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President's Page

Clyde R. Langsted
National President

All of us have, at times, heard people comment about having good news and bad news and it is often used in the context of being clever or funny. Well, I do have some good news and some bad news and in this context I wish I did not have to bring some of it to your attention. So, with the sad news. . . .

It is with deep regret that I announce the resignation of Pamela Dorau as our Fraternal Director. Shortly after Howard Christensen's death, Pam assumed the responsibilities of the fraternal department. Since that time she has served the needs of the Danish Brotherhood in an exemplary manner and made many friends within our Danish family of membership. I, especially, appreciated the many things Pam did for us and any commentary can only reference quality. Pam quickly became a positive force, not only in the Home Office but wherever she represented her position. Her good humor, special laugh, dedication and innovation will be missed by all of us. On behalf of my colleagues on the Board of Directors, Jerry Christensen, Andy Andersen and our fine staff at the Home Office, we take this opportunity to wish Pamela well in her future endeavors. Whomever she serves in the future will be very fortunate, indeed! Thank you, Pam, for all you did for us in helping make membership in the Danish Brotherhood in America something meaningful. In the words of Paul Dickson, "May you look back on the past with as much pleasure as you look forward to the future."

Now for the bright part of all this! A major search was undertaken to find a replacement for Pam with many applications being submitted and numerous interviews conducted by Jerry Christensen to locate the right person to succeed her. It is my pleasure to introduce Jennifer Denning who has joined us as Fraternal Director. (There will be a brief introductory article covering her background appearing in this issue.) Some of you have already had the opportunity to meet Jennifer. No matter what, when your paths cross please give her a warm Danish greeting and a hearty welcome. The same enthusiasm and support will continue to be evidenced in our fraternal department.

On another note, the Board of Directors will be meeting this month in Omaha beginning on the 18th. Among the many things to be discussed and covered during the meeting will be selection of the National Convention Committee on Laws (or National Law

Committee as we refer to it). I alluded to this in the August edition and Barry Edmonds gave a more detailed report in his commentary in the September **American Dane**. The National Law Committee consists of delegate volunteers who have let it be known that they would like to serve. Obviously we cannot select everyone who has volunteered. We look for potentially the best we can and sometimes this comes from our personal observations while attending district conventions. The law committee is wholly independent in its duties and responsibilities in reviewing suggested bylaw changes and making recommendations to the convention. It is an important position. If your lodge has held an election of delegates, it is the duty of the lodge secretary to advise the Home Office in a timely manner so that your lodge representative may be considered.

After suggested bylaw changes have been received and consolidated at the Home Office, they are sent to the law committee for review and their final report goes to the delegates for study. I have heard comments in the past that some individuals have thought that the Board of Directors submit too many changes. Inasmuch as we work more closely on a day-to-day basis with our Articles of Incorporation and bylaws we often come across deficiencies that need change and it is for that reason we make so many suggestions. I do believe that the record will indicate that the preponderance of these suggested changes proved to benefit the operation of the Danish Brotherhood. It is the delegates at the convention who are the ultimate judges.

As you consider bylaw changes, try to think of the overall good they will do for the society as a whole. When it becomes personal or when it is perceived to be only for the benefit of a few disgruntled individuals, the purpose is not served.

It was my pleasure to recently attend the 100th Anniversary of Lodge No. 39 in San Leandro, California. I had the good fortune to meet many members and re-acquaint myself with others. I congratulate them on their century of service to California and the entire organization.

As you are aware, the end of the month of October brings out many strange things. Again, beware of the witches and goblins and be especially careful of all the little trick-or-treaters. Remember to share with others, it's the Danish way. Have a good one. . . .

The Rich Man and His Son

A Danish Folk Tale by Beverly Swerdlow Brown

ONCE UPON A TIME there lived a very wealthy man who had a very lazy son.

The son hated to work and just liked to waste the day doing nothing.

He ate all he wanted and spent a lot of money on very foolish things.

The father, who was a self-made man, wanted to teach his son the value of hard work and money. He took him to a distant city and got him a job with a farmer who had a very large farm.

The son agreed he would learn to be a farmer, but that his wages for the first year would only be one hundred dollars for the whole year's work.

Instead, the farmer treated him kindly and he gave the lad plenty of time to rest and wear nice clothing.

When the year ended, the farmer gave the lad his wages and sent him home.

The lad gave his money to his father as he promised he would do.

The father took the money and wrapped it in some paper.

"Why are you doing this?" asked the lad.

"You will see," replied the father. "Come with me!"

He took his son to the river where he tossed the wrapped money into the water right before his son's eyes.

The son, however, did not seem upset by his father's actions and was not at all distressed by the loss of his wages.

The father seeing this, felt his son still had not learned the value of money, so he sent him to learn the trade of another farmer.

Once again, the wages were set, but at two hundred dollars for the year.

This farmer also treated the lad kindly because of his rich parents.

The farmer did not overload him with work. He gave the lad good things to eat and fine clothes to wear which he enjoyed — to say the least.

When the year was up, the lad returned home and gave the two hundreds dollars to his father.

Again, his father took the money and wrapped it in some paper.

The lad bit his lip, but said nothing, as he had an inkling to what his father planned to do.

"Come with me," said his father.

Sure enough, he took his son to the river where he tossed the wrapped money into the water right before his son's eyes.

The lad did not seem to mind at all.

The father thought that perhaps in time his son would come to realize the value of money, but saw that nothing changes.

The father went to speak to several learned men and told them about his son, but they couldn't offer any better advice than what the father had tried to do on his own.

He sent his son away to school, hoping that his son would learn from teachers the value of money, but this did not work, either.

Now the lad had grown big and tall.

"If my son doesn't learn soon," thought the father, "he will eventually waste all that I have earned when I am gone!"

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So, he took his son to another farmer, but he did not tell the farmer that the lad was his son.

No wages were set. Only that the farmer would teach the lad how to run a farm.

From the very first day, the farmer forced him to work from early morning until late at night.

He gave him bits and pieces of food to eat.

He dressed him in ragged clothing.

The work was very hard for the lad who was used to taking things easy and having practically everything done for him.

All day long he worked with the sweat of his brow.

The farmer did not give the lad a chance to relax. When he did stop to rest, the farmer told him that he was lazy and to get back to work.

"But I'm tired," whined the lad.

"Well," said the farmer. "You can't earn your bread without working!"

The lad continued to complain, because he was not used to doing such hard labor.

The days turned into months and soon the lad grew used to the

hard work.

Eventually, he was doing his job so well that the farmer praised him.

Hearing this, the lad worked even harder until the year was up.

The lad's clothing became quite tattered. His hands were rough and calloused, but he seemed happy.

The farmer said goodbye to him and gave him only fifty dollars for all of the hard work he had done.

When the lad returned to his father's house and gave him his wages, the father once again put the money into some paper.

Walking to the river, with his son, the father was just about to toss it into the water, when the son grabbed his father's hand and said, "Father, don't throw the money away!"

The father looked surprised. "Why not," he said. "It never bothered you before."

"Please don't," said the son. "I want this money. I earned it with hard work and it means a great deal to me!"

The father smiled and realized that at long last his son learned the value of a dollar.

DBIA National Fraternal Director Appointed



The National Board of Directors is extremely proud to announce the appointment of Jennifer Denning as National Fraternal Director/Editor-in-Chief for the Danish Brotherhood in America. Jennifer began working with the DBIA on August 22 and has been very busy reading up on the history of the society, and the various programs implemented thus far.

Jennifer had the opportunity to travel to the G.C.E.L. District Convention over the Labor Day weekend. Of the weekend she says, "I met some of the most wonderful people. Everyone was

friendly and they made me feel so welcome."

Jennifer comes to the DBIA from Sioux City, Iowa. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Briar Cliff College in Sioux City in May, 1989. Her major is mass communications and she has a business administration minor.

Before graduating from Briar Cliff College, she began working part-time in the public relations department at Marian Health Center in Sioux City. Later, and more recently, she worked full-time in the community education department.

Jennifer's responsibilities at Marian included: photographing and writing for newsletters, writing news releases, and assisting with special events.

She worked closely with volunteers on a day-to-day basis and says she developed a special relationship with many of them.

"Volunteers are a valuable source of excitement to any organization. They know what it's all about!"

Her comments to DBIA members, "The Home Office Staff is great! They're friendly, energetic and always ready to go the extra mile."

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When Walter Swale Touched a Taproot

by Ove R. Nielsen

Walter Swale leaned against the aging pickup. Always unpretentious, the rancher let his clear blue eyes sweep the landscape. Now his gaze came to rest momentarily far below where a creek, whose origin was a gushing spring near the ranch house, shone like a glittering thread in the morning sunlight of South Dakota's Black Hills. After watching the creek as it reflected the morning's glow, he moved his gaze beyond it. There, in field after field, were the alfalfa stacks. They would provide winter food for many hundreds of beef cattle and their offspring.

The alfalfa was special to Walter Swale. The seed from which it had grown from root to blossom had its origin in seed brought from Russia by his good friend, Professor Hansen of South Dakota State College in Brookings. Although the two men had been born a generation apart, they enjoyed mutual respect and common cause in promoting good agricultural practices. Also, both had come from Denmark.

By now Walter Swale, who had begun ranching half a century earlier, had largely turned over management to his sons, keeping only a few tasks as particularly his own. One of these was to replenish the salt licks of the various, extensive pastures.

He liked to provide that vital ingredient. Doing so had become almost a ritual. But by now he liked even more to see the white-faced animals come at a trot when they heard the sound of the pickup. He watched them now, perhaps two hundred cows in this particular herd, nearly all had calves trotting alongside or half a length behind.

Having seen the herd come, as if to receive a morning greeting from the aging rancher (whose name had been Valdemar Svale until changed by an immigration clerk at Ellis Island in New York upon his arrival), he smiled at the cattle and then, with two easy strides was at the door of the pickup. Soon he was driving the few miles back toward the ranch house which he had left a couple of hours earlier. As he left the cattle, he saw them trying to nudge each other away from the salt licks he had just filled. He loved every part of the ranch. He loved its tree-clad slopes, the valleys, the people and the animals, both the tamed and untamed. Here on the ranch which he years earlier had named Mamre, the deer and antelope liked to play. Walter Swale had taken the name for the ranch from the Old Testament. The place called Mamre was where Abraham the patriarch had grown his herds. This rancher appreciated that, like Abraham, he had been richly blessed.

The sprawling ranch house had been built forty years earlier, actually the summer before he had married a young woman from a neighboring ranch. It was of peeled logs that were as sturdy as the hills on which they had grown for the better part of a century. The house blended with the outbuildings, corrals, and the trees on the slopes. In a real sense it also blended with the person of Walter Swale.

The rancher entered the house through a veranda door and strode directly to the spacious room that served as library. In the room stood shelf upon shelf of books, numbering well over a thousand, for Walter Swale was an avid reader. One shelf held books of special binding. These were numbered from one to fifty. The fiftieth book was only about two-thirds complete. Walter took that one from the shelf and started to write. He was making this day's entries, for the series of books was actually the journal he had kept since leaving his native Denmark that half a century earlier. His parents had been farmers on the peninsula known as Jutland. Moderately well-to-do, they had provided him with two

years at a folk high school, and after that had supported him in his wish to work on a farm in England for a year. It was while in England he had decided to emigrate. Like most other Danes who immigrated to America, for that had been his destination, he did not seek out a Danish community. Instead he had gone by train from New York all the way to the storied Black Hills. There he bought initial acreage at low cost. Hard work and good management practices had added the rest.

He was writing in that fiftieth book when his wife, who was the mother of his four daughters and as many sons, entered the library. She was carrying two cups of coffee and newly baked cinnamon rolls on a tray. She greeted him warmly, as if he had been gone for a couple of days rather than only that many hours. As they drank the steaming brew and ate the rolls, they conversed easily. It was chitchat kind of talk until, quite suddenly, his wife said, "Walter. There is something I would like to discuss with you. We have had the means to do so for many years, but have never visited your homeland." Walter smiled and said: "This is my homeland, for it is here that you are. Wherever you are is home to me." His wife smiled her appreciation but then pressed him a bit on the matter of visiting Denmark. This time the rancher sat for a few moments before responding. Looking at her very tenderly he then said: "You are right. We should have visited Denmark. That is where my roots are. But my parents have been dead for many years and my brother, who inherited the farm, died some years ago. As you know, he never married. I don't have any close family in Denmark that I know about. Why I have even forgotten the Danish language."

Following those observations, Walter sat for a few moments. When he spoke again he said, "I have had only one real contact with Danes in America throughout these many years. That one is Professor Hansen in Brookings. But while I know he has been in contact with some Danish communities, he and I have always been occupied with agricultural agendas when together."

Then with a look of recollection on his strong face, Walter said with a slight sense of urgency, "I just thought of something." He got up easily from behind his desk and extracted something from a file drawer. It was a small newspaper clipping. He read its message to his wife. It told about a folk meeting that would shortly be held in a town in Minnesota called Tyler. It would be held in a folk school building called Danebod. There would be lectures in the Danish language and Danish songs would be sung.

Walter told his wife that after reading the announcement a few days earlier in the Rapid City daily newspaper, it had seemed that he had heard of Danebod. He now remembered that it had been a long time ago, perhaps in the mid-1920s. He recalled that it was Professor Hansen who had told him about it. The distinguished professor had told him there was a folk school there which had sessions for young women in summer and young men in winter. Most of the young men were immigrants. Professor Hansen had also told him that, now a quarter of a century earlier, there had been a young American of Danish descent in charge of the school. The rancher did not recall the young man's name, but remembered he had come to Danebod from Aberdeen in South Dakota after teaching in a normal school there.

The two people, aging in years but young in spirit, talked a bit more before the wife returned to supervise the kitchen work and he went to do some repair work in one of the round-pole corrals.

On toward evening in 1950 a Greyhound bus stopped in front

of the drugstore in Tyler. The driver got out first. He was followed by a tall man of weathered features and erect bearing. That man had clear blue eyes and wore a brown stetson. It was a little larger than hats normally seen in Tyler. He also wore jacket and trousers that were brown. His right hand held a suitcase of modest size.

Looking first up, and then down the street, the tall man entered the drugstore and looked around, for it served as bus depot as well. A retired farmer who was buying something saw him and considered the possibility he had come for the folk meeting. The retired farmer looked at the man and asked, "Skadov te Danebo (Shall you up to Danebod)?"

"Pardon me, sir. What did you say?" asked the tall man.

The retired farmer repeated his inquiry.

When again the tall man said, "Pardon me," he continued by

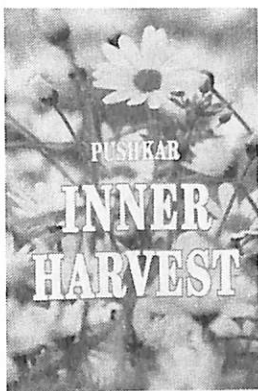
saying he had read in the Rapid City newspaper about a folk meeting in the Danish language that was to be held at a place called Danebod. He wondered if someone might direct him there. The retired farmer said he was going there now. He would be glad to take him.

As the two men drove south from the drugstore and crossed the railroad tracks, the tall man spoke up, saying: "I am a rancher from the Black Hills. I read about the folk meeting and wish to attend. I think you were likely speaking Danish back there in the drugstore but I have not spoken Danish for fifty years and can't seem to remember no words to use."

The retired farmer responded: "My Danish is called **Thybo**. It is a bit different. But don't worry about the language. Everyone at the folk meeting can speak in English."

The two men arrived at the folk school in time for the evening

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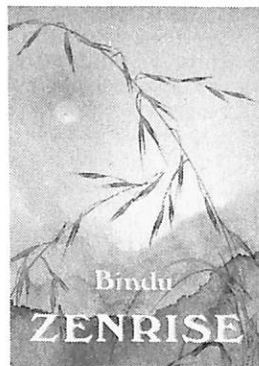


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meal. Later there was group singing. Then came a lecture, followed by evening devotions. On the following day there were morning devotions, and there were lectures and there was a lot of singing. That was the general format for the rest of the folk meeting days as well.

Thirty years later a young woman, who was a scholar, was spending some months at South Dakota's historical library. She was working on her dissertation, part of the work for her doctorate. Her studies centered on ranching in the Black Hills, and its impact through the years on South Dakota's economy. While studying, she came upon a journal consisting of more than fifty volumes. It was a veritable treasure. Reading the journal became a consuming interest. In the books she read about a crossing of the Atlantic in the year 1900, a rail trip all the way to the Black Hills, adaptation to a new environment, a marriage and family, of daughters attending the university at Vermillion and sons preferring the state college in Brookings. She read of the consistent growth of the ranch called Mamre, of membership in a Methodist church, of a rancher being one of the directors of a bank in Rapid City, quite some miles from the ranch. She read of livestock exhibits, of courage on the part of a man and his wife through hard times and good. She thought how appropriate that the ranch had been named Mamre for the rancher had indeed been a patriarch.

When the researcher was reading entries from the fall of 1950, actually in that fiftieth book, she read about lectures by a local pastor who was also a historian. She read about a Danish-Canadian pastor from a place called Dalum. That singular individual had lectured about the work of a Norwegian author from the previous century who wrote that the tree said to the grass: "Let us clothe the mountain."

And the grass had responded: "Yes, let us clothe it in God's name." That, according to the journal, had reached deeply into the person of the rancher, for he remembered having read those words way back when he attended folk school in his native Denmark. His journal had recorded that this very passage must have been adding to his appreciation of the Black Hills for these many years, for there the tree must also have spoken to the grass.

The researcher smiled as she read the words: "When I came to Danebod I could remember nothing of the Danish language. It had somehow been eclipsed for half a century. But in the course of the folk meeting not only the language shone through like sunrise at Mamre, but so did dozens of songs as they were sung, with accompaniment, yes leadership, by a lady from Chicago for whom the joy of song sprang forth like blossoms on alfalfa stems." The entries for those particular days concluded with the words: "At Danebod I touched my taproot."

The following fall the researcher inquired to learn whether by any chance such meetings were still being held at Danebod. She learned that they were, indeed, but now the event was known as the Folk Meeting. All lectures and much of the singing, she was told, were now carried on in the English language. Some of the speakers were selected for prominence in their particular field and came long distances.

The researcher, not knowing exactly why, for she was not of Danish descent, decided to attend. Having entered the stately folk school building, she met people from places as distant as Florida to the southeast and Washington, northwest. She learned that some had been coming for more than a quarter century to sing, to listen, to worship.

Returning to her university, the researcher, describing her experience to a friend, said, "The Folk Meeting at Danebod was like a string on a violin, a string being played in the symphony that is America."

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PACIFIC-NORTHWEST

Pacific-Northwest District

The 41st annual convention of the Pacific-Northwest District was called to order by the District President, Kristian Sand, of Eugene, Oregon. The president welcomed the delegates, officers and guests and then directed the secretary to call the roll. The president again welcomed all present and then asked the past president to explain the sign and symbols. Poul B. Christensen, Vancouver, B.C., was requested and accepted to serve as the parliamentarian.

The president then asked the conductor to escort National President Clyde Langsted, National Director Barry Edmonds, National Sales Director Andy Andersen and Past President Kris Jorgensen to be seated at the head table.

The president announced that the Dillon Lodge from Montana had advised him that the lodge wanted to withdraw its membership in the district. They listed the distance as the main reason for their decision.

The president further acknowledged the presence of Mrs. Andy Andersen, Mrs. Barry Edmonds and Aage Lundquist from Oakland, California, Past District President of the California-Nevada District.

Kris Sand then introduced National President Clyde Langsted who expressed his pleasure at being able to attend the Pacific-Northwest District Convention again, again, and again, especially since he has learned by comparison what a good thing we have going. He then proceeded to introduce the representative from the Home Office, Andy Andersen, and his wife Annette, both well-known visitors to the Pacific-Northwest. A newcomer to our area is the representative from the Board, National Director Barry Edmonds from Connecticut, who with his wife Winnie and their daughter, plan to extend their stay with a visit to Vancouver and Victoria. Clyde Langsted termed Barry a director with excellent qualities, whose sincere work on behalf of the Brotherhood is greatly appreciated.

The next guest to be introduced was

The best idea for October goes to California-Nevada District. See page 15.

National Director Barry Edmonds who brought greetings from the National Board. Being a first term Director, he expressed his appreciation of being assigned to represent the Board at various functions, thus being able to visit different districts and lodges and learn first hand how much each of them has applied their personal touch to the way of conducting the meetings. Being a Board member has also provided him with the opportunity to become involved in issues pertaining to the Danish Brotherhood as a whole. In this respect, he touched on the current Five-Year Plan, the purpose of which is to maintain and increase the current membership and emphasized the importance that the local lodge make a commitment to this plan. He also pointed out that in spite of all plans for change and progress, we must not overlook the importance of the current membership, without whose dedication and efforts there would be no society. In this respect he mentioned the various awards programs as well as the fraternal benefits program. In conclusion, Barry reminded the delegates about the upcoming National Convention in Portland, Oregon, in 1991. He stressed the importance of each lodge to select a delegate to represent them and to review the current Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws as to possible changes, additions and/or deletions.

Andy Andersen of the Home Office expressed his pleasure at being back for yet another convention. His intention was to bring the delegates up-to-date on the progress of the Five-Year Plan which he had introduced at last year's district convention in Seattle. Andy concluded his remarks by emphasizing that the most important part for the success of the Five-Year Plan is the support of the members.

It was briefly announced that the past presidents would meet for breakfast on Saturday morning and that "The Water

Hole" would be open following the close of the meeting.

District President Kris Sand stated that the past year had been grand. He had been able to conduct the installations at six of the district's lodges including Vancouver, B.C., Enumclaw, Spokane, Portland, Eugene and Junction City. He also enjoyed participating in the annual bowling tournament. He expressed his gratitude for having the opportunity to serve the district as its president and thanked everybody for the warm hospitality extended to both him and Birgit whenever they visited the local lodges.

Martin Takker presented the proposed slate of officers for 1990-91: Past President, Kristian Sand; President, Asbjørn Fisker; Vice President Peter Praegel; Secretary-Treasurer, Karen Bruun; 1st Trustee, Mel Hollister; 2nd Trustee, Svend Tofteberg; 3rd Trustee, Bent Frydendahl; Conductor, Joyce Gimbel; Inner Guard, Carl Nielsen; and Outer Guard, Ove Kilgren. Sharon Kinder made a motion that we cast a unanimous ballot for the slate of officers. Ed Hirsch seconded and the motion carried.

Bent Frydendahl of Bellingham reminded all that Lodge No. 155 will host the next convention to be held at the Best Western, Lakeway Branch, on May 10-12, 1991. Carl Nielsen of Junction City extended an invitation from Lodge No. 268 to have the 1992 convention in their fine city. A motion was made and seconded that the invitations be accepted. Motion carried.

In reference to the National Convention in Portland in October, 1991, National President Clyde Langsted reminded everyone that the time to elect a local law committee was fastly approaching and that from the members of this committee will come the delegate. He emphasized the importance that the delegate is qualified to represent the lodge as the decisions made at a National Convention will govern the society for the following four years. He encouraged the local law committees to review the bylaws and with the approval of the lodge, submit proposals for changes to the Home Office. Clyde concluded his remarks with a "thank you" to the "folks in Vancouver." As usual, they have done a

magnificent job.

In response to a question from Mel Hollister of Seattle regarding a suggestion to change the name of the society, National President Langsted replied that several suggestions to that effect have been submitted but if it is to be, the final decision will be made at the National Convention.

National Director Barry Edmonds was called upon to make some further remarks and he mentioned the importance of each lodge being involved in various activities. From listening to the lodge reports, he is aware that a lot of things are happening in the Pacific-Northwest District and it is those grassroot functions that help keep the Brotherhood moving forward.

National Sales Director Andy Andersen found that it is important to support the Five-Year Plan and although the district is a long way from Omaha, it is in essence only a phone call away. He encouraged delegates to keep in contact with the Home Office. They will always be happy to assist.

Larry West of Portland announced that the preparation for the National Convention were well on their way. The convention will be held October 3-5, 1991 at the Red Lion Inn, Jantzen Beach, right next to the Columbia River. Every effort is being made to assure the delegates and guests of a successful stay. He mentioned that special arrangements are being made with the young generation in mind.

Past National President Kris Jorgensen expressed his pleasure at being able to attend the convention and then added his sentiment to the remarks made by the National President. Drawing on his own experience, he emphasized the importance of electing qualified members as delegates to a National Convention since it is from the

pool of delegates that the members of the Board are elected. To be a member of the Board requires commitment, dedication, sacrifice, and plain hard work. No one should ever aspire to reach such a position for the "honor and glory" since that can only be attained after the "hard work" is done. He also pointed out that each district has the right to submit proposals for changes to the bylaws, but since the deadline for such submission will be passed before the next convention, he suggested that each lodge bring their own proposals to Bellingham and share them so that we as a district know in what direction we are moving. Like the National President, he encouraged the local lodges to continue their efforts to expand programs and activities and thereby attract new members.

Herluf Pedersen of Vancouver, B.C. enlightened the delegates on the District Fraternal Coordinators Program. Having been involved with it for the past year, he stressed that the function of a Coordinator is to provide assistance and guidance to any local lodge requesting it. He found that meeting with Coordinators from other districts is beneficial since it provides the opportunity for the Coordinators to share and compare experiences. In general, it was noticed that those lodges that practiced "total involvement" seemed to fare better than those that did not. In concluding his remarks, Herluf made it clear that he is available to give a helping hand to any lodge that wants it.

Clyde Langsted found that the current arrangement, that the incoming president is responsible for the storage of the plaque, is somewhat unsatisfactory since nobody ever gets to look at it except for the two days during the convention. He therefore

suggested that the plaque be on display at the Northwest Danish Foundation between conventions. Paul Hansen was of the opinion that it would be better to create a new plaque using the original one as a center and arrange the rest of the plaques around it. Mel Hollister announced that on behalf of the Northwest Danish Foundation he would be happy to provide a permanent home for the Danish Brotherhood's Past Presidents plaque. As an amendment to the main motion, it was moved and seconded that we accept the Northwest Danish Foundation as the permanent "home" for the plaque. Motion carried.

The main motion, to buy another plaque to accommodate future names, was then considered. Having already been seconded, the motion carried and the secretary was so ordered.

Keld Christensen, Chairman of the Sports Committee at Vancouver Lodge No. 328, thanked the district for the donation of \$200 which helped the committee in their arrangement of the soccer tournament hosted by the Vancouver Lodge. The idea of a soccer tournament originated with the Los Angeles soccer club about four years ago and became such a success that this year 15 different teams will be competing. To help defray the cost, t-shirts and sweat-shirts are available at a reasonable cost.

Allen Nyegaard of Eugene showed a slide presentation from the Himmelbjerget language camp and judging from the smiling faces of young and old, the camp must have been a huge success.

Mel Hollister presented information about the Northwest Danish Foundation. He explained that when it was founded, the Northwest Danish Home no longer served the Danish community in the intended capacity. The home was sold and the

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
8-1-90	Christian V. Rasmussen	80	Hutchinson, Minnesota	45	Minneapolis, Minnesota	1936
7-27-90	Leslie C. Andersen	72	Dagmar, Montana	283	Dagmar, Montana	1953
7-20-90	Niels T. Pallisgaard	88	Denmark	126	Los Angeles, California	1928
5-3-90	Gordon R. Jorgensen	69	Jackson, Minnesota	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1942
5-28-90	Nels Mark	92	Viborg, South Dakota	139	Viborg, South Dakota	1917
8-4-90	Carl Hansen	86	Esbjerg, Denmark	116	Newark, New Jersey	1950
7-28-90	Floyd Kenneth Brock	80	Los Angeles, California	29	Seattle, Washington	1946
7-16-90	Ralph C. Hansen	79	Burlington, Washington	29	Seattle, Washington	1935
6-21-90	George Christiansen	71	Omaha, Nebraska	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1937
7-23-90	Aage O. Hansen	90	Odense, Denmark	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1921
4-20-90	Harold Thomsen	89	Hjørring, Denmark	49	San Francisco, California	1920
8-11-90	Harry A. Olsen	71	Albert Lea, Minnesota	75	Albert Lea, Minnesota	1976
8-5-90	Rigmor Paulsen	67	Nykøbing, Denmark	75	Albert Lea, Minnesota	1986
3-11-90	Robert Kleinhouse	60	Chicago, Illinois	35	Chicago, Illinois	1981
2-28-90	Olavi Virvalo	78	Finland	35	Chicago, Illinois	1987
8-18-90	June M. Andersen	65	Unknown	323	Alhambra, California	1976
8-15-90	Morris Christensen	96	Hvidbjerg, Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1939
1989	Jens C. Jensen	92	Denmark	84	Lincoln, Nebraska	1982

money was invested in the purchase of a three story office building in the Northgate area. Part of the second floor was remodeled and now houses the Danish Center. This is where the Danish organizations in the Seattle area conduct their meetings. The center was created through volunteer effort. The Northwest Danish Foundation is dedicated to serving the elderly in the Danish community. They also have a scholarship program available not only for college education but for retraining as well. Donations to the foundation are always welcome and will be used for the benefit of the Danish community.

Kris Jorgensen of Seattle, a member of the foundation's scholarship committee, informed everyone that scholarships are not the only type of financial assistance offered. They also award stipends, covering one day seminars or workshops. He emphasized that when applications are submitted they must be complete including references.

The following lodges were recipients of the District President's Awards: Best Civic Activity, Lodge No. 348, Eugene; Best Social Activity, Lodge No. 29, Seattle; Best Newsletter, Lodge No. 328, Vancouver; and Best Annual Activity Schedule, Lodge No. 167, Portland.

Karen Bruun, Sec.-Treas.

Lodge #42, Spokane, WA — Fifty-eight people enjoyed another outstanding afternoon in Emil and Mary Larsen's spacious yard. Good food, good weather and good conversation made this year's picnic a great one. We attempted to guess how many nails and how many kernels of rice there were in two separate jars — and if that wasn't enough, we were asked to name all the United States Presidents that we could think of in ten minutes. Thanks to Ethel Matheny for the quizzes and a big thank you to Emil and Mary for all the hard work just to have us gather in the shade of their large trees on their lovely lawn one more time. **Lawrence Charneski, Sec.**

Lodge #167, Portland, OR — The August 1 meeting came to order at 8:10 p.m. with all officers present with the exception of Steve Sorensen. Mel Pihl was pro-tem for Steve. We had 33 members in attendance. Dana Nielsen led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. The charter was draped in memory of Lois Johnson, Debbie Turner's mother, who passed away July 31. A moment of silence followed. Our sympathies go out to her family. Memorials in her honor may be donated to the Lodge No. 167 Relief Fund of the Scholarship Fund.



Welcome to newly initiated members, Lilli Nielsen and Jim Lyons.

We had two new members to initiate, namely Lillie Hansen and Jim Lyons. We also welcomed two visitors, Ken Peterson and Karen Lyons. The last meeting's minutes were approved as written and correspondence was read. We had several thank you notes from our campers who received grants. Bills were read and the treasurer's reports from June and July were read and approved. The committees gave their reports.

The Seaman Fair in Vancouver on July 29 was hot. Many hot dogs and beer were consumed. A motion was made to donate the \$100 profit back to the Seaman Center. A big thank you to Bodie Hansen for the success of St. Hans Fest at the beach in June. We had wonderful weather and a good turnout.

Jan Hansen gave the Scholarship Committee results. It was moved and seconded to receive the scholarship as read and discussion followed. There was an amendment on the main motion. It was recommended to take the profits from the 1990 auction, not the 1989 auction as written in the brochure. This was discussed, moved and seconded. We were reminded that the auction committee still needs donations for the October auction.

Mel Pihl gave a report on the Northwest Danish Conference. The following members from Portland have been elected to the Board: Emma Powell, Debbie Johnson (re-elected), and Mel Pihl. Betty Kellas' niece has designed the Northwest Danish logo as well as the logo for the national convention to be held in Portland in October, 1991.

A fundraiser for the Scholarship Fund will be held on Sunday, October 21 at the Norse Hall. It will be a silent auction with open face sandwiches. Donations are needed and items can be picked up. Call Karlene Thorkildsen or Debbie Turner for details.

As members of the Nordic Council, we have been asked to participate in the "Christmas Around the World in 30 Days" display at the Pittock Mansion. Other members of the Nordic Council will join in

decorating one part of the mansion in a Scandinavian Christmas room. Larry West, President, will appoint a committee for this at our next meeting. The decorating dates will be November 29-30 and will be on display until January 2, 1991. If you would like to help or donate any items, please let him know. **Sylvia Hurst, Sec.**

Lodge #328, Vancouver, B.C. — At our last meeting there were 34 Brothers present. During the meeting a motion was made by Herluf Pedersen, seconded by Karl Kristensen, to pay our dues to Omaha in the amount of \$688.00.

A report from our Sports Committee was given to the success of the Fourth Annual Danish American Soccer Tournament. The loan to the Sports Committee in the amount of \$1,000 was paid back.

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

Lodge #348, Eugene, OR — Our lodge was invited to Hanne and Martin Taekker's place at the coast for the weekend of August 18-19. Twenty-two people came at noon on Saturday for rolls and cheese.

We had a short business meeting where, among other things, plans for a Danish brunch were discussed. The event is scheduled for Saturday, October 20, at the Sons of Norway Hall.

The weather was beautiful and the fellowship great. The event is becoming a yearly tradition and all who participate enjoy it very much. Of course, we also went for walks and several went to the beach. Later we all went out for dinner together. Many had brought campers and trailers and stayed overnight. Thanks Hanne and Martin! **Birgit Sand, Cor.**

CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

California-Nevada District

President Kaj Kristensen brought the 69th annual convention to order on July 27, 1990, with a moment of silence for our dearly departed Brothers, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. President Kaj Kristensen introduced the two national guests, National First Vice President Woody Petersen and National Sales Director Andy Andersen. The two guests were escorted by the conductor to the front of the room and seated next to the president who then introduced National Director Ebba Norby from California. President Kristensen introduced his parliamentarian, Harold

Mathiasen of Los Angeles, who was seated next to the president.

President Kristensen recognized all the Honorary Life Members who were present including Harold Mathiasen, Vernon Olsen, Hans Jensen, Owen Miller, and Johannes Jaeger.

The minutes of the previous annual convention were distributed to the delegates along with the financial report for the current year and a list of the donors to the Scholarship Fund.

The Secretary-Treasurer announced the Solvang Lutheran Home had sent the district a beautiful Danish Peace and Earth plate for our donation. The plate would be raffled off during the convention.

President Kristensen reported on his travels throughout the state to install the new officers. He had a photograph album of the installations he had performed and passed it around for everyone to enjoy. He thanked all the lodges for their hospitality while performing the installations.

Trustee Ed Madsen reported that the trustees had audited the treasurer's books and found everything in order.

President Kristensen then introduced Woody Petersen, National First Vice President. He brought greetings from National President Clyde Langsted and from the National Board of Directors. He commended the district for its youth programs as being one of the best in the country. He said that the youth were the future of the Brotherhood. He also commented on the District Scholarship Fund.

President Kristensen then introduced Andy Andersen, National Sales Director. Andy gave an update on the Five-Year plan that was established last year.

President Kristensen then asked the Fraternal Coordinators from Southern California, Ken and Gerry Olsen, to say a few words about their activities. Ken asked that the presidents and vice presidents of the lodges in Southern California get together for a meeting. Gerry then talked about fraternal giving by the local lodges.

The Fraternal Coordinator for Northern California, Jim P. Larsen, was then asked by President Kristensen to say a few words about his activities.

President Kristensen then asked National Director Ebba Norby to say a few words. She said that the National Officers work very well together. She then expanded on the information that Woody had given about the financial aid program.

Karl Duus, Convention Chairman, reported that the youth were up at Universal Studio. On Saturday they would go to the Gene Autry Museum followed by a barbecue and swim party at Betty Seale's

home. Betty was the chairman for the youth at the convention.

Gary Gossett spoke briefly about the youth and the nine youth that were at the convention. He then discussed the proposal by Woody Petersen for the youth attendance at the National Convention. After considering Woody's proposal with six other delegates, he made the following proposal: **"We therefore move that the California-Nevada District Convention allow a youth representative from each lodge to participate at our conventions and that a committee be appointed to establish the level of involvement of these representatives."** This proposal was passed.

Woody Petersen again praised the

district for their progressive ideas and for passing this proposal. He also reminded the delegates to elect national delegates that plan to work at the convention and not just go for a vacation. He indicated that the national delegates must make decisions so the Brotherhood can move forward.

Petaluma Lodge No. 143 informed the delegates that next year's convention will be held on August 15-17, 1991. Solvang's Lodge No. 299's offer to host the 1992 convention was accepted last year.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Sue Patterson; Vice President, Jim P. Larsen; Secretary-Treasurer, Owen Miller; Trustees, Jim A. Larsen, Ebba Norby, and Ed Madsen; Con-

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ductor, Johannes Jaeger; Inner Guard, Karl Duus; and Outer Guard, Gary Gossett.

Gary Gossett asked all the youth that were in attendance to come to the front of the room and introduce themselves. They were Tina Hogan, Bryce, DaNeil and Jamey Gossett, Katie and Tattie Elbek, Lea and Angela Flammang and Jennifer Erikson. Jamey Gossett thanked the Los Angeles lodge for including the youth in the convention and Betty Seales for being the chaperone.

President Kristensen announced that there were two people that were worthy of receiving the Hans M. Andersen Award for service for their local lodge. The recipients were Inger Dix of Alhambra Lodge No. 323 and Francis Sweet of Ferndale Lodge No. 95.

The District President's Awards were presented as follows: Best Single Social Activity, Petaluma; Best Single Civic Activity, Ferndale; Best Annual Activity Schedule, Riverside; and Best Newsletter, Riverside.

The drawing for the Peace and Earth plate was won by Ken Olsen. The income of \$146.00 will be forwarded to the Solvang Lutheran Home.

Bob Lassiter of Solvang spoke briefly on the two new projects that the district has started in the last two years, namely the Scholarship Fund and the support for the youth at the convention and challenged the district delegates to come up with another new project to start next year.

Andy Andersen noted that the host lodge, Los Angeles, had the biggest net increase in members last year.

Ebba Norby spoke briefly as the California-Nevada District representative on the National Board and congratulated the district on the great things that it is doing.

Knud Ove Knudsen of San Francisco invited all the delegates to their 100th anniversary party to be held on November 9.

The new President, Sue Patterson, announced the selection of Gary Gossett as the Youth Involvement Program and that he will select his own committee.

The full text of the Resolution Committee Report is as follows:

"We the Officers and Delegates constituting the California-Nevada District of the Danish Brotherhood in America, at the 69th Annual Convention in Burbank, California, from July 26, 27 and 28, 1990, do hereby resolve that we express our sincere appreciation to the Danish Brotherhood Los Angeles Lodge No. 126 and Danish Sisterhood Princess Marie Lodge No. 68 and their Chairpersons, Karl Duus and Co-Chairpersons Adi Hansen and Poul Dalby

Andersen and their committees.

"May it also be resolved that we extend our thanks for Thursday night welcome and entertainment set up by the Convention Committee.

"May it also be resolved that the 69th District Convention acknowledges thanks to Woodrow T. Petersen, National First Vice President, and Andy Andersen, National Sales Director, for the Danish Brotherhood in America for their input and support of our convention.

"Whereas, the California-Nevada District of the Danish Brotherhood in America is committed to progressing into the 1990s,

"Whereas, we have been presented with a motion to allow a youth representative from each lodge to participate in our convention,

"Whereas, we recognize the importance of participation of the youth in our convention,

"Whereas, we recognize the importance of such a plan for the benefit of our members and the future of the Brotherhood,

"Now therefore be it resolved that the California-Nevada District hereby commits its support and encourages its member lodges to commit their support of the same,

"May it also be resolved that we express our thanks and appreciation to Kaj Kristensen for this year of service as President."

Woody Petersen, National First Vice President, was the installing officer with the assistance of Andy Andersen, National Sales Director, as the Conductor. A drill team from the Danish Folk Dancers assisted in the installation.

The new President, Sue Patterson, closed a successful convention.

Owen Miller, Sec.-Treas.

Lodge #39, San Leandro, CA — Our 100th anniversary celebration with the luncheon on August 11 at the Blue Dolphin Restaurant in San Leandro Marina was a huge success with 111 guests, Brothers and Sisters in attendance. Also attending were National President Clyde Langsted, National Director Ebba Norby and Danish Vice Consul Perben Hein and his wife.

National President Clyde Langsted spoke and congratulated the lodge and brought greetings from the National Board. National Director Ebba Norby, along with President Langsted, presented the lodge with a commemorative plaque.

History of the lodge was told by some of the speakers. We also had the pleasure to listen to speeches from the distinguished guests present.

National President Langsted presented a



National Director Ebba Norby congratulates the lodge on their 100th anniversary.



National President Clyde Langsted presents a 60-year pin to Ralph N. Kerr.

60 year membership pin to Ralph N. Kerr.

Remember to mark your calendar for October 26. That is the night of the Italian dinner with happy hour from 6-7 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. Please make your reservations no later than October 23. Hope to see you there.

Lodge #126, Los Angeles, CA — Our last meeting was called to order by President Karl Duus. After the Pledge of Allegiance, a minute of silence was observed for our dear departed Brother, Niels Pallisgaard. He was a member of our lodge for 62 years. He lived with his daughter, Sue Patterson, in Riverside for a number of years. We extend to his family our most heartfelt sympathy and consolation. Sue became President of the California-Nevada District at this last convention. Her father died just prior to the start of the convention but in spite of this, she carried on her duties like a real "trooper." A donation of \$25.00 is being sent to the Danish Lutheran Church in memory of Niels.

A motion was made and passed unanimously to donate \$100.00 to help the family of young Bjørn Winberg with his medical bills. He is being treated for a disease called Wilm's Tumor. Our prayers are with you, Bjørn.

Each of the delegates reported on the convention with many constructive comments. Erik Kofod suggested that a photo album be put together with a scrap book

for President Karl Duus as a memento of his hard work as President of one of the hosting lodges and Chairman of the Convention Committee.

Now that the convention is over, our lodge is getting back "on track." At the last meeting, our much neglected Operation Care and Share was discussed. In the past, we have collected money for the Salvation Army Food Bank and the Battered Mothers and Children's Home. We already have suggestions as to what group or groups are badly in need of donations. At the next meeting, we will accept even more suggestions and then we will decide on a needy group. We will then decide and plan on money making socials.

Anne Kofod, Cor.

Lodge #143, Petaluma, CA — We are feeling and seeing a few signs of the fall season after a very full and busy summer!

Our annual chicken barbecue was held on July 15 at Pengrove Park with approximately 260 people attending. The weather was perfect and the food delicious which everyone enjoyed along with the chance to visit with long-time friends and make new ones. The committee is to be congratulated upon the success of the day.

Our August meeting was preceded by a "Welcome Home Delegates" social hour. Henry Brown and his wife Inga served ice cream along with various toppings so we could make our own sundaes. It was also the evening of the annual "Make It, Bake It, Grow It, Sew It" auction when the many talents of our members shine through.

The delegates enjoyed the convention in Burbank. Those attending from Petaluma were Brothers Jim P. Larsen, Harvey Rasmussen and Walt Miller. Jim Larsen was installed as Vice President of the district and we extend our heartfelt congratulations to him. We returned with thoughts of making plans for the convention to be held in Petaluma on August 15-17, 1991. Meetings for this purpose are held monthly and we invite everyone interested to attend.

On August 11 some of our members drove to the Blue Dolphin Restaurant in San Leandro to attend a luncheon in honor of Lodge No. 39's 100th anniversary. It was a beautiful day and the party was well attended. Many memories were shared that afternoon and Lodge No. 39 is certainly to be congratulated upon this special occasion. Alice Rasmussen, Cor.

Lodge #323, Alhambra, CA — We wish to thank Kaj Kristensen who has served as District President during the past year. He did an excellent job fulfilling his duties as president. Thank you Kaj!

We also extend our congratulations to this year's recipients of the Hans M. Andersen Award. This is the highest award the district presents. This award went to Francis Sweet of Ferndale Lodge No. 95 and our very own lodge treasurer, Inger Dix. Congratulations to you both!

One of our dearest members, June Andersen, passed away August 19 at the age of 65. June was the beloved wife of Hakon (Andy) Andersen. Together June and Andy built one of the largest nurseries in the area. A memorial service was held at Andy's beautiful garden which June loved so much. Our most sincere condolence goes to her husband and her family. Aere vaere dit minde.

On August 22, our lodge met with Ken and Gerry Olsen, District Fraternal Coordinators, in their home where they treated us royally. Our President, Clarice Christensen, provided the dessert, a Danish layer cake. Following the dinner, we got down to "brass tacks." I will say Gerry is a "relentless" taskmaster. We went through all the questions one by one and in many cases it appeared we didn't give ourselves enough credit and in others we sure had room for improvements. We all went home that evening determined to do

the best possible for our lodge. It was a meeting well worth attending and we thank you both so very much for dinner and all. Tusind tak! Kate Krake Nielsen, Cor.

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

Lodge #345, Orange County, CA — At our last lodge meeting, members, friends and visitors gathered together to celebrate our 13th anniversary. Everyone brought their own main course to barbecue and the lodge provided a scrumptious salad bar, tasty calico beans, seasoned garlic bread, and a beautiful anniversary cake. Everyone took their turn barbecuing after which we sat down at western decorated tables to enjoy our meal. Everything was very pleasant.

President Gary Gossett began our business meeting which was quite lengthy due to the amount of business we had to cover. Eleven visitors were introduced and we were thrilled to have them celebrating with us for the evening. They include Bob Hill, Lori Hayes, Wilbur Irvin, Gretchen Miller, Michelle Miller, Christine Peterson Torres, Kathy Moore, Charlene Pedersen, Pete Pedersen and Helen Lippka. From these 11 visitors, we were pleased to pass out

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Member	Lodge No.	Location	Sponsor
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Leonard A. Palmer	14	Kenosha, WI	Dane Pollei
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Hal S. Chase	15	Des Moines, IA	Edith Paulsen
Marian T. Leach	34	Dwight, IL	Metha Jensen
George R. Porter	92	St. Charles, IL	Betty (Akers) Porter
Connie L. Boynton	95	Ferndale, CA	Candice Martella
Matthew P. Boynton	95	Ferndale, CA	Kris Martella
Christopher P. Boynton	95	Ferndale, CA	Jessica Martella
Erik Asmund Andersen	126	Los Angeles, CA	Harold R. Mathiasen
Erna B. Craig	126	Los Angeles, CA	Karl Duus
Leo B. Andersen	138	Viborg, SD	Arnie V. Sorensen
Glenna J. Andersen	139	Viborg, SD	Arnie V. Sorensen
Andy L. Andersen	143	Petaluma, CA	Jim P. Larsen
Cierra C. Pedersen	161	Ruskin, NE	Kenneth C. Pedersen
Inge H. Leis	172	Philadelphia, PA	Knud O. Koefoed
Norman L. Jensen	186	Luck, WI	Lauritz P. Jensen
Karin A. Jensen	186	Luck, WI	Lauritz P. Jensen
Bruce M. Larsen	283	Dagmar, MT	Knud P. Kaee
Charlene I. Pedersen	345	Orange County, CA	Geraldine Olsen
Orvil E. Pedersen	345	Orange County, CA	Geraldine Olsen
Wilbur C. Irvin	345	Orange County, CA	Geraldine Olsen
Diana D. Pedersen	348	Eugene, OR	Henning Kristiansen
Mogens Pedersen	348	Eugene, OR	Henning Kristiansen
Per Ulrich D. Pedersen	348	Eugene, OR	Henning Kristiansen
Christian D. Pedersen	348	Eugene, OR	Henning Kristiansen
Diane B. Tianen	600	Omaha, NE	Donald A. Tianen

GROWTH BY SHARING

applications for membership to Wilbur Irvin, Pete Pedersen, Charlene Pedersen and Michelle Miller. Also celebrating with us were 13 of our original charter members whom we are always pleased to see.

Following introductions, Gary called for delegate convention reports and Gerry Olsen presented her report. Gerry reported that the purpose of having a district is to keep the lodges informed and develop a social contact within the lodges. She reported on the district scholarship which is halfway towards meeting their \$12,000 goal. They project that in one more year, the district will have enough money to begin awarding two \$500 scholarships annually. This will be done by using the interest from this fund. Gerry reported that next year's convention theme will be "Down Memory Lane," and the convention will be held in Petaluma on August 15-17, 1991.

Gary explained the youth resolution presented on the convention floor. The district voted to accept one youth representative from each lodge to be included in the convention process. Gary is heading the Youth Committee and has already set up his first meeting for October to meet with the various committee members to work on the particulars for this new group. Gary also reported that the Youth Committee information will appear in the BIEN newspaper. He finished by reporting on the district scholarship fund.

The meeting was closed and the evening was then turned over to Soren and Betty Christensen, sponsors for the evening. The evening was designated as a fundraising event for our Operation Care and Share recipient, The Christian Temporary Housing Facility. Vivian Schuette, who is chairperson, reported that the facility helps those in need for a maximum of two months. During this time the people are given help in finding homes and jobs. While at the facility, the people must take care of their own needs such as cooking, doing their own work, etc. They are given monthly counseling and gas vouchers are given out for job hunting only. We feel this is a very worthwhile organization and we raised \$224 through our wrapped auction for them. Because of your generosity in bringing a wrapped gift to auction and your willingness to bid for other gifts, we were able to have a very successful event. Our sincere thanks to all who supported this fraternal activity.

The lodge wishes to thank Betty and Soren Christensen and the members from Committee No. 3 who participated in organizing the evening, preparing the food, and decorating the room.

Congratulations to Ken Olsen who was presented with a beautiful plaque at the August meeting in honor of receiving the Spencer Nielsen Award. The Spencer Nielsen Award was begun by our lodge in 1988. It was begun to recognize our lodge's most deserving member for the year and it was named in honor of one of our own faithful members. Spencer Nielsen.

The lodge is continuing to collect aluminum cans to recycle to collect funds for the lodge's treasury. We save all of our cans from the monthly meetings for this purpose and we are encouraging everyone to save their cans and bring them to our monthly meetings. We will have someone take them to the recycling center. Even though our first endeavor was small, it was a start in the right direction. We hope to be able to add monthly to the treasury because of this recycling.

At our August meeting, we elected our local Law Committee for the 1991 National Convention. Those elected were Ken Olsen, Gary Gossett, Kandy Chappell, Bill Chappell, Ardythe Wiegandt, Gerry Olsen, and Toni Gossett. At the same time we elected our National Convention delegate, Ken Olsen, and our alternate delegate, Kandy Chappell. **Toni Olsen Gossett, Cor.**

Lodge #346, Riverside, CA — Seven members of our lodge attended all or parts of Los Angeles' district convention and if you missed it, you really missed a grand time. We cannot thank the Convention Committee enough for all the work they did. It was a first class convention! The food was great and the atmosphere was really "Happy Danes Are Here Again."

Our delegates, Nancy Nielsen and Vikki Garrison, brought home to Kodan two District President's Awards, one for Best Newsletter and one for Best Activity Schedule. Ferndale won the award for Best Civic Activity and Petaluma won the Best Social Activity Award.

Past President Kaj Kristensen conducted a very productive convention, some of which you will hear about in the coming months as a youth committee has been formed and we are in the process of working a program into our district conventions that include youth representatives from our lodges with the eventual goal of them being represented at National Conventions.

Our very own Past President, Sue Patterson, was installed as District President by National First Vice President Woody Petersen from Illinois and Andy Andersen, Agency Director from the Home Office.

A very special congratulations to Inger Dix and Francis Sweet for winning the Hans M. Andersen Award.

On August 9, we held our Board meeting with our District Fraternal Coordinators, Ken and Gerry Olsen. Eleven members attended the meeting and we had a very enjoyable time with Ken and Gerry with regards to input and getting to know one another. We even managed to answer their questionnaire and get the final preparations done on the County Fair, all in the same evening. We appreciate their coming so far to visit and I think we'll have a lot of support from our new coordinators with regards to ideas to keep our lodge progressing in quality and membership.

Sue Patterson, Past Pres.

IOWA-MINNESOTA

Lodge #15, Des Moines, IA — The regular August meeting of the lodge involved reports of the various committees concerning the preparations for the Iowa-Minnesota District Convention in Des Moines on the weekend of September 7-9. Following the business meeting, the members played a variety of challenging card games. Roland Jensen and Eric Sorensen shared top honors as the most successful players. The chocolate cake served by Anna Marie Marck was the excellent dessert that concluded an enjoyable evening.

The annual local Brotherhood-Sisterhood picnic was held at the Walter Johnston Park in Urbandale on Sunday, August 26. Approximately 50 members came but the extremely hot and humid weather restricted attendance and the planned activities for the day. Under the efficient leadership of Margaret Gee, the picnickers enjoyed a tasty meal that featured ample amounts of fried chicken and ham.

The October 8 meeting at the Legion Hall will feature a program by Steve Winzenburg of the Grand View College faculty. He has made a study of the Televangelists and has followed the Baker expose'.

Wilber Williamson, Cor.

Lodge #217, Humboldt, IA — At our July meeting, delegates Marilyn Hansen and Marvin Christensen were elected to attend the Iowa-Minnesota District Convention and alternates elected were Carl Hansen and Harold Jensen.

Our guest speaker for the evening was Bernice Smith. She is a historian on Humboldt parks. Humboldt has 12 well kept parks each with a history. Gotch Park is named after the famous Humboldt

wrestler, Frank Gotch. John Brown Park has a fountain made by Father Dobberstein who built the well known Grotto at West Bend, Iowa. Taft Park is in memory of Ben Stephen H. Taft, founder of Humboldt College.

In August, following our regular meeting, Jim Harvey of Goldfield, Iowa, spoke about ham radio, his radio tower and Morris code. He has been involved in amateur radio since his high school days.

Violet Bergeson, Sec.

Lodge #219, Clear Lake, IA — Our July meeting followed a potluck picnic at Central Park. The five-man Law Committee was selected. Those elected were Verner Sorensen, Steve Sorensen, Kathy Sonsalla, Alvin Miller and Thorvald Sorensen, Chairman. Delegates elected for the Iowa-Minnesota District Convention were Thorvald Sorensen and Francis Miller. Alternates were Edith Skene and John Smeby.

Entertainment Chairman Jerry Sonsalla presented an award to the bowling team. They earned 8th place in the National Bowling Tournament and they received a certificate and a check for \$30 for the local lodge.

Our August meeting also followed a potluck picnic at Central Park. The lodge will donate \$85 to the Iowa-Minnesota District Scholarship Fund. Our new bylaws have been approved and can be picked up.

Thorvald Sorensen was elected to serve as our delegate to the National Convention to be held in Portland in 1991. Steven Sorensen was elected as the alternate.

The names of Chris and Petra Sorensen will be a part of the Danish Immigrant Museum Wall of Honor thanks to donations from several members. Chris was a member of the lodge for many years.

An aebleskiver supper will be held on October 13. Volunteers are needed to bring sausage, syrup, milk, etc. Bring a pumpkin to decorate the tables and you can wear a costume.

Kathy Sonsalla, Sec.

Lodge #341, Kimballton-Elk Horn, IA — We met August 27 at the Home Federal Savings and Loan Community Room in Harlan for a 6:30 p.m. potluck picnic supper. About 45 attended including seven guests. They were Irene Hansen, Erna Paulsen, Naomi Andersen, Lee and Judy Nelson all of Harlan, and Kris and Olga Klibo of Buellton, California.

The meeting was called to order by President Signe Madsen. She announced that our float at Tivoli Fest had received second prize. Nice going and thanks to all

that helped with it. Thank yous were read from seniors that were given scholarships from the lodge.

Gifts were presented to Mr. and Mrs. Folmer Bonneson and Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Johansen for their 50th wedding anniversaries.



Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Folmer Bonneson



and Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Johansen.

Lee Nelson sang hymns requested and Kris Kilbo played his guitar and sang for us.

Our next meeting will be October 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the Kimballton Town Hall for our annual aebleskiver supper.

JoAnn Sorensen, Cor.

Lodge #347, Cedar Rapids, IA — You can sure tell when summer is coming to an end. Our last outdoor meeting was our annual breakfast on August 18 at the Woodpecker Lodge in Pinicon Ridge Park. It was a very successful gathering. The weather was perfect although the humidity could have been somewhat lower. The spirit was great and you could tell everyone had a good time.

The breakfast committee outdid themselves so a big thank you goes to Lee Thornbloom, Paul and Mary Mortensen, Nelda Andersen and Art and Ulla Wall.

Alice Gorsch, Cor.

NEBRASKA

Lodge #16, Minden, NE — We met August 16 at the Community Center at 8:00 p.m. with 34 present. President Herbert Nielsen called the meeting to order, roll call was taken, and secretary and treasurer's reports were read and approved. The state convention in Omaha was discussed. Delegates chosen were Herbert Nielsen, Andrew Madsen, Merle and Mabel Haselbarth and Merribelle Jorgensen. Alternates chosen were Ralph and Ruth Burchell and Shirley Nielsen. Automatic delegates included Glen Haselbarth and Bill Jorgensen, Jr., state Board members. Merle and Mabel Haselbarth were chosen Monarch King and Queen candidates to represent our lodge at the state convention.

Members of our local Law Committee who were nominated and accepted included Bill Jorgensen, Jr., Glen Haselbarth, Herbert Nielsen, Wisthi Thomsen

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and Leonard Anderson, of which one will be elected as our delegate to attend the 1991 National Convention in Portland.

Visitors at the meeting were Linda, Christopher and Christina Newhouse. Linda is a member of our lodge now living in Texas.

Victoria Youngson introduced Maynard Hall as the featured piano player. Several couples danced and one sang while Maynard played for them. He also played many old favorite selections. The program was enjoyed by all. All signed a get well card for Andrew Madsen. We were served a delicious cake with topping, coffee and tea. Committee members were Clarence and Marion Johnson, Ralph and Evelyn Olsen and Victoria Youngson.

Lillie Hansen, Cor.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST SINGLE CIVIC ACTIVITY

Lodge #206, Blair, NE — We had a lot of business to attend to at our last meeting and after business was taken care of, President Doris Stokes got us busy playing Stand-Up Bingo or maybe it was Sit-Down Bingo. It must have been Sit-Down Bingo because it seemed like some of us were sitting down most of the time. It was a fun and fast game and enjoyed by all, especially the winners.

At our July meeting, it was voted upon to raise the annual lodge dues to \$7.50 per person or \$15.00 per family.

At our July meeting, we elected our local Law Committee which includes Laurids Pedersen, Jerry Christensen, Judi Pedersen, Merton Kuhr and Bob Johnson.

Bob Johnson, Sec.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST DISTRICT

MIDWEST

Lodge #4, Racine, WI — The annual picnic is now history. We had a good turnout along with beautiful weather and delicious food.

Thank you to Doug Larsen and Wayne Kavaliauskas for all the hard work they put into it. Also, thank you to the members of the Danish Sisterhood who furnished the homemade potato salads, baked beans and cole slaw. The Danish Sisterhood donated the door prizes. 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 remem-

brance of Brother Richard A. Johnson who passed away. We sincerely and deeply regret the loss of a true, good and loyal Brother and we extend our sympathies to his family. Our charter will be draped in mourning for 30 days.

We had six teams ready to go to Dwight, Illinois, for the Midwest District Golf Outing and Picnic but we got rained out. Thanks to Don Servais and Dan Greenwald for getting all the teams together and making the arrangements.

A very successful "Stink Club" was held on Thursday, July 26, with 62 people enjoying a great meal. Our thanks to Dean Hansen, John Sullivan and Bob Ibsen for the work on this one. A big thank you to Ed Werner for showing the slides on our historical lighthouse which is being renovated.

We had three of our teams place in the top 20 in the National Bowling Tournament. Their winnings were donated to the Danish Immigrant Museum Fund along with the rummage sale proceeds. Thanks to the Rathskellar group for their donation for the picnic pig roast.

A bus load went to a Milwaukee Brewer game for a fun night. Thanks to Todd Barnett for organizing this event.

Four bus loads went to Arlington Park on Sunday, August 5. It was a beautiful day starting out with refreshments and fellowship on the buses, reserved grandstand seats, good racing and a great meal at the lodge afterwards. A big thank you to our general Chairman, Ed Zydowsky, assisted by bus leaders Duke Ellingham, Bob Ibsen and Dan Greenwald along with their helpers on each bus.

A small but very enthusiastic crowd came to the Annual Corn Roast/Dance and had a very good time. Thanks to Chairman Dan Ervin along with Barb, Laura and Heidi Ervin; Tom, Judy, Ivan and Kristen Nielsen; Brian and Kathy O'Neal; John Hosmanek; Mat and Marge Fosbinder; Ron A. Jensen; Kevin and Renee Stauch; and Bob and Elaine Ibsen.

Welcome to new members Richard Campagna, Nels Friis, Donald Tianen, John Lubniewski, Martin Setter, Raul Erdman, and Ed Kozak!

Upcoming events include Danish Night on October 12, Men's Smoker Night on October 25, the Midwest District Dart Extravaganza on October 27 and our big Halloween party also on October 27. Come and join the fun!

Robert Ibsen, Cor.

Lodge #36, Milwaukee, WI — Thanks to Inga and Axel Hermansen who served refreshments following the August 1 meeting.

Congratulations to our member Dr. M. Scott Phenix for his promotion to the position of principal at Vincent High School in Milwaukee! He spent eight years teaching in Denmark. He taught English in the adult evening class and, while with the Danish Refugee Commission, taught Danish to Palestinian refugees.

Al Larsen, Cor.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S AWARD BEST SINGLE SOCIAL ACTIVITY

Lodge #343, Waupaca, WI — Our August meeting was held at Trinity Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall on August 23. Henry Mortensen, a former cheese maker, gave a short talk on the process of cheese making. He also brought along samples of several varieties of cheese that we could try. Thank you Henry for an interesting presentation.

We had as guests Paul and Joy Peterson of Denmark. They were visiting their cousins Aleine and Margaret Miller.

A delicious lunch of open face sandwiches and doughnuts was served by Virginia Nicoliason, Caroll and Vivian Jensen and Evelyn Doerr.

After much discussion it was decided to cancel our plans for our annual aebleskiver supper due to the fact that we did not have enough workers.

We received a letter from Grethe Jepsen, our District Fraternal Coordinator. They will attend our Mortensgoose dinner at the Waucapa Country Club in November.

Now that school has begun again, perhaps this would be a good time for our lodge to look for material in our libraries for local Danish history. One of the first goals of the Danish Brotherhood in America was to maintain a library of Danish books for the benefit of members. Some lodges donate Danish books, that is, something that pertains to the Danes. Perhaps someone would like to teach their grandchildren some Danish words or numbers.

Melda Mortensen, Pres.

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AUGUST, 1990

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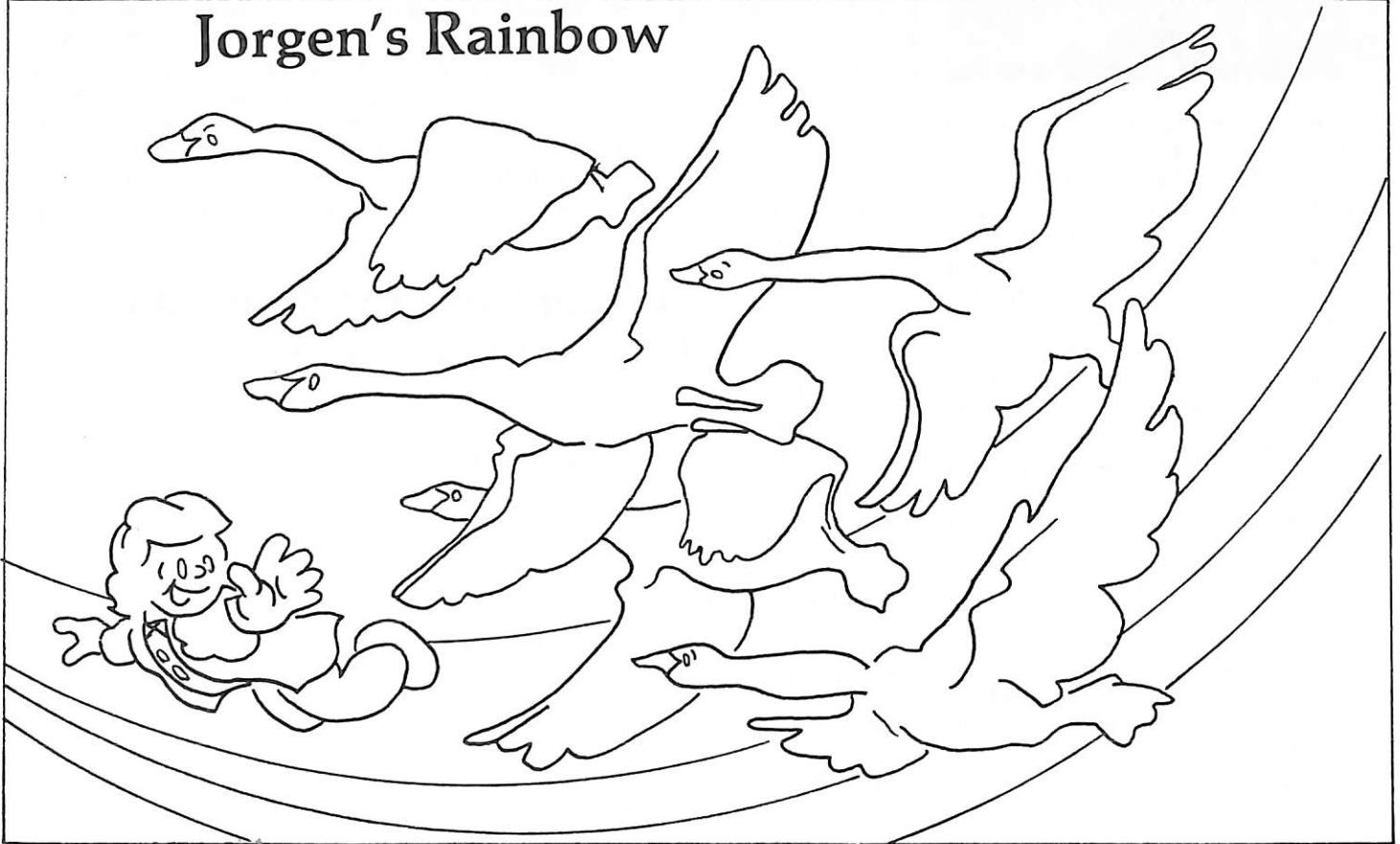
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September winners: Megan Madsen, Shelene Petersen, Michelle Andersen, and Lisa Petersen.

Grandma's Kitchen



by Dagmar Jensen

Pickled Apples (Syltede Obler)

- 4 lbs. apples
- 3 cups water
- 1 cup white wine
- 4 cups sugar
- 1 stick vanilla

Peel, core and quarter apples. Cook until tender in syrup of the other ingredients. Remove to a crock. Pour syrup over and cover when cold.

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“Deb,” as she is known to her co-workers, is the Agency Secretary. She is responsible

primarily for providing clerical assistance to the National Sales Director, Andy Andersen. Deb also handles transfers, name and beneficiary changes, and helps out with cash surrenders. She also assists with the calculation of insurance representative's commission statements.

She is a native Nebraskan. She graduated from Central City Senior High School and received her R.N. diploma from St. Francis School of Nursing in Grand Island, NE.

Deb's advice to DBIA members, “If you have a change in name or beneficiary, contact me at the Home Office. I have the necessary forms to be completed.”

She also encourages members to become active in the new membership campaign, “Growth By Sharing,” by referring people for social and insured membership.

Deb says she likes working in the small office atmosphere, “We're like one large family.”

Since working at the Danish Brotherhood, she has enjoyed learning about the Danish heritage and traditions.

Deb is the proud owner of two cats, Boo and Lady Chatters. Being the cat enthusiast that she is, she belongs to the Calico Cat Club and enjoys collecting cat memorabilia, i.e. t-shirts, plates, and mugs.

Deb also enjoys the outdoor summer activities of gardening, boating and water skiing. Other hobbies include reading and photography.

Deb is a member of the First Lutheran Church. She is actively involved with the choir and is a member of the banner committee.

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