjacent parking lots being jammed full. They did not, however, block the entrances to the wide beaches outside nearby Kerteminde, where thousands of Danes and a few of us Americans rejoiced in the Scandinavian heat wave.

Not everyone joined in the celebration. As the sun grew round day after day, the farmers feared for their crops. By early July, they said that the damage had already been done, that they would lose at least 10 percent of their harvest.

Forest rangers voiced their own concerns on the front-page of area newspapers, reminding the public that "the forest was a veritable powder keg" and that a single spark, one careless match, could "make it all ignite."



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The view from our dining-room windows at Elkaergaard was incomparable.

Medical doctors were also vocal, their offices flooded with patients suffering from sunburn, heat rashes, hay fever, and dehydration. As for hay fever, the physicians explained that all records for maximum pollen count could well be shattered during the warm, dry summer. Concerning dehydration, they urged people to drink ice tea or juice instead of beer at the beach. One intriguing story, also carried on the front-page of the Funen paper, told of two men on a desert tour. One brought along a case of beer, the other nothing to drink. The latter died of thirst after 3 days, but he managed better than the other. The fellow with the beer — a diuretic, as the doctors warned fun-loving Danes — endured but 2 days.

The spring and summer of 1989, balmy as they were, were clearly unique. A person would have to live in Denmark for many years to gain a sense of the typical Danish summer. Along the way, one would be privy to some marvelous comments and stories, as we were during summer 1989.

Related to the tides of weather and light, the seasonal events gave us many additional causes to reflect. Our social calendar was full, with the Draeby Tennis Open on June 10, **sankthansaften** (Midsummer Eve) on June 23, the Draeby village **fest** (party) on June 24, and the celebration of the American independence on July 4. Each of these occasions reinforced our sense of various communities we had come to know and value during our Danish sojourn.

Our landlady Monica Steengaard, her parents, and friends orchestrated the Draeby Open on the tennis court adjoining the

farmhouse we were renting. The festivities began at 2:00 p.m. and concluded nearly 12 hours later, progressing from a tennis round robin, to a potluck dinner, and then to dancing in the Steengaard barn. While our family enjoyed the tennis, we most appreciated the fellowship shared on that occasion with the Steengaards, who were true friends to us throughout our months in Draeby.

We spent most of **sankthansaften** with the International Club of Odense. Plans were to attend a traditional **sankthansbål** (Midsummer bonfire) at one of the area parks. When the bonfire was canceled because of the drought, we all repaired to one of the member's homes, created out of an old and spacious dairy. As the horizon glowed red long after sunset, we circled about the antique furniture talking with people from Australia, Hungary, and Pakistan, among other places. The mix was fascinating, worthy of much more time than we had at our disposal.

We delayed a brief trip to Sweden and Norway to attend the Draeby **fest** the next day. Held in the Steengaard barn and attended by a majority of the 150 villagers, the party featured a herring table, traditional Danish songs and toasts, and then dancing until dawn to music played on a keyboard by a local performer. Talking with a mix of English and Danish, we met a number of villagers just down the road, people we had only waved to previously. In the process, we felt part of this rural community as never before, gaining a sense of neighborhood good to remember as we resettle into urban America.

We came back to Draeby from our trip north on July 4. Tuning in one of the Danish radio stations, I suddenly heard a vigorous rendition of "The Star-Spangled Banner." For the rest of the afternoon, I listened to the 78th celebration of the American Independence Day at Rebild Hills National Park, northern Jutland. The speakers were notable, including American astronaut Walter Schirra and the American Ambassador to Denmark, Keith L. Brown. I was most moved, however, by the crowd — some 12,000 American-Danes, Danish-Americans, and others. Among the distinguished visitors was Chris Steffensen, who had emigrated to the States 31 years ago. He was appointed mayor-of-the-day in neighboring Ålborg for his contributions as editor and publisher of the 117-year-old Danish-American newspaper, **The Danish Pioneer**. As the afternoon moved on, the theme of this year's celebration — "Hands Across the Sea" — seemed just right. The occasion celebrated not only the American independence, but a pioneering people poised between the old world and the new.

During our last days in Draeby, we tried to squeeze the most out of our remaining hours. On July 15, the day of our departure, Ron and I rose early to buy **wienerbrød** once more at a favorite bakery. We then walked again to the Viking burial mound on the Steengaard property and cycled a final time on our favorite route, to the end of Draeby Fedvej.

The return trip was like our arrival, although our hearts and suitcases were much more full. On our flight from Odense to Copenhagen, Ron held our dog Juba on his lap. She looked so relaxed that someone asked if she was on Valium. The next leg of the trip showed that she decidedly was not. Standing in her cage at the Copenhagen airport, Juba cried and yelped as she moved out of sight along the conveyor belt used to transport luggage. She was equally vocal upon reappearing among the suitcases at Kennedy airport. To spare her the terrors of yet another flight, we and our mounds of luggage, including a 6-foot flag pole Karl had fashioned with loving care at the Danish school, traveled to Virginia in two rented Buicks.

Back home now for 2 weeks, we have had time to reflect on

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# Newborn Fraternal Benefit

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# *The Girl in the Tower*

## A Danish Folk Tale by Beverly Swerdlow Brown

ONCE UPON A TIME, a very rich man had a beautiful and charming daughter. Her name was Helga.

The rich man felt that only a great ruler would be worthy of her. After all, she was the apple of his eye.

When the rich man went to his advisors to seek help in finding such a man, they told him that Helga was destined to marry a poor man before the year had passed.

The rich man was so disturbed to hear this news that he decided to keep Helga at a distance away from any suitor until the year had gone by.

He decided to have a high tower built in the sea where Helga would be kept safe and sound from anyone.

The tower was built without any doors or windows, except for a single window in his daughter's room where she could look out at the sea. The tower had the finest furniture and contained one hundred servants, all women, to see to Helga's every wish and command. Food was stored for one year's stay.

After the tower was completed, the rich man spoke to Helga. "My lovely daughter," he said, "I am sending you away on a long voyage to a lovely island. I want you to make your home there for one year. When you come back I will explain my reasons for sending you there."

Helga looked at her father. "My dear one," she said. "I respect you and trust you. I know you love me as I love you and feel you must have good reasons to send me away. I will go willingly knowing that I will return in one year."

The rich man was thankful that he had such a kind and understanding daughter and that she did not balk at his strange

request.

A few days later, Helga took leave of her father and set sail. The ship sailed for thirty days and nights and finally arrived at the tower.

A long rope was placed around Helga and she was lifted ever so gently up to the only entrance of the tower which was on the roof. Once inside, Helga was met by her servants who had been sent there before her. Helga finally settled in this beautiful tower overlooking the sea.

Now meanwhile, far away across the sea, lived a young man named Jens. He was a scholar who was very, very poor. In order to support his parents and himself, he wandered around in search of work.

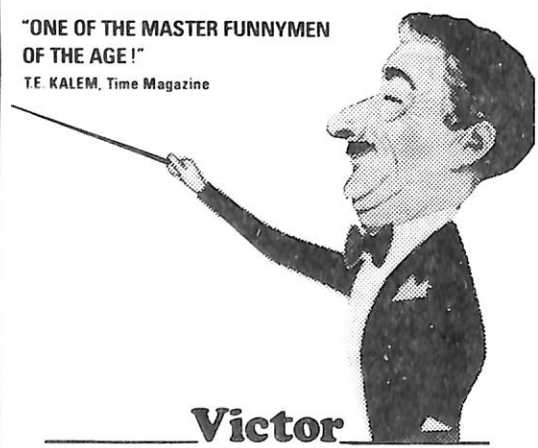
One day, after much roaming, he became tired from the lack of food and so much walking that he dropped from fatigue and hunger. He fell asleep beneath the stars. As the night passed, it became colder and colder and Jens got up in search for some place where he could keep warm.

He had wandered so far that there weren't any houses around, but he found refuge in the branches of a fallen tree. He snuggled up in the leaves and fell asleep.

During the night a large eagle swooped down and picked up the tree with Jens nestled in it — sleeping soundly away. The eagle flew many miles and finally landed on the tower where Helga lived. The eagle grew weary of the heavy load he was carrying and left the parcel on the roof of the tower. Then he flew away.

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## PACIFIC-NORTHWEST

### NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST SINGLE SOCIAL ACTIVITY

**Lodge #29, Seattle, WA** — Practices for the Danes Soccer Club are held every Monday and Thursday evenings at 60 Acres in Redmond at 6:30 p.m. On September 30, the players will meet their rivals from Vancouver, B.C. This year there will be three men's games and one for women. A party will be held at the airport after the games.

The Danish choir from Vancouver visited again on June 3 at the Nordic Heritage Museum. They performed and entertained like professionals. This is an annual event and we already look forward to next year.



Vivi Hammond, President of the Danish Sisterhood Evergreen Lodge No. 40, and Mel Hollister, President of Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 29, congratulate the new Princess Kirsten Paulsen.

We have a new Danish Princess to represent the Sisterhood and Brotherhood on various public occasions. She is Kirsten Paulsen, daughter of Tom Paulsen. Congratulations, Kirsten!

The outing to Northwest Trek was very successful. About 30 youngsters and oldsters met at the Enumclaw Hall for coffee and muffins and at 11:00 a.m. we

The best idea for September goes to Lodge No. 147 Newell, IA. See page 16.

took off to Eatonville where we saw bison, elk and a lot of others in the 600 acre park.

The 40th Annual Pacific-Northwest District Convention opened at 12:00 p.m. in Seattle with homemade cookies and coffee served during the registration. Our convention theme was nautical, Danish style with fish-netting, life-rings, Captain's caps for the men on the committee, and sailor caps for the women on the committee.

After the Friday meetings were adjourned at about 5:00 p.m., everyone headed for the hospitality room where Clyde Langsted had the usual fish-pond set up and Niels Jensen was tending bar.

At 7:30 p.m. a fine buffet dinner was enjoyed by everyone with entertainment of our famous Scandinavian Stan Boreson with his accordion, followed by door prizes and dancing.

On Saturday, a joint installation was held at 5:00 p.m. for the Brotherhood and Sisterhood. National Trustee of the Sisterhood, Lorraine Zembinski from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and First National Vice President, Woody Petersen from Chicago, Illinois, performed the installation ceremony.

Seating for the banquet began at 7:00 p.m. A flag presentation was given by some local Sea Scouts while the audience sang the National Anthems of the U.S.A. and Canada. Martin Rasmussen gave the invocation and then everyone settled down to enjoy their dinner. The tables were beautifully decorated with centerpieces of little ships with red sails and flowers. Thanks to Vivi Hammond for the beautiful centerpieces which were won by a person at each table. After dinner we were entertained by some beautiful singing by a large group of ladies dressed in red and white. They were terrific.

Before the evening dancing began, door

prizes were awarded and the winners of the convention raffle were announced.

The next Pacific-Northwest District Convention will be held on May 18-20, 1990, at the Royal Tower Hotel in New Westminster, B.C., Canada.

Frank Poulsen, Cor.

**Lodge #167, Portland, OR** — At our June 7 meeting, we gave initiations to four new members: Betty Kellas, Frank Dally, Abby Larsen, and Catherine Braden. The meeting was interrupted for a short break to meet and welcome these new members.

The secretary read the correspondence which included a thank you from the Danish Consulate, Ingolf Noto, for the reception held at the May meeting for him and his wife Peggy. We also had an invitation from the Sisterhood to attend their 85th birthday on September 16.

We are sorry to lose Past President Stig Hansen as he made a job move to Ogden, Utah, working for the Flying J Oil Co.

Our October auction will be co-chaired by Karlene Thorkildsen and Debbie Turner. Dana Nielsen attended the folkfest meeting and reported that Global Events is now responsible for this fair.

Debbie Johnson, from the Sisterhood, joined the meeting to discuss the bowling tournament for next year. Portland will be hosting the Northwest District Bowling Tournament and Banquet. She has checked out locations and is convinced that Bellevue, Washington, would be the best for this due to the facilities and distance of travel for those who usually attend. She has already received some lodging, banquet and disc jockey estimates. It is usually held the second or third weekend in March. After discussion, it was moved and seconded to support this event and host it in March. Debbie will need someone from the Brotherhood to help her with the organization of the tournament.

The Convention 1991 report included the following: Sheila will write up a job description for what each committee is responsible to do and the time involved with the jobs. A member needs to be selected to help Sheila oversee all com-

mittees and help her with Danish protocol. Elly Batchelor was selected for this task. More on the convention as time goes on.

Delegates to the district convention reported on a Five Year Plan for the Danish Brotherhood lodges to respond and support. This resolution will be implemented by all lodges with the purpose to support the Brotherhood.

The meeting closed with the singing of the national anthem.

The July 5 meeting came to order with President Fred Batchelor turning the entire meeting over to Past Presidents as the 1989 officers stepped aside in their honor. All Past Presidents were presented with an initialed mug. Ed Hirsch called the meeting to order with three raps and James Tyger explained the Danish Brotherhood symbols.

Larry West introduced some family members visiting from the island of Bornholm in Denmark.

Asbjorn Fisker took over the second half of the meeting to hear all committee reports. Elly Batchelor reported that the \$400 advanced to her covered St. Hans Fest and the potluck supper for the July meeting. Seventy people participated in the St. Hans Fest.

Kris Roley thanked the Brotherhood for the Danish folk dance music we ordered. She reported there will be a Mt. Adams hike day and potluck coming up.

Elly Batchelor also reminded us that we will have wine and cheese at the September meeting for refreshments. This will come from the profits of our wine sale. We applauded to those who contributed to the potluck for the July meeting.

Mel Pihl conducted the remainder of the meeting. There was no old business. Fred Batchelor brought up new business. We need to make a commitment for the next two years to bring in ten new members in 1990, and 15 new members in 1991. A motion was made by Fred which was moved and seconded to increase our membership by 25 over a two year period.

The meeting was adjourned with singing of the anthem led by Elly Batchelor.

**Sylvia Hurst, Sec.**

**Lodge #273, Dillon, MT** — On April 15, the annual banquet for the lodge was held at the Elks Hall. This was to have been in February but due to the severe sub-zero weather at that time, it had to be postponed. The weather was more favorable in April. About 150 attended. Charles Cook received his 25th year membership pin.

A special meeting of our lodge was held May 6. The evening started with a potluck supper attended by approximately 30

people. It was organized by Hansine Hansen and Pam Nielsen. This was a farewell honoring Vaughn and Clara Rasmussen who were returning to Shoshone, California, following Vaughn's retirement after 22 years at his job. They had been in Dillon about 10 months of that time and had joined our lodge last fall and plan to remain members of our lodge.

After the supper a short open meeting was held for the members. The Sons of Norway sent a letter inviting us to their banquet which was held May 19. Howard and Thomas Andersen were appointed to set out the flags for Memorial Day.

Our lodge plans to have a float in the Labor Day parade again this year with Randy Tommerup, Chairman, and helpers, Howard and Thomas Andersen, Hansine Hansen and Anna Tovey.

**Harry Abernethy, Sec.**

**Lodge #328, Vancouver, B.C.** — At our last meeting there were 45 Brothers present. At this meeting, we installed two new Brothers, Preben Andersen and Tor Jensen. Welcome!

During the meeting, Uwe Bruhn gave a report from the Danish Community Centre's picnic. There were many Brothers attending with their families. Everybody had a wonderful time.

A report was given by Poul B. Christensen regarding the district convention in Seattle. He also gave a report from the Federation.

After the meeting we all enjoyed open-faced sandwiches, beer and snaps. Everybody had a good time.

For anybody interested in playing 10 pin bowling at Brentwood Lanes on Sundays from 8:15 to 10:15, the season begins in September and ends on the last Sunday in April. We have a few openings so if you are interested, please call Fred Hansen.

**Peter Praegel, Cor.**



**Lodge #126, Los Angeles, CA** — At our last meeting our guest speaker, Bent Christensen, gave us an up-to-date message regarding the relocation of the Danish Church. He also answered many questions that the members had for him. Thank you, Bent, for the enlightening talk. Bent was initiated into the lodge that evening as well.

We started our evening at the last meeting with a potluck with a very good turnout. As usual, all three clubs joined to-

gether for this event and everyone had a great feast.

Our business meeting was opened at 8 p.m. Convention business was discussed. It was reported that our member, Dave Pedersen, who now lives in Solvang, is well and sends greetings to all the Brother members. Helga Nielsen of Solvang also sends her regards to the Brothers.

Peter Pedersen won the raffle and he bought each of us a drink so we all said skol to him. Thank you, Pete!

Our guest at the meeting was Sebastian Opffer and before the evening was over, he had filled out an application for membership. It was voted on and accepted by our lodge. Welcome! **Anne Kofod, Cor.**

**Lodge #299, Solvang, CA** — A very good "Biksemad med Spejlaeg" was served for 41 members and visitors by Max Hanberg and crew. The following meeting was relatively well attended by 25 members.

A donation of \$100 to the Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, Iowa, and Elmer Hansen's application for membership were approved.

A \$500 scholarship for Eileen Fitzgerald was granted on the initiative of Johannes Jaeger.

A committee was appointed to arrange a fund raising event for a donation to the local Danish Museum. The committee members are Johannes Jaeger, Ed Madsen, Knud Jacobsen, Arne Jacobsen, Bent Pedersen, Mike Andersen, and Bent Thompson.

Bill Villa gave a report on his soccer team winning the district tournament this year and expressed his appreciation for the donation from our lodge. **Jacob Ravn, Cor.**

**Lodge #306, San Diego, CA** — The Danish Sisterhood and Brotherhood lodges of San Diego will hold their regular monthly meeting on September 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the Norway Hall, 3875 43rd St., San Diego. This is the first meeting in a couple of months as we have been on vacation. Hope everyone had a great summer!

At the Brotherhood meeting in May, a letter was read from Karen Suda. It was a motion to lower the dues of the Brotherhood back to \$12 per year. This will be published three times and voted on at our

## Annual Board Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of The Danish Brotherhood will begin on October 19, 1989, at the National Headquarters Building, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131.

meeting in September.

The annual camping trip will be to Ma Taw Awa on September 15-17. Call Lillian Suda for your reservations.

**Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA** — Before our July meeting we enjoyed a delicious potluck dinner. As usual, the members of all three lodges brought a variety of good food.

Karen and Dick Rowse told of their successful cruise together with 23 other family members.

The National Committee informed us that a profit of \$2,000 had been donated to the Relocation Fund for the Danish Church.

**Inger Dix, Treas.**

**Lodge #345, Orange Co., CA** — The July meeting began in the usual way with a call to order by President Gary Gossett. Ceremonies were observed followed by the introduction of guests present.

We were happy to present four applications for membership: Ken Kristoffersen and his wife Robin, and their children, Keyra and Kirk.

A nice note from Howard and Hazel Kjell-sen was read thanking the lodge for the going away party and the gift of an engraved silver plate.

Operation Care and Share Chairmen, Vivian and Ozzie Schuette, reported that they had taken our collected supplies to the Christian Temporary Housing Facility which we are now associated with. Vivian has been on a personal tour of one of the facilities and gave an excellent report. She was able to see their need, and what our part could be in filling part of that need. We will continue to collect canned goods, tuna, meats, fruits and baby foods. Also paper products of any kind. She stated that there is a need for baby Pampers but the cost of those are a bit prohibitive. She also men-

tioned bringing macaroni and cheese dinners, etc. So everyone keep up the good work and bring in all you can. When she has another supply, she'll take them once again to the home.

Ken Olsen, Chairman in reference to the Relocation Fund raising for the Danish Church of Los Angeles, reported that all those interested in donating to this fund could do so on an individual basis. Several members had already shown interest in donating to this worthwhile endeavor. Toni Gossett made a report on the 1990 installation. She has contacted several places and the membership will make a decision on the place and particulars within the next month. This will be a joint installation with Kodan Lodge No. 346 in Riverside.

For a long time now, we've had the need for someone to keep track of lodge supplies and now we have a Supply Chairman. Thank you Pat Christensen for accepting this appointment. Pat will keep a record of supplies and replenish them as they dwindle. It's really tough to get to the lodge and find the coffee is gone.

We want to thank the chairmen, Gary and Toni Gossett, for planning such a fun evening. It was a game night and Gary made sure that everyone participated in the activities. We all had to take part but everyone was happy to do so. I heard it remarked that we should do this all the time. We want to thank all the ladies who brought those delicious finger foods, what a great array. Now that's my kind of food.

**Gerry Olson, Sec.**

**NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD  
BEST ANNUAL ACTIVITY SCHEDULE**

**Lodge #346, Riverside, CA** — We had a board meeting on June 15 and voted to send a \$50 donation to the Danish Church in appreciation for the folk dancers coming out to our deep pit barbecue.



The gang gathers for St. Hans Aften.

Twenty-nine members and friends celebrated St. Hans in the San Bernardino Mountains. We had our traditional witch burning on top of a bonfire and sent her on to Bloksbjaerg. We camped out in trailers, motorhomes, tent trailers, and tents. Everybody seemed to like the smaller Lobo Campground better than the large Oso because of the shade, nice restrooms and picturesque setting for the fire-ring. Many thanks to Vikki Garrison for spending her Memorial Day working on getting the campground for the lodge. Many of us played cards while others went for short hikes, chatted or just relaxed. On Saturday night we had a group potluck dinner. Then we went to the fire-ring where we sang songs, learned about the origins of St. Hans Fest, and finally set fire to the wood that burned the witch. Thanks to Doris Thompson who created the little witch, Ken Nielsen and John Kristensen for building the fire, Vikki Garrison for the sing-along music, and to our friend and hopefully prospective member, Ivan Rasmussen, for making it possible for us to hear the music at the fire-ring, to Jim Patterson for letting us borrow "Puff" for cooking and heating, and to everyone who came and participated.

Our next board meeting will be on September 14 at the Perez home.

# 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
7-5-89	Bjarne M. Nielsen	88	Vejle, Denmark	143	Petaluma, California	1928
7-1-89	Henry K. Charlsen	83	Fayette, New York	71	Penn Yan, New York	1951
6-10-89	James R. Andersen	59	Council Bluffs, Iowa	10	Council Bluffs, Iowa	1956
7-9-89	Jens A. Petersen	99	Alden, Minnesota	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1908
6-23-89	Oscar Jorgensen	84	Schenectady, New York	190	Schenectady, New York	1923
11-23-85	Serano Sorensen	76	Racine, Wisconsin	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1948
7-16-89	Rudolf M. Christoffersen	85	Copenhagen, Denmark	49	San Francisco, California	1924
10-31-88	Arthur S. Boylesen	79	Minden, Nebraska	16	Minden, Nebraska	1975
6-23-89	Gordon J. Rausz	74	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	1984
7-3-89	Clifton H. Weatherly	84	Liscomb, Iowa	144	Dike, Iowa	1968
6-10-89	Raymond C. Jensen	72	Pawtucket, Rhode Island	102	Providence, Rhode Island	1967
4-18-89	Storker E. Kleven	72	Minneapolis, Minnesota	186	Luck, Wisconsin	1980
7-7-89	Arvid Swanson	85	Smaland, Sweden	35	Chicago, Illinois	1985
4-1-89	Collins W. Strand	79	Minden, Nebraska	16	Minden, Nebraska	1961
7-7-89	Raphael Petersen	72	Waukegan, Illinois	182	Waukegan, Illinois	1953

We will be having a London Broil Barbecue at the Del Gripos in September to get the ball rolling at our anniversary party.  
**Sue Patterson, Pres.**

**NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD  
 BEST DISTRICT**

**NEBRASKA**

**Nebraska District**

Congratulations to Bill Jorgensen for winning the "Howard E. Christensen Award" and to Dawn Russell, recipient of the 1989 Axel Skelbeck Scholarship Award. This is the second consecutive year that a student from Lodge No. 161 has won this award. We are proud of both of you.

The Nebraska District of the Danish Brotherhood and Danish Sisterhood of America will hold its annual convention in Lincoln, Nebraska, on September 22-24. It will be held at the Villager Inn. The convention will be hosted jointly by Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 84 and Danish Sisterhood Lodge No. 90.

**Jim Christiansen, Cor.**

**Lodge #1, Omaha, NE** — The August social included a roast beef dinner and a tour of the Metropolitan Utilities District Minne Lusa Pumping Station (Florence Water Works) in connection with their 100th anniversary celebration. Following the tour, the group adjourned to Vennelyst Park for a regular business meeting.

**Ruth Nielsen, Cor.**

**NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD  
 BEST SINGLE CIVIC ACTIVITY**

**Lodge #16, Minden, NE** — We met at the Community Center on Thursday evening, July 20, with 34 in attendance. A short business meeting was held.

Elmer Davidson received the \$5.00 drawing. A nice sum of money was received from the white elephant sale with Merle Haselbarth as auctioneer. All signed get well cards for Fred Bronson and Elmer Jepsen.

Following the meeting the committee, Harold and May Christ, served ice cream and brownies.

**Lillie Hansen, Cor.**

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Members failing to pay their local lodge treasurer as per above will be considered in arrears.

**Lodge #206, Blair, NE** — The June meeting was a picnic at the Lion's Club Park. The attendance was very good even though many of our members were on the Wisconsin trip. There seemed to be plenty of good food and conversation.

The Bake Sale was a big success. The chairpersons, Morris and Harriet Palle, would like to thank everyone who brought baked goods or contributed cash or helped in any way. To date we have cleared \$393.75.

**Bob Johnson, Sec.**

**IOWA-MINNESOTA**

**Lodge #15, Des Moines, IA** — The July meeting was held at the American Legion Hall, 69th and Douglas in Urbandale. The program was a speech and slide presentation by Ruth Ann Jarrett of the Iowa Children and Family Services. She focused on the foster children care program. Brotherhood members, Joanne and Clark Rasmussen, have been active in foster children care for a number of years. There is a great deal of interest and concern among the Brotherhood members concerning the serious problem of maltreated and maladjusted children in the community. Congratulations are in order to those who are involved in dealing with this program.

Elizabeth Ibsen and Jane Gillaspay provided tasty refreshments to the group following the program.

**Wilber Williamson, Cor.**

**Lodge #144, Dike, IA** — We, along with Sisterhood Lodge No. 176, enjoyed an outing on the Shellrock River on Sunday, July 9. We disembarked four miles upstream to partake of a pork loin supper at the Paddle Inn, a rustic restaurant, and enjoyed organ and vocal music while eating. On the return



**Members enjoyed the outing on the river.**

trip, an important part of the scenery was a herd of Holstein cows, standing in the river to keep the milk cool.

**Lyle Refshauge, Sec.**

**Lodge #147, Newell, IA** — We, along with the Danish Sisterhood Lodge No. 109, held our annual potluck picnic at the Warden Park in Newell with thirty in attendance on June 21.

Hendrick Jannsen, guest of the Eric Jensens, gave a talk about his native Holland. It was very interesting and informative.

**On July 2, the Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood lodges continued the tradition of the aebleskiver breakfast during Newell's centennial celebration. Both groups have used the proceeds to purchase community improvement items such as benches for Newell's main street, trees in the park and a kitchen sink, stove and exhaust fan and ceiling fan for the Warden Park shelterhouse.**

It takes many people with willing hands — about 35 in all — to work the breakfasts. Workers arrive at 6:00 a.m. to begin mixing the batter, making coffee and frying the aebleskiver and sausages.

**Elmer Jensen, Sec.**

**Lodge #217, Humboldt, IA** — In June, delegates and alternates were elected to attend the Iowa-Minnesota District Convention to be held at West Branch on September 8-10.

In July, bills were allowed concerning assessments for the Iowa-Minnesota District and to the Home Office for social dues.

Harlan Johnson read a news item from the July 6 issue of the Laurens Sun concerning his wife, Flordelisa, who became a United States citizen in a ceremony at Fort Dodge on June 26. Members signed a card of congratulations.

Harlan brought a beautiful plaque he has made on which the symbols of the Danish Brotherhood — the anchor, the key and the plumb — are displayed. It was moved, seconded and carried that Harlan and Harold have an interview and their picture taken with the plaque for the Humboldt Independent.

Helen Larsen and Esther and Fred Hall continued our program of "Show and Tell" of family history which we all enjoy.

**Violet Bergeson, Sec.**

**Lodge #219, Clear Lake, IA** — Members and guests met on the "Lady of the Lake" paddle wheel boat in Clear Lake. Some of the members arrived early and enjoyed a chicken barbecue sponsored by the Clear



All are ready to begin the Viking Cruise.



Congratulations to camp grant recipients, Yvette Sorensen and Todd Sonsalla.

Lake Lions Club. The Danish flag flew next to our picnic table and we enjoyed having a few people stop by including a young lady from Denmark and a former employee of Dana College. The flag was then taken on board the "Lady of the Lake" where we began our "Viking Cruise." Special guests were Jim and Grace Thomson and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Madson from Albert Lea. Also Iowa-Minnesota District Fraternal Coordinator Dave Nealson and his son Theron from Lone Tree, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Smeby from Klemme and Sara Butz from Clear Lake. National Director Jerry Sonsalla and District Fraternal Coordinator Dave Nealson presented Yvette Sorensen and Todd Sonsalla with camp grants. Each will attend a church camp.

Refreshments were served in the park following the cruise. During the meeting delegates were elected for the Iowa-Minnesota District Convention. The delegates are Todd Sonsalla and Jerry Sonsalla with Edith Skene and Thorvald Sorensen as alternates. District Fraternal Coordinator Dave Nealson spoke to the group. Due to the change of date for the Iowa-Minnesota District Convention this year, our lodge will meet on September 16.

Our radio station, KQWC, recently started a "Norwegian Hour." Just before

## Payment to Board Members

AUGUST 1989

Clyde R. Langsted, salary, \$240.60.

the July 4th celebration, Kathy Sonsalla sent a letter to the station manager about the Danish celebration at Rebild which was read on the air. **Kathy Sonsalla, Sec.**

**Lodge #263, Askov, MN** — We held our annual picnic on Sunday afternoon, August 6, in the local lovely city park. There were 45 present to enjoy wieners barbecued by Ed and Becky Melzark and delicious potluck brought by the guests. The weather was a little on the chilly side after having several days of hot, humid weather, but it did not deter those present.

A horseshoe tournament was held with Maurice Espointour and LeRoy Larsen walking off with the trophy. Becky Melzark and Bob Kenowski came in second, Jerry Jensen and Ed Melzark, third, and Jim Miller and Byron Petersen, fourth. A good time was had by all. **Edna Petersen, Sec.**

**Lodge #326, West Branch, IA** — Twenty lodge members met at the home of Howard and Wilma Nealson in West Liberty for our August meeting. Lodge members watched the West Liberty, Iowa, fair parade from the Nealson's front yard. We had a

# VELKOMMEN!

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



### Lodge

Member	No.	Location	Sponsor
Joy C. Kroll	1	—Omaha, NE	Gay Terkelsen
Mary A. Jensen	1	—Omaha, NE	Ray Strong
Gino A. Vignieri	14	—Kenosha, WI	Todd Bernhardt
Joseph P. Cunningham	14	—Kenosha, WI	James Bohn
Alex J. Nigro	14	—Kenosha, WI	Tony Maruca
Richard D. Johnston	14	—Kenosha, WI	Dan Greenwald
Harry R. Adamson	14	—Kenosha, WI	Louis C. Andrea
Anthony M. Hines	14	—Kenosha, WI	Louis C. Andrea
Kenneth H. Kromann	29	—Seattle, WA	Martin Rasmussen
Ann Kromann	29	—Seattle, WA	Martin Rasmussen
Egnacio D. Florez	30	—Muskegon, MI	Terry Falkowski
Larry C. Kauffman	30	—Muskegon, MI	Scott John Burkall
Dennis M. Spliedt	30	—Muskegon, MI	Scott John Burkall
Judith M. Pedersen	35	—Chicago, IL	Marius Pedersen
Morgan S. Phenix	36	—Milwaukee, WI	Albert Larsen
Timothy A. Timinski	51	—Ludington, MI	Jack Smith
Richard E. Peterson	84	—Lincoln, NE	Andy Andersen
Anna O. Bentzen	95	—Ferndale, CA	Francis Sweet
Dwight K. Perrin	95	—Ferndale, CA	James Thomsen
Beverly Perrin	95	—Ferndale, CA	James Thomsen
Beverly Y. Demello	95	—Ferndale, CA	James Thomsen
Kristie E. Martella	95	—Ferndale, CA	Clara Sherrill
Candice M. Martella	95	—Ferndale, CA	Clara Sherrill
Jessica L. Martella	95	—Ferndale, CA	Clara Sherrill
Sebastian Opffer	126	—Los Angeles, CA	Neco Hansen
Dean E. Ramsley	139	—Viborg, SD	Arnie Sorensen
Janice K. Ramsley	139	—Viborg, SD	Arnie Sorensen
Ruth Joyce Nelson	139	—Viborg, SD	Arnie Sorensen
Kate L. Praegel	155	—Bellingham, WA	Herluf Pedersen
Alice M. Peterson	164	—New York, NY	John O'Brien
Beverly Meadus	164	—New York, NY	Inger Holst
Earl Holcombe	164	—New York, NY	Clare Sorensen
Olga Holcombe	164	—New York, NY	Clare Sorensen
Walter Peterson	164	—New York, NY	John O'Brien
Mary A. Martin	164	—New York, NY	Grete Leth
Sonia I. Holmer	164	—New York, NY	John Knudsen
Elizabeth Peterson	170	—Rocky River, OH	Henry Peterson
Cecil M. Camery	341	—Elk Horn-Kimballton, IA	Signe Madsen
Kristine E. Hake	348	—Eugene, OR	Kristian Sand
Eric W. Hake	348	—Eugene, OR	Kristian Sand
Donald L. Jacobsen	349	—Atlantic, IA	Nadine Williamson
Janice M. Jacobsen	349	—Atlantic, IA	Nadine Williamson
Helen M. Petersen	349	—Atlantic, IA	Kenneth Hoegh



The Vikings were the hit of the parade.

'Viking Ship' float in the parade adorned by live Vikings in costumes. Our float took home third place.

Plans were also being finalized for the upcoming Iowa-Minnesota District Convention on September 8-10 in Coralville, Iowa. We are really looking forward to seeing all of you good Danes in Coralville.

**Deloris Ross, Sec.**

**Lodge #347, Cedar Rapids, IA** — The annual ice cream social was held on July 16 at Don and Ruth Rosdail's lovely farm in Marion, Iowa. We missed a lot of our members. Seems like this year is the year for traveling and so many are still on vacation. On the other hand, the members who could not participate missed a very congenial social.

Everyone enjoyed this balmy summer evening, socializing, eating the good homemade ice cream and stuffing ourselves with cake and cookies.

Adding a little excitement to the party were two unexpected hot air balloons, one coming right over the Rosdail farm. The other gave up half way and had to land.

We are sad to announce the loss of our charter member, Ann Bys. She will be sorely missed. Her good sense of humor brought a lot of laughter to all. I end this column with a poem Ann had written:

Some day, I know, I must grow old  
And rock the hours away.  
But let me pack my memory  
Against that coming day.

Let me count the stars in a moonlit sky  
And walk through the wooded hills.  
Let me silently wait by a hedge to feed  
A family of whippoorwills.

Let me watch as fresh snow drapes the  
countryside  
Putting caps on a fencepost and wall;  
Or sit by a night-filled marshy glen  
And hear the wild geese call.

Let me thrill to the joy of a rain-washed  
world

Or a rose garden dewy wet.  
I will grow old — courageously  
But please, not yet, not yet.

**Alice Gorsch, Cor.**

**Lodge #349, Atlantic, IA** — The Scandinavian Dancers from Omaha entertained 56 members and guests of our lodge at our July 10 meeting at Camblin Addition of Sunnyside Park in Atlantic. With the temperature in the 90s and the dancers wearing their beautiful costumes, they were thankful for the south breeze. We enjoyed their performance.

Guests were introduced and we were happy that three of them decided to join our group. They were Helen M. Petersen and Donald and Janice Jacobsen.

The July committee of Cleone and Lloyd Christensen, Ken and Mary Lou Hoegh, Everett and Evelyn Rechtenbach, and Paul and Nadine Williamson served a delicious dessert for our sandwich supper — homemade ice cream and baked goodies. It was a very enjoyable evening.

We served homemade ice cream and bars from 12:00 noon until we ran out on July 24 for the Ragbrai visit to Atlantic. Workers donated freezers of ice cream and bars that were sold at Ken's Car Wash on the west side of town.

## MISSOURI

**Lodge #56, Kansas City, MO** — Our members helped celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of Harry and Esther Prinds.



Congratulations to Harry and Esther Prinds on their 50th anniversary.

Harry and Esther are faithful members of the lodge and welcomed all of their friends and family to a gala celebration in Lenexa, Kansas.

**Bob Wallace, Cor.**

## MIDWEST

**Lodge #4, Racine, WI** — Our next regular meeting will be held on September 13, 1989, at D.D.R.'s Pub on Taylor Avenue. Officers will meet at 7:00 p.m.

The Midwest District Convention will be held in Kenosha on September 23-24 hosted by Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 14 and Danish Sisterhood Lodge No. 20. Convention headquarters will be the Holiday Inn where the meetings will be held. The Saturday evening banquet and dance will be held at the Danish Brotherhood Hall. The price is \$12.50 per person.

The convention is close to home this year. Let's support our neighbors to the south of us.

The delegates representing our lodge at the convention will be Glenn Nyboe and John Mollerskov. The alternates are Erik Raahauge and Al Andersen.

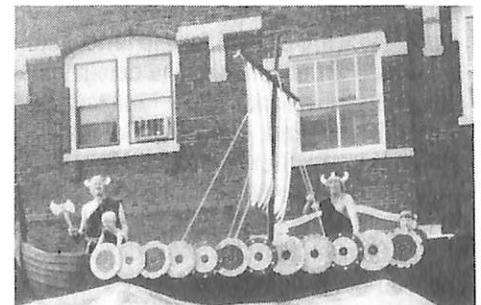
**Glenn Nyboe, Pres.**

### NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST ANNUAL ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

**Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI** — We would like to thank all members and wives for their effort and hard work in making the Gladsaxe Girls' stay here in Wisconsin a pleasant and memorable one. This type of effort that we all put forth is why Lodge No.



The Gladsaxe Girl Guard performed at the local high school on June 28.



**GENERATIONS WORKING TOGETHER  
DANISH BROTHERHOOD #14**

Lodge No. 14's ship sets its sails.

14 in Kenosha is always No. 1 and is a leader for all the other lodges to follow.

Many folks were involved but special thanks go to the Danish Sisterhood for helping at the reception following the parade, Tom Nelson and family for donating their time and equipment in both parades, all members involved with our award winning float and the Tom Nielsen family for being in the float in both parades and helping in the costume department.

Our Midwest convention is coming up on September 22-24 at the Holiday Inn in Kenosha and our hard-working convention committee is progressing nicely. If you would like to help out with the convention or donate items for the large raffle, let us know. Your support is always appreciated.

Our convention delegates this year are Roger Nelson and Malcolm Young and alternates are Ben Petersen and Anker Adelsen. Please contact these people with any suggestions you might have for this year's convention.

Welcome new members Ray Jacobsen, Al Aceto, Gerald Mylnarek, James Johnson, Brian Bernhardt, Harold Hesel, Ray White, John Sullivan, and Jack Finch.

**Bob Ibsen, Cor.**

**Lodge #34, Dwight, IL** — Results are in and Dwight fared well in the DBIA National Bowling Tournament. Congratulations to Donna Hoegger for winning the Women's Individual High Game Award. The winning teams are: Go—Nads, Pin Busters, Dis-N-Dat, Herman's Hermits, Bad News Strikers, and Pony Express Riders. Congrats to all!

A beautiful day, excellent food, good company and especially good times were had on July 22 at the golf outing sponsored by Lodge No. 35 in Chicago. Dwight had 29 participants. I've heard everything good about this day. Lots of nice prizes were given out. Another successful Midwest District event! Thanks to Lodge No. 35.

Centennial plates are available at \$12.50 each. Be sure and get yours soon. A lot of work by Paul Smith went in to these to commemorate our lodge's 100 years.

We will attend the Conklin Theatre on Sunday, October 15, 1989, and see "Everybody Loves Opal." A sign-up sheet will be at the next two meetings.

**Margaret Goodwin, Sec.**

### NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST NEWSLETTER

**Lodge #35, Chicago, IL** — At our last meeting, Ed Larsen said the ad book for our 100th anniversary party is going well but more ads could be used.

Ray Nielsen said that everyone had a

good time at the Trap Shoot in Dwight and Grant Rau made the observation that the fried chicken they served was super delicious!

Al Iversen told of attending Milwaukee Lodge's 100th anniversary parade and brunch. Al and Herta Iversen, Grethe and Henry Jepsen and Woody Petersen at-

tended and enjoyed the Gladsaxe Girl Band from Denmark.

A birthday card was passed around for people to sign to be sent to Chris Mortensen on his 107th birthday.

Charles Jespersen reminded us that \$100 will be sent to the family of Arvid Swanson as a death benefit.

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President Sloth welcomed Carole Baily and Bob and Yvette Jensen.

Election of delegates for the Midwest District Convention was held. Results are as follows: Ed Larsen and Eric Jensen as delegates and Audrey Christiansen and Grethe Jepsen.

Two of our young members, Marc Connery and Kari Christensen, were presented checks for scholarships and were given a round of applause.

Woody Petersen thanked those who continue to give money and canned goods to Lutheran Family Mission.

**Elsa Petersen, Cor.**

**Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI** — Jeremy P. Haberman was initiated into our lodge as an insured member during our August 2 business meeting. Welcome, Jeremy!

We provided scholarships to each Lisa Hansen and Christian T. Schoewe to attend the Danish Language Village, Skovsøen, in northern Minnesota.

Plans are underway for our Friday, September 29, fall torsk dinner to be served at 6:00 p.m. at International Institute. For reservations contact Al Larsen.

**Al Larsen, Sec.**

**Lodge #343, Waupaca, WI** — In spite of the hot, humid weather on July 27th, a sizable group from our lodge arrived at Waupaca's Riverside Park for our annual picnic to find a pleasant cooling breeze in the shelterhouse. Our excellent Danish cooks provided a real feast.

Important upcoming events to be remembered are our annual aebleskiver supper on Thursday, September 28, in the Fellowship Hall of Trinity Lutheran Church and our annual Mortensaften Goose Dinner at the Waupaca Country Club on Saturday, November 11. **Evelyn Doerr, Past Pres.**

## MICHIGAN-OHIO

### Michigan-Ohio District

July 8th was the date that the Muskegon Lodge No. 30 hosted the District Picnic at the Elks Park on Lake Michigan. It turned out to be a beautiful day and just over 100 people showed up including members from Greenville, Ludington, Detroit, and of course, the good people from the host lodge. We had a great time and the workers from the host lodge should be thanked for their efforts in making the day a nice time for all of us. Because of bad weather I was not able to go salmon fishing the next morning, but I guess I can't blame the people in Muskegon for that.

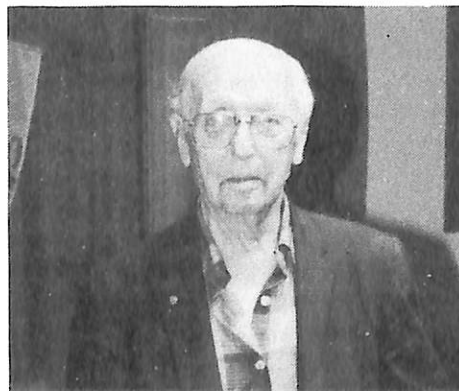
Saturday, August 5, was the day of the

District Golf Outing which was hosted by the Ludington Lodge No. 51. There were 76 people playing and a steak fry was held in the evening at the Danish Hall. I feel that the tournament was a fixed set-up against the out of towners and I want to explain what happened so people will understand what I mean, especially Keith Koegler, Jack Smith and Rob Jensen. On Friday night, the problems started when the lights went out at the Danish Hall because of a storm (that's what they said). Of course, the power was out for about eight hours so maybe they weren't kidding us. Then the next day we all had a good time playing golf and though all of us from out of town played our hearts out, later in the evening at the awards banquet, all of the prizes were won by members of the Ludington lodge or members of their families. Now doesn't that look bad, especially if you are from out of town. The fact that they played better golf than us shouldn't count. If this sounds like sour grapes, don't believe it because if I didn't give these fine people a hard time about something, they would think I was upset with them. All in all, we had a great time and our thanks to all the fine people in Ludington who worked so hard to make this a successful and fun day.

**Bob Sorensen, Dist. Sec.**

## GCEL

**Lodge #41, Derby, CT** — Our July meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Peters, III, celebrating Magnus "Mac" Petersen's 102nd birthday. An excellent dinner was served by the host and hostess. Mac received a box of cigars from the lodge, after which he got up and thanked everyone involved.



Happy 102nd birthday to Mac Petersen!

Mac still goes bowling weekly and drives his car. He was born in 1887 and has been a member of the Brotherhood since 1906. Do we hold a record here within the DBIA?

**Henry Bungard, Treas.**

**Lodge #46, Perth Amboy, NJ** — As the summer comes to an end, we can look back on a year with plenty of vitality in our lodge.

The initiation of four new members, LeRoy H. Clausen, Robert C. Jensen, Peter Peterson and Bernard P. Scibienski, to our lodge was a nice way to start the year and we welcome these new members to our midst.

The Atlantic City Casino Bus Trip in April was a great success according to the winners. The losers seek revenge in October, and the date is the 12th. Good luck!

On June 10, we had our outdoor meeting with the wives of members present. There was a total of 62 present but it sounded twice that as old friends, new friends and members greeted one another, enjoyed the fine buffet dinner served after a short business meeting and just listened to one another.



Three generations of Ferdinandsens. Joseph is presented with his scholarship by President Eric Brown while his father and grandfather look on.

At the same meeting, one of our junior members, Joseph Ferdinandsen, was presented with the first scholarship award given out by Thor Lodge in the amount of \$500 over a period of two years. Joseph is the son of Warren Ferdinandsen and grandson of Past President George Ferdinandsen, an ardent worker of our lodge for many years. It was a proud moment for both father, grandfather, and family present. In addition to that, a certificate of recognition for a national scholarship award from the Home Office was also presented to Joseph, all handled by President Eric Brown. A hardy round of applause is in order for the Ferdinandsen family. Aren't we lucky with members like that?

On July 9, the Home held its annual picnic and the Pilgrims of Danes from anywhere you can possibly name made their appearance. Big and small, young and not so young all came out and enjoyed a day that was made to order. The younger ones had a ball splashing in a pool brought along by some. Others enjoyed card games and some were just listening to the familiar

tunes from Denmark which always set the foot and heart beating faster. This was the 75th anniversary of the Home that we know today. The hot dogs, soda, beer and the chilled akvavit made a superb topping of the day for approximately 150 who attended.

Our lodge's annual picnic on August 12 came off in great style. The efforts of President Eric Brown and his committee all made the day a success for the many who attended. The weather seemed to enhance the fun and frolic. Food served ranged from frikadeller and red cabbage to hot dogs and corn, topped off with your favorite beverage. The day was enjoyable and we look forward to next year's. Congratulations to the committee.

As we approach the fall, how about a trip to Atlantic City on October 12.

Tickets are now available for our Christmas Dinner-Dance on December 9.

**Kenneth Nielsen, Sec.**

## Ethnic Festival To Be Held

The eleventh annual New Jersey Ethnic Festival will be held on Saturday, Septem-

ber 23 and Sunday, September 24, from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. at Liberty State Park in Jersey City, New Jersey.

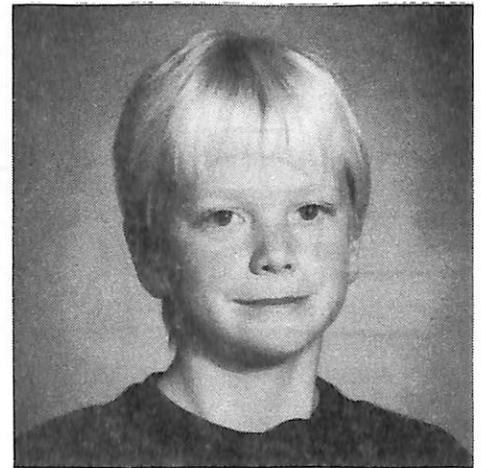
The multi-ethnic festival will bring together representatives from the many different ethnic groups in New Jersey for performance of music and dance, as well as the sale and display of ethnic foods and crafts. The activities are held both indoors and outdoors at the historic Central Railroad Terminal and on the banks of the Hudson River in proximity to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. Admission and parking are free. The event will be held rain or shine.

The opening ceremonies scheduled for 12:00 noon will feature a "Parade of Nations," a naturalization ceremony for two-hundred new citizens and welcoming remarks by public officials and representatives of ethnic communities.

The festival is sponsored by the New Jersey Ethnic Advisory Council and the Office of Ethnic Affairs both in the New Jersey Department of State in cooperation with the Department of Environment Protection, Division of Parks and Forestry.

For information, call New Jersey Office of Ethnic Affairs at: (609) 984-7145.

## Introducing . . .



James Christian Larsen, one of our newest Young Vikings. James joined Lodge No. 600 and has this to say:

I am 9 years old and in fourth grade at Lakeview School. I take karate and piano lessons and I am in Cub Scouts. I also enjoy baseball and swimming. I joined the Danish Brotherhood because my dad and grandpa are in it and they like it. I hope I do too.

**Welcome, James!**

## A Girl in the Tower Continued from page 12

The next morning, Helga, as she did every day, went to the roof to watch the sun rise over the sea. When she came to the roof, she found this young man asleep in a fallen tree.

She gently woke him and said, "Who are you and how did you get here?"

When Jens opened his eyes, he gasped as he didn't know where he was and when he saw this beautiful girl standing near him he assumed he was dreaming.

He rubbed his eyes, but nothing changed.

"My name is Jens," he said. "Last night I was sleeping in the wilderness when it became very cold. I found a felled tree and crawled into the leaves to keep warm. But I honestly do not know how I came here."

Helga found some feathers and showed them to Jens who figured out it was from some large bird who picked him up with the tree and brought him to the tower.

When Helga and Jens' eyes met, they were instantly taken to one another. Helga invited Jens to have a warm bath and some food and she gave him a new robe to wear. When he had finished dressing he came up to the roof where Helga had been waiting and she was struck by how handsome he was.

After some conversation, Helga said, "This tower was built so that it is impossible to leave it, for there are no doors of any kind, and the only window is the one you came through a while back."

Jens was confused. "Why are you here?" he asked.

Helga sighed. "I do not really know. My father told me to stay here for one year and I promised him that I would with no questions. He promised he would explain his reasons when I returned."

Jens looked down from the tower. "What am I to do?" he asked, feeling quite helpless.

"As I said," repeated Helga, "there is no way to get down from here; and even if you managed to find a way there are no ships that pass this island. Perhaps it was fate that brought you here."

Jens nodded and said, "Yes, it was."

As the days went on, their love grew deeper.

They talked and read from Helga's vast library and finally Jens asked her to marry him.

A year later, the rich man came to bring his daughter back home. Needless to say how surprised he was to find Jens, but was delighted to know of their love for each other.

The rich man then realized that you can't hide from life, because when things are meant to be, they happen. He gladly gave his consent for Helga's marriage to Jens and they lived together in joy and peace for all of the days of their lives.

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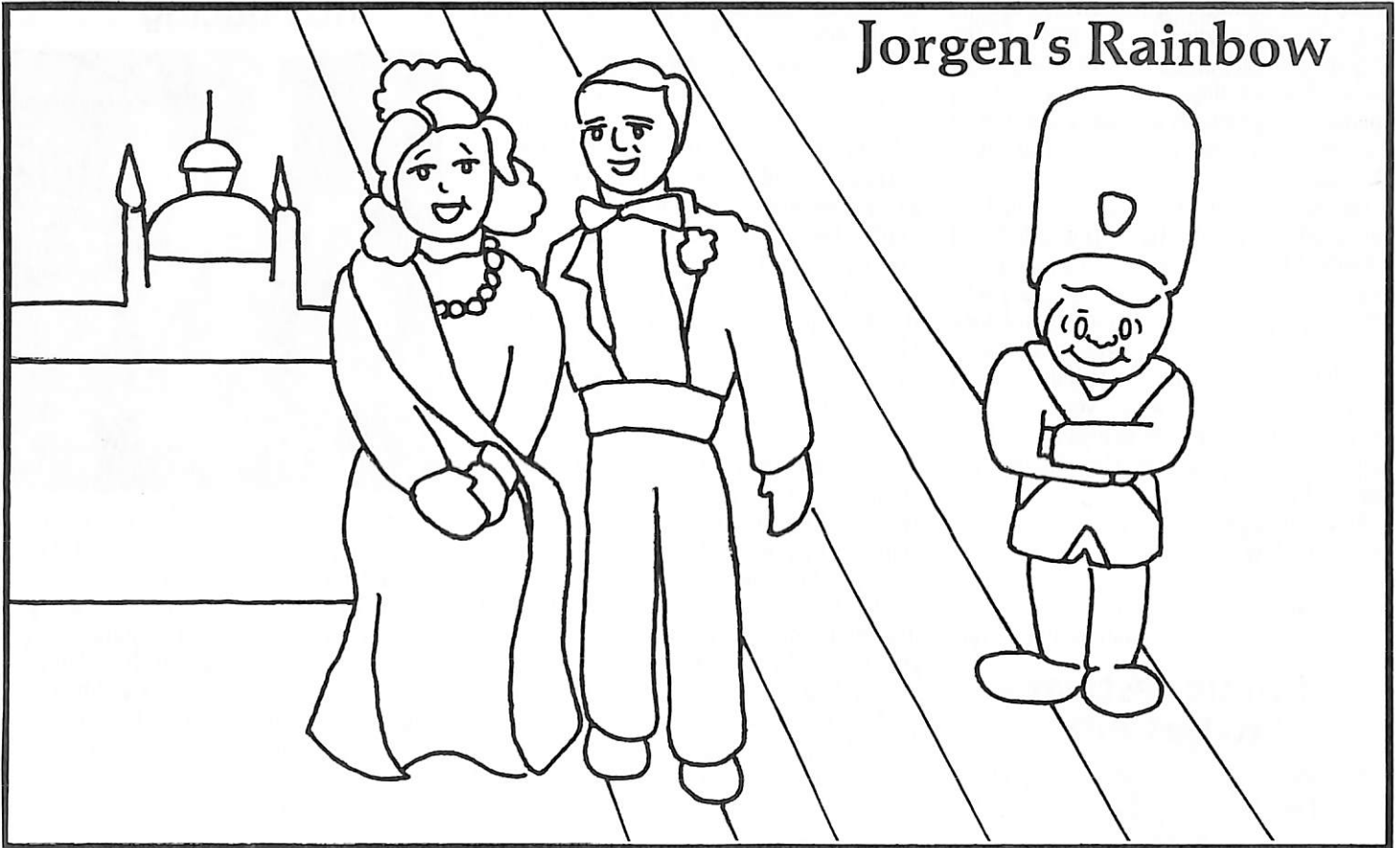
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## Jorgen's Rainbow



Almost like a fairy-tale land, Denmark is still a place where Kings and Queens live. When King Fredrik IX (which means "the ninth") died in 1972, his daughter, Margrethe became queen. Her Majesty, Queen Margrethe II is married to Prince Henrik. Margrethe is a good queen, and only the second woman monarch to ever reign over Denmark. Jorgen says the Danish word for queen is "Dronning." Can you say it?

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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.

**August winners: Jessica Martella, Travis Merlington, and Jodi Lind.**

## Grandma's Kitchen

### Rug Brød (Rye Bread)



by Dagmar Jensen

2 cups warm water	1 tsp. salt
2 tbsp. caraway seed	1 pkg. yeast
6 cups white flour	3 tbsp. molasses
6 cups rye flour	4 tbsp. lard
½ cup sugar	

Brown the sugar in a skillet and add ½ cup of warm water. Dissolve the yeast in lukewarm water. Heat the lard and let cool to lukewarm. Mix dry ingredients, add sugar mixture, yeast mixture and molasses. Add lard to dry ingredients. Knead for 15 minutes. Let rise in warm area and punch down when double in size. Grease two loaf pans and bake for 45 minutes to an hour in 350 degree oven. Remove from pan and top with a mixture of ¼ cup of sugar and juice of one lemon.

## Letters From Denmark Home Again

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our adventure in Denmark. Although we had to leave much not done, we had the rare chance to travel not only across a country, visiting tourist attractions, but into Danish life and culture, at least in a small way. We were guided by friends we want to keep for a lifetime. Following their lead, we listened to the songs of Funen, especially Carl Nielsen's lovely **Fynsk Forår (Springtime in Funen)**, we read Danish authors in translation, including Martin A. Hansen and J. P. Jacobsen, and we got our news from the Danish newspapers, particularly the **Fyens Stiftstidende**. Our sons, students at the local school, studied language in a way new to them, by near total immersion. They will not soon forget the thrill of socializing in a language foreign to them just a few months earlier.

We are already dreaming about the village that seemed like another home, the surrounding fields, so green in the spring, and beautiful **Elkaergaard**. Pausing now, I can imagine I am back in the farmhouse, writing this "letter" as I did the rest, seated at the antique table, looking out over the cobblestone courtyard. I have had the great pleasure posting stories from Draeby to the **American Dane**.

# Viking Adventures

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



## **Ebba L. Norby National Director**

Ebba became a member of Lodge No. 332 in Ripon, California, as a youngster. She transferred her membership to Lodge No. 306 in San Diego, California, for a short period and returned to Lodge No. 332 where she currently serves as Vice President. Ebba has served her lodge by holding many offices and has been very active in the California-Nevada District, serving as Secretary for nine years and currently serves as Trustee. Those who attended the 1987 National Convention held in Des Moines, Iowa, witnessed history in the making as Ebba was the first woman ever elected to the DBIA Board of Directors.

After graduating from Thomas Downey High School, Ebba attended Modesto Junior College and Cabrillo College. She is currently employed by the Laborers International Union of North America and holds the position of Secretary-Treasurer. Ebba has two children, her daughter, Gitte, and her son, Ib.

When asked for any advice Ebba would like to offer to members of the Danish Brotherhood, she stated that she realizes that it takes a great deal of effort to keep activities going in a local lodge, yet she does not know of any other organization that offers the benefits, the family interests, and the fellowship that the members of the Danish Brotherhood enjoy. All the work turns into a labor of love when we are doing what we enjoy and that is what the Danes have that is so special — love of our heritage and an enjoyment of sticking together during special times and events with our friends.

Ebba feels that heritage is a very important value in our lives and to belong to an organization with families that want to preserve the values that we were raised with can enrich each and every person. Not only can members share in activities of the local lodges, but on a district and national level as well. Ebba's parents signed her up under the Young Viking's program and she has enjoyed DBIA activities almost all of her life. From a very young age, other plans were always put on hold to put the Brotherhood first.

She continues to put the Danish Brotherhood first in her life as witnessed by her service on the National Board of Directors. Ebba serves on the Scholarship/Camp Grant Committee, the Auditing and Securities Committee and is Chairman of the Bylaw Committee.

# Training Ship "Danmark" Now Available

Perfect for the home or office, a 24 by 30 inch colored print of the Danish Training Ship "Danmark" by Noted Marine Artist, Dean P. Waite is now available. Dean Waite was born in Manhattan, and was inspired to draw ships at the age of five, after a visit to the Brooklyn Navy Yard. He was educated in Newton, Mass., where he was a charter member of the Newton High School art club and is an honor graduate from Vesper George School of Art, Boston, Massachusetts.

Dean has designed covers for: "The Open Roads for Boys," "Yachting," and "Motor Boating." His paintings have been shown throughout the United States in several museums and galleries. Mr. Waite specializes in a traditional art approach for marine painting, aviation art, mini-vue paintings, portraits and landscapes.

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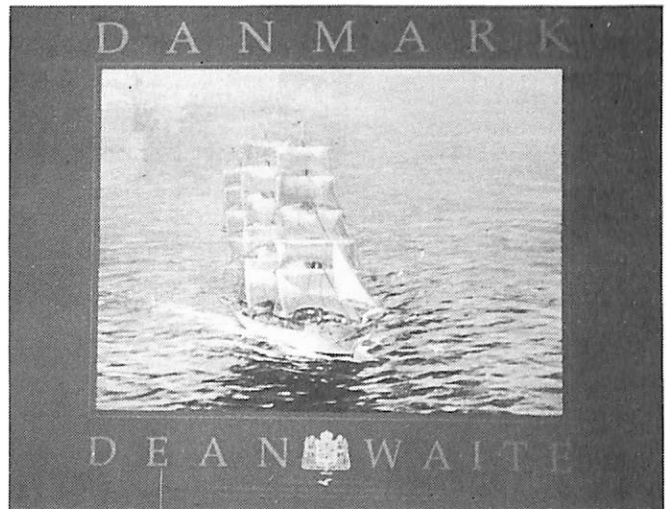
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## Proud To Be A Dane?

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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