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President's Page

Clyde R. Langsted
National President

Each month as I prepare these articles for the American Dane I attempt to bring items of interest or, as you are aware, I sometimes climb upon my soap-box and express an opinion that is sorely mine. I try not to be controversial but there are times when the subject matter may prevent objective opinions and thus I find myself taking a stand. I do know, however, that I can stand behind anything I author.

Some time ago I invited my colleagues from the Board of Directors to substitute for me, if they wished, and take on a subject of their choosing or a topic I might give them. Perhaps it would give them an opportunity to find out what I was doing and at the same time give our membership and readers a chance to size them up. As it so happened, Barry Edmonds volunteered and asked for a topic. I suggested he write about the new Five-Year Plan and his outstanding contribution appeared in the August, 1989, American Dane. That article certainly brought us up to steam, so to speak, and presented you with a concise plan of our course and strategies.

Barry has volunteered again and since my commentary on Board and delegate accountability in the August issue of the American Dane, I asked Barry to comment and enlarge upon the responsibilities of delegates to the National Convention. I will remind all of you again that we are now in the process of electing those people from which nine will also be selected to serve on the National Convention Committee on Laws. I will also remind you that the operation of the Danish Brotherhood is a very serious business in these changing times. A national convention is an expensive proposition and because of that certain demands are made and expected of the delegates. I am not attempting to diminish the role of previous delegates as I was one myself. I am, however, suggesting that more than ever before, diligence is required of those we elect.

With all of the foregoing I now relinquish this space to Barry Edmonds and I know you will find his commentary timely and to the point.

'Portland for fun in 1991 — it's a catchy phrase and it is sure to be a great time. I know that I am looking forward to going to Portland, Oregon, in 1991 for the next National Convention. I also know the convention committee is working hard to put together an interesting and exciting convention. The National Convention serves a very important function in our society. It is one time when members from all over the country get together

and are able to exchange ideas and communicate their experiences with the Danish Brotherhood. These discussions happen in hospitality rooms, over meals and coffee breaks and more importantly, during the convention meetings. It is what leads up to and during the convention meeting that I want to discuss with you in this month's column.

Each lodge will be receiving information on electing a delegate to the National Convention. When electing your lodge delegate it is extremely important to select the right person. Your delegate will be speaking up for your lodge, expressing your opinions and he or she will be voting on important issues that must be decided. Each delegate must be aware of what is going on in the Danish Brotherhood and be willing to share their thoughts during the convention meetings.

I have been a delegate to a National Convention twice, Denver in 1975 and Des Moines in 1987, so I am pretty familiar about what happens and can tell you what to expect as a delegate. First of all, Article III (sections 22-37) of our Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws explains the whole process of the National Convention and some of the duties of the delegate. If anyone does not have a copy of our National Bylaws, write the Home Office and they will send you a copy! As a delegate, you are required to attend all the convention meetings. As a delegate you should have read and studied all the proposed bylaw changes, have the opinion of your local lodge on these changes and be familiar enough with the proposed changes to express your opinions to the assembled convention. Being a delegate you also have the power to vote not only on changes to the bylaws but also vote on election of National Board members. It is important that you take an opportunity to talk with the candidates for the National Board, incumbents and newcomers. Talk to them about what they want for the DBIA and how they plan on accomplishing their goals. Who are the candidates for National Board? Current Board members and any delegate to the National Convention! That is another reason for electing good candidates as delegates, they are eligible to be National Officers.

Perhaps the most rewarding and interesting opportunity is serving as a member of the National Law Committee. When notifying the Home Office of election of delegate, you identify on the form if the delegate is willing to serve on the National Law Committee. This notification must reach the Home Office before October 18, 1990. (See the June 1990 American Dane (page 11)

for key dates dealing with the National Convention.) The Home Office will notify the delegate if the Board of Directors has selected him or her to serve on the Law Committee. The Law Committee will meet in Omaha during the Spring of 1991. They will review all of the proposed changes to our bylaws submitted by lodges, districts and the Board of Directors. One important piece of information — the National Board does not review the proposed changes and the Home Office does not modify or eliminate any proposals received. The Home Office staff will assemble all the proposed changes and mail them to the Law Committee. When the Law Committee meets, they will discuss each proposed change and consolidate like proposals. They will come to an understanding of what each proposal means. During their meeting they can ask the Board of Directors for clarification and or comments, but the Board does not attempt to influence the Law Committee in any way, shape or form.

Being a delegate to a National Convention is a privilege every member should strive to obtain. It is an honor that holds much responsibility. I hope all members take a very active role in the 1991 National Convention as a delegate, guest, committee member or just as important, a local lodge member supporting the delegate of their choice.

I can not end my article without a word about our "Growth by Sharing" campaign. Every month in the American Dane I notice the list of new members growing and growing. I send my congratulations to the new members and to their sponsors for showing interest in the Danish Brotherhood and promoting our fellowship. I am proud of the Danish Brotherhood and am extremely interested in our future as a national fraternal organization.

See you all in Portland in 1991."

Thank you, Barry. It was well said!

The Wooden Sword

A Danish Folk Tale by Beverly Swerdlow Brown

ONCE UPON A TIME, a king decided to leave his castle and go into the city for some fresh air. He took off his royal clothes and put on garments of a peasant.

He wandered about the city until he came to the very poor section of town. As he strolled he became tired and saw a dim light in one of the houses.

The king moved closer and peeked through the window of the house.

There he saw an old man sitting at a table beside his wife. On the table was fruit and nuts and a bottle of water.

The king stood and admired the serenity of this old man and wondered what might be the source of his happiness.

So the king knocked on the door and when the old man asked him who he was, the king told him that he was just a traveler.

The old man opened the door and invited the king inside and offered him food and drink.

After a while, the king asked his host how he earned a living and the old man replied, "I wander the streets during the day and fix shoes. Whatever I earn is enough for my wife and myself."

The king thought about that and said, "But what will happen to you when you become very, very old and cannot work?"

The old man replied, "I don't have to worry, for there is someone who looks out for me."

The king looked all around and said, "I do not see any children, so who looks out for you?"

"It is not a man who protects me," said the old man. "It is God."

The king smiled and said, "It is time for me to go, but if I ever come this way again, will I be welcome?"

The old man told him he would be welcome at any time.

The king went back to his castle and decided to test this old man to see how he would do if he couldn't repair shoes. The king forbade anyone to fix shoes in the streets.

When the old man got up and went to the city, he was very much surprised to see an order not allowing him to do his job. He closed his eyes and prayed. "The doors are closed to my livelihood," he said. "Please open another door to take its place."

When the old man looked around he saw a man carrying a pitcher of water. "From now on," said the old man, "I will be a water carrier."

And he went to the market and bought a jug. Then he went to a well and filled the jug, carrying it until he found someone who

needed the water. He did this all day and made as much money as before.

That evening, the king disguised as a traveler, once more returned to the old man's house to see how he was doing. The king peered through the window and saw the old man just as happy as ever. So he knocked on the door and was invited into the house to join he and his wife at the table.

Then the king asked the old man, "What did you do today since you couldn't fix shoes?"

The old man looked up and said, "God provided for my wife and myself. He did not close the door on me like the king did. I found something else to do."

"What was that?" asked the king, eagerly.

"I became a water carrier," replied the old man proudly.

The king stayed a while longer, then went back to his castle. The next day he ordered each person to get his own water; and those people who sold water would go to prison for the rest of their life.

That same day, when the old man went to the well, he found out that he couldn't be a water carrier anymore by orders of the king.

The old man thought and thought. "What shall I do now to make a living?"

Meanwhile a group of woodcutters passed by him on their way to the forest to cut wood. The old man asked if he could go with them to earn his daily bread. They all welcomed him.

After a hard days work, the old man sold what he had cut and found he earned as much as he did before.

That evening, the king still in his traveler's disguise, returned to the old man's house curious to know how he had worked that day.

When the old man told him about being a woodcutter, the king had another plan.

The next day, the king ordered all woodcutters to come to the castle and become guards. Swords were given to the newly formed guards. Included with the woodcutters was the old man.

The guards were paid only once a month and the old man returned empty-handed to his wife. He did not have enough money to live for another day much less another month.

Then he saw his new sword hanging in its sheath and suddenly he had an idea. He made a sword from wood which looked exactly like the real one. Then he put it into the sheath. He took the sword the guards had given him and sold it. The money he got was enough to live on until the end of the month.

The king was truly surprised when he paid a call on the old man that night. The king asked him what he had done that day and the old man told him all that happened.

"And what are you going to do if the king hears about the sword?" asked the king.

The old man smiled. "I do not worry about things that haven't happened. I trust in God that everything will be all right."

The next day, the king ordered all castle guards to their posts because the huge tree that stood in the center of the square had to be chopped down. The king was eager to see just how the old man was going to tackle this situation minus his real sword.

When the old man was selected for the job he said, "Please do not ask me to do this. I have never harmed a fly."

He was told that this was an order from the king and if he disobeyed he would be sent to prison.

The old man asked for a few minutes to pray to give him the courage and then he would do as he was told.

The old man spoke up loud and clear. "If it is meant that I cut down this tree, let me take my sword and cut it down with a single blow. But if I am not supposed to do this act, let my sword turn to wood and the tree live!"

When the old man pulled out his sword and held it up toward the sky, everyone saw that it was wooden.

The crowd gasped, then cheered. The king was delighted to see the wisdom of the old man and confessed his misdeeds to him.

The old man forgave the king who then asked him to be his advisor.

"Now you and your wife will be my guests for as long as you both shall live," said the king, sincerely.

And the king kept his promise.

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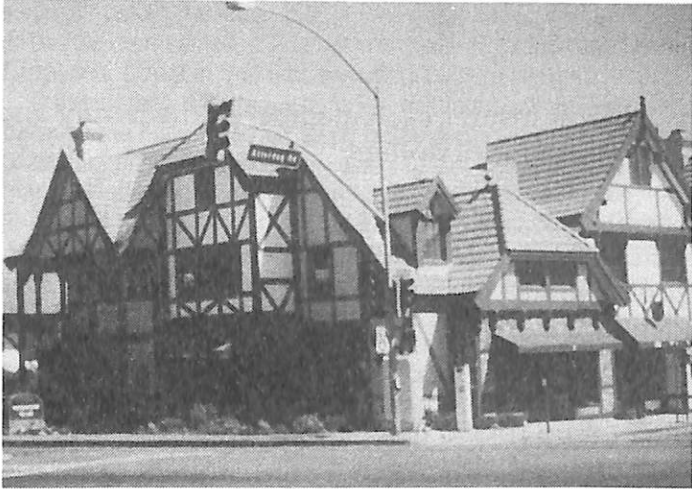
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Solvang: A Bit of Europe in California

by Irene G. Lebow



Atterdag Road in Solvang, California, is one of many beautiful streets.

I am the first of my tribe who dared to move away from New Jersey: so searching for wide-open vistas, or learning how to appreciate the unexpected in new cuisines or ethnic peculiarities of new-found faces. I had proudly walked up and down the New Jersey meadows as a child, moved to a suburban city adjacent to the Big Apple, and drove the Garden State and the New Jersey turnpike to get my kicks. The West was another world, somewhere near the Pacific Ocean. I was content with the Jersey shore.

So the years passed. Until the day retirement beckoned, prompting a change in my lifestyle. Southern California reached out its promise of everlasting golden sunshine, no snow to crunch under my staggering footsteps and a place away from the hectic decline of a once-proud neighborhood.

The endless stretches of California **free** highways grabbed my imagination like a magnet, testing my nerve to find correct turnoffs to places only read about in library browsings.

Discovering Solvang in the Santa Ynez Valley was a seductive experience. The town of Solvang sits below a plane of small sloping hills where the Danes have held reign since 1911.

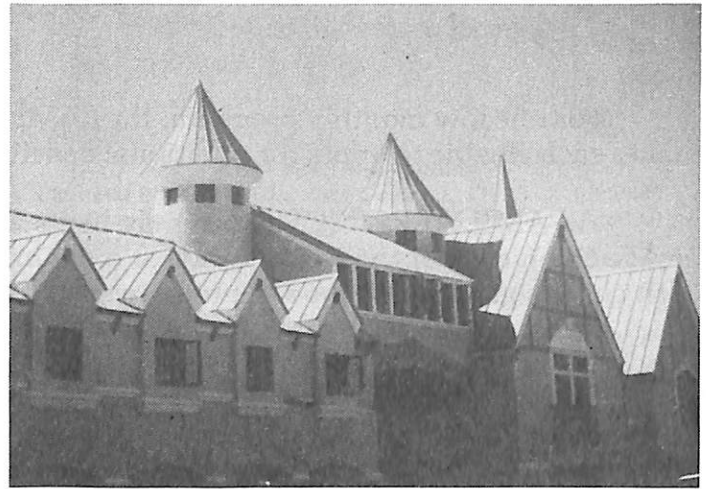
The Danes' innate friendliness, zest for life, and sense of traditional values permeate the village offering the visitor a sense of belonging. Preserving the Danish historical heart is a natural cause for folks steeped in tradition. Danish architectural ingenuity combined with the familiar American service stations, and a minute dash of Spanish-Mexican influence in red tile and white washed adobe comprise the setting.

The Danes who live here and who are in control of the shops and bakeries are self-contained and hard-working people, ready to smile but not ready to speak until thinking about what they are going to say.

Tied to their national origins, these Danes have lived in this village with its quiet streets beside neat shops and windmills churned by the Valley's winds in an old World ambiance speaking their native language, eating meatballs and raw fish instead of refried beans and tacos neighbors devour.

Solvang is the social center for those who live in the Santa Ynez Valley. Ranchers who can ride all day over their own expansive stretches of land always find Solvang a restful center to exchange point-of-views over coffee and Danish pastry in a dozen or so Danish bakeries.

This oasis of delight is reached from a turn-off from Freeway



A country church is the place of repose for residents of Solvang, CA.

101, a half-hour from Santa Barbara, and is a quietly expressive way of life found only in the Santa Ynez Valley. Year-round sunshine, oak dotted hills, lush vineyards, and verdant farmlands surround the village. Even the name, Solvang means "Sunny Valley" in Danish.

Follow your nose as you inhale the delicious odors drifting with the winds — they come from the Danish bakeries that tempt your palate. You'll salivate before you reach their doors.

Ride on the western edge of Solvang where a ranch called **Flag is Up Farms** harbors thoroughbred horses that sell for \$10,000

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PACIFIC-NORTHWEST

Lodge #167, Portland, OR — The June 6 meeting opened at 7:50 p.m. with 48 members present. Dana Nielsen led the Pledge of Allegiance and Fred Batchelor explained the symbols and signs of the Brotherhood.



Welcome new members, Lloyd and Marilyn Nelson.

We had initiation of two new members, Lloyd and Marilyn Nelson. Kristin Hake used sign language for Lloyd. She and her husband were visiting us from Eugene. A short intermission followed which allowed the members to greet the Nelsons, and thank the Hakes.

Guests included Past President from 1944, Earl Fahl; his cousin, Earl Jensen; his daughter Alice Cross; her children Melissa and Adam; a friend of the children Kari Tyler; and another cousin, Jim Jensen. Also we had Silvano Hansen's 95 year old sister, Anna, with us. Happy Birthday to Silvano who was 95 years old on June 4. Nicoli, a student from Denmark who had been living with the Turners, will be going back to Denmark at the end of this month. Glad to have Ben Vose visit our meeting again.

The minutes from last month were approved as written. Correspondence was read and the bills were approved to be paid. We received checks from the National Headquarters for camp grants for Adam and Melissa Cross, Seth Dewey, Christian Fisker, Regina Showalter, and Dewey and Robert West. Each was for \$67 and our lodge will also contribute \$28 to each child for camp.

Ed Hirsch gave information on the Law Committee's meeting and shared Omaha's letter regarding regulations of the election of the Law Committee members.

The best idea for September goes to Lodge No. 299, Solvang, CA. See page 12.

At the banquet on May 18 put on by the Scandinavian Club and the American Scandinavian Foundation, Cathy Bjork received \$500 and was the recipient of the 1990 Scandinavian of the Year and Niskanen Award. Congratulations, Cathy!

At the Northwest District Convention in Canada, thirteen from our lodge attended. Asbjorn Fisker is the new district president and Joyce Gimbel is conductor. We also received a check for \$25 for the District President's Award for Best Annual Activity Schedule. There has been discussion of changing the name of the DBIA. Anyone with suggestions, please contact your lodge. Asbjorn gave a short report on the convention. Next year's convention will be in Bellingham, Washington.

Our new business included a suggestion from Fred Batchelor that we donate Mag Esrow's Past President's mug, which he never received last year, to the Northwest Danish Foundation Museum in Seattle. A sheet of explanation will be included with the mug sharing information on the mug. It was moved and seconded that Norman Powell will transport the mug to Seattle.

On October 23 there will be a concert by Eric Harbo and his wife, put on by the American Scandinavian Foundation. He sings in English with the Danish Copenhagen Theatre, a reception will follow. There will be a minimum charge of \$1.00 to cover cost and expenses. We moved and seconded to jointly sponsor the concert with ASF and split a \$100/\$200 honorarium for costs of flyers, cookies and punch.

Sylvia Hurst, Sec.

Lodge #328, Vancouver, BC — At our last meeting there were 55 Brothers present. This meeting began with a minute of silence for the passing of Brother Hans Christophersen.

Elith Marcussen reported from the

Federation of Danish Clubs in Canada that the convention had been well attended and he presented us with \$100 which paid us back.

John Mikkelsen reported from the convention that the delegates had all been present and that the convention had been well attended. John also stated that our newsletter had received the District President's Award including a \$25 award.

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

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

If you like the game of soccer but think you are too old, think again. This month, a new league will be starting for players 50 years and older. So, if you are 50 years old and would like to play a little ball and have some fun or if you need some information, please call Herluf Pedersen. If you have a friend that would like to play, they are welcome, too.

We hosted this year's Danish-American Soccer Tournament on Saturday, June 9. There were teams from Vancouver, Seattle, Spokane, Chicago, Los Angeles, New York, and Toronto. In total, 15 teams participated.

The games were played at Central Valley Sports Complex in Burnaby. The opening ceremonies took place at 9:00 a.m. Peter Nielsen, dressed as an old Viking, played all three National Anthems (Danish, Canadian, American). Thank you, Peter! The flags were carried in by Marianne Pedersen, Jorgen Larsen and Lief Sorensen from Seattle.

The first game played by Vancouver was the Open-Young team. They played against Spokane. Right from the start, Vancouver played a terrific game pushing and being able to defend at the same time. Vancouver won with a score of 3-0. It was a great beginning to the day.

Vancouver's Open-Young team played their second game right after their first. Vancouver played against Chicago. This

game could have been played anywhere in the world with their show of skills. Vancouver showed style and skill winning with a score of 5-0. Great game! At the same time this game was being played, Vancouver's Over 35A team played against Spokane. Both teams were tough; however, Vancouver showed that they could play under pressure. Vancouver won with a score of 1-0.

At noon, it was the ladies turn to play. There were only two ladies teams from Vancouver and Seattle. Old rivals! This was a close game with both teams having fun and playing real hard but in the end, Seattle came out the winner with a score of 4-2. Great game, girls!

Also playing at noon was the Vancouver Over 35B team against their old rivals, Seattle. Both teams knew how the others played. It was an evenly matched game. Both teams pushing to score the winning goals. It was a close game with both teams wanting to win over the other. But in the end, Vancouver did succeed in winning with a score of 4-2. An exciting game for everyone.

Vancouver's Over 35A team played their second game against Los Angeles. This was a close and exciting game. Both teams were tough and trying to set the pace of the game. It was fast. They all showed that they could play under pressure. But in the end, it was Vancouver winning with a score of 3-1.

Finally we came to the finals. In the Open Division, it was Vancouver vs. Seattle. Both teams were used to playing against one another. At the end of 60 minutes, Vancouver had won with a score of 3-1. Also in the finals, was Vancouver's Over 35A team also playing against Seattle. Both teams were old friends. They both wanted to win. This game was also played fast and excitingly. Either of the teams could have won but as luck has it, Seattle won with a score of 3-1.

As the finals were totaled, Vancouver

had an exceptional day even though it rained. Overall, in the Open Division, Vancouver came in first; Over 35A, Vancouver was second; Over 35B, Vancouver was second; Ladies Division, Vancouver was second.

During the day at the field, the Sports Committee had a concession stand. We would like to thank Henning Hald and Bent Jensen for all their generous donations to the concession stand. We would also like to thank our "little workers." They were Henning and Villy Andersen, Bent and Judy Jensen, Vera Iversen, Poul Sorensen, and Kate and Tina Praegel. Thanks also to our three bus drivers who drove all day. Thanks!

In line with Danish tradition that "no major soccer event shall take place without a major party" it was not lost. A banquet was held at the Gizeh Temple in Burnaby. Approximately 300 people attended. A beautiful dinner was served. The appetizer was smoked salmon that was donated by Peter Engelund. Thank you! This was followed by prime rib and cherry cheesecake. We would like to thank Creative Catering for such a beautiful dinner and service. We would also like to thank Henning Hald for his donation of that beautiful ice sculpture.

We would like to thank the tournament committee of Kjeld Christensen (Chairman), Peter Praegel, Herluf Pedersen, Jorgen Larsen, Tommy Johansen, Axel Jensen, and Kurt Baarts. To put on a successful tournament such as this, it takes many, many volunteers in different communities. We would like to thank everyone that was involved. We are sorry if we cannot name everyone but you know who you are. Thank you!

Peter Praegel, Cor.

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Clyde R. Langsted, salary, \$238.35.

CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

Lodge #67, Fresno, CA — In July, we lost two of our most enthusiastic members. Homer Low, who had been a member since early 1981, died July 2 just short of age 72. He had been a salesman until about ten years ago when he embarked on a new career, taking over his brother's paper hanging business. He was a veteran serving in the Navy during WWII.

Henry Jacobsen, Homer's brother-in-law, joined our lodge in 1942. He died on July 9 at age 75. For nearly 40 years after serving in the Navy during WWII, he operated a restaurant in Fresno and with his wife, Nadine, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary early this year.

Both Henry and Homer were willing to serve church and lodge cooking, serving or catering, and they were sorely missed when we served our second annual Frikadeller Dinner last June. Honor be to their memories.

L. S. DeLaurant, Sec.

Lodge #126, Los Angeles, CA — We had a short business meeting in July with all officers attending. This meeting was followed by cake and coffee which was then followed by the convention committee meeting.

An application for a new member was received and acted upon with Erik Kofod, Necco Hansen and Peter Breum as the Investigating Committee.

A thank you letter was received from Queen Margrethe II, through the Danish Consulate, Henning Christiansen, thanking all the members of our lodge for her birthday greetings.

There was also a thank you letter from Ken and Gerry Olsen, District Fraternal Coordinators, who visited us at our June meeting.

The raffle was won by Borge Christensen

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who also won it at the June meeting (very suspicious, eh gang?). Borge bought us a round and we enjoyed that. Thank you, Borge!
Anne Kofod, Cor.

Lodge #299, Solvang, CA — Solvang Lodge No. 299 was a very busy place on the evening of August 8. The lodge enjoyed a superb dinner of prime top sirloin, slowly roasted over an oak open pit barbecue prepared by chefs Bob Peterson and his son Rob.

Following the dinner, there was much discussion as to the events of the convention in the Los Angeles area. Our lodge was given much praise for being the largest contributor to the state's scholarship funding.

Members work very hard as this is one of the priorities of our lodge, the youth of the area. A Teen Center that will be drug and alcohol free for youngsters to come and enjoy themselves in a wholesome atmosphere. Many area organizations are involved in this youth project. Our lodge was the first to offer an "evening and dance" for the junior high and high school youngsters.

With our city being the Danish capital of America, Danish Days coming in September took much time with planned activities in our community with a parade and helping the Sisterhood with their booth for the two day event.

Fall activities include a Harvest Ball at Pea Soup Andersen's on October 13 and our annual Torsk Dinner on November 14 which has become one of our most popular evenings.
William Allds, Sec.

Lodge #322, Santa Barbara, CA — We voted to send a contribution to the Danish Cheer Committee to be used for the treatment of Bjorn Winberg's illness. Bjorn is a six year old from Upland, California, and is suffering from cancer. We wish him a speedy recovery.

The Brotherhood lost a cherished member on July 5 when Niels Knudsen passed away. He had been a member since 1957 and will be missed very much.

The Scandinavian Festival held June 24 at Oak Park was a big success. The Brotherhood made and sold aebleskiver and were still selling when the festival ended. Approximately 14 gallons of batter were used and about 450 paying customers were served. It was the first time our lodge had ever participated with a booth at the festival.

Jeff Paaske of the Solvang Restaurant graciously loaned us the use of his aebleskiver equipment which can cook 100 aebleskiver at a time. He also furnished his

"Arne's Famous Aebleskiver Mix" and raspberry jam at cost. His recipe received many compliments. Helge Hansen, Nels Buus and Henning Jensen ran the sales and financial department. Esther Buus and Henry Jensen both arrived early to help set up the booth and equipment. Many thanks go to all who assisted and made the projects of both organizations a real success.
Carl Lauritsen, Sec.

Lodge #332, Ripon, CA — On June 29-30 we hosted the last installation of the year at Lake Tahoe, the most beautiful spot in California. We got settled by 1:30 Friday afternoon and took off to the casinos to pay our dues.

We left at 5:00 p.m. for Vernon Olsen's spread. The lot next to his home can accommodate ten large motor homes, and it was full. Danes came from Petaluma, Fresno, Sacramento, Oakland, Oroville, as well as Modesto. We enjoyed a delicious spaghetti dinner prepared by Opal Craig and Bessie Olsen, then spent the evening sitting under the trees and looking at the stars. Saturday morning, after a big breakfast prepared by the Petaluma gang, we all scattered, some to play golf, some to ride around the lake, some to the casinos.

At 4:00 p.m. everyone was back for the installation. President John Craig asked Conductors Marge Scheuber and Jim Larsen to escort to the podium Dorothy Petersen, Vice President of the Supreme Lodge of the Danish Sisterhood, and Kaj Christensen, President of the California-Nevada District. Kaj donned a Viking helmet and proceeded in a most efficient manner to install the following officers: Ray Olsen, Past President; John Craig, President; Ebba Norby, Vice President; Vernon Olsen, Secretary; Regner Hansen (substituting Max Stowers), Treasurer; Alvin Olsen, Trustee; Marge Scheuber, Conductor; Gunver Olsen, Inner Guard; and Ann Stowers, Outer Guard.

Past Presidents recognized were Vernon Olsen, Alvin Olsen, Jack Belmont, Aage Lundquist, Walt Miller, Dan Mogensen, and Harvey Rasmussen of the Brotherhood, and Jean Andker, Bessie Olsen, Tove Lundquist, Lillian Miller, and Eleanor Holm of the Sisterhood.

Ebba Norby, National Director of the Danish Brotherhood, was introduced and welcomed everyone.

A cocktail hour followed while Ebba Norby and Jack Belmont fired up the barbecue and everyone enjoyed a delicious steak dinner.

Sunday morning Alvin and Gunver Olsen opened their home to everyone for breakfast, complete with "eye-openers," ham,

sausage, eggs, fruit and dozens of aebleskiver.

Thanks to our hosts and all who helped to make it a grand weekend. A count showed 50 people participated.

Raymond Olsen, Cor.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST SINGLE CIVIC ACTIVITY BEST NEWSLETTER

Lodge #345, Orange Co., CA — Our annual picnic held at Lake Park in Huntington Beach provided a fun summer activity for all who attended. We had 48 members and 15 visitors in attendance. It was so good to see members Holger Christensen and Ruth Stine in attendance since both have been unable to attend our meetings lately due to illness. It was also great to see members Howard and Hazel Kjellsen here visiting from South Dakota.

Our day began at 10 a.m. with aebleskiver prepared by Soren Christensen and Sherm Nielsen. They sure were delicious! Game time followed as everyone joined in to play Trivia, relay games, gunny sack races, and egg and balloon tosses. The lucky game winners were able to choose the prize of their choice. Relay team winners received gum and candy and everyone received a bag of popcorn to enjoy.

As soon as the games were over, President Gary Gossett started grilling the hamburgers for our picnic lunch. As Gary cooked, the ladies set up the table with chips, fruit, salads and all kinds of picnic goodies. Later they put out the delicious desserts. Thanks to all the ladies who prepared the food that went along with the hamburgers. Thanks to Gerry Olsen for bringing her "calico beans" for everyone to enjoy.



Everyone enjoyed the luau in June.



Vice President Jim Wiegandt presents D.J. Chappel with camp grant from the National Headquarters.

Our very own lodge President, Gary Gossett, was nominated and elected to the office of District Outer Guard at the most recent California-Nevada District Convention held in Burbank in July. Our congratulations goes to him and to our lodge for having one of our own on the district board. I am sure Gary will do an outstanding job and I am sure he would appreciate the support you as a lodge will give him by standing behind him in this endeavor.

Also at the district convention, a motion was made by Gary Gossett on behalf of our lodge. It read as follows: We move that the California-Nevada District Convention allow a youth representative from each lodge to participate in our conventions and that a committee be appointed to establish the level of involvement of these representatives. Since we have always encouraged and involved our young members within our own lodge, there will now be an attempt to do so at the district level in a capacity other than social. Gary was appointed to head a committee to organize youth participation at conventions at the district level. This committee will be meeting in October to discuss this matter.

We also wish to thank Karl Duus and the Los Angeles Lodge No. 126 for hosting such an enjoyable convention. The accommodations, food, service and hospitality given to us by their lodge was outstanding. Special thanks to the youth chaperones Dave and Betty Seale. Special thanks also to Poul Dalby Andersen who has donated a monthly column in his newspaper "Bien" for use as conveying information on the California-Nevada Youth Committee.

We still need a few new members joining

this year in order to reach our membership goal. All members need to get busy and participate in trying to increase our membership. We only have a few months left.

Toni Olsen Gossett, Cor.

Lodge #346, Riverside, CA — We express our sincere sympathies to Sue Patterson on the loss of her father, Niels, and to Anne Hansen on the loss of her brother, Dennis. Both will be greatly missed by their friends and families. Also word has been received of two deaths in Denmark: Knud Andersen's mother and Jul Anker Nielsen's mother. We extend our sympathy to Knud and Anelise and to Jul and Kate.

Our election of the lodge law committee for the 1991 National Convention in Portland, Oregon, will take place at the September 6 board meeting at the home of Trustee Richard Perez. The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.

Danish Days will be held September 15 in Solvang. We have a bus reserved for 13 people. If you are interested in going, the price is \$25 per person and it's first come, first served. So call Vikki Garrison for reservations. She will also take names for a waiting list. The bus will leave around 7:00 a.m. and we will be back around 9:00 or 10:00 p.m. We are planning on departing from a residence in the Redlands area.

Sue Patterson, Past Pres.

NEBRASKA

Lodge #1, Omaha, NE — We are still making plans for the state convention to be held in Omaha on September 21-23. How

about getting some new members to join us for this occasion? It would be a good time to become acquainted with the Brotherhood.

Thanks to the July committee for presenting the film on Rebild. Wasn't it great to feel so patriotic on the evening before the Fourth?

Annette and Andy Andersen presented a check for over \$1,000 to the Danish Immigrant Museum raised at our "Day of Tivoli." They also gave to the museum the original charter of Lodge No. 1.

Ruth Nielsen, Cor.

Lodge #16, Minden, NE — We met June 21 at 6:30 p.m. for a picnic but due to the rain, we had our supper and meeting at the Community Center with 20 in attendance. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Meier, who recently had taken a trip to China, gave a very interesting talk enjoyed by all. Those on the committee who furnished the dessert and beverage included Alvin and Mildred Christensen, Warren and Maurine Eckloff and Kenneth and LaVon Bundgaard.

Those attending the state picnic at the National Wild Refuge Park in DeSoto Bend on June 24 were Glen Haselbarth, Bill and Merrie Jorgensen, Jr. and Ralph and Ruth Burchell.

The July meeting was held at the Community Center on Thursday, July 19 at 8 p.m. with 41 present. President Herbert Nielsen called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken and Secretary Mabel Haselbarth read the minutes for the past several months. The meeting was then turned over to the committee with Violet Nielsen introducing their guests, Clair and Delores

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
6-11-90	Victor B. Johnson	79	Portland, Oregon	268	Junction City, Oregon	1953
5-25-90	Debra E. O'Neill	36	Pontiac, Illinois	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1977
5-31-90	Morton Bruun	82	Nakskow, Denmark	49	San Francisco, California	1953
6-28-90	Christen F. Christensen	86	Enumclaw, Washington	283	Dagmar, Montana	1926
6-23-90	Walter Kusk	83	Nykobing, Denmark	92	St. Charles, Illinois	1940
7-2-90	Harold M. Frederiksen	75	Bellona, New York	71	Penn Yan, New York	1949
7-9-90	Henry Jacobsen	75	Fresno, California	67	Fresno, California	1942
7-12-90	Jack E. W. Petersen	75	South Bend, Indiana	245	South Bend, Indiana	1959
7-15-90	Niels C. A. Nielsen	78	Port Reading, New Jersey	90	Port Reading, New Jersey	1930
6-24-90	Marie Madsen	54	Kearney, New Jersey	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1965
7-11-90	Irving F. Jensen	87	Sioux City, Iowa	62	Sioux City, Iowa	1926
7-21-90	Dennis Sampson	63	Plentywood, Montana	283	Dagmar, Montana	1946
7-15-90	Ole Frolund	84	Hammerum, Denmark	147	Newell, Iowa	1930
7-22-90	Johannes S. Nielsen	89	Albak, Voer, Denmark	71	Penn Yan, New York	1929
5-23-90	Charles A. Garvey	71	Chicago, Illinois	35	Chicago, Illinois	1989
6-24-90	Earl W. Johansen, Sr.	87	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	1976
6-30-90	Maren K. Severinsen	80	Flaunskjold, Denmark	347	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	1975
7-1-90	John P. Henricksen	83	Loleta, California	95	Ferndale, California	1988
7-7-90	Viggo A. Berthelsen	83	Indianapolis, Indiana	75	Albert Lea, Minnesota	1974
7-5-90	Niels K. Knudsen	75	Ringe, Denmark	322	Santa Barbara, California	1957
7-30-90	Richard A. Johnson	63	Kenosha, Wisconsin	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1977

Ingram. For the program, Delores read parts of the preface of our National Parks. All joined in the singing of the first verse of "America the Beautiful" and "God Bless America." A video of National Parks was shown featuring beautiful scenery, the beauty of creation, a gift of God.

Bill Meier announced that he had raffle tickets to sell for a quilt which had been embroidered and quilted by some of the ladies of the Community Center. The proceeds are to be used at the center.

A lunch of cake and ice cream was furnished by the committee consisting of Wesley and Violet Nielsen, Fred and Hazel Bronson and Willard and Velma Talbert.

Lillie K. Hansen, Cor.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST SINGLE CIVIC ACTIVITY

Lodge #206, Blair, NE — What a great state picnic we had at DeSoto Bend! In spite of being about as far away from the rest of the state as possible (like over the Nebraska border), we still had approximately 90 people in attendance. We had guests from Ft. Calhoun, Hardy, Lincoln, Lexington, Minden, Omaha, Ruskin and Superior. A thank you to everyone who helped make the picnic a success especially Laurids Pedersen who was chairman of the picnic committee.

We ended up the busy month of June with our bake sale on "Gateway to the West Days" and this seemed to be a great success. Morris and Harriet Palle were chairpersons of the bake sale and wish to thank everyone who helped at the sale and also to those who donated baked goods and money.

Bob Johnson, Sec.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Lodge #139, Viborg, SD — On August 3 a nice potluck supper was held at the Viborg Park. We also welcomed our new members. President Arnie Sorensen and his wife Helen grilled halibut for us. It was brought back from Alaska where they went for two months of vacation in June and July. We had a great turnout.

On June 5, 1993, Viborg will celebrate the centennial of the town for three or four days. Our lodge will plan to do their part to make the event special.

Ruth Peterson, Sec.

IOWA-MINNESOTA

Iowa-Minnesota District

You are cordially invited to attend the Joint District Convention of the Danish Brotherhood and Sisterhood to be held on

September 7-9, 1990, at the Best Western Starlite Village Motel, 929 3rd Street, Des Moines, Iowa. The motel is located just off the 3rd Street exit of the Des Moines Freeway #235. The motel has guaranteed a room rate of \$48.00 per night for up to four persons per room.

This convention is being hosted jointly by Brotherhood Lodge No. 15 and Sisterhood Lodge No. 102 of Des Moines, Iowa. It is the wish of both lodges that all of you attending will have a rewarding and enjoyable experience as our guests.

A special Youth Room is provided along with a sponsored youth program. There will be activities for children of all ages, so plan to make this convention a family weekend. Keep in mind that the motel has an indoor swimming pool as well as a game room.

Lodge #15, Des Moines, IA — The July meeting of the lodge featured a review of a recent study tour of Denmark that included a number of Brotherhood members. The tour was conducted under the joint sponsorship of the Danish Cultural Institute of Copenhagen and Grand View College. Rev. Beryl (Gus) Knudsen presented a summary of the program that focused on the topic, "The Secularization of the Danish Society and the Danes." The study included lectures in Copenhagen, Askov Højskole, and Aarhus. The group had additional opportunities for home and family visits. Roland and Anitra Jensen, Anna Marie March and Edith Paulsen shared their experiences with the audience and responded to questions from the members present.

Goldie Sorensen, Joan Rasmussen and Margaret Gee are to be thanked for providing the refreshments at the end of the evening.

Wilber Williamson, Cor.

Lodge #147, Newell, IA — We held our annual picnic at the Newell shelter house on June 20. Musical entertainment was provided by Marty Oakman and Craig Melahn, after which bingo was played.

On June 30, we, along with the Danish Sisterhood Lodge No. 109 and the Newell Historical Society, served an aebleskiver supper to about 225 people at the Allee Building in Newell.

Elmer Jensen, Sec.

Lodge #347, Cedar Rapids, IA — On June 30, our lodge lost a good friend and charter member, Katherine Severinsen. Katherine and her husband Anker were the foundation of our lodge. Katherine was a true Danish immigrant and a hard worker. We will miss her but we have many good memories.

July 22 was a grand night for our ice cream social at Norm and Sharon Nielsen's lovely farm in Springville. Not much business was conducted, so everyone relaxed and many took a mini tour of the farm. The women were, of course, interested in seeing Norm and Sharon's beautiful home, filled with Danish Christmas platters and other Royal Copenhagen items.

Since the ice cream social was set to begin a little early, Sharon figured that a lot of us had not had supper, so she surprised us all with good hearty sandwiches, followed by homemade ice cream made by Norma Nietart, Karen Nielsen, Ruth Rosdail and Sharon Nielsen. Lot of cookies and cakes were brought by the members. As mentioned above, the weather was just perfect but unfortunately, because of all the rain we have had, the mosquitoes were big and hungry and several of us were attacked. They could be called the Iowa State Bird!

After dark, we all went inside and saw many slides which were taken by the Niensens on their trip to Denmark. It was a very successful evening, although we all agreed we still miss our friend Katherine Severinsen. Aeret vaere hendes minde.

I wish to thank Katherine McLaren and Ulla Wall for writing this column for the American Dane in June and July while I was basking in the California sunshine. Nice work ladies!

Alice Gorsch, Cor.

Lodge #349, Atlantic, IA — We held our annual picnic on July 9 at Camblin Addition in Sunnyside Park with 49 members and 11 guests attending. We enjoyed a delicious potluck meal plus homemade ice cream and bars provided by the committee.

We welcome Ed and Vivian Lane into our lodge. Deputy Sheriff Mike Wendt gave a very interesting talk on drugs in Cass County and how beneficial his trained dog is in searching for drugs. Rather shocking to hear about drugs in our community.

The committee for the evening was Wayne and Phyllis Olsen, John and Lucille Nelson, Gail and Delores Nelson, Eileen and Jack Denne and Marie Christensen.

Doris Bell, Sec.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST DISTRICT

MIDWEST

Midwest District

The 39th Annual Midwest District Danish Brotherhood and Danish Sisterhood Convention will be held on September 21-23 at the Hyatt Lincolnwood in Lincolnwood, Illinois. It is hosted by Danish Brotherhood

Lodge No. 17 and Danish Sisterhood Lodge No. 4.

On Friday, September 21, the Midwest District Officers Board Meeting will be held at 8:00 p.m. with the hospitality room opening at 9:00 p.m. Saturday's agenda includes the Past Presidents' Brunch and meeting, registration, joint opening and lunch. At 4:00 p.m., the hospitality room will again be open and the banquet will begin at 6:00 p.m. Joint installation of officers will be held on Sunday, September 23.

Albertice Nylen, Sec.

Lodge #4, Racine, WI — The first Danish Kringlefest held in Racine on June 8-10 provided Danish entertainment, the world's largest kringle and a trip to Denmark.

Booths offering Danish crafts, display of Danish heritage, customs and Danish foods including a Torsk dinner on Friday evening, a Danish buffet on Saturday and Danish breakfast on Sunday, plenty of Danish bakery and other foods.



Many visited the booth sponsored by our lodge.

Our lodge had a public relations booth to promote the Danish Brotherhood in Racine. We also sold T-shirts, ties, etc. furnished by the Home Office.

The Danish Home of Racine served Danish open faced sandwiches and did very well. Gethsemane Evangelical Lutheran Church served aebleskiver.

Racine went for the world's largest kringle. Just imagine a kringle 96 feet long. It's going into the Guinness Book of World Records.

Plans are already being made for the second Kringlefest to be held in 1991.

John Mollerskov, Treas.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST ANNUAL ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

Lodge #14, Kenosha, WI — With sorrow we report that we have lost a link in our fraternal chain of Brotherhood and it is with profound regret and in thoughtful remembrance of Brother Mark Welch. Our sympathies to his family.

Our delegates to the Midwest District Convention are Roger Nelson and Ben Peterson. Alternates are Gordon Andersen

and Todd Bernhardt. If you have anything to bring up at the convention on bylaws or activity changes, please let them know. The convention is in Lincolnwood, Illinois, which is very close. Plan on attending the meetings and social events. It will be a fun weekend for all. Our National President, Clyde Langsted, from Seattle; First Vice President, Woody Petersen, from Chicago; and National Secretary-Treasurer, Jerry Christensen, from Omaha, will be in attendance to bring us up-to-date on national items of interest.

Our lodge law committee for the National Convention in Portland, Oregon, next year will be elected at the September 18 meeting. The group of five will meet to go over

any changes to the national bylaws. Our delegate and alternate will be elected from this group.

Thanks to Jack Sorensen for installing the outside hose connection, tile repair, and fixing the dehumidifier. The new tile has been installed on landing and stairs to the Rathskellar. Thanks to the Rathskellar group for their generous donation. A big thank you to Harold Teising for his generous donation for the pig roast at the August annual picnic.

A bake sale by the Sisterhood and rummage sale by the Brotherhood was held to raise funds for the Danish Immigrant Museum. Thanks to all who brought "treasures" and also took some home

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with them. Thanks to workers Rudy Sr. and Rudy Jr. Bernhardt, Anker Adelsen, Roger Sorensen, Lillian Andersen, Rich Walker, Arnold Letho, and special thanks to Elaine Ibsen who marked items and assisted for all three days.

Welcome to new members Dane Pollei, James Roach, George Bodven, Gerald Hartung, Brian Adamson, Donald Lovelace, Ralph Pfarr, Richard Aceto, and Eugene Lacki. We are glad to have you in our lodge!

The "Stink Club" social gatherings have become a very enjoyable part of our activities. We have one every two months. Our thanks to Dean Hansen who originated this great idea and works hard to promote it. Have you joined us yet?

Robert Ibsen, Cor.

Lodge #34, Dwight, IL — The Midwest District Golf and Pig Roast had to be called off due to wet grounds. A lot of work and time was put into this event by chairpersons Dick and Marlene Perschnick and their committees. We thank them for all their efforts and say "maybe next time."

We can be proud of the "Viking Boat" float that was pulled in the Reddick Centennial Parade on July 22. Jim Andreasen and Shirley Holzhauer rode in the truck while Bob and Jane Smith, Dorothy Dawson on the accordion and Young Vikings Rhea and Cassie Wilson rode on the float. It was very impressive.

Our picnic on July 9 was great! The weather was hot but the tables were all full and the food was delicious. The pool felt good to those who went swimming. Bingo is always fun and the ice cream cones topped off the evening.

Congratulations to four of our teams who placed in the national bowling tournament: The Standards came in at 8th place, Bad New Strikers at 9th place, Party Time Lodge 34 at 16th place and the Go Nads coming in at 17th place.

Margaret Goodwin, Sec.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST NEWSLETTER

Lodge #35, Chicago, IL — Our September meeting will be two weeks early due to conflicts at the club so mark your calendar now so you won't show up at the wrong time. The date is September 7 at 8:00 p.m. Program for the evening will be a white elephant sale. Each member is asked to bring only one white elephant, but please have it gift wrapped. Your items will then be auctioned off and the profits will go to our Care and Share program. Be sure to come and join the fun!

Cash received up to the July meeting for

the Care and Share program was \$578.00. We have collected 705 pounds of clothing and 195 pounds of food. Furniture brought was a three piece sectional sofa, two overstuffed chairs, two barrel chairs, three mattresses and one box spring, two end tables and more. Thanks to all of you who have donated. You have no idea how much your gifts are appreciated at Lutheran Family Mission.



Lars "Fred" Hoffman receives award in honor of his 96th birthday by President John Jorgensen.

President John Jorgensen had the pleasure of installing seven new members at our July 20 meeting. They were Jorgen and Judy L. Laursen, Kaja B. and Preben R. Lustrup, Elmer E. Svenningsen, Ellen S. Haukedahl, and Ruby I. Pedersen. They were welcomed into our lodge by all members present.

Ray Nielsen took some time to explain to our new members how our lodge works and Audrey Christiansen took some time to explain insurance.

Ray Nielsen said there were nine participants in the Trap Shoot in Dwight and ten of our members came for the dinner afterwards in Dwight. Everyone had a great time and had good food. Good job, Dwight! Henry Jepsen was the highest scorer for our lodge but no prize!

Charles Jespersen reported that our oldest member, Chris Mortensen, was 108 years old on August 16 and the lodge sent him \$108 to Chris as a gift.

Ray Nielsen reminded us that Scandinavian Day will be held at Vasa Park in Elgin on September 9. The Midwest District Past President's Club has a booth there and urged everyone to come out for a fine day of Scandinavian food and wonderful programs.

Kari Christensen was awarded her scholarship by Grethe Jepsen and given a big hand.

After the meeting and the good sandwiches served at the last meeting, we had a sing-along. Ellen Haukedahl supplied us with great piano music and Paul Sloth led us as we sang some good old songs. There was lots of enthusiasm noted as everyone joined in the singing and it seems like a good time was had by all. We even had a little competition between the men and women and it seems that the men can sing

the loudest! Thanks to Ellen and Paul for leading us. Without them, it would have been kind of flat!

Elsa Petersen, Cor.

Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI — The following lodge members worked at the June 9 Scandinavian Festival to help make it successful: Elsa Berlin, Grace Gertz, Elsie Hein, Axel and Inga Hermansen, Lillian Jensen, Elmer and Sally Jorgensen, Al, Barbara and Carol Larsen, and Betty and Gordon Martinson.

Fifteen members had a most enjoyable back yard picnic/pool party on Saturday, July 21, thanks to Sally and Elmer Jorgensen. We enjoyed refreshing drinks, tasty foods and even the weather cooperated!

Al Larsen, Cor.

Lodge #186, Luck, WI — Six officers were present among the 36 members who attended our June 11 meeting. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Grayce escorted Ardyce and Reuben Haglund to the front where they were initiated and welcomed as new members.

A thank you was received from Ambulance Associations for the \$75 donation in April.

Virginia Petersburg reported the members of the Senior Center would like to share some future activities with the Brotherhood. There will be future travel movies.

Jerry Christensen, Pam Dorau, and Andy Andersen of the National Headquarters and Edward Nelson and Leonard Thompson of Minneapolis met with officers on June 12.

Gene Petersburg has secured some Danish travel posters from the Danish Board in New York. He will see to getting them framed and hung.

Attention was called to the painting donated to the lodge several years ago by a couple from Kenosha.

The Pleasant Valley Kitchen Band entertained us with catchy tunes, songs, jokes and Vergie's animal puppets brought back from last winter's stay in the sunny southwest.

Danish sandwiches and coffee were served following the meeting.

Esther Nies, Sec.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST SINGLE SOCIAL ACTIVITY

Lodge #343, Waupaca, WI — Our July 26 meeting was held at Waupaca South Park for our annual picnic. After enjoying a delicious potluck meal of casseroles, salads and desserts, we turned our attention to John Gusmer, one of our newest members. He told us how his father came

here from Denmark and started what is now known as Filter Materials, Inc., together with Mr. Schroeder.

Everyone enjoyed the presentation and we all became more acquainted with one of our local industries. John also brought along some coasters made from left over materials and scraps which he distributed among members. Thanks John.

The remainder of the evening was spent visiting. We thank Henry and Melda Mortensen for acting as host and hostess for the evening. **Vera Yorkson, Cor.**

MICHIGAN-OHIO

Michigan-Ohio District

July 7 was the date that over 100 people got together in Muskegon, Michigan, to enjoy the Annual District Picnic hosted by Lodge No. 30. It was a fun day highlighted by a pig roast and a lot of games for both adults and children.

On July 28, several people came to Detroit to attend a Detroit Tiger baseball game. A bus load of Brothers and families went to Tiger Stadium to see the Tigers win a game from the Boston Red Sox and then back to the Danish Inn for a meal and refreshments. Both of these district events

were enjoyed by those who attended but the turnouts were not as great as hoped for. **Bob Sorensen, Sec.**

Lodge #227, Detroit, MI — June 13 was the date of the last dinner meeting until September and we had 60 Brothers and Sisters enjoy the dinner after which the ladies went to their meeting and 32 Brothers attended our business meeting.

June 27 was the night of the last social night get together until September. The night was highlighted with Danish sandwiches being served to the 46 plus folks who showed up for the evening.

With no meetings during the summer, there isn't too much news to report on but I want to remind the members to remember the night of September 29 as the date of our anniversary dinner dance.

Bob Sorensen, Cor.

SEPTEMBER ASSESSMENT NUMBER 1095

is Due and Payable to the
Lodge Treasurer

September 1, 1990

and Must Be Paid Before

October 1, 1990

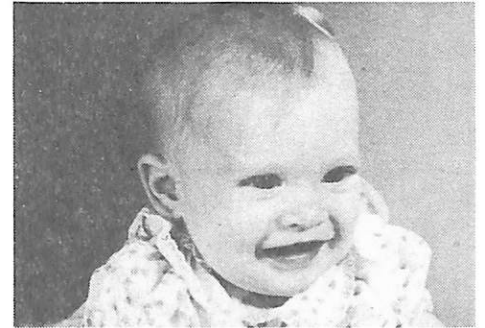
Members failing to pay their local lodge treasurer as per above will be considered in arrears.

VELKOMMEN!

In recognition of DBIA members who are participating in the growth of the Danish Brotherhood in America by recommending their family and friends.

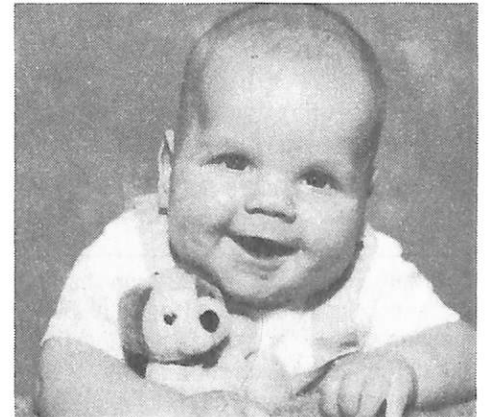
Member	Lodge No.	Location	Sponsor
Gregg A. Goldstein	14	Kenosha, WI	Vincent Roders
John Lubniewski	14	Kenosha, WI	Elmer Shemanske
Richard Campagna	14	Kenosha, WI	Kenneth Spiegelhoff
Donald A. Tianen	14	Kenosha, WI	Donald Badgerow
Arnold J. Faaborg	15	Des Moines, IA	Roland Jensen
Ruth Fern Faaborg	15	Des Moines, IA	Roland Jensen
Kathleen M. Hoegh	15	Des Moines, IA	Olivia E. Ibsen
Alice M. Geissler	32	New Haven, CT	Donald Geissler, Sr.
Kaja B. Lustrup	35	Chicago, IL	Henry Jepsen
Ralph C. Jensen	84	Lincoln, NE	Erik Hansen
James Foster	95	Ferndale, CA	Jessica Martella
Olga M. Foster	95	Ferndale, CA	Candice Martella
Clarence C. Miller	95	Ferndale, CA	James Thomsen
Paula N. Miller	95	Ferndale, CA	James Thomsen
Ruth M. Allen	95	Ferndale, CA	James Thomsen
Rolland C. Larsen	139	Viborg, SD	Arnie V. Sorensen
Dorothy M. Larsen	139	Viborg, SD	Arnie V. Sorensen
Gerald L. Westergaard	139	Viborg, SD	Arnie V. Sorensen
Allen Pearson	139	Viborg, SD	Arnie V. Sorensen
Joyce Pearson	139	Viborg, SD	Arnie V. Sorensen
Amber R. Wilber	84	Hayward, CA	Signe A. McNeil
Reuben Litz	186	Luck, WI	Esther Nies
Neil M. Christensen	242	Erie, PA	Henry Jensen
Hugo E. Rasmussen	332	Ripon, CA	Vernon Olsen
Bodil K. Rasmussen	332	Ripon, CA	Vernon Olsen
Martha M. Thomsen	341	Kimballton-Elk Horn, IA	Signe Madsen
Phyllis J. Andreasen	342	Bucks Co., PA	Carl L. Andreasen
Edward Lane, Jr.	349	Atlantic, IA	Ida Rasmussen
Vivian P. Lane	349	Atlantic, IA	Ida Rasmussen
Ray F. Madsen	600	Omaha, NE	Andy Andersen

Introducing . . .



Carley M. St. Clair, one of our newest Young Vikings who joined Lodge No. 600 in Omaha, Nebraska, has this to say:

"Hi! I am pleased to be able to join the Danish Brotherhood since I am descended from Danish immigrants. My favorite activity is bothering my big sister, Meredith who is 3." and



Mitchell H. Senkler, another of our new Young Vikings who joined Lodge No. 35 in Chicago, Illinois, and has this to say:

My name is Mitchell Henry Senkler and I was born on February 27, 1990. My friends call me Mitch. My mom and dad are Rhoda and Bill and we live in Clearwater, Minnesota. I have a big brother, Phil, who thinks I'm pretty neat. Mom says I'm a real good baby and I like to smile a lot.

I have been to a lot of auctions with mom and dad but they won't let me bid very much. People always ask if I'm for sale, too.

I'm glad that my Grandpa Woody helped me become a Young Viking. I wish he and Grandma lived closer to me."

Welcome Carley and Mitchell!

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



Aarhus Festival Week starts on the first Saturday in September and brings fun for all ages to Den Gamle By. Sigrid and Stephen say "Vi er her paa ferie" or "We're here on holiday!" and Jorgen joins them for a swing through the air. Before long, however, Jorgen must say "farvel," good-bye to Den Gamle By as new adventures await he and Bifrost.

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.

August winners: Jennie Leigh Adolf, Kami Bosworth, and Allison Eitzmann.

Grandma's Kitchen



by Dagmar Jensen

Almond Macaroons (Mandel Makroner)

- 1 ½ cups almonds
- 7 egg whites
- 3 c. powdered sugar
- 1 tsp. baking powder

Blanch almonds. Put through meat grinder ten times. Beat egg whites until stiff. Add sugar, almonds, and baking powder carefully. Beat. Drop by teaspoon on well greased cookie tin. Bake in slow oven at 275°. Remove while hot.

First Come the Schoolboys

by Halfdan Rasmussen

translated from Danish by Marilyn Waniek

First come the schoolboys with bare knees and feet
and then come the maidens with flowers.
Then come the plows and the planters of wheat
and then come the clouds and the showers.

Then come the pastures with slow, placid cows
and then comes the meadowlark's trill.
Then come the harvesters wiping their brows
and then come the sacks to the mill.

Then comes the wind so the windmill can go
and then come the mice to partake.
Then come the children to play in the snow
and then come the bakers with cake.

Annual Board Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of The Danish Brotherhood will begin on October 18, 1990, at the National Headquarters Building, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131.

Viking Adventures

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



Pam Mainelli Fraternal Clerk

Can you imagine trying to keep track of where 10,000 people are at a certain time every month? If you think it's a difficult job, you're right. Luckily, the DBIA National Headquarters has found someone who is able to do just that and keep on smiling every day. Of course, the person we are referring to is Pam Mainelli, Fraternal Clerk. In addition to keeping the American Dane mailing list up to date, Pam also is responsible for mailing out fraternal products and lodge supplies, processing social and subscription billings, handling mass mailings, and lending a hand whenever needed. Pam has been employed at the Danish Brotherhood since December 14, 1987 and has proven to be a huge asset to our organization. She is able to handle her numerous responsibilities on a part-time basis and

reports to the office from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Be sure to feel free to give Pam a call if you have an address change or would like to order products. We know you will enjoy working with her.

Pam grew up in Treynor, Iowa, where she graduated from high school. She moved to the Omaha area shortly after that and continues to reside in Omaha with her husband of 22 years, Tom Mainelli. They have two children, their son, Tommy, who is attending the University of Nebraska at Lincoln majoring in journalism, and their daughter, Chris, who is planning on attending the University of Nebraska at Omaha. At this time, Chris is undecided about her major. The entire family are members of Mosher-Pilgrim Presbyterian Church in Omaha.

When asked for any advice that Pam would like to share with DBIA members, she stated, "Please be sure to notify our office if you are contemplating an address change. We will then be able to make sure that you do not miss a single issue of the American Dane magazine." Pam also stated that she thoroughly enjoys working with the other members of the home office staff. She mentioned that everyone is very cooperative and so easy to get along with. Pam additionally appreciates meeting the numerous members that stop by the National Headquarters and visiting with members on the telephone.

The entire Mainelli family enjoys playing wallyball, although now that their children are getting older, Tom and Pam are finding it harder and harder to get the whole family together. Therefore, they wanted to find an activity that the two of them could participate in and have recently taken up tennis. Pam did confess, though, that when she is able to find a few minutes alone, she does enjoy a little quiet time spent reading a good book.

"Danmark" Aprons Available

A necessity for all great Danish cooks — a "Danmark" apron. It's perfect for those great aebleskiver dinners or any Danish get-together.

Available to DBIA members at the low price of \$15.25 each, non-member price is \$17.00 each, of course, that includes shipping and handling.

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Mail to: Danish Brotherhood in America, 3717 Harney Street
Omaha, Nebraska 68131

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POSTMASTER: IF UNDELIVERABLE AS ADDRESSED, NOTIFY US PROMPTLY ON FORM 3579.

The Danish Brotherhood in America
P.O. Box 31748
Omaha, NE 68131

Member: Send your address change, before moving for continued service.

NOTICE!!! List all family members affected by this change.

I belong _____ My number _____
to Lodge No. _____ in the lodge is _____

Name _____

New Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

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:

_____	Other Family Members:
Name _____ Age _____	
_____	Name _____ Age _____
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