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# President's Page

Woodrow T. Petersen, National President

## DBIA's Fraternal Fund

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During the next several months, I plan to inform the membership about the FINEST OPPORTUNITY, and the GREATEST CHALLENGE, our Society has ever faced — that of raising hundreds of thousands of dollars for our Fraternal Fund, so that our scholarship, camp grant, lodge matching fund and charitable programs can continue unabated, and also be enlarged as well.

During the past several years, fraternal expenditures have far outpaced fraternal income. The excess expenses have always been subsidized out of insurance funds. This must now be corrected.

The National Board recommended to the National Convention delegates in Portland that a restructuring of our Fraternal Fund be made, and an all-out program be started to raise the necessary funds to take care of our fraternal needs. The delegates concurred, and the program is now underway.

Step # 1 to increase fraternal income took effect January 1 of this year. That was to raise national dues from \$5.00 to \$15.00 per year for social members, the first raise since the late 70's, and to institute for the first time ever in our 110 year history, a \$10.00 annual dues for insured members. While no one likes to see dues raised, it was absolutely necessary. This dues increase is not actually a part of the Fraternal Fund, per se, but provides for our other fraternal expenditures, such as for the publication of **American Dane**.

Step # 2 is also underway and some exciting things are beginning to happen in the fund raising arena. During the next several months, I'll describe in some detail for you several types of opportunities for you to take part in this program. I think you'll be pleasantly surprised.

This month I want to briefly describe for our newer members just what our Fraternal Fund is all about, and then simply list the various kinds of opportunities that are available for you, your lodge and district.

The Fraternal Fund was established many years ago to provide funds for our educational, charitable and fraternal/heritage programs. The fund was restructured and approved by our 1991 National Convention so that donations to the fund could be income tax deductible (certain restrictions apply). It is now the purpose of the fund to provide for all of our grants, scholarships and charitable/heritage programs.

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# William Hillcourt-- Danish American Super Scout

by Charles Dickson, Ph.D

This summer a Boy Scout is having a birthday. There's nothing unusual about that until you realize the Boy Scout was 92 years old - and that he has been a Boy Scout for over 80 years - and that he wrote the book on scouting. The journey of Danish-American immigrant, William Hillcourt, from being a pharmacist in Copenhagen to becoming the author of a book which has sold over 32 million copies is a fascinating odyssey which can be appreciated by those who admire the ideals of scouting and by those who envy the longevity of a person whose life could span three different centuries.

Born in Aarhus, Denmark, on August 6, 1900, with the given name of Vilhelm Hans Bjerregaard Jensen, he became interested in scouting at an early age when his brother gave him the Danish translation of Lord Baden-Powell's **Scouting For Boys** in 1910. As the son of a prosperous building contractor, his childhood years were somewhat carefree. But his teen years became less smooth as his father nearly went bankrupt during the economic depression of the 1910's, but he was able to keep the family afloat by building stations for the expanding Danish railroad system. As to the future for young Vilhelm, he described it, "My main hobbies as a boy had been chemistry and botany. They add up to pharmacy." So he became an apprentice in the pharmacy in his home town.

His involvement in scouting continued throughout his youth and in 1922 he left Aarhus to study at Copenhagen's Pharmaceutical College. During this time he became a scoutmaster and editor of the official magazine of the Danish Boy Scout Association. While completing his pharmacy studies, he wrote a handbook for scouts titled **Spejdernes Haandbog (Leader's Handbook)** as well as a juvenile book for boys called **The Island**. At that time he decided to drop the last name of Jensen (which, in Denmark, is as common as Smith in America) and to write only as Vilhelm Bjerregaard. This name was also to present a problem which he would resolve later in his life.

Shortly after graduation from the Pharmaceutical College, he would turn his total attention to scouting by

reporting its events for newspapers in Denmark, then England, and eventually to many other parts of the world.

The boat fare for his first trip to America was paid for from the royalties of his second juvenile novel titled **Jeg Lover (I Promise)** and on February 16, 1926, he arrived in New York. Upon invitation of the Boy Scouts of New York, he spent the summer at their camp at Lake Kanohwahke. Later that year he would suffer the misfortune of having a heavy wooden crate of semaphore signal flags tumble over and break his right leg. This was to prove another turning point in his life. Standing on crutches and waiting for an elevator at the National Office of The Boy Scouts of America, he became involved in a conversation with James West, the Executive Director. West asked him to express in writing what he had learned during his lifetime about scouting. West was so impressed by Vilhelm's ability to communicate the ideals of scouting that he offered him a position as Assistant to the Director of Publications. In January of 1927, Vilhelm assumed the position.

By 1929 he would author the first **Handbook For Patrol Leaders** but the beginning of his American writing career presented another name problem. While he had dropped the last name of Jensen in Denmark, he was still writing under the name of Vilhelm Bjerregaard, which when spoken loosely by the English tongue sounded like "Beergarden." Not wanting this to be associated with scouting, he freely translated the "bjerre" meaning "hill" and the "gaard" meaning "court" into their English equivalents. Thus, Vilhelm Bjerregaard became the William Hillcourt of American scouting publications.

As a follow-up to his handbook, he was made assistant editor of **Boy's Life** magazine and, in 1932, was asked to write a series of articles with tips for patrol leaders. He decided to write them, not as an adult speaking down to a youngster, but as a 15-16 year-old senior patrol leader to the other boys. For this he picked the pseudonym "Green Bar Bill" thus creating the now famous logo consisting of the two green bars of the

patrol leaders' insignia and adding his English nickname of Bill. "Green Bar Bill" appeared in the October 1932 issue of *Boy's Life* and would continue with his writing of a new **Handbook For Scoutmasters**, and to this day, including the correspondence which this author had with this warm, friendly, and gracious man, who has done so much for young people around the world.

In 1933, Bill married Grace Brown, who was the personal secretary to Scout Executive Director, James West. He described it in this manner, "I had found the girl of my dreams. As a teenager, she had vowed never to marry a foreigner, never to marry a blonde, and not to get married in June." - On June 3rd of 1933, she broke all of those "vows" in exchange for others with William Hillcourt.

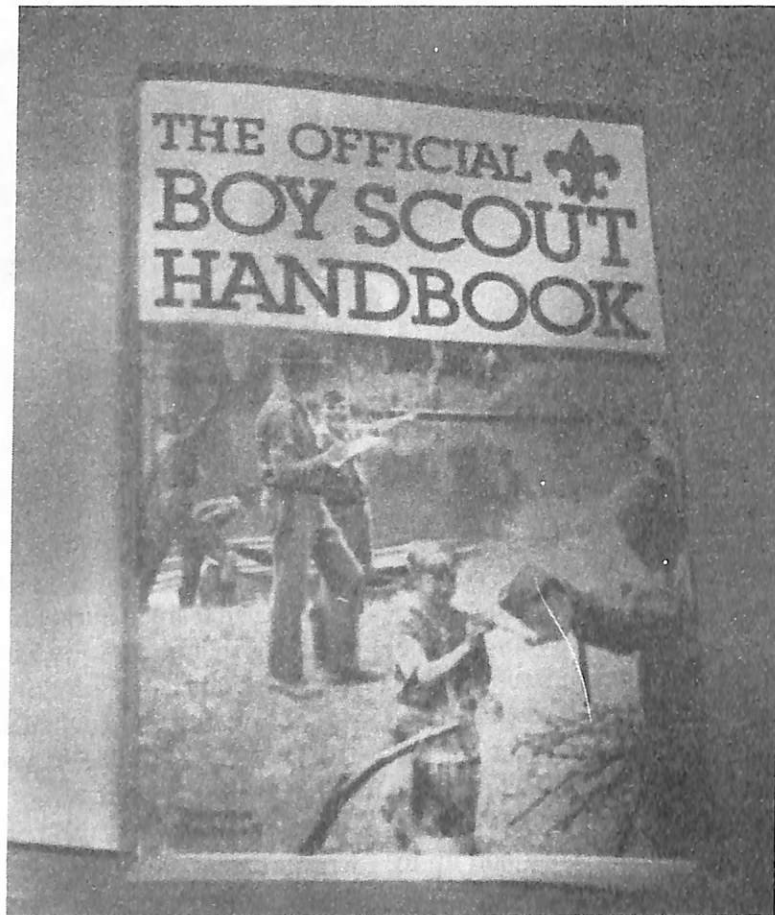
The couple took off on a 100-day honeymoon on bicycles travelling across much of

Europe before returning to the Mortimer Schiff Scout Reservation in New Jersey, where they would live for the next several decades. Scouts and scout leaders would visit the Hillcourt cottage.

The ensuing years would witness many more books by William, not only on scouting, but also on camping, physical fitness, nature activities, chemical experiments, and biography. He recalls being worried that his English wasn't good enough,

but told an interviewer, "I had a limited vocabulary, but so does the average 14 year-old boy and it was in the language of the boys who would read it."

In 1936 when *LIFE Magazine* came out with a new kind of news reporting - photojournalism or combining photos with captions - Bill



**Scout Handbook. Photo courtesy Sheri Dickson.**

figured the Scouting movement could learn much from this. Armed with cameras, equipment, a studio, a darkroom, and a helper, his boys of Troop 1 of Mendham, New Jersey, would become the most photographed Scout troop in the world.

William Hillcourt was to witness both the best and the worst of times for the Boy Scouts. He saw them expand from less than a million members in 1925 to more than 6 million by 1960. Then he saw the

membership begin to tumble drastically. He blamed this decline not only on the youth rebellion of the '60's, but also on the national trend toward management. In what he refers to as "the days of management" the program changed completely, a new handbook was written by management leaders and sales

declined from over 600,000 copies a year to half that amount.

Bill's beloved wife, Grace, died in 1973 following 40 years of marriage and he went into semi-retirement. But this was to last only a short time. In desperation over lagging sales as well as interest in their program, the Boy Scouts of America came back to him and asked that he write a new Scout Handbook. The project was begun in October of 1977 and would take a year to complete. Today there are more than 3 million copies of this new

edition whose purposes include renewed emphasis on training troop and patrol leaders in the traditional activities of scouting.

At age 92, Bill Hillcourt lives in Manlius, New York, near Syracuse. The walls of his combination study-living room are lined with memorabilia from his world travels and books. He still maintains a voluminous correspondence (more than 900 letters every year) plus writing Green Bar Bill columns, and taking a dozen

or more national and international flights to scouting conventions, where he is often the guest of honor. While for most of us, this would be a hectic schedule, this crusader refers to it only as a "tranquil retirement."

Most of the founders of the Scouting movement have receded from the campfires. But Green Bar Bill, born in 1900 (regarded as the 19th century), may in the year 2001 have the distinction of having lived in three different centuries.

He is a childless widower. But he is the least lonely man you would ever want to meet. After all, how many men have millions of surrogate sons in every corner of the globe. All of those whose lives have been touched by his dedication and vision can only say, "TACKSIGELSE, VILHELM."

About the author - Dr. Dickson is a freelance writer who lives in Hickory, North Carolina.

*Editor's Note: I visited with Mr. Hillcourt almost a month before his 92nd birthday. He told me he recently had a complete physical. He said his test results, including the physical function tests, came back normal, which he added "makes me one of the most abnormal 92 year old men around."*

*He also told me of plans to give away gifts on his 100th birthday on August 6, 2000, and on New Year's Day, 2001.*

*He said when he makes plans for the future, he always includes the letters D.V., Deo Volente (God willing).*

## The Little Mermaid

(Den Lille Havfrue)

Little Mermaid on the rock,  
Gazing out to sea.  
Who is it you are waiting for,  
Tell me who can it be?

Do you await a long lost love,  
Who went to distant shore,  
And hope that he'll come back to you,  
To stay for evermore?

Patently you sit there,  
With such serenity,  
Facing all the angry storms,  
For all eternity.

-Phyllis Aldcroft Kolseth

# 1992 DBLA Bowling Tournament Results

Lodge #	Team Name	Score	HC	Total	Award
51--A-Team.....		2870	339	3209	\$100 1
34--Foxy Danes.....		2258	759	3017	75 2*
283--Lowell Valley Raiders.....		2672	345	3017	75 2*
143--Petaluma #1.....		2628	375	3003	60 3
34--Dwight Kids.....		2688	312	3000	45 4
51--Old Timers.....		2628	348	2976	40 5
51--Crushers.....		2458	510	2968	35 6
34--Pin Busters.....		2527	423	2950	33 7
95--Danish Vikings.....		2052	870	2922	30 8
143--Petaluma #2.....		2435	465	2900	27 9
51--Tuna's Thumpers.....		2542	351	2893	25 10
227--Team #2.....		2251	636	2887	24 11
143--Petaluma #4.....		2198	687	2885	23 12
51--Shorty's Strikers.....		2480	399	2879	22 13
227--Team #3.....		2103	771	2874	21 14
34--Pony Express.....		2419	453	2872	20 15
34--#34 Party Time.....		2390	465	2855	19 16
95--Danish Dancers.....		2005	846	2851	18 17*
283--North Dagmar Danes.....		2422	429	2851	18 17*
227--Team #1.....		2252	594	2846	17 18
34--The Standards.....		2389	456	2845	16 19
349--Phyllis' Hi Rollers.....		2077	759	2836	15 20
51--Rich's Rockets.....		2496	336	2832	21
92--Dane Guys.....		2313	504	2817	22
75--The Albert Lea Five.....		2177	627	2804	23
14--Hagars.....		2254	543	2797	24
51--Spidermen.....		2271	501	2772	25
34--Herman's Hermits.....		2275	492	2767	26
34--Miller Lite Five.....		2408	348	2756	27
51--Bombers.....		2155	567	2722	28
345--Great Danes.....		1917	786	2703	29
92--Dane Gals.....		1940	726	2666	30
345--Danish Dolls.....		1840	819	2659	31
30--Team #2.....		2066	588	2654	32
349--Percy's Pussy Cats.....		1863	786	2649	33
34--Handy Five.....		1940	705	2645	34
30--Team #3.....		2188	435	2623	35
30--Team #1.....		2113	501	2614	36

\*denotes tie

Women					
Top Women's Team					
34--Foxy Danes.....		2258	759	3017	\$100
Women's Individual High Game					
34--Sharon Mortensen.....		226	56	282	25
Women's Individual High Series					
75--Marcella Minear.....		511	105	616	25
Men					
Men's Individual High Game					
34--Rick Nelson.....		265	4	269	25
Men's Individual High Series					
51--Jack Smith.....		657	30	687	25
Young Vikings					
Young Vikings Top Team					
95--Young Vikings.....		1193			
Young Vikings' Individual High Game					
95--Ray Sherrill.....		138			
Young Vikings' Individual High Series					
95--Ray Sherrill.....		302			

# Some Danish Tales

by Beverly Swerdlow Brown

## The Lookout

ONCE UPON A TIME a man went to the fields to steal some wheat and he took his child with him.

"My daughter," he said, "I want you to be a lookout and make sure that no one sees me!"

As soon as the man started to steal some wheat, the daughter called out, "Father, someone is watching you!"

The man looked all around, but saw no one and went back to stealing the crops.

Once again, the daughter called out, "Father, someone is watching you! Please stop!"

The man looked every which way, but saw no one and continued what he was doing.

Some minutes passed and the child called out, "Father, someone is indeed watching you!"

The man looked around more closely, and again saw no one so he continued what he was doing.

"Father," called the daughter, "Someone is watching you. Please believe me!"

The man looked around and said angrily to his daughter, "Why do you keep telling me that someone is watching me when I don't see anyone!"

"Father," said the daughter. "Someone is watching you from above."

## The Hunter and the Bird

ONCE UPON A TIME there was a hunter who caught a bird.

The bird being frightened said, "If you set me free, I'll teach you three wise things!"

The hunter thought about that.

"Then teach them to me and I'll let you go!" he said.

"The first thing," said the bird, "is never regret what you have done. The second, is never believe what isn't possible and the third thing is never set your sights too high!"

The hunter nodded. "That sounds like good advice," he remarked and let the bird go free.

At once, the bird flew to the top of the tree and said, "You poor fellow. Why did you let me go? Under my wings I have pearls hidden and they are worth much!"

When the hunter heard this, he began to climb up the tree higher and higher until he fell and broke his legs.

"You foolish man," said the bird. "You didn't take even one of my three pieces of advice! I told you never to regret what you've done—why did you regret freeing me? I told you never to believe what isn't possible—why did you believe that I had pearls hidden; and I told you never to set your sights too high—why did you try climbing this tree?"

The hunter just sat on the ground nodding and moaning to himself.

## The Dirty Pastry

ONCE UPON A TIME a rich man bought a piece of pastry and as he was walking along it fell to the ground in the dirt.

Just then, a poor man came by and asked for some money and the rich man handed him the pastry.

That very night, the rich man dreamed that he was sitting in a large crowded cafe.

The waiters were running back and forth and serving all of the customers but him.

He waited until his patience wore thin and finally complained. Along came a waiter and served him a piece of dirty pastry.

The rich man became indignant. "How dare you bring me this dessert!" he said angrily. "I don't deserve such unfair treatment!"

"I'm afraid that you have been mistaken," said the waiter. "All of us here saw what you gave the poor man outside and in here you are getting your just desserts!"

## Two Friends

ONCE UPON A TIME there lived two friends who couldn't do enough for one another. Their friendship was that strong.

One day there was a fight in the street and unfortunately the two friends were taken prisoner in different jails.

When one was released, he went to visit his friend in prison, but before he was able to do so he was seized and brought before the king as a spy.

He was about to be put to death when he asked the

king for a stay of his sentence.

"Your Majesty," said the man. "I come from a town where all my goods and money are in the hands of others. If you put me to death my wife and children will be left penniless!"

The king listened intently. "Go on," he said.

"Therefore," said the man, "I beg you to let me go home and recover my assets so that my family will have something to live on after I am gone."

The king thought about that. "But how do I know that you will return?" asked the king. "It's asking a bit much to trust you once I allow you to leave."

"I understand what you are saying," said the man, "but I have a friend who is also imprisoned at this time who will stand in for me."

At once the king sent for the man's friend and asked him if he would be willing, if his friend did not return from his mission, to die in his place.

The friend agreed.

The king gave the man a month to settle his affairs and then return.

When thirty days had passed there was no sign of the man and the king ordered the friend to be taken from prison and put to death.

Just as the sword was being placed on the friend's throat the man returned and grabbed the sword and placed it on his own neck.

The king sat looking out his window marveling at such love and ordered the sword to be put aside and the two men pardoned.

"I have never," said the king, "seen such love between friends and I would like to be your friend, too, for I never thought I would see this wonder of one man laying down his life for another!"

The friendship continued throughout their years and the king always welcomed both men to his kingdom.

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## The Giving Continues

It has been almost a year since Jennifer, Steffanie and Sarah Larsen lost their father in an automobile accident. The National Board of Directors put the word out about the situation these young members were in and the Danish Brotherhood in America membership responded and continues to respond. The following list is a continuation of members who have given so generously to the Larsen Daughters Fund as of July 10, 1992.

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Lodge No. 155 - Bellingham, WA  
 Lodge No. 349 - Atlantic, IA  
 Lodge No. 343 - Waupaca, WI  
 Lodge No. 306 - San Diego, CA  
 Lodge No. 227, Detroit, MI  
 Lodge No. 182 - Waukegan, IL  
 Lodge No. 126 - Los Angeles, CA  
 Lodge No. 15 - Des Moines, IA  
 Lodge No. 84 - Lincoln, NE  
 Lodge No. 17 - Chicago, IL  
 Lodge No. 46, Perth Amboy, NJ  
 Lodge No. 41 - Derby, CT  
 Harriett Nielsen  
 Lodge No. 211 - Grand Island, NE  
 Lodge No. 144 - Dike, IA  
 Lodge No. 342 - Bucks County, PA  
 Lodge No. 294 - Barre, VT  
 Carl Jensen  
 Albert and Marion Korsgaard

Lodge No. 167 - Portland, OR  
 Lodge No. 190 - Schenectady, NY  
 Lodge No. 71 - Penn Yan, NY  
 Lodge No. 325 - Nassau County, NY  
 Richard and Charlotte Baxter  
 Lodge No. 161 - Ruskin, NE  
 Egon and Frances Larsen  
 Lodge No. 95 - Ferndale, CA  
 Lodge No. 67 - Fresno, CA  
 Martin Astrop  
 Lodge No. 230 - Arcata, CA  
 Lodge No. 56 - Kansas City, MO  
 Lodge No. 332 - Ripon, CA  
 Lillian Hanson Skow  
 Lodge No. 261 - Fowler, CO  
 Lodge No. 16 - Minden, NE  
 Paul and Florence Reimann  
 Lodge No. 225 - Canton, OH

## 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	Birthplace	Lodge No.	Location	Year Joined
5-4-92	Carmen A. Paulsen	43	Havre, Montana	89	Superior, Wisconsin	1977
4-19-92	Erik J. Enevoldsen	71	Copenhagen, Denmark	167	Portland, Oregon	1985
5-22-92	A. Richard Amosson	65	Goldfield, Iowa	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1975
6-10-92	JoAnn Sorensen	64	Shelby County, Iowa	341	Kimballton-Elk Horn, IA	1986
5-27-92	Osvald Andersen	83	Randers, Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1928
5-22-92	Hans J. Simonsen	90	Denmark	322	Santa Barbara, California	1943
6-16-92	Kevin J. Sorensen	32	Plentywood, Montana	283	Dagmar, Montana	1974
6-3-92	Einer J. Andersen	80	Racine, Wisconsin	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1939
6-12-92	Harry M. Pedersen	81	Denmark	4	Racine, Wisconsin	1940
6-11-92	Milos Jerabek	68	Kewaunee, Wisconsin	51	Ludington, Michigan	1965
6-25-92	Clinton M. Jones	58	Alma, Nebraska	16	Minden, Nebraska	1958
3-28-92	Esther E. Paulsen	83	Oulu, Wisconsin	89	Superior, Wisconsin	1962
5-24-92	Niels Andersen	90	Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1952
2-2-92	Myrtle J. Jacobsen	94	Wayne County, Nebraska	110	Winside, Nebraska	1963
4-25-92	Martha H. Hermansen	87	Denmark	35	Chicago, Illinois	1981
5-15-92	Michael Roskos	93	Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	1973
5-24-92	Gaetano Porcello	90	Newark, New Jersey	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	1990
6-11-92	Val R. Severtson	76	Regent, North Dakota	75	Albert Lea, Minnesota	1980
5-14-92	Erik R. Fischer	68	Brooklyn, New York	164	New York, New York	1991
6-4-92	Harvey C. Somson	84	Audubon County, Iowa	341	Kimballton-Elk Horn, IA	1975

# Our Lodges in Action

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Pacific

Northwest

**The best idea for August goes to Lodge No. 164, New York, NY. See page 17.**

**Lodge No. 29, Seattle, WA** — President Frank Poulsen called the meeting to order with 25 members present. Paul Hansen was asked to sit in for the absent guard, Gert. A new member, Donald Hansen, was initiated into the lodge and we welcome him.

Lem Petersen reported that the Himmelbjerget Committee received more applicants than money, creating a dilemma. It was voted to increase the camp grants to accommodate the additional four applicants.

Flemming Sorensen reported on the May 30 Seattle/Vancouver soccer tournament. They had a great day and Seattle teams won three out of the five games played. The evening banquet was attended by 146 people.

Jerry Jensen invited everyone to participate in Operation: H.O.P.E. and hoped we would have more canned goods donated. He collected a total of \$43.00 which will be donated to Immanuel Lutheran Church.

From the previous meeting, it was noted that Borge Schlegel donated an old flag that he came across which acknowledged the invasion of Denmark on April 9, 1940. This commemorative flag is on display by the photo of King Christian X in the Danish Center for those wishing to view it and learn from where it came.

DBIA Annual Veterans Night will be celebrated at 7:30 p.m. at the Wednesday, September 2, meeting at the Danish Center. Danish sandwiches, pastry, coffee and beer will be served.

A Day at the Races is scheduled for Saturday, September 19. Gates open at 11:30 a.m. The first race

begins at 1:00 p.m. A roast beef buffet will be served at 3:30 p.m. Reservations are \$10.00 per person and need to be made by September 10 to Mel Hollister.

**Clyde Langsted, Sec.  
Jeff Jensen, Asst. Sec.  
Lexie Sorensen, Cor.**

**Lodge No. 167, Portland, OR** — The June meeting was called to order with 32 members and guests present. The charter was undraped. Four officers were absent. President Powell lead the Pledge of Allegiance and Larry West explained the symbols.

Minutes for the June newsletter were approved as written in the Portland Dane. Correspondence included a thank you from Loaves and Fishes for the donation in memory of Eric Enevoldsen, a thank you from the Kenosha, Wisconsin Lodge No. 14 for our support of their 100th anniversary celebration which included their anniversary booklet, and a thank you from the Northwest Danish Foundation for our donation of a TV, VCR and entertainment center. Bills were read and approved to be paid and the treasurer's report was read and approved.

President Powell introduced several guests, including Leonard Thompson, DBIA Consultant, and Mogens Pedersen from Eugene. President Powell also made a special presentation to several young people who were awarded camp grants. Allison Fisker, Dane Jensen, Laura and Stephen Leinweber and Robert and Morgan West received checks and certificates from the Home Office. President Powell asked the membership to consider

providing matching funds for several other students that would total \$250.00. A motion was made and unanimously passed to provide six matching fund grants to equal \$250.00.

Kris Roley reported that the Young Vikings would be involved with the Astoria Scandinavian Festival and St. Hans Fest.

President Powell reported that he had heard several negative responses about the change in meeting time from the Sisterhood and others. It had been voted and approved to have the meeting first and the social after. After some discussion, a motion was made and unanimously passed to rescind last month's vote and continue the meetings as they are now.

President Powell again introduced Leonard Thompson, DBIA Consultant, and he addressed the membership. Mr Thompson announced that Jens Jensen is unable to continue as the insurance representative for this area due to illness. Mogens Pedersen will be taking over his territory. Mr. Thompson stated dues being paid to the Home Office as well as the local dues is part of a plan. He suggested every lodge have four fundraising events a year to help with scholarships and other activities. More information will be coming out in the **American Dane** and directly to the lodges as to what they can do.

President Powell asked Mogens Pedersen to also address the membership. Mogens stated that he is looking forward to meeting everyone and hopes to attend as many meetings as he can.

The meeting closed in the usual manner.

**Kathy Jensen, Sec.**

**Lodge No. 348, Eugene, OR** — We kicked off an action packed month with our annual picnic at Armitage Park on June 7. We started

the festivities with a hamburger and hot dog lunch, cooked by Glenn and Bettie Matson and complemented by abundant potluck salads and desserts. Susie Staats and Susanne Engelman organized games for the Young Vikings. They formed teams and competed at eating doughnuts swinging from strings (no hands allowed), a beanbag toss, carrying eggs on spoons, racing in sacks and on three legs, and trying to play catch with water balloons. Other age groups watched the youngsters compete, sometimes joining in. Some enjoyed games of horseshoes and volleyball and dodging water balloons misdirected from the Young Viking competition. After the action, we all ate homemade ice cream prepared by Tony Toftemark and Sharon Medart. The kids added to the many prizes already won by hauling in fine catches from the fish pond.

We held our monthly business meeting on June 11. Karen Nielsen introduced members of her family visiting from Denmark. We discussed the possibility of selling entertainment books as a fund raiser for the lodge. We also talked about our participation in the Scandinavian Festival. We agreed to repeat last year's successful recruitment of new members. We also decided to join the Junction City lodge in raffling off a cradle decorated and donated by Gretchen Leiberg. It was decided to appoint a Festival Committee to coordinate our involvement.

Following the meeting, we enjoyed refreshments together and competed at our version of Jeopardy, to learn who was most knowledgeable about Denmark.

On June 20, the longest day of 1992, we gathered at Toftemark's Misty Meadows Campground near Triangle Lake. Many came early and spent the afternoon swimming in the Siuslaw River and catching crawdads. At 6:00 p.m., we sang the table prayer and then sat down to the sumptuous chicken and potluck feast.

We then moved back as the bonfire was lit. It blazed up towards the figure of the witch. Her hat melted away, the hidden fireworks exploded and we cheered the exciting climax of our St. Hans Aften feast.

With the witch dispatched and bountiful harvest guaranteed for another season, Ruth Toftemark welcomed us and Knud Toftemark reminded us that this was the 19th time people of Danish heritage had celebrated St. Hans Aften at Misty Meadows. As night fell, we sang songs, alternating Danish and English tunes.

We will hold our next regular business meeting on September 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Sons of Norway Lodge in Eugene. All are invited to come one hour before the meeting to share a potluck dinner and stories of summer vacation.

**Diana Pedersen, Cor.**

## California

## Nevada

**Lodge No. 67, Fresno, CA —** On May 28, our lodge and Sisterhood Lodge No. 255 celebrated the anniversaries of the foundings of the two lodges. It was the 99th for our lodge and for the Sisterhood, it was the 76th. It was also the annual frikadeller dinner which both lodges cooperated in preparing and serving. This event was attended by 145 members and guests, many coming from long distances.

On June 7, this year's picnic was held at Wolf Lake, a beautiful setting, and attended by over 100. Most of us are a bit old for foot races but we enjoyed ourselves watching the speedboats, playing bingo and participating in a raffle.

At our meeting on June 11, the committee reported a much needed profit from the frikadeller dinner.

**L.S. DeLaurant, Sec.**

**Lodge No. 95, Ferndale, CA —** Things are returning to normal here. At our last meeting, we had a potluck and had a good turnout. We had as guests Laura Schuler from Lodge No. 230 and Carl Hansen, a Danish exchange student and his host family. We also watched a Victor Borge tape.

Camp grants were awarded to two of our young members, Jamie DeNune and Ray Sherrill, who will be attending Himmelbjerget Danish Language Camp in Oregon.

We would like to thank all the people who called or wrote with their concern and support. Special thanks to the people of the Pacific-Northwest District for their help. Thanks also to Vice Counsel Preben Hein of San Francisco.

The Salvation Army was great as we had many homeless people. We also lost the grocery stores in Ferndale, Petrolia and Scotia. In Petrolia, the Salvation Army brought a trailer in and the store was operating within ten days. In Ferndale, the store moved into the fireman's dance hall. We also lost the bowling alley, so we had to cut our bowling season short.

We are in the process of receiving bids on the damage to our hall. A lot of damage shows up after an earthquake as damaged timbers, etc., give way. We have work to do on the foundation and two walls have to be rebuilt, plus the new wallpaper and painting that was done just last year will have to be redone.

Our members were busy with our annual Scandinavian Midsummer Festival which was June 20-21 in Ferndale. **Francis Sweet, Sec.**

**Lodge No. 126, Los Angeles, CA**

President Doris Christensen opened the June meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, followed by roll call. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was read and accepted as read.

New member, Anker Juel Nielsen, was installed. He was sponsored by his wife, Kate Krake Nielsen. Welcome aboard!

Our regular meeting will be held on September 3. The Sisterhood is in charge of refreshments.

A smørrebrød supper will be held on September 18. It will be Bunco Night with prizes.

October activities include a regular meeting on October 1 with the Brotherhood supplying refreshments and our anniversary party on October 17 at the Alamo.

**Kate Krake Nielsen, Cor.**

**Lodge No. 230, Arcata, CA —** We received an invitation from Francis Sweet of Ferndale Lodge No. 95 to his "Lille Rebild Fest Celebration" on the Fourth of July. Six of us

travelled over the mountains and along the Pacific to the Sweet Ranch.

Under the American and Danish flags, we were met by approximately 90 Brothers and Sisters. The potluck dishes and barbecue lamb were wonderful.

A good time was had by all and as we left, we made note to return next year.

Thanks to Brother Sweet and his crew for a job well done.

**William Minor, Jr., Pres.**

**Lodge No 345, Orange Co., CA** — June's annual family picnic held at Lake Park in Huntington Beach drew a very sparse turnout. Many members wore their Holger Danske t-shirts and several others bought one to wear. There are only a few t-shirts left so contact Gerry Olsen if you want one. If we have enough interested, we will place another t-shirt order.

Soren Christensen started our day off in the morning with delicious æbleskiver. Following the æbleskiver breakfast, the adults and youth gathered together for several relay games organized by Gerry Olsen. The women then arranged the picnic food which was to be shared while Bob Gossett grilled the hot dogs. We all had a nice lunch together enjoying each other's company. Many thanks to all the Board members and others who pitched in to help make our picnic a success.

**Toni Olsen Gossett, Cor.**

**Lodge No. 346, Riverside, CA** — Twenty-five members and guests attended our June 13 meeting. Host Bill Jones got the barbecue going and we each did our own thing with the meat of our choice. We had a great selection of salads, side dishes and desserts. Thanks for all the good "stuff".

We had special guests with us for the evening, Ken and Gerry Olsen and Toni and Gary Gossett. Although it wasn't an official visit as District Fraternal Coordinators, we did conduct some business and we will be having them to another upcoming meeting where they can have time to talk to us.

Lisa Piehl informed us that Viking Helene Piehl received a camp grant from the National Headquar-

ters for a Girl Scout Camp in Seattle this summer.

After dinner we held a short meeting and instead of burning our darling little witch, Doris Thompson suggested we give it to Carolyn Lindberg.

Thank you to our hosts, Bill and Lynda Jones, for the use of your place for our meeting.

Remember to mark your calendars for our picnic on August 22.

**Sue Patterson, Cor.**

## Nebraska

### Nebraska District

The Nebraska District Convention will be held August 21-23 in Minden, Nebraska. **Correction: Room reservations can be made at Pioneer Village Motel by telephoning 1-800-445-4447.**

**Lodge No. 1, Omaha, NE** — Thanks to Jim Christiansen and his wonderful helpers for a delicious fish fry. It was great and much appreciated.

Our Operation: H.O.P.E. committee, Ray and Joyce Strong, Ruby Welna and Annette Andersen, chose to have a kitchen shower for a young family who needed help moving from a homeless shelter to independent living. The Cardinal Family Project is coordinating this family move. In September we will have a food drive for the Lutheran Pantry. Then in November, we will have a bathroom shower for another family moving from a shelter.

**Ruth Nielsen, Cor.**

**Lodge No. 16, Minden, NE** — Grandchildren's picnic was the theme for the picnic held on June 18. There were 29 present, three guests and seven grandchildren.

Edith Thompson gave the blessing before the delicious meal.

Bill Jorgensen, Jr., presided at the meeting. Five officers answered roll call.

Delegates and alternates were selected for the upcoming district convention.

It was a perfect evening for the

picnic and outdoor meeting.

**Marie Nelson, Sec.**

**Lodge No. 206, Blair, NE** — Dwight Nelson was selected to receive a Danish Brotherhood camp grant. Congratulations, Dwight!

The attendance at our May meeting was small but those who were there enjoyed singing some patriotic songs in honor of Memorial Day and then Raymond Wilson sang several selections, one of which he had written himself. Thanks to Anita and Raymond for a good impromptu program.

The "Viking Ship" sailed down the streets of Blair again this year in the "Gateway to the West" Days parade. Thanks to Laurids Pedersen and all others who helped with this promotion of our lodge.

The picnic went very well. There were 32 in attendance. Those who missed this time should be assured of a welcome next year!

**Helen McNichols, Sec.**

## Iowa

## Minnesota

### Iowa-Minnesota District

The Iowa-Minnesota District Convention will be held at the Red Fox Inn in Waverly, Iowa, on September 11-13. Dike Brotherhood and Sisterhood will be sponsoring the convention. The Danish Brotherhood has reserved a block of rooms but there are other activities going on that weekend. Advance registration is \$22.50 per person. Late registration will be \$25.00 per person. The early registration is good until September 3. Send your reservation to Neal Thuesen, Treasurer, RR 1, Dike, IA 50624. Please make your check payable to Dike Lodge No. 144.

Friday's schedule of events will include registration at 5:00 p.m., hospitality rooms opening at 6:00 p.m., entertainment at 7:30 p.m., and hors d'oeuvres at 8:00 p.m.

Saturday registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. with a joint meeting and memorial service at 9:00 a.m. followed by meetings. Following the meetings until 5:30 p.m., there will

be coffee, cookies and drinks in the hospitality room. A social hour will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by a banquet at 7:00 p.m. and entertainment and dancing at 8:30 p.m.

A church service will be held on Sunday at 8:30 a.m. followed by meetings at 10:00 a.m. and a joint meeting and installation of officers at 11:00 a.m.

**Lodge No. 15, Des Moines, IA —** Many of our lodge members participated in the All-Scandinavian MIDSOMMARFEST '92 festival held on Father's Day at Grand View College. Our booth served open-faced sandwiches, frikadellar on a stick, kransekage, Danish cookies and coffee. We made a nice profit for our efforts.



At our food booth were: Jane Paulsen, Liz Ibsen, Joanne Rasmussen, Edith Paulsen, Carol Christiansen and Marilyn Gift.

Members were involved with the long-range planning, publicity, mailings, selling and buying raffle tickets, and the sale of ads and contributor listings for the souvenir program. In addition, they assisted with preparing and staffing concession booths, gift shops and welcome stations.

We made many friends with other Scandinavian ethnic groups. It was a satisfying experience, and we hope many more of our members become involved with MIDSOMMARFEST in future years.

Our August 10 meeting will feature the annual card party and also the election of delegates to the Iowa-Minnesota District Convention. The Annual Brotherhood-Sisterhood picnic is scheduled for Sunday, August 23 at noon in the Saylorville

Lake Cherry Glen Shelter # C.

**Harvey Andersen, Cor.**

**Lodge No. 75, Albert Lea, MN —** We celebrated our traditional St. Hans Aften picnic on June 14 on Helen and Norvel Nelson's lawn, north of Albert Lea. A potluck supper was enjoyed followed by a short business meeting conducted by President Harlan Nelson. Arnold Levisen was appointed to make preparations for the July 4 Albert Lea parade float.

Jim Tomson was appointed to represent the lodge to meet with the VFW Board to set a date for a forthcoming pancake breakfast as a fund raiser for the Mermaid Statue. Alton and Marge Neve and Bev and Harlan Nelson were designated as delegates to represent our lodge at the Iowa-Minnesota District Convention to be held September 11-13 at Dike, Iowa.

**Grace Tomson, Sec.**

**Lodge No. 121, Tyler, MN —** Our regular meeting was held on Saturday evening, June 6, at the Senior Center. President Delno Hansen opened the meeting and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A lengthy discussion was held as to the future of the lodge. A motion was made and seconded that a vote by ballot be taken. The vote was in favor of continuing.

Further discussion continued as to how to increase the membership.

Arnold and Myrna Thomsen of Marshall served a delicious lunch.

**Therkel Jorgensen, Pres.**

**Lodge No. 219, Clear Lake, IA —** The June 13 meeting brought a discussion on the possible name change for the Iowa-Minnesota District. We now also include Luck, Wisconsin, in our district. We decided to elect delegates for the district convention. We are allowed three delegates and three alternates. The members went to Perkins for ice cream following the meeting.

**Kathy Sonsalla, Sec.**

**Lodge No. 341, Kimballton-Elk Horn, IA —** Our June 22 meeting started at the site of the Danish

Immigrant Museum. June Sampson and Dennis Nissen gave an interesting and informative tour. We later gathered at the Elk Horn Creek park for a potluck supper.

Our guests were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Christensen who are spending the summer months nearby in Manning, Iowa, and also Travis Sorensen, who came with his grandpa Robert Sorensen from Harlan, Iowa.

We enjoyed hearing about Signe Madsen's recent trip to Denmark. We enjoyed a song fest around the bonfire while we watched the witch burn during the St. Hans Aften Fest.

**Alice Simonsen, Sec.**

## Midwest

**Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, WI —** We have some great pictures of the anniversary party that can be seen at the hall. We are taking orders for any that you wish to have as a remembrance. The cost is \$1.00 per picture which will help defray the cost of the photography.

We may have openings in Rathskellar for booths for our Jule Fest Craft Fair to be held November 7. Please contact Shirley Roders.

Our thanks to the Rathskellar Dart Group for donating a new sound system, VCR and repair of TV.

Our golf league members had a good outing at Nippersink Golf Range.

Our annual Corn Roast and Brats is planned for Saturday, August 22. Enjoy free beer all evening. Dance to Betty Jean and Country Express. The cost is \$8.00 each and guests are invited. Serving will be from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Call Bob Ibsen for reservations.

The Midwest District annual picnic will be held on Sunday, August 23, at noon in Homewood, Illinois. Hot dogs, hamburgers, beer, pop, ice cream, coffee and kringle will be provided. Bring a salad or casserole to serve ten people. Join our friends from around the district.

**Robert Ibsen, Cor.**

**Lodge No. 34, Dwight, IL —** It has been discussed at the past two

meetings about the increase of rent, etc., at the VFW. Members attended their Board meeting and they stated due to inflation, they could not change their minds. The Legion has offered us \$25.00 for meetings; \$75.00 for extra events and rental of the hall and no rent for storage. It will be voted on and decided if we want to change our meeting places.

Congratulations to Jim Andreasen, our nominee for the Howard E. Christensen Award, and to Ray Nielsen from our brother lodge in Chicago for winning this award.

Welcome to our new members, Rick Kelly and Don Klehm.

On Sunday, August 23, the Midwest District Annual Picnic will be held in Homewood, Illinois, at noon. Hot dogs, hamburgers, beer, pop, ice cream, kringle and coffee will be supplied. Bring a salad or casserole to serve ten people.

Don't forget the Cub ball game on September 6. Seats are still available. Call Ray Holzhauser for reservations.

**Margaret Goodwin, Sec.**

**Lodge No. 35, Chicago, IL** — Seventy-six members and all officers were present at the June 19 meeting. Visitors present were Rose and Chris Visitsen, Kathy Christensen, Barb Jacobs, Florence Johnson, Margaret Melgaard and Jean Svenningsen. They were made welcome by President Iversen.

Paul Sloth reported that the scholarship dinner earned \$916.43 for the Scholarship Fund. He said that "everyone pitched in and worked hard." He thanked the workers and those who attended and paid a special tribute to his wife Jodie and Herta Iversen who managed the kitchen. About 185 attended the dinner.

Ray Nielsen reported that seven members attended the Trap Shoot in Dwight. No one won anything but a good time was had by all. Ray urged that more members attend next year.

Ray Nielsen announced that the Bylaw Committee will meet before the next meeting and have a report ready.

The election of delegates and alternates to the Midwest District Convention was held. Frank Connery and Mario Mauro will be the dele-

gates and Grant Rau and Arnie Aagesen will act as alternates.

After the meeting, Barbara Jacobs and Florence Johnson of Lutheran Family Mission showed slides and gave talks on what Lutheran Family Mission is all about. They thanked our lodge for the food, clothing and money they have received over the years and hoped we would continue to support them. It is a fact that 700 to 800 individuals are given food each month by Lutheran Family Mission. Please remember to bring your non-perishable items to each meeting. They are really needed by the inner city families that get help from Lutheran Family Mission.

It's picnic time! Be sure to save the date of August 23rd. The place is Izaak Walton Park in Homewood, Illinois. The picnic lunch will be served between 1:00 and 2:00 p.m., but come early for coffee and kringle. Please bring a salad or casserole that will serve ten people for the potluck lunch. The committee provides hot dogs, hamburgers, beer, pop, coffee and kringle. No reservations are needed. Bring lawn chairs. Bring the family, kids, neighbors; everyone is welcome! There will be games for all ages.

**Elsa Petersen, Cor.**

**Lodge No. 36, Milwaukee, WI** — Thanks to hostess Elsa Berlin who served refreshments following our June 22 business meeting.

The Nordic Council of Wisconsin's 4th Annual Scandinavian Festival was another success. Our lodge sponsored a bakery sales booth featuring home baked pastries by our members, plus kringle and other items from O & H Bakery in Racine.

The lodge appreciates all members who volunteered their services in various capacities; namely, Elsa Berlin, Grace Gertz, Axel Hermansen, Lillian S. Jensen, Sally and Elmer Jorgensen, Carol and Al Larsen, Barbara H. Larsen, Jeanette and Ernie Norquist, and Sandra and Paul Sorensen. Special thanks to Chairperson Elsie Hein.

Our membership was invited to attend an informational meeting at Norway House to learn about the Nordic Center to be built on the outskirts of Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

**Albert Larsen, Cor.**

**Lodge No. 343, Waupaca, WI** — We met Thursday, June 24, with President Harold Rasmussen calling the meeting to order. Caroll Jensen and Leonard Yorkson prepared the float for the July 4 Home Town Days parade. The Yorkson grandchildren rode on it this year.

After the meeting, card bingo was played followed by a delicious lunch served by the Yorksons and Lundorfs.

**Vera Yorkson, Cor.**

**GCEL**

**Lodge No. 46, Perth Amboy, NJ** — Our June meeting held at the Danish Home was the occasion of our annual outdoor dinner meeting prepared by Chef Judy and was enjoyed by the 80 members and guests attending.

President Eric Brown presented scholarships to Kristine Hansen, Heather Lund and Suzanne Zomer, all of whom are granddaughters of lodge members. Favors donated by Elaine Petersen were distributed to the ladies.



**President Brown with scholarship winners.**

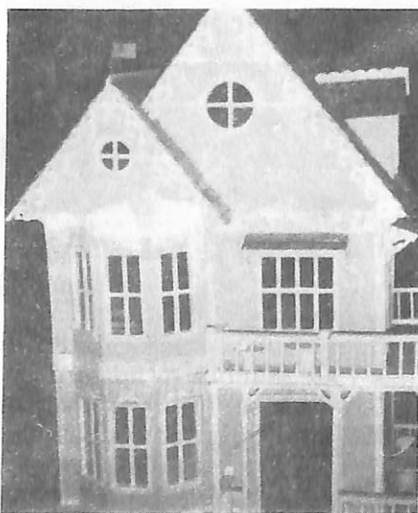
Those present were amazed at the progress and work accomplished with the alterations in the picnic area to enlarge the kitchen facilities in order to accommodate larger gatherings.

Glen Sorensen is responsible for the donation of two air conditioning units from his firm. Ken Nielsen reported on the GCEL Convention preparations and urged everyone to participate in this event.

**Jens C. Jessen, Cor.**

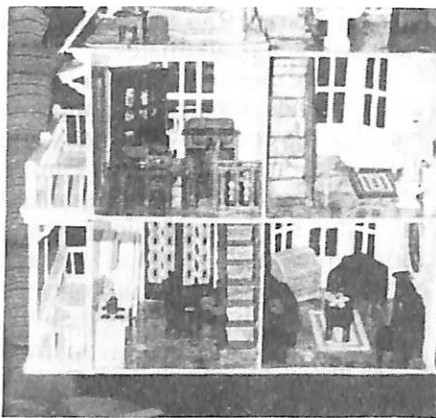
**Lodge No. 164, New York, NY —**  
We had a good turnout for our semi-annual white elephant auction. Ray Leth was in his usual great form as auctioneer. A nice amount of cash was realized for our lodge treasury.

Also at the June meeting, we held the drawing for our Operation: H.O.P.E. dollhouse. The house was built by Florina Lund with help from her committee of Gloria Jacobsen and Lorraine Hendrickson. The rooms were furnished by various members of the lodge. A check was presented to the Danish Athletic Club, which has been designated as our charity project for 1992. The Danish Athletic Club is an organization that does charity work for blind and handicapped children in the New York area. The club recently celebrated its 100th anniversary, but remains a cultural center for Danish activities. Our contribution will help keep the doors open for this worthy organization. The winner of the dollhouse was John Madsen of Poughkeepsie, New York. We understand that John has a granddaughter who will be very happy with the prize.



**Operation: H.O.P.E. dollhouse**

We look forward to the annual Harvest Festival Picnic which will be held at the Danish Home in Edison, New Jersey, on Saturday, September 12. All our lodge members had such a good time last year that we are spreading the word to family and friends in the hope that they will join us for this fun time.



**A view of the dollhouse rooms.**

**Maggie Cull, Cor.**

**Lodge No. 314, Hartford, CT —**  
One of our members recently received his 60 year membership pin. President Poul Nielsen presented Knud Larsen the pin. Congratulations, Knud, on your many years of membership in the Danish Brotherhood in America.



**President Nielsen congratulates Knud Larsen.**

**Waldo Elliott, Sec.**

**Lodge No. 325, Nassau Co., NY —**  
Our meeting took place on Friday, June, 12, and everyone was welcomed by President Helen Kofod. One of our special guests was District Fraternal Coordinator Chris Simonsen who later in the evening spoke about the Eastern lodges.

The correspondence included a thank you letter from St. Vincent DePaul Parish Outreach Program in Elmont for our donation of food. Mariana Andersen collected and delivered the bags of food from our May meeting. The secretary also announced that one of our members, Kirsten Brantley, has received

a Danish Brotherhood national scholarship. It was further announced that Scandinavian Night in Eisenhower Park is scheduled for Saturday, August 8, and it was decided at this meeting to make a donation from our lodge to support this program.

At this meeting, Mariana Andersen collected money from the members for the benefit of the Larsen Daughters Fund.

A very lively white elephant sale was run by auctioneer Leif Pedersen assisted by trustee Bill Herbst and Past President Niels B. Hansen.



**Bill Herbst, Leif Pedersen and Niels Hansen.**

In May our lodge received a donation of about 30 Danish records and about 300 Danish books from the estate of Oscar Eilertsen, Stony Brook, New York, thanks to his daughter Kirsten Liebhaber and his son Kenneth Eilertsen. The records will add to the Danish atmosphere at our meetings and the books were available at this meeting for the members to take home. We are most grateful for this generous donation.

There will be no meeting in August. Thanks to Marguerite and Eluf Holmgren, a picnic has been scheduled for Saturday, August 15, at their home in Garden City. The raindate is Sunday, August 16.

The second annual Harvest Festival is scheduled for Saturday, September 12, at the Danish Home in Metuchen, New Jersey.

**Karen Witt, Sec.**

# Lodge Celebrates 100 Years

Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, Wisconsin, celebrated its 100th Anniversary Saturday, May 16. About 400 people were in attendance.

Many lodge members put their talents to use. Pat McDonald painted a sign for the banquet hall. Ted Kyriazes created a Danish layer cake. Dr. John Hosmanek set up a historical display and prepared the historical section of the celebration booklet. He also recalled some of Lodge No. 14's history for the benefit of those in attendance. Dr. Hosmanek was the recipient of a Lodge No. 14 Viking ship for his efforts to preserve the history of the lodge.

The flags were presented by members who are veterans: Bob Johnson, Vietnam; Berger Rasmussen, Korea; Harve Cecil, World War II and Henry Matthiessen, Danish Resistance Forces. Paul Sloth of Lodge No. 35, Chicago, led the National Anthem and Danish National Song. Ron Jensen gave the invocation and led the Danish table prayer. Stan Nosal and The Tremper Golden Strings provided music during the dinner. DBIA National President Woodrow T. Petersen gave an anniversary toast.

Other Danish Brotherhood speakers included: Virgil Holzhauser, Midwest District President, and Jerome Christensen, CEO/Sec.-Treas. Virgil presented the lodge with a silver tray from Lodge No. 34, Dwight, Illinois.

Eleanor Bass, President of Lodge No. 20; Linda Steffensen, Midwest District President, and Lorraine Mattsen Zembinski, National President spoke on behalf of the Danish Sisterhood.

Many public officials were also in attendance, including: Governor Thompson, Mayor Antaramian, senators, representatives and county officials. Greetings were read from President Bush, Senator Kohl and Congressmen Les Aspen and Jim Moody.

Lodge President Rudy Bernhardt introduced the 1992 lodge officers, past presidents and many guests. He presented Bob Ibsen with a plaque for

his many contributions to Lodge No. 14.

Time was set aside to remember the departed members. Ron Jensen read the names of widows present and those members who had passed away since the last anniversary. Jerome Christensen, DBIA CEO/Sec.-Treas., sang "Wind Beneath My Wings." The widows thanked the lodge for the hospitality and presented a gavel for their appreciation.

The traditional awards program followed. Bob Ibsen presented the following awards: Roger Nelson, certificate of recognition as Howard E. Christensen Award nominee; W. Gordon Andersen and Chris Jensen, 50-year pins; Charles Thompson, Ingvar Rohling and John Andersen, Lifetime Achievement Awards; Charles Kasputis, Todd Bernhardt and Jim Bohn received Brother of the

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Year Awards. A special award and Viking ship were given to Carl Olsen for his past contributions to the lodge. A plaque and certificate were presented to President Rudy Bernhardt, Jr. for his leadership throughout his seven terms, the longest of any president in the history of the lodge.

Toward the end of the awards program, all lodge members were asked to stand and be recognized. Without them and their wives, the lodge would not be what it is today.

Rick Wade, Past President, ended the program with a challenge for the future and a closing prayer. Dancing and fellowship followed. It was an evening many will remember for a long time.

### This and That

Doug Kimbel, son of Pat and Owen Miller, was a member of the 1992 U. S. Olympic water polo team. Owen is the California-Nevada District Treasurer.

Danish Turnkey Dairies has won the order to reconstruct a plant in Kuwait. Helse Klinker, a Danish company, will supply all the rivets for the new dairy.

*Taken from Lodge No. 126, Los Angeles, CA newsletter.*

### Payment to Board Members

JULY: Woodrow T. Petersen, allowance, \$238.43.

SPECIAL MARKETING MEETING: Asbjorn Fisker, \$75.00; Ed Madsen, \$500.00; Ebba Norby, \$450.00; Woodrow T. Petersen, \$430.00.

### Attention Senior Members

Exciting new programs will be coming your way soon. Watch for details in the September American Dane.

# Did You Know...

- Denmark is about 1/9 the size of California?
- Denmark's population is just over 5.1 million people?
- Copenhagen is Denmark's largest city with a population of 1.4 million in the entire metropolitan area?
- Norway belonged to Denmark from 1380-1824? Until 1658 southernmost Sweden also belonged to Denmark as did Schleswig and Holstein in North Germany until 1864.
- Denmark has the world's oldest monarchy stretching back 1,000 years?
- Prince Henrik was French Count Henri de Laborde de Monpezat before he met and married Queen Margrethe? They were married in Copenhagen on June 10, 1967.
- The royal couple has two sons? Crown Prince Frederick was born May, 1968. His younger brother Prince Joachim was born in 1969.
- Greenland is the world's largest island? It is almost as large as Saudi Arabia and more than five times the size of New Guinea, the world's second largest island.
- Greenland gained internal autonomy in 1979? It has its own legislative assemblies for internal affairs. Foreign and defense policies come under the central government in Copenhagen.
- The Faroe Islands were granted home rule in 1948? Like Greenland, the Islands have their own legislative assemblies but rely on the Danish government in regard to foreign and defense policies. Each have representation in Denmark's Parliament.
- A group of 18 inhabited islands and a dozen uninhabited ones make up the Faroe Islands?

*Taken from Facts about Denmark.*

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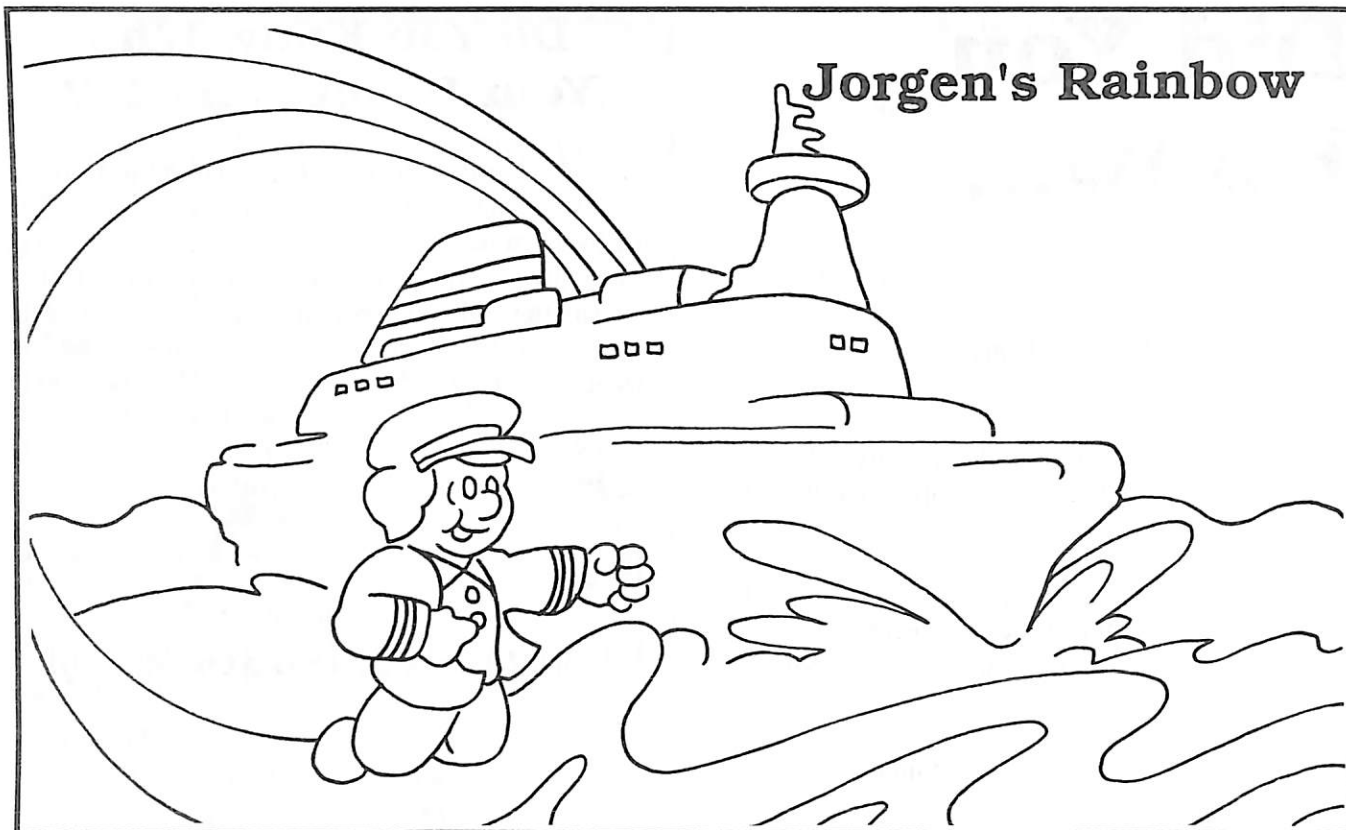
### Fraternal Fund Receives Donations

Most recently, the DBIA Fraternal Fund received a charitable gift of life insurance in the amount of \$5,000. This donation adds to an approximate \$30,000 bequest by will, giving our new Fraternal Fund a good start on fund-raising. Prior to these gifts, the Fraternal Fund received \$5,182 in cash donations from individuals, lodges and districts, bringing total donations to the Fraternal Fund to \$40,182.00. Watch **American Dane** in months ahead to see how you and your lodge can help. For more information: call the Home Office at 1-800-553-1937.

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Unless you can ride a rainbow, you won't see all of Denmark without crossing over a lot of water. Therefore ferries are an important part of Danish life. They carry people and often cars short distances as well as long across the seas. Captain Jorgen says, "Full steam ahead!" Next month our hero visits Africa.

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**July winners: Andra Pedersen, Candace Cole and Jamie Ross.**

## Grandma's Kitchen



**Gunild Ostergaard**

### ØLLEBROD SUPPE (BEER SOUP)

8 slices of Rugbrod\* (coarse pumpernickel)  
1 pint ale or beer  
1/2 cup sugar  
2 tsp. lemon juice

Break pumpernickel into small pieces and cover with water. Let stand overnight. Next day, bring it to a boil and simmer for 15 minutes; put through a sieve or collander. Reheat and add sugar, beer and lemon juice. Serve hot topped with whipped cream.

\*use only solid, coarse Danish pumpernickel made with sour-dough.

# Viking Adventures

Coming Together--A Beginning    Keeping Together--Progress  
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## Meet the Jorgensens: Nebraska District Fraternal Coordinators

Bill and Merrie Jorgensen are members of Lodge No. 16 in Minden, Nebraska. They are a District Fraternal Coordinator Team for the Nebraska District. They have agreed to serve many of the lodges in the Nebraska District. They have been involved in the District Fraternal Coordinator program since it began in 1987.

They are involved in the District Fraternal Coordinator program because they care about the Danish Brotherhood in America and want to do what they can to help. "We believe that it takes time for changes to take place and only by understanding the issues will it be easier for the Brotherhood to move forward. Hopefully by taking on this leadership position, we can help make a difference."

Bill and Merrie both grew up in Nebraska; Bill in Minden and Merrie in Guide Rock. They now farm near Minden, Nebraska. The farm was passed on to them from Bill's grandfather. Bill and Merrie have been married for 44 years. They have five children and 17 grandchildren.

All of the grandchildren, one daughter and four in-laws are members of Lodge No. 16 in Minden, Nebraska. They are members of the Fredericksburg Lutheran Church. When the church burned down six years ago, a painting of Christ on the cross was destroyed. It had been painted by Queen Louise. Queen Margrethe recently sent money to the church for the purchase of a paschal candle and special holder to replace the painting.

Bill and Merrie have been Danish Brotherhood in America members for 20 years. Bill has held every district office except secretary-treasurer. He says district membership chairman is the most important position he has held. He currently is an alternate to the National



Bill and Merrie Jorgensen

Board of Directors.

The Jorgensens have this advice for Danish Brotherhood members. "Don't just sit back and hope someone else will take the 'bull by the horns'. 'If it is to be, it is up to me', these ten two letter words mean let's go forward."

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