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# President's Page

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



November heralds that special time in which we proclaim thanksgiving for the many benefits we as a free people have. The day that we set aside is not just for Americans. It is for everyone who shares this great land with us. Simply open your daily newspaper and you should have some idea of why we are thankful to live in America. We take it for granted; it just sort of happened! I have said all of this before.

Well, we are lucky to live in America and it didn't just happen. We are also very fortunate to have the ancestry we do, in itself something very special.

For years America stretched out her arms and called for the people of many distant lands to join together in a common bond and many nations' sons and daughters responded. I am sure it was a traumatic move for them and a great hardship for those with young families. Imagine what it was like when the decision was finally made. The possibility that you might never see your homeland or family again. Think of those who could only speak their native language. What would they do when they reached that distant shore? Some were fortunate to already have someone here to greet them or, at least, show them the way, but those who came earlier had the same hurdles to pass.

No, it didn't just happen. Many immigrants made successes of themselves in this new land and they did it by hard work. There weren't many handouts in those early days. These were ingenious people who were proud from whence they came and who became proud and responsible members of their new communities. What a credit they were to the overall melting pot of the American system. Interestingly enough they are the same way today and I am proud to know them and proud to be associated with them and I am proud of the record of my forebearers established and which I am lucky enough to be a part of today.

In my position as President of the Danish Brotherhood I have been given more of the many opportunities of visiting various areas of America and being able to meet so many of the membership in our great organization and I have been able to see firsthand that no matter where it is, the Dane is still proud of his heritage and he is a remarkable standout in his community. I think that is something special to us and I want to affirm to you that it does go on. I think you may already know that.

It is almost overwhelming to think of what these people have done. And no, it didn't just happen. Think of what those early immigrants did for us in laying the groundwork. Think of the legacy they have left us. We have only one duty and that is to see that it continues for future generations. We inherited quite a set of values and for us Danes in particular, I truly believe it accounts for our widespread acceptance in any community. Ours is a special niche in the plan of things and it is the many good standards we have that make it so. Bustin' m' buttons? You'd better believe it!

I believe all of you share in the pride of our ancestry and what it has done for us. I think all of you share in the pride of our Danish ethnic heritage and it is my hope that all of you share in the pride of what your Danish Brotherhood has done and continues to do. Yes, I am proud of all of it and I am grateful to have what I do and to live where I am. I have much to be thankful for and I owe a thanks to the many individuals who made it possible. We all do! So take a few moments later this month on that special day when we give thanks for the bounty by giving thanks to those who helped make it possible.

By this time the district conventions have concluded and some committees have already begun preparing for next year. An important message was brought to these meetings covering the new five-year plan for the Danish Brotherhood in America. The message is important to us and it ties in with what I said earlier about the duty we have to see that what we do continues. The five-year plan is not rhetoric and just for us to talk about. It is reality in the truest sense of the word. It will involve dedication by all of us and coupled with volunteerism. Recently on a convention trip I read the complimentary United magazine and from that I borrow the following: "Volunteerism simply means freely offering resources, whether they be time or expertise. However, no volunteer program, no matter how noble or no matter how endowed, can succeed with the personal commitment of individuals." Too often we assume that it is other individuals who will be doing the work and that must change. Put your hand out to an adversary and say: "Let's go to work!" Make a commitment for our future. The Board of Directors and Home Office staff have already done so.

Please remember Operation Care and Share or whatever charity you prefer. This is ongoing work which knows no time constraints. In addition to helping ourselves, we Danes also help others.

During the month of November, two of our Midwest District Lodges, Lodge No. 34 in Dwight, IL and Lodge No. 35 in Chicago, IL will be celebrating their 100th anniversaries. I offer my heartfelt congratulations and join them in looking forward to the next 100 years.

# Newlywed Fraternal Benefit

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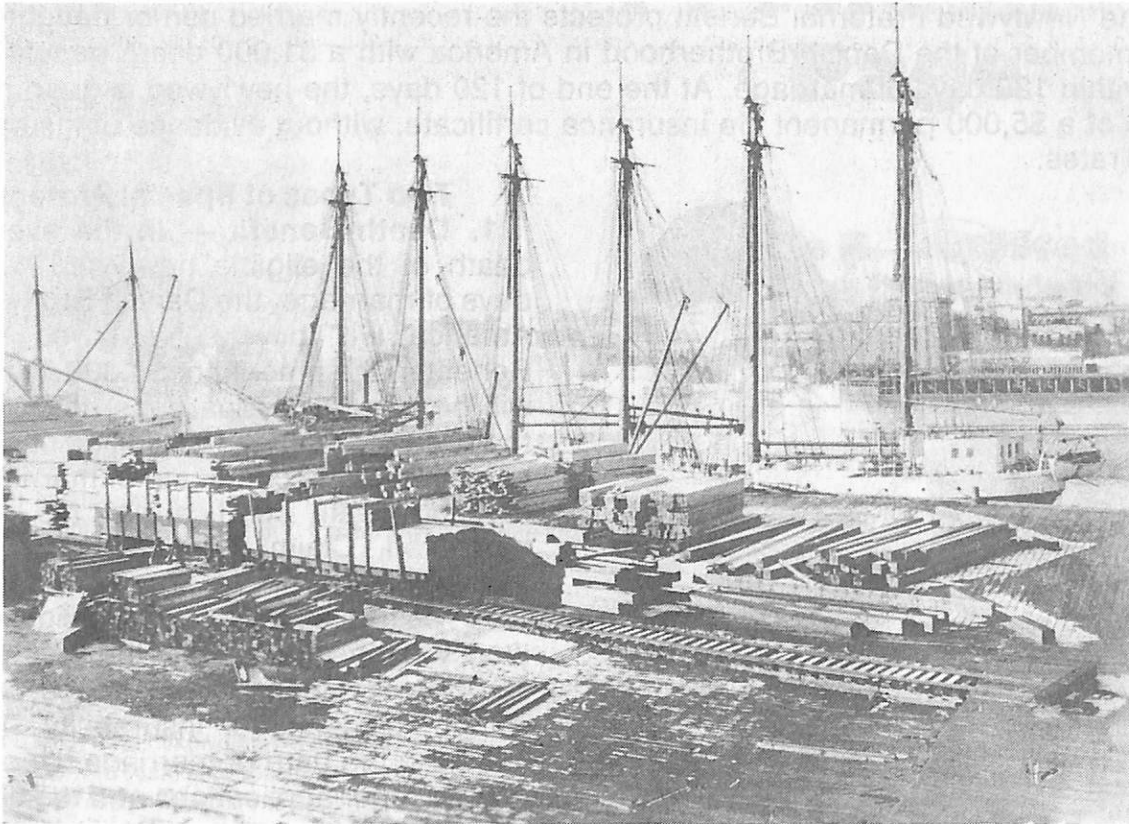
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# Lumber's on the Way

by Robert Joe Stout



Getting the lumber out of Oregon's forests to major cities like San Francisco put hundreds of ships into the Pacific, from sloops to six-masted schooners like the one shown here in the Harney lumber dock. Credit: Oregon Historical Society.

The last vestiges of a late November storm laced the dark decks with rain. At the rail, a young passenger, awakened by the ship's rocking, tightened his overcoat about his throat and peered into the blackness. The little vessel's foghorn wailed, as it had been doing for almost an hour. The sound seemed to lose itself in the mist and rain.

Suddenly there was an answer. The passenger stiffened. The foghorns blasted again, almost in unison. **For God's sake stop!** the passenger remembered gasping as the vessel he was riding surged ahead, making no attempt to avoid a collision.

Again the foghorns wailed. The passengers slid away from the rail as masts and hull thrust through the fog beside him, then slipped by astern. The ship they almost had rammed had seemed to be at anchor, riding out the storm. As they passed, someone on board it had shouted — the passenger had made out the word 'Midnight,' nothing more. He shook his head and bundled his overcoat around his throat again. Despite the storm and the pitch-black night, he realized the ship he was on was going to try to make it into harbor instead of waiting for morning.

The steam-schooner was the **Acme** out of San Francisco, headed into Humboldt Bay. The passenger was a young engineer named Amos Ott and the schooner's captain was Gudmund Olsen of the "Scandinavian Navy." He considered the landing through storm and fog "routine."

As he stepped on shore in Eureka, the passenger heard the term 'Midnight' again and realized that it was Captain Olsen's nickname. Olsen made more trips from Eureka to San Francisco than any other captain operating on the Pacific Coast that year of 1908. On the way south, his ships rolled deep in the water with

heavy loads of redwood lumber. Returning, they carried passengers, mail and mill supplies. Olsen took his duties as courier so seriously that he preferred to land before dawn so the mail could be delivered to Eureka's inhabitants by noon.

Lumber ships began plying the California Coast as early as 1852. The rush of miners, profiteers, businessmen and roustabouts to San Francisco after the delivery of gold in 1848 created a need for lumber. Hauling it by ox- or mule-drawn wagons was laborious and slow and the rivers, unlike those in the Northwest, were too shallow and slow-moving to transport logs efficiently. A few of the many river steamers on the Sacramento hauled logs southward, but they provided only a fraction of the supply needed.

Sea-going vessels, resurrected from limbo despite crooked masts and patched hulls, ploughed southward from Seattle and Portland with loads of logs. Smaller vessels braved the currents of the redwood empire, but found the logging trade difficult because they often had to stand off-shore for days — even weeks — for favorable winds. Several of them sank, or went aground, and one was blown so far off-course that it logged 2,017 miles before it made it to San Francisco from Humboldt Bay. Nevertheless, the trade was so lucrative that replacement ships were imported or refitted to take the places of those that went down.

Finally, around 1879, some ingenious operators decided to fit steam engines to some of the windjammers being used in the lumber trade. Experiments with steam propulsion were going on in various parts of the world, and steamers such as the **Beaver** already were pulling up and down the coast between the major

ports. No one is quite certain which of the little vessels plying the Mendocino Coast made it to sea under steam power first, but probably it either was the **Beda** or the **Laguna** sometime during 1880.

Their 100 horsepower engines, built in San Francisco, supplemented full racks of sails. Their arrivals and departures were cheered in Eureka and Crescent City. By 1888 the **Newsboy**, the first steam schooner designed and built with engines, slid into the waters of San Francisco Bay. The **Newsboy** hauled millions of board feet from Eureka to San Francisco during the 18 years of its existence. (It sank after a collision with the **Wasp** in Humboldt Bay in 1906.)

The "Scandinavian Navy" began to form during the early lumber trade but reached its zenith after the introduction of the steam-schooners. Few countries sent more of their men to sea than Denmark and Norway. By the late 19th century, almost every merchant ship on the high seas had a Scandinavian first or second mate. As these ships sailed in and out of San Francisco, the mates were offered captaincies by the West Coast steamship companies. By 1906 almost every ship captain in Eureka was of Scandinavian descent.

Amos Ott, whose first glimpse of Eureka was from the deck of "Midnight" Olsen's **Acme** in 1908, traveled with my father and another Scandinavian Navy veteran, "Cap" Chris Gudmansen, in tent-show Chautauqua series during the late 1920s. Both Ott and Gudmansen were great story-tellers (Gudmansen claimed to have eaten three-million-year-old mammoth steaks that he thawed from a Siberian mountain) and each claimed that the Scandinavian Navy contained the best and most daring seamen in the world at that time.

As intrepid as Olsen about cutting through fog to make port was a sea-hardened, square-shouldered Dane named Meikle. He

guided his steam-schooner through a blizzard past the point above Humboldt Bay one Friday night in December, vaulted ashore, a package containing two bottles of champagne under his arm, and disappeared into the fog. Later it was learned that he was having an affair with another captain's wife and wanted to spend a night with her before her husband returned the following day!

Equally attuned to the importance of things was "Saturday Night Jack" Bostrom. Bostrom, a bachelor, loved to dance and fancied that he cut quite a figure. Of all the ports along the coast, he preferred Fort Bragg for its Saturday night fandangoes and drove his crews hard to make it there in time to attend. He often rewarded his sailors by passing around shots of whiskey while they loaded or unloaded the **National City** or one of his other ships. (A "shot" of whiskey, to a Scandinavian Navy captain, was a half-filled jelly glass.) More moderate was a Captain "Port Wine" Ellefsen, who poured himself that milder brew instead of whiskey in order to drink with the boys but stay relatively sober.

Lumber ship captains and crews lived in constant danger. Not only was navigation difficult along the treacherous coast but the crews often had to load the lumber themselves. At Trinidad, Greenwood and other points where there were lumber mills but no harbors, the vessels anchored offshore and took on timber while they rocked back and forth in the swells.

Many of these mills constructed long chutes through which to slide the lumber. The sailors had to catch the long, heavy boards as they came off the end of the chute and stack them. One misstep and the sailor might be thrown overboard, or smashed by an errant eight-by-eight and be hurt or killed. Competition among the various vessels, and the companies and brokers that they represented, was so intense that crewmen often would have to load their ships after a full day's sailing in heavy weather.



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The mooring points were called "dog holes" by the seamen. If a navigator missed an entrance by only a few feet, he ran the danger of hitting rocks. In rough weather, the risk was magnified. Heavy waves could smash a ship against the rocks and kill everyone aboard. (As the wooden-hulled ships got older, they became even more likely to crack up and go down.)

Both my father and Amos Ott walked the Humboldt Bay coastline in the late 1920s and said it was littered with the remains of lumber ships that had cracked up outside the harbor. One of the most spectacular wrecks occurred when the fully loaded steam-schooner **Brooklyn**, on its way from Eureka to San Francisco, hit a bar off Humboldt Bay in 1931. She went down with all hands aboard. Rescue efforts were hampered by rain and heavy fog; the waters, according to observers, were so littered with ship's planking and lumber that even small rescue crafts couldn't get near the site of the accident to search for survivors.

At least three steam-schooners were built and launched by Eureka shipyards. The first was the **Excelsior**, constructed at the Matthews shipyards in 1893. It transported hundreds of thousands of tons of lumber to San Francisco until 1916, when it collided with another vessel and sank in San Francisco Bay.

The **Flavel**, launched by John McDade in 1917, had a shorter life. It foundered off Monterey in June, 1925. And the Hammond Lumber Company's **Mary Olson**, built in 1916, carried lumber and goods through both the Pacific and Atlantic oceans before it

burst into flames and sank off Cuba in the early 1930s.

Shortly before the turn of the century, the steam-schooners began to get competition from tug-pushed rafts which could be stacked with ten times as much lumber as the ships could carry. These rafts, however, were slow — they scarcely could make fifty knots a day — and the seamen didn't like them. Only a few plied the waters between Humboldt Bay and San Francisco, but Washington-to-San Francisco-bound rafts periodically were seen putting along the coast.

The last of the wooden-hulled steam-schooners, the **Esther Johnson**, slid into the water in Portland, Oregon, in 1923. A big ship, 1,041 tons, she could carry nearly 1,300,000 board feet of lumber on her specially designed decks. By the time that she was built, steel-hulled steamers like the **St. Helens** and **Cricket** had entered the lumber trade, but many of the wooden-hullers continued to service the Humboldt and Mendocino County coastline until the 1930s, when the Great Depression put them in drydock.

Few of them ever took to sea again. From mid-Depression until after the end of World War II, many of them rubbed together in an Oakland, California, estuary nicknamed "Rotten Row" by the sailors who watched the ships decay. The **Svea**, the **Celilo**, the **Greenwood**, the **Idaho** and others eventually were destroyed, marking an end to an era that united San Francisco with the lumber-producing mills of California's northwestern coast.

## Jerome Christensen Presides at Annual Meeting



Larry W. Dowdy, NFC president presents Jerome L. Christensen with a plaque for outstanding service as NFC president, 1988-89.

Jerome L. Christensen, National Secretary-Treasurer of the Danish Brotherhood in America, presided at the 66th Annual Meeting of the Nebraska Fraternal Congress (NFC).

Twenty-two fraternal benefit societies in Nebraska are members of the NFC, which promotes the general welfare of the fraternal benefit system, and coordinates services and programs for members.

The featured speaker, John G. Bookout, president of the National Fraternal Congress of America and national president of the Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society, challenged NFC members to tell the story of fraternalism.

"Many people don't know we (fraternal benefit societies)

exist," Bookout said. "We've been doing all along — societies are doing a fantastic job for people and communities — but we're not talking about it.

"You need to let the American public know what we're doing to help make this country a better place to live," he said. "Tell the fraternal story and keep the fraternal flame burning bright."

Larry W. Dowdy, of Lincoln, state manager of Nebraska and Iowa for Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society, was installed as NFC president for 1989-90.

Other officers elected were: First Vice President Florence Rezek, Croatian Catholic Union, Omaha; Second Vice President Robert Hauser, Knights of Columbus, Norfolk; and Secretary-Treasurer Lois Butterbaugh, Lutheran Brotherhood, Omaha.

Elected to the Executive Committee were: Dolores Sobczyk, Catholic Order of Foresters, Omaha; James M. Gleason, Woodmen of the World, Omaha; Kirby McDonald, Independent Order of Foresters, Omaha; and Dennis Klimes, Western Fraternal Life, Lincoln. Jerome L. Christensen will also serve on the Executive Committee as Immediate Past President.

Edwin Marks of Wilber, Nebraska, was named the NFC Fraternalist of the Year in recognition of his volunteer work for local schools, the community and the First Evangelical Lutheran Church. He was nominated for the award by the Wilber branch of AAL.

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# Smile Soup

A Danish Folk Tale by Beverly Swerdlow Brown

ONCE UPON A TIME a house stood by itself on a hill. Mrs. Olsen lived in the house alone. She was very sad. "No one ever comes to my home," she thought. Suddenly, there was a knock on the door. Mrs. Olsen opened it. There, stood an old man. "May I have something to eat?" he asked, kindly. Mrs. Olsen frowned. "No," she said. "I have no food. Go away!" "Oh, my," said the old man. "Then you must be hungry, too. I will make you some Smile Soup." Mrs. Olsen looked surprised. "What is that?" she asked. The old man smiled. "I will be happy to show you how to make it," he said, "if you will allow me to." Mrs. Olsen opened the door wider and the old man went into her house. He found a pot and put water into it. Then he put the pot on the stove. "Soon," said the old man, "it will be ready." "Soon, what will be ready?" asked Mrs. Olsen. "Smile Soup," replied the old man. "I only see water in the pot," said Mrs. Olsen. "Look again," said the old man. "See the smile in the water from my face?" "Oh yes," said Mrs. Olsen. "I do." "Good," said the old man. "But we will need flour to make the soup thicker." Mrs. Olsen got the flour and put it into the pot. The old man stirred the soup with a spoon.

"The soup would be better," he said, "if we put in a tomato." "All right," said Mrs. Olsen. "I'll see if I have one." She got a tomato and put it into the pot. The old man stirred the soup with a spoon. "Doesn't this smell good?" he asked. Mrs. Olsen nodded. "But an onion," said the old man, "would make the soup taste great." "Of course," said Mrs. Olsen. "I'll see if I have one." She got an onion and put it into the pot. The old man stirred the soup with a spoon.

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"I was thinking," said the old man. "A few carrots would add color to the soup."

"You're right," said Mrs. Olsen. "I'll see if I have some."

She got some carrots and put them into the pot.

The old man stirred the soup with a spoon.

"Do you have any bones?" he asked. "It will flavor the soup."

"I think so," said Mrs. Olsen. "I'll look for some."

She got the bones from the icebox and put them into the pot.

"You know," said the old man. "I once made this very soup for the King."

"THE KING?" repeated Mrs. Olsen.

"Yes," replied the old man. "The King was very sad and lonely, too, and I came by and prepared Smile Soup for him."

"Oh, my," said Mrs. Olsen. "You made Smile Soup for the King!"

"It's ready," he said, pouring the soup into two bowls.

"I can't believe you made it with just a smile," said Mrs. Olsen.

They both sat down at the table and ate supper.

"This Smile Soup is very, very good," said Mrs. Olsen. "I can't recall tasting anything quite as good as this."

The old man nodded. "Always add something to it," he said, "but begin it with a smile."

They both finished their soup.

Mrs. Olsen put the bowls in the sink.

"Well," said the old man, "I must go home now. I have a long way to travel."

He waved goodbye and left.

Mrs. Olsen waved, too.

"Tomorrow," she said, "I will make Smile Soup and ask my neighbors over to have some with me."

That's just what Mrs. Olsen did.

And she even began to smile, too.

## "Rescue of the Danish Jews"

Dr. Myrvin Christopherson, President of Dana College in Blair, Nebraska, announced plans for a major international conference entitled, "The Rescue of the Danish Jews" scheduled for April 22-23, 1990, on the Dana campus. The conference will center on the efforts of the Danish people to save their Jewish countrymen during the German occupation of World War II.

In 1943, when Danish foreign ministry officials learned of secret plans to imprison Danish Jews, thousands of men and women came forward to assist their fellow citizens and miraculously saved 97% of Denmark's Jewish population.

The conference is designed to explore the moral implications of this experience of our own time and will feature recognized scholars from the United States and Denmark, and members of the Jewish community from around the world. Dana College was founded by Danish pioneers and this conference is a part of an ongoing celebration of this heritage.

Conference presenters include Rabbi Bent Melchior, Chief Rabbi of Copenhagen and a survivor of the rescue; United States Senator Paul Simon; Paul Hammerich, Danish journalist, historian, and a member of Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II's Advisory Council; Sr. Carol Rittner, Executive Director of the Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity; Franklin Sherman, Director of the Institute for Jewish-Christian Understanding at Muhlenberg College; Knud Dyby, a member of the Danish Resistance; and Leo Goldberger of New York University among others.

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# Our Lodges in Action

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## PACIFIC-NORTHWEST

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

**Lodge #29, Seattle, WA** — At our September meeting we initiated five new members, Ken and Ann Kromann, Steven and Terry Akre and Karen Madsen. Welcome!

Congratulations to Mads Mauritsen, who received his 50-year pin. Several members could have received 25-year pins but were not present at the meeting.

Please remember to bring canned and packaged food to share to the next meeting.

On August 20, the Brotherhood sponsored their annual picnic at Martha Lake. The Brotherhood supplied the beer, pop, and hot dogs and many people brought their own lunches. There were games for all ages and everybody had a good time. Thanks to all who donated door prizes and the committee and a special thanks to Ann and Mel Hollister who took over the chairman post at the last minute.

The Danish Language Camp held at Menucha, Oregon, this summer was a great success. Twenty-eight kids called Esther Madsen Bedstemor for five days while they did woodworking, figurine painting, cross-stitch, silkscreen, folk-dancing, sports, etc. Watch for the date for the 1990 camp which will again be five days and hopefully 10 days in 1991. The Northwest Danish Foundation was a major sponsor for this year's event.

On November 18-19, the Nordic Heritage Museum observes the annual Yulefest with booths of merchandise and ethnic foods. There is continued entertainment throughout the days and all exhibits are open.

**Frank Poulsen, Cor.**

**Lodge #167, Portland, OR** — We are pleased to welcome Robert and Kirsten Thomson as members of our lodge. Kirsten was born in Soberg, Denmark, and is planning to teach a Danish class prior to our lodge meetings.

We also welcome Albert Stefanski who was born in Granette, Louisiana. Albert has been interested in Scandinavian heritage

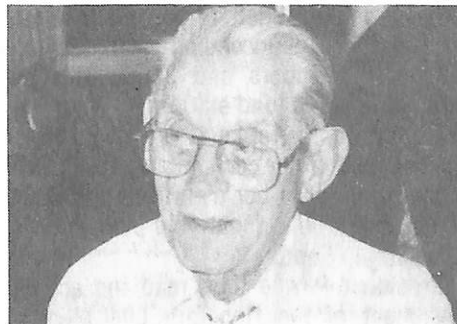
The best idea for November goes to Lodge No. 32, New Haven, CT. See page 19.



Welcome, Robert and Kirsten Thomson.



and Albert Stefanski.



Congratulations to 60-year member, Silvano, Hansen.

and culture. He has been a professional photographer in the fjord country of Norway and loves the Scandinavian people. He feels they are a second home to him.

Silvano Hansen has completed his 60th year in the Danish Brotherhood. He began in New York and then transferred to Portland.

We have hired Sheila Owings to head the



Meet the 1991 National Convention Chairman, Sheila Owings.

1991 DBIA and DSS National Convention. She currently serves as Coordinator of Special Events of the Easter Seal Society of Oregon. Currently our lodge is in the process of organizing committees. Remember, "Portland for Fun in 1991."

**Jens Jensen, Rep.**

**Lodge #328, Vancouver, B.C.** — On Saturday, September 16, we held our annual Hostfest. Approximately 75 people attended.

This year the Fest Committee changed the menu. The menu for the evening was shrimp salad, baked salmon, and lemon fluff. The salmon was donated by Per Englund and Viggo Mart. The salad was donated by "Cara" Bent Jensen. Bent had also baked the salmon.

We received many donations to be used as door prizes during the evening. These prizes were donated by Svend Gerslund, Karl Kristensen, Gunner Madsen, Karl Madsen, and Judith Jensen. Thank you very much.

The evening began at approximately 6:30 p.m. with the cocktail hour; then proceeded to the dinner at 7:30 p.m. We would like to thank Henny Andersen for such a wonderful meal and catered service. Also a big thank you to our bartender.

We ended the wonderful evening with dancing to Carousel Music. Thanks to the Fest Committee for a good job done.

There were 58 Brothers present at our last meeting. Herluf Pedersen reported from the Sports Committee that we have gotten the Surrey Athletic Sports Complex for the Fourth Annual Danish-American

Soccer Tournament to be held on June 9, 1990.

Also during the meeting, Bent Jensen gave a report from the convention.

Poul B. Christensen gave a report concerning the Federation. A motion was made that the Brotherhood lend the Federation \$100 toward their convention.

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

The Brotherhood and Sisterhood joint bingo party will be held on November 18. This year it will be held at the Slovakian Hall on Sprott Street in Burnaby.

Peter Praegel, Cor.

## CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

### California-Nevada District

President Karen Rowse brought the 68th annual convention of the California-Nevada District to order at 9:15 a.m. on Friday, July 28. The opening of the meeting followed the installation of two California National Sisterhood officers, Dorothy Petersen and Else Lassiter.

The convention was opened with a moment of silence for our dearly departed brothers, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

President Rowse introduced the two national guests, Jerome (Jerry) Sonsalla, National Director, Pamela Dorau, National Fraternal Director. The two guests were escorted by the Conductor to the front of the room and seated next to the President, who then introduced the National Director from California, Ebba Norby. President Rowse introduced her Parliamentarian, Al Tunsen, who was seated next to the President.

Secretary-Treasurer, Owen Miller, thanked all the treasurers for their assignments being on time. He announced the Solvang Lutheran Home had sent the district a beautiful Danish cup and saucer and a blue Danish plate for our donation. These items and a bottle of Iowa wine, donated by Jerry Sonsalla, were raffled off during the convention.

At this time, President Rowse called on National Fraternal Director, Pamela Dorau, and asked her to say a few words. Pam talked about memories in the Danish Brotherhood and then introduced, for convention recognition, the local District Fraternal Coordinators, John and Opal Craig and Jim P. and Donna Larsen.

Pam brought to everyone's attention a five-year plan that had been adopted by the National Board. She presented a resolution

on a five-year plan and encouraged the district to show its commitment to the five-year plan by adopting it. The resolution was forwarded to the Resolutions Committee for inclusion in their resolution.

The President asked the District Fraternal Coordinators to address the group. Jim P. Larsen indicated that he covered the lodges along the coast while John and Opal Craig covered the lodges in the central valley.

President Rowse reported on her travels throughout the state to install the new officers. She had a photograph album of the installations she had performed and passed it around for everyone to enjoy.

She felt that communications is the key to our survival. She suggested that everyone communicate with other lodges about activities so as many as possible may attend. This will bring the lodges into a closer togetherness. She indicated she had enjoyed the year very much and thanked everyone for all the support she had received.

President Rowse asked the Scholarship Committee to give a report on their findings and the results of a survey they had conducted. Ebba Norby reported on the activities of the Scholarship Committee and reviewed the results of the scholarship funding survey.

Ed Madsen made a motion to establish a scholarship fund; pay out interest only on the money until such a time as there is \$12,000 in the fund or an amount which will support one \$1,000 scholarship a year or two \$500 scholarships a year on an interest only basis; any money donated above the \$12,000 would be given out in \$500 increments, and any amount under \$500 would be maintained in the savings account to be added to the interest and paid out in a succeeding year. Several individual members and lodges pledged money to get the fund started.

Pamela Dorau thanked the convention for the payment of her convention package but since she was on per diem from the Home Office, she would donate the money to the Scholarship Fund.

President Rowse then read the accomplishment of the Honorary Life Member recipient for this year. A standing ovation was given to the newest Honorary Life Member, Peter Weber, from Solvang Lodge No. 299.

The President then read the accomplishments for the two recipients of the Hans M. Andersen Award. The recipients were Fred Mahler of Hayward Lodge No. 184 and Mel Oredsen of Oakland Lodge No. 39. Fred accepted his award but as Mel was not present, Cecil Hedrick of Lodge No. 39

said he would present it to him.

Los Angeles Lodge No. 126 invited the confirmation of the 1990 convention to be held on July 28-30, 1990, at the Burbank Hilton. Petaluma offered to host the 1991 convention. This offer was accepted. Solvang offered to host the 1992 convention and this offer was also accepted.

The following officers were elected: President, Kaj Kristensen; Vice President, Sue Patterson; Secretary-Treasurer, Owen Miller; Trustees, Jim A. Larsen, Ebba Norby, and Ed Madsen; Conductor, Jim P. Larsen; Inner Guard, Johannes Jeager; and Outer Guard, Karl Duus.

The District President's Awards were presented as follows: Single Social Activity, Los Angeles Lodge No. 126; Single Civic Activity, Orange County Lodge No. 345; Annual Activity Schedule, Riverside Lodge No. 346; and Newsletter, Orange County Lodge No. 345.

Jerry Sonsalla, National Director, was the installing officer with the assistance of Pamela Dorau, Fraternal Director, as the Conductor. A drill team from the Santa Barbara Sisterhood assisted in the installation.

Owen Miller, Sec.-Treas.

**Lodge #39, San Leandro, CA** — Before our October 27th meeting, we enjoyed a delicious Italian ravioli dinner, served by chef, John Mottoros, and his wife.

We will have a general meeting on November 24th with nomination and election of new officers for the coming year.

The Christmas party this year for the lodge will be held December 8, at our meeting hall.

Aage Lundquist, Cor.

**Lodge #126, Los Angeles, CA** — We are organizing committees for the 1990 convention in Los Angeles and from time to time we will be asking our members for ideas and assistance.

The fund raiser at the Duus home on August 18 was a super success with some 75 people attending. The food was excellent, the fellowship great and the swim show that the two young ladies put on was tops. We had a wonderful evening. Thank you, folks, for a nice time! The profits from this social netted about \$450 which will be added to our growing convention fund.

President Karl Duus opened our September meeting with 32 members and guests present. Two new members, Bent Christensen and Bent Lernø, were initiated into the Brotherhood and we welcomed them with our congratulations.

Three more new applications were received and investigated by a committee of Lars Westerskov, Peter Breum and Paul

Andersen. We then voted on them and unanimously accepted all three.

Our two guests present were Bent Christensen's wife and Hilde Rabau from Israel. We enjoyed meeting both ladies and hope they will visit us again.

Lars Jorgensen was presented with his 25-year membership pin.

We have a change in our calendar. Our Christmas party is on Sunday, December 17, rather than December 15, as previously reported.

After the meeting was closed, we enjoyed Danish open-faced sandwiches, cookies and coffee. The members of the Sisterhood hosted the 'after-meeting' coffee. Thank you ladies!

Anne Kofod, Cor.

**Lodge #299, Solvang, CA** — Our dinner meeting on September 13 was highlighted by a superb chicken dinner prepared by Arne Jacobsen and crew.

During the following business meeting two new social members were initiated, Hans Sorensen and Elmer Hansen. An application for a third new member, William Allds, was approved.

This meeting took place a few days before the Danish Days festival and a strong concern was expressed by Johannes Jeager in regards to the mem-

bers' seemingly unwillingness to help at the traditional dinner sponsored by the Sisterhood and Brotherhood.

However, the optimism expressed by our president prevailed, and the whole evening, with a delicious dinner followed by dancing to a lot of polkas and other good, old Danish tunes by a very lively orchestra, The Polansky Romans, turned out to be a great success, like so many times before.

The lodge was asked by the Lutheran Home to buy a collectors plate as support of the endowment fund. It was decided to buy such a plate, raffle it off and return the profit over to the fund. **Jacob Ravn, Cor.**

**Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA** — On Saturday, October 21, we celebrated our 90th anniversary with a dinner and dance. Music was provided by Corky and Company.

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NUMBER 1085**

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considered in arrears.

We would like to honor Jens Andersen on his 80th birthday. Jens joined the Brotherhood in 1941 and has been a faithful member ever since, rarely missing a meeting. He has served both as President and Treasurer for several years. He attended many conventions as a delegate. Happy birthday and many more Jens!

**Kate Krake Nielsen, Past Pres.**

**Lodge #345, Orange County, CA** — Our thanks to Jim and Ardyth Weigandt who were chairmen for the September social. They served a delicious spaghetti dinner. Everyone at the dinner was served as much as they could eat, plus many took home spaghetti for dinner the next day. Thank you, Wiegandts. You did a great job!

The business meeting followed the dinner and began with a Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and singing of the Danish national anthem, led by Conductor Kaj Bjorn.

Some of the business taken care of was a letter read by President Gary Gossett in reference to the National Headquarters Five-Year Plan for membership retention and increase. We agreed to the proposed increase of three new members in 1990 and five new members in 1991. This will keep the DBIA in an increase position. We must keep our eyes open for prospective

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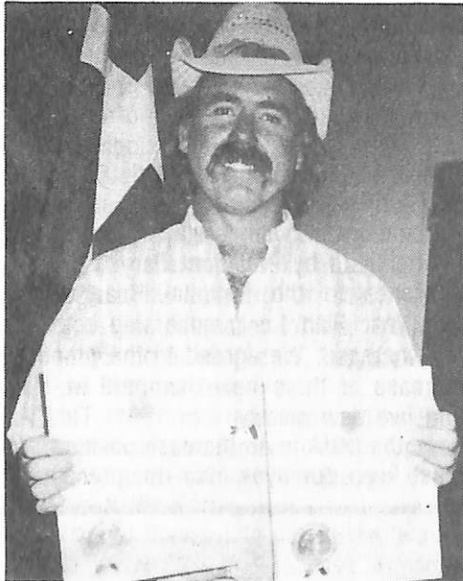
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members. Hopefully, we may see more 100% families in our lodge.

We voted to send a donation to the Solvang Lutheran Home.

Vivian Schuette, Chairman of Operation Care and Share, is to be congratulated on her consistent efforts to keep in touch with our project. She has made several deliveries of food which we collect at each of our meetings. We are happy to report that we made \$165 in our wrapped auction. This money will go towards the aid of the Christian Temporary Housing Facilities. We also voted to spend \$25 each month for this project which will be added to the foods that we will continue to collect each month. A few of our members have donated money to this project. This has enabled Vivian to purchase items that were needed at the home. What a great idea!

Gary Gossett is asking all the membership to help the Board in suggestions for social activities for our calendar next year. This is always a difficult job. A lot of work goes into this. If you have any suggestions, please let Gary know. It will greatly

help the Board. We are really looking for new ideas.

We are being encouraged to have members help the Home Office locate qualified representatives. This person would work on a part-time basis for the Brotherhood and receive a commission on all new insurance written.

**Gerry Olsen, Sec.**

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

**Lodge #346, Riverside, CA** — Richard and Grethe Perez hosted our last board meeting on September 14. We did the finishing details on our anniversary party. We received and voted on two new applications for insured membership, Bill and Linda Jones. Richard Perez has volunteered to be our chairman for our nominating committee. Richard and his committee will present a slate of officers for you to vote on at our November meeting/social. Darlene and Pete Petersen are opening up their home for us on November 18. Please note the change in the date.

Ken and Nancy Nielsen had a busy summer entertaining several young people from Denmark. They received more visitors in October. Two of their visitors will be staying for several months.

Begin making plans now to attend our Christmas party on December 2.

**Sue Patterson, Pres.**

**COLORADO**

**Lodge #43, Denver, CO** — On September 11, we held a joint dinner meeting with the Denver Danes at which a total of 79 were in attendance. An excellent meal was served by the Eastern Star at their lodge building which we use for our meetings.

The program for the evening was Harold Lasson from Cordova, Nebraska, who did an excellent job of presenting part of Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tales.

**Norman Wittrup, Pres.**

**NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD  
BEST DISTRICT**

**NEBRASKA**

**Nebraska District**

A special thank you to the Lincoln Brotherhood Lodge No. 84 and Sisterhood Lodge No. 90 for co-hosting the 1989 Nebraska District Convention. It was great to have Barry Edmonds, National Director of the Brotherhood, and Betty Bergstresser, National Trustee of the Sisterhood, in attendance. Everyone enjoyed

meeting and visiting with them.

Congratulations to the winner of the Nebraska District Scholarship, Valerie Due, of Cordova Lodge No. 177. She was a recipient last year also.

Bill and Merrie Jorgensen and Duane and Deloris Hansen will continue to serve as the Fraternal Coordinators for the Nebraska District. They deserve a thank you for the many hours they worked on the program the past year.

The following officers were elected for 1989-90: Bill Jorgensen, Past President; Soren Thomsen, President; Jim Christiansen, Vice President; Ginny Schultz, Secretary-Treasurer; Edward Krause, Chairman of Trustees; Faye Petersen, Second Trustee; Erik Hansen, Third Trustee; Glen Haselbarth, Conductor; Kenneth Pedersen, Inner Guard; and Gay Terkelsen, Outer Guard. A special thanks also to the Omaha drill team for assisting with the installation of the Brotherhood and Sisterhood officers.

District President's Awards were awarded as follows: Best Social Activity, Minden Lodge No. 16; Best Civic Activity, Blair Lodge No. 206; Best Activity Schedule, Ruskin Lodge No. 161; and Best Newsletter, Omaha Lodge No. 1.



**Congratulations to 1989-90 officers.**



**Don Thomsen and Gladys Sorensen reign as Monarch King and Queen.**

Don Thomsen of Minden Lodge No. 16 and Gladys Sorensen of Lincoln Sisterhood Lodge No. 90 were crowned Monarch King and Queen for 1989-90.

The Nebraska Visitation and Activity Plaques were awarded as follows: First Place, Grand Island Lodge No. 211; Second Place, Minden Lodge No. 16; and Third Place, Omaha Lodge No. 1.

**Jim Christiansen, Vice Pres.**

**Lodge #1, Omaha, NE** — We met on September 7 at Vennelyst Park. Following classes with the opening of school, a business meeting was held. Delegates to the state convention were elected; Flo Hansen, Armand Thomsen, John Norton, Duane and Delores Hansen.

Mary Jensen was initiated into membership and bid welcome.

A membership dinner with entertainment is planned for Tuesday, November 7 at Vennelyst. Think of those you would like to invite as guests.

Election of officers will be held in December.  
Ruth Nielsen, Cor.

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

**Lodge #16, Minden, NE** — We met Thursday, September 21 at the Community Center. President Wisthi Thomsen called the meeting to order with 34 members present. Bill Jorgensen, Jr. explained the scholarships available to the seniors which are given by the Danish Brotherhood. Wisthi Thomsen, assisted by Dale Space, installed new members; Robert Borggaard, Victoria Youngson, and Marie Nelsen. Helen Binderup was unable to attend. They received their pins and were welcomed by the lodge members.

Don and Edith Thomsen were chosen as the Minden Lodge king and queen candidates at the state convention.

Sandwiches, pickles, tea and coffee were served by the committee: Ralph and Evelyn Olsen, Dale and Vivian Space, Ed Schrock and Grace Frandsen. After lunch, Wisthi showed a VCR tape of Solvang, California, and other places of interest which he'd taken while on vacation.

Lillie Hansen, Cor.

**Lodge #84, Lincoln, NE** — We will remember Sunday, August 13, as the day we joined our Sisterhood Lodge No. 90 and friends on our annual bus excursion to Brownville, Nebraska. We all enjoyed the comedy play "On Golden Pond" presented

**Payment to Board Members**

**SEPTEMBER 1989**

Clyde R. Langsted, Iowa-Minnesota District Convention, \$498; Paul Carlsen, G.C.E.L. District Convention, \$528; Barry F. Edmonds, Nebraska District Convention, \$423.

**OCTOBER 1989**

Semi-annual expense allowance, Woodrow T. Petersen, \$250; Erling C. Braumann, \$250; Paul Carlsen, \$250; Barry F. Edmonds, \$250; Ebba L. Norby, \$250; Jerome B. Sonsalla, \$250; Robert E. Ibsen, \$250.

**AUGUST 1989**

Erling C. Braumann, Midwest District Convention, \$463. Clyde R. Langsted, salary, \$240.60.

by the Wesleyan Players in the Village Theater.

Afterwards, we went on board the "Belle of Brownville" for our dinner cruise on the Missouri River. Following our dinner cruise, we returned to our homes in Lincoln.

On Saturday, September 9, we joined our Sisterhood Lodge No. 90 to help them celebrate their 84th birthday. Over 60 members and friends attended the occasion. A delicious meal was catered by

UNI Catering Service with a program following. Connie Schneider showed slides of her trip to Australia and New Zealand, which we enjoyed.  
Don Lehn, Cor.

**MISSOURI**

**Lodge #56, Kansas City, MO** — The Ethnic Enrichment Festival in Kansas City was a great success. We served up hot aebleskiver and cookies along with our famous coffee!

**THE DANISH AMERICAN JUNIOR CLUB (USA BRANCH)  
AND MISS DENMARK-USA**

A definite national movement, now celebrating several milestones. The eighth year for the Miss Denmark-USA National Contest and the third year of operation of the Danish American Junior Club (USA Branch). With more than 400 active registered members of the Club and 28 candidates for 1989's National Contest, we are now represented in 48 states.

Reaching out to many new friends, many Danish Americans who never have been in contact with one of our organizations anywhere in the United States, we are getting our message across to preserve our heritage. We would like to ask everyone to be a part of the Danish American community and eventually seek the organization, club or lodge which might appeal to them. We emphasize the young people's participation, we welcome any age as members or sponsors because every one of you are young at heart.

In 1990 we will involve both young men and women in the Contest program. We shall restructure our two organizations into one. The Miss Contest will be offered in a new format and a young men's contest will be the exciting addition. We will strengthen our relationship with the Rebild Society. After all, we take the winners to Rebild every year and we feature this, to us, the most important part of our heritage preservation, that we all must support what Rebild stands for every year.

The information to our members and friends is produced by Linda Steffensen in Chicago. Linda is the Newsletter Editor and our National Coordinator. Besides the newsletter, we offer regional meetings and the Denmark trip every year. The Contest program is expanding and we thank our sponsors and friends for their generous support.

If you need information about our organization, have a question or suggestion, please write to the Danish American Junior Club, P.O. Box 682, Princeton Junction, New Jersey 08550 OR Linda Steffensen, c/o The Danish Pioneer Newspaper, 1582 Glen Lake Road, Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60195. Phone (312) 882-2552.

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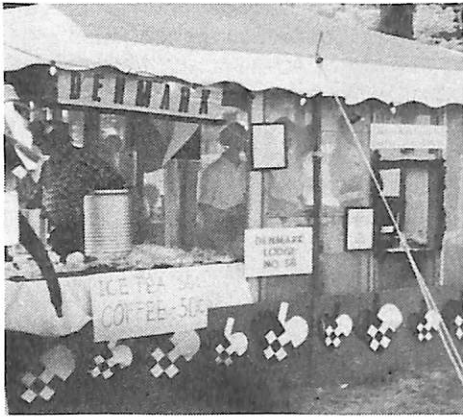
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We had a great turnout at our ethnic booth.

The booth was decorated with Danish flags and heart baskets. The weather was good the first day but a little damp the second day.

Volunteers included Kurt Hansen, Olga Hansen, Lisa Andersen, Ethnic Commissioners Norman and Lola Danielsen, as well as a host of other loyal members. Everyone had a great time!

**Bob Wallace, Cor.**

## IOWA-MINNESOTA

### IOWA-MINNESOTA DISTRICT

Danes from across Iowa and Minnesota met at the Westfield-Best Western Motel in Coralville, Iowa, on September 8-10, 1989, for their recent district convention hosted by West Branch Brotherhood Lodge No. 326.

This year's convention was titled, "The Great Family Outing," hoping to entice many of the younger people in the district to attend. Games, swimming, and a poster contest were geared to the younger generation. The poster contest was won by a brother/sister team, Kyle and Karina Hansen from Dike, Iowa. The money dropped in cans used in voting went into the district Scholarship Fund.

Special awards in the district went to the following lodges: Best Single Social Activity, Atlantic Lodge No. 349; Best Civic Activity, Dike Lodge No. 144; Best Activity Schedule, Des Moines Lodge No. 15; Best Newsletter, West Branch Lodge No. 326; and Traveling Super Lodge Rug Award, Cedar Rapids Lodge No. 347.

A special certificate of merit award went to Thorvald Sorensen, Clear Lake Lodge No. 219, for all the work he has done for the Danish Brotherhood and for having attended 33 consecutive years of state and district conventions.

Delegates overwhelmingly voted to accept Luck, Wisconsin Lodge No. 186 into the Iowa-Minnesota District. Velkommen, Luck!

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Special guests in attendance were: National Brotherhood President Clyde Langsted; National Director Jerome Son-salla; National Secretary-Treasurer Jerome Christensen; National Fraternal Director Pam Dorau; National Sisterhood Treasurer Edna Oslund; and District Fraternal Coordinators Howard and Hazel Kjellsen and David and Judy Nealson.

Scholarship recipients for 1989-90 were Tammi Sonsalla and Kristen Sorensen, both of Clear Lake Lodge No. 219. The district also gives another scholarship to a recipient attending Dana College in Blair, Nebraska.

Danish Sisterhood Lodge No. 102 in Des Moines had a very impressive memorial service for all departed brothers and sisters since the last convention.

Officers elected for 1989-90 were: Past President, Mervin Andersen; President, Edward Harris; Vice President, Melvin Boose; Secretary, Deloris Ross; Treasurer, Harlan Johnsen; 1st Trustee, Howard Christensen; 2nd Trustee, Elvin Reim; 3rd Trustee, Steven Sorensen; and Conductor, Judy Nealson.



Newly elected officers taking oath of office.

An invitation was extended by Des Moines Brotherhood Lodge No. 15 and Sisterhood Lodge No. 102 to come to Des Moines on September 7-9, 1990, for the next district convention.

On Saturday evening, 130 delegates, guests and local members attended the banquet supper. Speaker for the evening was Jack Laugen from the Sons of Norway lodge in Cedar Rapids. Many raffle and door prizes were given away during the evening. Dancing followed to the music for all ages by disc jockey, Mark Lucas.

On Sunday morning a short ecumenical chapel service was held for delegates, guests and local members.

All delegates and guests had a super good weekend, some making new friends, others getting re-acquainted with friends they had not seen since the last convention.

Mange tak West Branch Lodge No. 326 for hosting and putting on a good and successful convention. **Deloris Ross, Sec.**

**Lodge #15, Des Moines, IA** — We wish to congratulate the West Branch Lodge for hosting a well organized and rewarding district convention, September 8-10, at Coralville, Iowa. From our perspective, the highlights of the convention included the installation of Ed Harris as President of the Iowa-Minnesota District, and the granting of two special awards to our local lodge. The first award was for Best Activity Schedule for the year. A \$25.00 check accompanied the award and Joan Sorensen should take a bow for her planning ability. The second award was the National Presidents Award for the highly successful National Convention in 1987 and the positive results thereby gained. Most appropriately Svend Christensen accepted the award that was presented by Clyde Langsted, National President of the Danish Brotherhood.

Our regular September meeting featured Dr. and Mrs. Arnold Nielsen, who had attended two Elder Hostel programs in Denmark. They had many interesting slides from their experiences as well as from side trips that had been taken. They encouraged us all to someday try to attend Elder Hostels, whether overseas or here in the United States. Thanks to Kirsten Lundgren and Joan Sorensen for providing refreshments.

Twenty-two members of the Brotherhood enjoyed a day-long tour of the Amish community of Kalona, Iowa on Saturday, September 30. Bus service was provided by Five Oaks Charters, operated by Brotherhood member, James Breining. With perfect fall weather and a capable tour guide, the group viewed samples of Amish crafts, a rug weaving loom, a wood products factory, a bakery, a cheese factory, and a stroll through the Kalona Old Village Museum. The highlight of the day was eating a family style home cooked dinner in an Amish farm family home capably served by a mother and daughter. With arms full of bakery items, various cheese, and a few craft items, everyone agreed that the Kalona visit was most enjoyable and worthwhile.

**Wilber Williamson, Cor.**

**Lodge #217, Humboldt, IA** — On September 11 we met for a potluck supper. Reports were given by members who attended the Iowa-Minnesota District Convention in Coralville, Iowa, on September 8-10. Marilyn Hansen and Harold Jensen were elected to serve on the "Good of the Order" and Resolution Committee. Ten members attended the convention from our lodge.

Guests at the meeting were National Sales Director Andy Andersen from the

Home Office, and Carroll Jensen of Vero Beach, Florida.

Violet Bergeson showed and shared family pictures for "Show and Tell."

Violet Bergeson, Sec.

**Lodge #326, West Branch, IA** — On a chilly, sunny and breezy morning of September 23rd, 16 lodge members met at Kalona, Iowa to attend the "Fall Festival" of the Kalona Historical Village. Kalona is the "quilt capital of Iowa."



Members gather to attend Fall Festival of Kalona Historical Village.

Lodge members toured through original buildings of a log cabin, post office, one-room school, turn of the century country store, a "grandpa" house, historic Gront

Church and Wahl House, the Kalona depot, buggy barn, many craft buildings and tents, the Wahl Museum and Mennonite Museum.

We also sampled much of the good Mennonite food - apple fritters, funnel cakes, homemade bread with apple butter and assorted pies.

We saw demonstrations of broom making, bread baking, making apple butter, apple cider and caramel corn.

The day ended with everyone going to one of the Kalona restaurants and eating some good Mennonite food. It was a fun, fun day in spite of the unseasonably cool temperatures.

Deloris Ross, Sec.

**Lodge #347, Cedar Rapids, IA** — Looks like the winter season has started now in the Midwest and our lodge assembled again in Marion at the Community Center. After the Pledge of Allegiance and the Danish and American anthems, our President Blair Thornbloom opened the meeting with business as usual and gave a short synopsis of a very successful convention in Iowa City.

The upcoming Ethnic Fair in May, 1990 was discussed and was received favorably by the members.

Keeping our theme in mind "Be proud of

your Danish heritage," we were given a most enlightening speech by Harold Jorgensen who had chosen the subject of Christian Petersen, a Danish sculptor born in Dybbol, Slesvig, Denmark. Christian Petersen made, among other works, a sculpture of former Governor Clark of Iowa. He later accepted a professorship at Iowa State University in Ames where he worked for 25 years. What he considered his best work stands in Marshalltown, Iowa and is called "A Dedication to The Future."

A short program was given by Tom Egelston. It was called "What the World Needs Now is Love, Sweet Love." He showed slides with accompanying music and songs. The pictures were breathtaking and the message was very strong. It was indeed a true dedication of love toward our fellow men and women.

Thanks to Lee Thornbloom and Ulla Wall, we enjoyed munching on finger sandwiches and coffee cake. Alice Gorsch, Cor.

**Lodge #349, Atlantic, IA** — We met at the Fire Station meeting room on September 11th with 49 members and guests present. New members Helen Petersen, Juletta Petersen, Don and Janice Jacobsen and Calvin and Phyllis Hoegh were introduced.

Eloise Thomsen from Omaha, who is one

## Scholarship Announcement

The Scholarship Committee of the Board of Directors of the Danish Brotherhood wishes to announce that scholarship applications for the 1990-91 school year will be considered February 15, 1990. Eligible members wishing to apply should write to: The Danish Brotherhood in America, Scholarship Committee, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131. **No applications received after February 15, 1990 will be considered by the Committee for the 1990 awards.**

Scholarships will be awarded in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Danish Brotherhood in America. Please note Article V, Section 58, paragraph 5 states:

"College scholarships. The Society may grant scholarships from the resources of the fraternal fund according to rules adopted by the Board of Directors and subject to the following limitations:

(a) Scholarships shall be available to members of the Society only.

(b) Up to sixteen (16) cash scholarships, four of which may be awarded to applicants planning to attend a vocational or trade school, may be granted each year. Each scholarship may be in an amount not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). Additional scholarships may be granted when donations designated specifically to the scholarship fund exceed a minimum of \$1,000.00. If any scholarships cannot be awarded or scholarships are left unused, the fund allocated for these scholarships will be accrued and may be awarded in subsequent years.

(c) Any insured member is eligible to reapply annually for a scholarship grant. In the case of a recipient, two years must elapse before a new application may be submitted for consideration.

(d) Scholarships may be awarded only for attendance at colleges and universities accredited by one of the six United States regional accrediting associations or accredited technical and vocational schools. Scholarships may apply to attendance at schools and universities located in Denmark upon approval by the Board of Directors.

(e) Scholarships shall be paid from the resources of the fraternal fund. The secretary-treasurer may accept voluntary contributions to be used for defraying scholarship payments. Any contribution so received shall be placed in the fraternal fund and such contribution shall not be used for any purpose except for the payment of scholarship payments to recipients and for any expenses for the maintenance of the scholarship program. The books and records of the Society in the fraternal fund shall be maintained in such a manner as will reflect the amount of contributions so received, the payments made which are chargeable to such contributions, and the balance of such contributions still held available for the support of the scholarship program. The board is authorized to adopt such resolutions not inconsistent with the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, as are necessary to maintain or restore the tax exempt status of such contribution for the purpose of the maintenance of such scholarship program.

(f) The scholarship program shall be administered by a scholarship committee consisting of at least four (4) members of the board."

of the Scandinavian Dancers, presented a very interesting program after our regular business meeting. Eloise has done research and worked on identification of the people who came West on the orphan trains. She told of some of the stories she has learned. Some are happy and some are sad, but all are a part of the history of the thousands who were placed in the Midwest. She encouraged us to watch for the movie on television entitled, "The End of the Line--Orphan Trains."

The September committee of Don and Fern Nelson, Gail and Delores Nelson, John and Lucille Nelson and Marvin Ohms served a delicious lunch at the end of the evening. **Mary Ann Christensen, Sec.**

## MIDWEST

**Lodge #4, Racine, WI** — There is just one meeting left in 1989. We will have elections of officers for 1990 on November 8. Let's have a good turnout on this last meeting of the year.

Our upcoming Christmas party will take the place of our December meeting.

Congratulations to Lodges No. 34 and No. 35 on their 100th anniversaries to be celebrated on November 4 and November 18 respectively. These are two great events in the Midwest District that members of Lodge No. 4 should participate in.

It would sure be nice to see our attendance grow at our meetings. If you have anything on your mind or something you would like to see changed or to try something new, come to the meetings. It would be gratifying to see you there.

The Midwest District Danish Sisterhood and Danish Brotherhood convention was held on Saturday and Sunday, September 23 and 24. Mange tak to Katherine Lodge No. 20 of the Sisterhood and also to Danish Brotherhood Lodge No. 14 for a well hosted convention.

**Glenn Nyboe, Pres.**

**Lodge #34, Dwight, IL** — Our float took second place in the Harvest Day parade. It looked very Danish with Bob and Jane Smith in the Danish costumes, Jim Andraesen with his "horny hat" playing the accordion and National First Vice-President, Woody Petersen from Chicago Lodge No. 35 riding. It was a great weekend for all. Thanks to everyone who helped us sell almost all (2,500) Harvest Day Buttons. We raised approximately \$560.00. **Margaret Goodwin, Sec.**

**Lodge #186, Luck, WI** — The August meeting was held at the Luck Senior

Citizens Building during the welcome rain storm.

The August dance was successful. We kept our heads above water. Three pies were given as door prizes.

The Brotherhood bowlers had their scores sent in in June. They won a \$17 prize. Thanks to William and Ann Nichley, Virginia Petersburg, Walter Konopacki and Laurantz Jensen.

Later that evening we welcomed 20 visitors to view the humorous Danish movie "Babettes Feast" using the large screen recently purchased by the Senior Citizens. Ice cream sundaes were served by the committee.

We would like to thank the Iowa-Minnesota District for the friendly hospitality we received at their recent convention. We are extremely pleased that our lodge was accepted as a member lodge of the district and we look forward to participating in the future. **Esther Nies, Sec.**

**Lodge #343, Waupaca, WI** — Our September meeting was one to be remembered. We baked aebleskiver for 40 members topping it off with many Danish pastries. This was followed by our regular meeting at which time we discussed our annual Mortensaften Goose dinner to be held on Saturday, Nov. 11. **Loyal Lundorf, Pres.**

## MICHIGAN-OHIO

**Lodge #51, Ludington, MI** — Our regular business meeting was held on Wednesday, October 4, with 13 members attending. A membership application from Bruce A. Mitchell was approved and voted on by the members. Following the meeting, a lunch of open-face sandwiches and pickled herring was put on by Carl Soneral.

On Friday evening, September 8, we combined our annual Widow Night with a pig roast. The dinner was enjoyed by 80 members and guests and four widows, namely Clora Talsma, Ester Sequin, Katherine Dahringer and Loree Swan who were honored by our lodge with a night on the club and long stem roses. Dinner consisted of a pig expertly roasted by Vic Samuels, corn-on-the-cob, boiled potatoes, tomatoes, cucumbers, rolls, butter and your favorite beverage. Lodge No. 51 wishes to thank the committee of Bill and Kathy Krause, Gary and Judy Wickery, Vic Samuels, John Laird and everyone who helped make this Widow Night a huge success.

We would also like to thank our national bowling teams of the A-Team (\$75.00), Rich's Rockets (\$40.00), Old Timer

(\$35.00), Tuna's Thompers (\$27.00) and Genia Rollers (\$18.00) who donated the prize money to the Michigan-Ohio District Scholarship Fund. **Keith Koegler, Pres.**

**Lodge #227, Detroit, MI** — We started the fall and winter seasons with 48 people attending the pre-meeting dinner after which 30 Brothers attended the regular lodge meeting. During this meeting David Christensen, Fred Jensen and Erik Andersen were elected to serve on the Old People's Home Board of Directors. After all business was transacted, they joined the Sisterhood for coffee and cake.

September 23 was the night of our 84th anniversary dinner dance where we had 97 people there to enjoy the excellent dinner followed by an evening of dancing. Among those present were Bert Nielsen, a 43-year member who was celebrating his 70th birthday. Sitting at Bert's table was his 91 year old mother, Vera Nielsen, and his mother-in-law, Addie Reilien, who has reached the tender age of 102. Former governor of the State of Michigan, John Swainson, and his wife Alice, were also in attendance helping both Bert and the lodge celebrate their respective birthdays.

September 27 was a social night for the Brotherhood and the Sisterhood where a Danish film "Babettes Feast," was shown followed by refreshments. It was a very enjoyable evening.

Please remember to read the schedule of upcoming events and meetings so that you will be aware of all of the activities taking place in the lodge and you won't miss out on anything. Hope to continue to see all of you at the meetings and other events that are taking place within our lodge.

**Bob Sorensen, Cor.**

## GCEL

### G.C.E.L. DISTRICT

President Bob Phoenix opened the 65th G.C.E.L. District Convention on September 2 at 3:00. All were asked to stand and salute the Flag. We had a minute of silence for our departed brothers and sisters.

G.C.E.L. District Fraternal Coordinators Bob and Ginnie Phoenix, Elizabeth Pedersen, and Norman Hanson reported on their activities.

National Director, Paul Carlsen, asked that we promote the National President's Award Program. He also stated the Board of Directors is on record to support a new concept for the Brotherhood including a name change to give us a new image to build on for the future. We are a family oriented organization and we would like to

promote not only the male but the female and family concept. He went on to say that we are a group bonded with a common bond and we intend to continue with that. He reminded all members of the national scholarships available and asked all to promote this within their lodges. He asked that we support the District Fraternal Coordinators when they come to visit our local lodges.

Jerry Christensen, National Secretary-Treasurer, spoke about the Five-Year Plan and the national membership drive to begin in January of 1990 and continue until the National Convention in 1991. He went on to explain the new insurance benefits for newborns, graduates and newlyweds. These benefits are available to insured members' children. He then thanked Bob Phoenix for the opportunity to speak and also recognized and thanked the District Fraternal Coordinators.

Eric Brown, Lodge No. 46, spoke about the Danish Home in Edison, New Jersey. He thanked the lodges for their help and support.

This year's scholarship winner of the \$500 scholarship is Joseph Ferdinandsen of Lodge No. 46.

Lodge No. 314 of Hartford, Connecticut, again donated \$1,000 to the Scholarship Fund with the hope that there would be two winners next year. A motion was made and passed to use the interest for two scholarships of \$500 each as of 1990 and as long as the money is available. If only one application is received, that person should receive the \$1,000.

The following were elected as officers for 1989-90: Past President, Bob Phoenix; President, Chris Simonsen; Vice President, Sharon Lunde; Secretary, Eric Brown; Treasurer, Elizabeth Pedersen; Trustee,

Don Heckmann; Alternate Secretary, Bill Brose; and Alternate Treasurer, Leo Jensen.

Lodge No. 32 in New Haven, Connecticut, has offered to host the 1990 convention.

Bob Phoenix was congratulated for running a fine meeting. The Host Lodge No. 342 in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, was thanked for their hospitality.

Installation of officers was held on Monday morning. Paul Carlsen and Jerry Christensen did the honors.

District President's Awards were presented as follows: Lodge No. 71, Penn Yan, New York, Best Single Social Activity; Lodge No. 46, Perth Amboy, New Jersey, Best Civic Activity; Lodge No. 32, New Haven, Connecticut, Best Annual Activity Schedule; and Lodge No. 342, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, Best Newsletter.

Eric Brown, Sec.

**Lodge #32, New Haven, CT** — The Labor Day convention was held in New Hope, Pennsylvania. As in the past, we had a fantastic time in Bucks County, and it was great to meet all our friends once again. Congratulations to Chris Simonsen. Chris was elected President of the GCEL for the next year. The officers can only do a good job if they have the help and support of the lodges and members. Please come and support them and us this year by attending our meetings.

Norman Edmonds was our delegate to the convention, and he gave us his report at our September 8 meeting. One bylaw change that was proposed and passed by the GCEL is to be able to send two delegates to the district convention from now on. That will increase the number of people the GCEL has to draw from for a position on

the Board. It will also increase the number of people who attend the convention and hopefully increase interest in the Brotherhood.

**Harry Jensen from Troy, New York is very interested in starting a Young Viking group with young people from the ages of 7 to 18. Harry will be coming to one of our meetings in the near future to talk to us about it. We hope that if you have a young person in your home, you make the effort to come and listen to Harry and see what he is suggesting.**

We will host the GCEL convention next Labor Day. We are now looking into different hotels/motels in the area.

That leads me into the next bit of news. We have decided as a lodge project to make medisterpølse at Art and Vergie Sorensen's home in November. If we do a good job of it (and I don't see why we shouldn't) we will be putting on a Medisterpølse supper for our Christmas meeting. If you would like to help in making the Medisterpølse, let Gerda Sorensen know as soon as possible.

Winnie Edmonds, Cor.

**Lodge #172, Philadelphia, PA** — Our next meeting will be Friday, November 10. This meeting will be a bingo night.

The annual joint Christmas party of Lodge No. 342 in Bucks County and our lodge will be held on Friday, December 15, at the Sons of Norway Lodge in Andalusia. Lodge No. 342 will be the host.

The cost will be \$26.50 per person. For this price, you will receive good music to dance by, shrimp cocktail, hor d'oeuvres, roast prime rib and dessert. The cocktail hour will be between 7:00 and 8:00 p.m. and the dinner will be served at 8:00 p.m. For reservations, contact Geert Pedersen.

# 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
8-5-89	John M. Rasmussen	61	Geneva, Illinois	92	St. Charles, Illinois	1944
4-17-89	Anne M. Kargaard	65	Ribe, Denmark	325	Nassau Co., New York	1966
8-30-89	Mildred J. Tronbak	74	Viborg, South Dakota	139	Viborg, South Dakota	1963
8-12-89	A. Byron Jacobsen	56	St. Edward, Nebraska	84	Lincoln, Nebraska	1963
8-8-89	George W. Newton	65	Greenwich, Connecticut	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1967
8-17-89	Sylvester Nielsen	89	Nykøbing, Denmark	143	Petaluma, California	1929
8-19-89	Edward C. Jepsen	91	Marion, Iowa	255	Selma, California	1916
8-19-89	Magnus C. Rasmussen	87	Aarhus, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1924
9-15-89	Dietrick P. Thomsen	78	Sayreville, New Jersey	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1935
9-7-89	Peder C. Nielsen	83	Ribe, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1932
8-1-88	Hans Ejnar Hansen	72	Tranquillity, California	67	Fresno, California	1941
7-4-89	Anna M. Bys	78	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	347	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	1979
9-10-89	Ona N. Millington	74	Kansas City, Kansas	56	Kansas City, Missouri	1987
8-25-89	Axel Andersen	99	Kløvborg, Denmark	62	Sioux City, Iowa	1944
8-14-89	Charles R. Betts	66	Montour Falls, New York	71	Penn Yan, New York	1974
1-24-89	Wilbur Olsen	65	Albert Lea, Minnesota	33	Tacoma, Washington	1982
9-15-89	Mary L. Rick	73	St. Louis, Missouri	56	Kansas City, Missouri	1988
1-20-89	Margaret Tansey	69	Erie, Pennsylvania	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1968

A 50-minute VHS video of the GCEL District convention is now available from Niels Malmquist for \$10 to cover costs of duplication and postage. **Niels Malmquist, Cor.**

**Lodge #321, West Palm Beach, FL** — We will have our next meeting at the Senior Citizen Center in Lake Worth, Florida, on Saturday, November 18. Bring a sandwich and have lunch with us at noon. Following the meeting, dessert and coffee will be served.

We invite anyone having an interest in Danish heritage to join us for a time of fellowship. We welcome anyone who would enjoy the company of our friendly group. For those who have a DBIA membership elsewhere, we have a dual membership program whereby you can enjoy the fellowship of a lodge while in Florida. We hope to have some type of activity each month as well as our short business meeting. We invite you to contact the Secretary-Treasurer of our lodge with any questions you may have. **A. Clarence Andersen, Sec.-Treas.**

**Lodge #325, Nassau Co., NY** — We were happy to welcome our guest speaker, Jack Christensen, and his wife Barbara, at our general meeting held on September 8. Mr. Christensen, a member of the Board at the Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn, Iowa, presented us with a program about the museum and his own involvement taking us back in time more than 100 years telling us how both sets of his grandparents came from Denmark. A truly fascinating evening for all of us who wish to help build a cultural institution to preserve our Danish American heritage.

Karin-Lise Witt, daughter of Karen and Tony Witt, returned from the Danish language camp, Skovsøen, very excited about this opportunity to take lessons in Danish and learning about Danish culture and heritage. She also enjoyed meeting and making friends with other children her age of Danish-American families from other states around the country. We received a thank-you letter from her expressing her gratitude for the scholarship she had received.

Our great Danish cooks this evening were Bill and Audrey Herbst and Helen Kofod.

The serving of refreshments was expertly handled by Leif Clemens Pedersen.

**Karen Witt, Sec.**

**Lodge #342, Bucks Co., PA** — The 1989 GCEL District Convention hosted by our lodge goes down in history as a huge success. On Saturday evening, the attendees convened to the Delaware Barge

Canal for a two-hour trip on the mule barges. This proved to be a very popular trip, highlighted by singers, fun and some unexpected drama.

Jerry Christensen, National Secretary-Treasurer, decided that he needed to go ashore, and with one mighty leap landed on the canal bank, but slipped and fell half in the water and half on the muddy bank. He was followed ashore by Kenneth Lunde of Vermont, who successfully made the leap. Jerry was reminded of the endeavor for the rest of the weekend!

A 50-minute VHS video of the convention is now available from Niels Malmquist for \$10 to cover costs of duplication and postage.

Our next meeting will be a bingo night on Friday, November 17.

We will host the annual joint Christmas party of Lodge No. 172 in Philadelphia and our lodge on December 15 at the Sons of Norway Lodge in Andalusia. The cost will be \$26.50 per person. This includes

shrimp cocktail, hor d'oeuvres, roast prime rib, dessert, and good music for dancing. The cocktail hour will run from 7:00-8:00 p.m. with the dinner to begin at 8:00 p.m. For reservations contact Geert Pedersen.

**Niels Malmquist, Cor.**

## ASF Awards

The American-Scandinavian Foundation offers a limited number of awards (usually at the graduate level) for Scandinavians to undertake study or research programs in the United States.

The number of awards varies each year; for 1990-91, the amounts shown below represent the total available and may be intended to finance several programs: For Denmark — Kauffman Fund - \$7,500; Lassen Fund - \$7,500; and Lorentzen Fund - \$5,000.

If you would like further information, please contact The American-Scandinavian Foundation, 127 East 73rd St., New York, NY 10021, telephone (212) 879-9779.

## 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
Ethel E. Basile	1	—Omaha, NE	Andy Andersen
Robert W. Lubeck	14	—Kenosha, WI	Robert Batten
Robert E. Reich	14	—Kenosha, WI	James Rush
Kenneth M. Spencer	14	—Kenosha, WI	Douglas Spencer
Russell A. Hackbarth	14	—Kenosha, WI	Todd Barnett
Delores J. Nielsen	15	—Des Moines, IA	William N. Nielsen
Marie K. Nicoll	15	—Des Moines, IA	William N. Nielsen
Marilyn J. Larsen	26	—Fremont, NE	George Larsen
James R. Nelsen	29	—Seattle, WA	Mel Hollister
Elmer Leonard Nielsen	56	—Kansas City, MO	Norman Danielsen
Marian E. Nielsen	56	—Kansas City, MO	Norman Danielsen
Erik Jensen	67	—Fresno, CA	Howard R. Petersen
Jose F. Quezada	95	—Ferndale, CA	Hans L. Andersen
Deborah L. Johnsen	95	—Ferndale, CA	Hans L. Andersen
Lois L. Lee	139	—Viborg, SD	Endell Nelson
Robert Laursen	155	—Bellingham, WA	Karen Bruun
Lois S. Laursen	155	—Bellingham, WA	Karen Bruun
Robert F. Thomson	167	—Portland, OR	Bill Hansen
Kirsten B. Thomson	167	—Portland, OR	Bill Hansen
Albert Stefanski	167	—Portland, OR	Jens Jensen
Nina M. Sandberg	206	—Blair, NE	Janice Johnson
Lorraine B. Madsen	206	—Blair, NE	Janice Johnson
Andy W. Bigler	261	—Fowler, CO	Jerald Bonds
David J. Petersen	283	—Dagmar, MT	Jerald Petersen
Inger M. Mortensen	325	—Nassau Co., NY	Jorgen Lytje
Sylvia M. Scarnato	325	—Nassau Co., NY	Niels B. Hansen
Henry E. Jones	346	—Riverside, CA	Jim Patterson
Lynda C. Jones	346	—Riverside, CA	Jim Patterson

# Fifth Annual Meeting Held

The members of the Board of Directors, staff and supporters of The Danish Immigrant Museum gathered in Harlan and Elk Horn, Iowa, October 7-8 for the annual and regular meeting of the non-profit corporation as well as for two evenings of sociability and celebration.

New officers elected at the annual meeting were James Iversen of Ames, Iowa, as President, and Dennis Larson of Decorah, Iowa, as Vice President. Cora Fagre of Boulder, Colorado, was re-elected Secretary and Lisa Riggs of Elk Horn continues as Treasurer.

Retiring President Signe T. Nielsen Betsinger of St. Paul, Minnesota, was honored with a standing ovation and presented with print number one of the limited edition Christmas prints just issued by the museum. Jim Iversen expressed everyone's feelings when he said, "We owe Signe a tremendous debt for the leadership, time and energy she has contributed to the organization and development of the museum." He added, "I wish she were staying on because she has left some large shoes for me to fill."

Action taken at the regular meeting included the approval of the next step toward construction or the architect's preparation of the design development drawings for Phase I construction and also setting the budget and fund raising goal for next year at \$1.5 million. Meeting this goal will allow construction to begin.

Before the meeting started Friday evening, patron members (annual dues at \$1,000) and museum builders (people who have given or pledged over \$1,000) were feted at a gathering in Harlan which included dessert and a showing of the Academy Award winning film "Babette's Feast." This was the first time this group was recognized and hosted to an exclusive event.

Over sixty people gathered Saturday evening for dinner and a program which presented the progress of The Danish Immigrant Museum over the past five years. Signe Betsinger recalled the earliest stages from the germ of the idea to incorporation. Lisa Riggs told of the work and emotions of the people of the Elk Horn and Kimballton area in securing the Danish Villages as the museum site. The high points of the following years were the development of the building plans, the first permanent exhibit concept, ground breaking ceremonies, the capital campaign and earthwork. Staff, Building Committee member John Mark Nielsen of Blair, Nebraska, and Mistress of Ceremonies Judy Andersen of Los Angeles, California, made these presentations.

The meeting adjourned on Sunday after the selection of February 17-18 in Portland, Oregon, as the time and place for the next meeting. Board members then toured the museum site to view the finished earthwork. All were impressed with the transformation of the land now prepared for the building, amphitheater and parking lot. "It will never be a cornfield again!" commented John Mark Nielsen.

## Symposium Announced

The University of Minnesota Department of Scandinavian Studies and Thanks to Scandinavia, Inc. are pleased to announce an international symposium on "Escape from the Holocaust: The Jews in Scandinavia." The mission of the symposium is to determine the scope and nature of the Scandinavian response to the Holocaust, attempt to seek explanations, and to bring this information to the attention of North America and the world.

Speakers and topics include: "Escape from the Holocaust in the Context of the Final Solution," Yehuda Bauer, Hebrew University, Jerusalem; "Ethnic Minorities in the Scandinavian Countries," Erik Allardt, President of the Academy of Finland, Helsinki; "The Singularity of the Rescue of the Jews from Denmark," Leni Yahil, Yad Vashem, Jerusalem; "Norway's Response to the Holocaust," Samuel Abrahamsen, Brooklyn College, New York; "Sweden's Response to the Persecution of Jews," Steven Koblik, Pomona College, California; "Finland — The Exception to the Holocaust," Hannu Rautkallio, University of Tampere, Finland; "American Role in Scandinavia," Richard Breitman, The American University, Washington, D.C.; "Scandinavian Post-War Aid to Holocaust Survivors," James Rice, Thanks to Scandinavia, Inc., Chicago;

"Religious Communities and the Holocaust," Franklin Littell, Temple University, Philadelphia; "Scandinavian Experiences and their Meaning Today," Ambassador Max Jakobson, Finland; and a local panel providing "Testimony of Holocaust Survivors."

The symposium will be held at the Radisson University Hotel, Minneapolis, Minne-

sota, on November 8-10. The fee is \$50 with an additional banquet charge of \$25.

Please contact Lori Graven, Department of Professional Development, 315 Pillsbury Drive, S.E., University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN 55455, telephone (612) 625-9023 or fax (612) 626-1632 for final registration materials and a detailed brochure.

## Introducing . . .



**Jessica Leigh Martella**, our newest Young Viking who joined Lodge No. 95 in

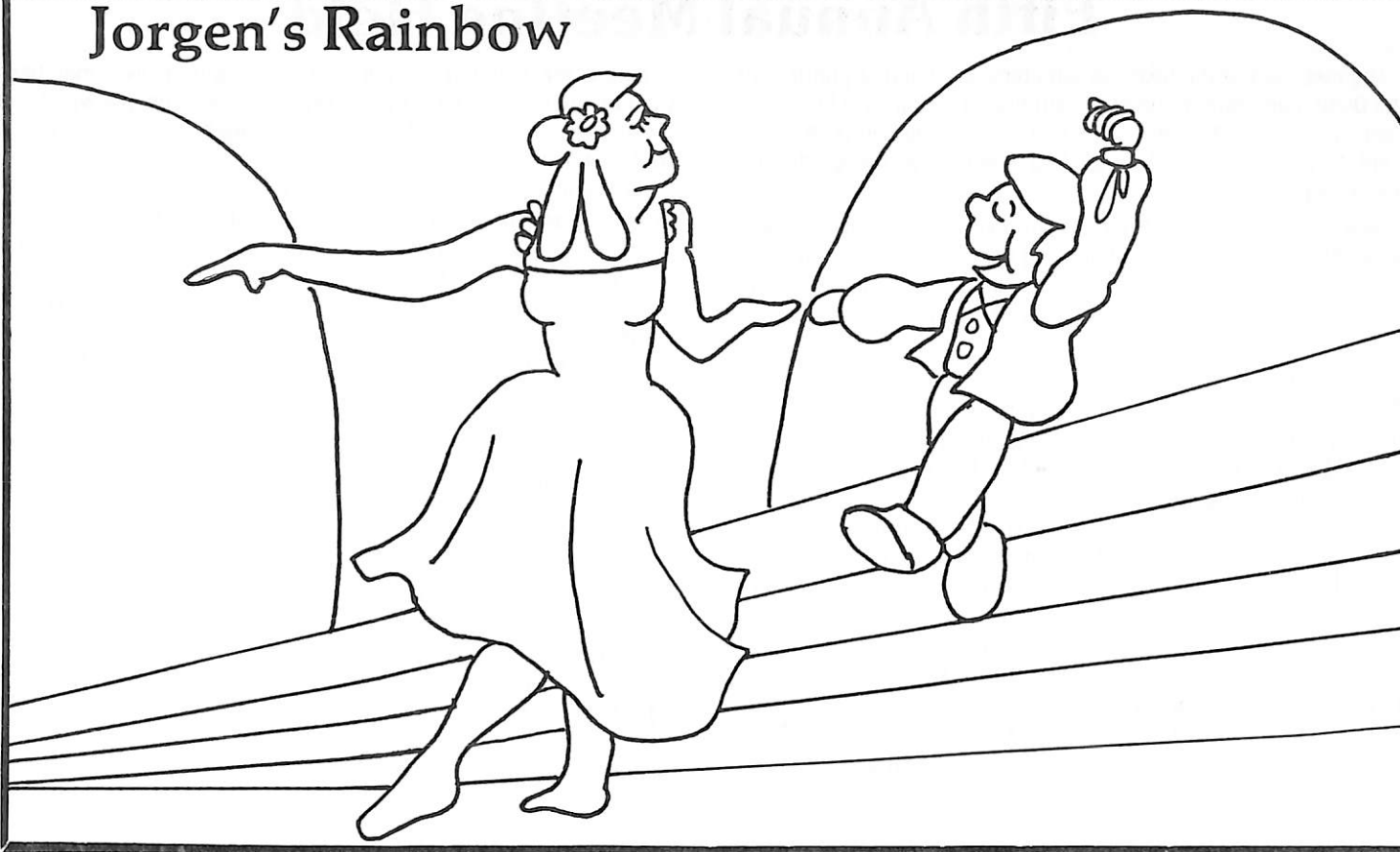
Ferndale, California, and has this to say: I am three years old, I live in Ferndale, California, and I go to Mrs. Santiago's preschool. I like the calves and kittens at my dad's barn and my puppy Tucker and my cat Iver. I joined the Danish Brotherhood because my parents and sister belong.

P.S. Hi to my Aunt Marie and Uncle Jim at Lodge No. 33 in Tacoma, Washington!

### Welcome Jessica!

Are you a new Young Viking member? If so, everyone would like to meet you, too! Just send a picture and a short article describing yourself and the hobbies or activities which you enjoy with why you joined the Danish Brotherhood and mail to DBIA, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131.

# Jorgen's Rainbow



The Danish Royal Ballet is one of the many things Jorgen likes to see. The Ballet Company performs gracefully as does Jorgen as long as he's with Bifrost. The Company is at home in Copenhagen and perform modern dance as well as the traditional. Next time Jorgen will be wishing everyone a Merry Christmas.

Please color this picture and send it to the Danish Brotherhood in America, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68131. Be

sure to include your name, address and date of birth. You do not have to be a member of the DBIA to win. Four prizes are awarded every month, one for the following age groups: 2-4, 5-7, 8-9, and 10-12.

**October winners: Katey Miller, Peter Andersen, and Britney Hedegaard.**

## Grandma's Kitchen



by Dagmar Jensen

### Sprutter (Spritz)

1 cup butter  
2/3 cup sugar  
3 egg yolks

2 1/2 cups flour  
1/4 tsp. almond extract

Cream butter and sugar, stir in egg yolks and almond extract. Work in the flour. Put through a cookie press forming cookies in short strips, the figure S or in circles. Bake at 400 degrees for 10-12 minutes. Should be served at Christmas or parties.

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# Viking Adventures

Coming Together — A Beginning      Keeping Together — Progress  
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## **Paul Carlsen National Director**

Paul joined Lodge No. 227 of Detroit, Michigan, in 1966 because he was interested in Danish heritage and to meet other Danes and make new friends. He quickly advanced through the chairs in the lodge, serving as Conductor, Treasurer, and President. Paul has been a member of Lodge No. 227 in Detroit for 23 years and has served as a delegate to the National Convention and to the Michigan-Ohio District Conventions and as a member of the District Scholarship Committee. Paul also served one term on the Board of Directors of the Danish Club of Detroit. Paul is currently Treasurer of Lodge No. 227, a position he has held for 19 years.

After graduating from Southfield High School, Paul proceeded to earn a two year associate degree from the Detroit Tooling Association and has been employed by Detroit Gauge and Tool for 28 years in the aircraft and aerospace field. He, along with his wife Ann, have four children, Ken, Jeff, David, and Lisa. Paul also was involved in forming CERTS, Citizens Engaged In Removing Toxic Substances, and served on their Board of Directors. He also was a hockey coach for 12 years in different divisions from mites through midgets. He served as cub master for 2 years and as the cookie mother (yes, you read it right) for the brownies while his wife was in college.

Currently serving his second term, Paul was elected to the DBIA National Board of Directors at the 1983 National Convention held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He immensely enjoys being a member of the Board and mentioned that it is a very dedicated group of people working very hard to preserve what the founders established 107 years ago. Paul's personal goal is to add to the preservation of our great society.

He encourages each and every member to become involved in their lodge and attend lodge meetings and to take part in activities. He also hopes that all members will join the National Board of Directors and Home Office Staff by supporting the Five Year Plan to increase our membership and strengthen our organization.

Paul's experience proves very beneficial as he serves on the Building Committee, the Scholarship and Camp Grant Committee, and is Chairman of the Audit and Securities Committee.

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