

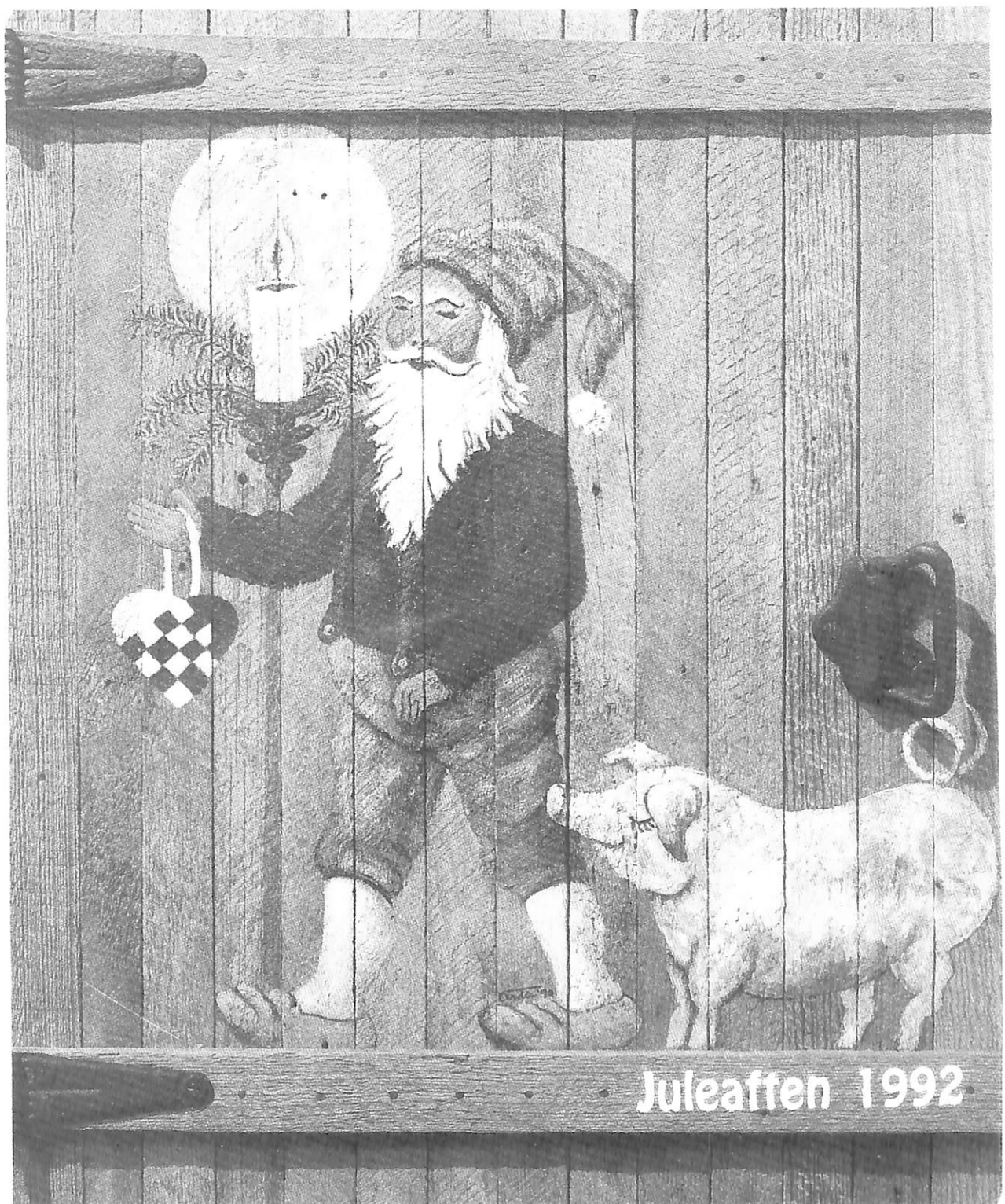
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Medicare Supplement Plan Now Available

Through an arrangement with one of the world's largest health insurance companies (assets over \$10,000,000,000), Danish Brotherhood is now able to offer medicare supplement insurance (also Long Term Care and Home Health Care) to our many older members. Each purchase not only helps the individual purchaser, but the Society as well.

The company, American Family Life Assurance Company (AFLAC), of Columbus, Georgia, is rated A+ by Best's, and Financial World Magazine, in its October 1991 issue, gives it the number two spot among the world's largest insurers (assets of \$5 billion and more), in claims paying ability, asset quality, leverage and profitability. Over 11,000,000 policies, insuring some 35,000,000 people are currently in force in the company.

The medicare supplement business has changed quite dramatically during the past few years, primarily due to government regulations to protect senior citizens from a very few unscrupulous companies that offered questionable, low-value, high-premium policies for sale, and unscrupulous salespeople who encouraged the elderly to purchase many policies (sometimes as many as 15 to 20!!), telling them they needed this many to be adequately protected.

Today, most states have adopted a standard for medicare supplement coverage which requires all companies offering these plans in their states, to make available 10 uniform plans for purchase, numbered 1 through 10, or lettered A through J. The coverage in each plan must be the same in all companies. A provides the fewest benefits and costs the least, while J costs the most and provides the most.

Only one plan can be in force on any one life at one time. If an insured wishes to change plans or change coverages, the current coverage must be canceled when the new plan takes effect. A form showing why the new coverage is desirable (less cost, more benefits, want different company, etc.) must be completed.

There is a genuine need for a medicare supplement plan by the vast majority of retired people, due to medicare payments covering only 45% of every dollar spent on personal health care by seniors. The unpaid portion of the health bill that falls upon the individual to pay has caused many seniors to lose their life's savings, and spend their last few "golden years" in bankruptcy.

Do you have a medicare supplement plan? Have you reviewed it in recent years? Do you know how it compares with plans A through J in cost and coverage? Would you like information on DBIA's plans? If so, just complete the coupon and mail it to the Home Office.

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President's Page

Woodrow T. Petersen, National President

Lodge/District Savings Plan with contributions to the Fraternal Fund

At this festive time of the year, I hate to have to talk "business". However, the information contained in this message is important, so please bear with me.

By the National Convention in October, 1995, we hope to fulfill the National Convention goal to raise \$500,000 for the Fraternal Fund which will be used for scholarships, camp grants and charitable purposes. The Lodge/District Savings Plan, a key element in fulfilling this goal, has been in effect since January, 1992.

At the time this article went to press, 11 lodges and two districts had deposited \$245,600.00 in this savings account. We hope to pass the \$275,000 mark shortly, as several additional lodges have indicated they will be sending in money as soon as it becomes available from other savings vehicles.

The program works like this: The money is invested in relatively short term (5 to 7 years), high quality (A to AAA) corporate bonds. From the earnings, investment expenses are subtracted. In addition, a 1% amount is deducted and transferred to the Fraternal Fund. The balance is paid to the lodge/district. Currently, the net rate received by the lodge is 5.75%, which is nearly double the current C.D. average rate throughout the United States. This rate will be reduced to 5.00% beginning January 1, 1993.

The plan is a win-win situation for both the lodges/districts which receive an extra 2% (approximately) on their savings, and the Fraternal Fund which receives a net of 1% each year from the total assets.

The interest is available to the lodges/districts without penalty on a six month or annual basis. There is a small penalty for early withdrawal of principal — just 4% during the first two years, 3% the third year, then 2% the fourth year and 1% the fifth year. After five years there is no penalty.

While this is a program our members cannot participate in on a personal basis, I am asking all members to encourage their lodges and their districts to participate. I am proud to say that my lodge was one of the earliest ones to participate in the plan, and we are pleased to be able to contribute through this arrangement to the many worthy purposes of the Fraternal Fund.

On behalf of the National Board and the Home Office Staff, I wish for all of the members and their families a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year.

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Grandma, The Little Match Girl and Me

by Kristine Nymo

The Little Match Girl is a Danish folktale full of pathos, and like any good Scandinavian tale there is a bit of squalor thrown in. My grandmother used to read it to me. It was my favorite. I never read it to my children.

I can't. I can never get through it without starting to cry. Even when Grandma used to read it to me, we'd get to the final pages and she'd look up at me sternly and say, "Maybe I'd better stop now."

"Oh no, its just my allergies," I'd lie.

"Well get a handkerchief and then see if you can't brush my hair. Angie doesn't get tired half-way through a story."

That was our bargain. I'd brush her hair and Grandma would read. Hard as I tried, I could never do it quite as well as my cousin who lived downtown. Angie was only a month older than I. For a few weeks every year she would brag and hold that over me. Then she would forget it. But I didn't. I thought her head-start was why Grandma favored her. Angie even brushed hair better than I. It was just that I'd get involved in the story and my eyes would fill up and I'd forget.

Grandma lived in a two room apartment on the second floor of our old farm house. She'd moved in after Grandpa died. That was a few years before I was born.

Her rooms were a collection of memories. Beside her red vinyl sofa, in the spot of honor next to the T.V. set, was a three shelved end-table where she displayed her grandchildren. There were twenty-seven unmatched frames on that table.

Little Roger had the spot of honor in front. He had been elevated to the state of near sainthood when he died at the age of ten months. Around Little Roger in the front were my eight other boy cousins. That was right I knew, because they were boys. Behind them were the girls. I had a tiny frame in the back row behind a big 5x7 of Angie.

On cold winter nights, when the draft crept in around the storm windows, and the dinosaurs that lived in the cubbyhole under the eaves were waiting to attack, I'd slip into Grandma's rooms. Usually she'd give me a lecture and send me back to bed, but at other magic times she would read to me.

The Little Match Girl is the story of a poor child sent out on New Year's Eve to sell matches. Barefoot, cold and afraid to go home without any money, the little girl slips between two buildings and tries to warm herself by lighting matches. I remember those times vividly. . .

"The Little Match Girl paid no attention to the snowflakes that fell on her long yellow hair, which curled so prettily round her face. Lights were shining from every window, and there was a most delicious odor of roast goose in the streets, for it was New Year's Eve." Grandma began the story.

I could picture the long yellow hair easily. It would be just like Angie's. Angie had long wavy hair that curled around your finger when it was wet. Whenever she came over Grandma would sit her up on the counter by the kitchen sink and comb fat bouncy ringlets into Angie's hair. My hair was hopeless, "coarse as a horse's tail and dark as mud," Grandma had told my aunt in despair. Before it turned gray, Grandmother's hair had been just like Angie's.

"Well do you want me to finish this or not?" Grandma reminded me when the brush strokes slowed and I was slacking, again. "You never do finish anything you start."

"Her little hands were stiff with cold." Grandma continued when she was satisfied that I was at it again. *"One little match would scarcely be missed and it would warm her so. She pulled one out of the packet and struck it on the wall. R-r-sh-sh! How it sputtered and blazed! It burnt with a bright clear flame, just like a little candle. She cupped her hand round it.*

Now the light seemed very strange to her! The little girl fancied she was sitting in front of a big stove with polished brass feet and handles. There was a splendid fire blazing in it and warming her so beautifully, but — what happened?

Just as she was stretching out her feet to warm them, the flame went out, the stove vanished — and she was left sitting with the end of the burnt match in her hand."

I thought of my cold room and the icy sheets that awaited when the story ended. On winter mornings frost would form on the inside of the windows. I learned to pull my clothes under the covers with me and dress without ever getting out of bed then I'd dash downstairs to sit in front of the heat register. There were just too many curves in the duct-work to get any warmth up to my room. Grandma's apartment was warmer but she had little sympathy for me. "When I was a girl, ice would form on the top of the water bucket each morning," she told me.

In the corner of the room was her quilting frame. She made hand-pieced quilts for all of her granddaughters, she had

eighteen of them. She worked on Beth's for over two years. The quilting alone took three hundred hours. Even though I was somewhere between the oldest and the youngest she made mine last. "I get to see you everyday," she told me.

As I brushed her hair, I imagined the beautiful warm quilt that would be mine someday. We were coming to the best part now. Next the hungry girl would light a match and see a roast goose and then a Christmas tree. Each one disappeared as the flame burned to the ends of her little fingers and then went out.

The little girl stretched out both her hands toward candles on the tree — then out went the match. All the Christmas candles rose higher and higher, till she saw that they were only the twinkling stars. One of them fell and made a bright streak across the sky.

"Someone is dying," thought the little girl, for her old grandmother, the only person who had ever been kind to her, used to say, "When a star falls, a soul is going up to God."

This is the place where my throat would start to close up and I'd begin to snuffle. I knew what was coming next. "Now don't you start that." Grandma would say. "Why don't you show some grit for once?" But I couldn't.

Sometimes Grandma would stop here and close the book with an angry — snap! "Won't you ever act your age?" And she'd take the hair brush from me and whip her hair into a long braid for the night. No amount of begging would convince her to finish the tale and I'd sneak off to my room to finish it myself. But it was never as good as when she read it to me. So I learned to lock my feelings down deep where she couldn't see them. And as I got better at shielding myself, Grandma would almost always finish the story.

Now she struck another match against the wall, and this time it was her grandmother who appeared in the circle of flame. She saw her quite clearly and distinctly, looking so gentle and happy.

"Grandmother!" cried the little creature. "Oh, do take me with you. I know you will vanish when the match goes out. You will vanish like the warm stove, the goose, and the beautiful Christmas tree!"

She hastily struck a whole bunch of matches, because she did so long to keep her grandmother with her. The light of the matches made it as bright as day. Grandmother had never before looked so big or so beautiful. She lifted the little girl up in her arms, and they soared in a halo of light and joy, far, far above the earth, where there was no more cold, no hunger, and no pain — for they were with God.

It's ironic that this is the story I remember best from all of the ones that Grandma read to me. The one where the grandma reached out and took her granddaughter to heaven. Maybe it was the sentimentality of the ending.

In the cold morning light the little girl sat there, in the corner between the houses, with rosy cheeks and a smile on her face — dead. Frozen to death on the last night of the old year. New Year's Day broke on the little body still sitting with the ends of the burnt-out matches in her hand.

"She must have tried to warm herself," they said. Nobody knew what beautiful visions she has seen, nor in what a halo

she had entered with her grandmother upon the glories of the New Year.

Years later Angie confided how she had hated me when we were young. Whenever she tried something, Grandma told her how I would have done it better. She ended up feeling as dumb as I felt ugly. Angie had Grandma's looks and I had her personality. I think of that now on cold winter nights when I curl up in the pink and green patchwork quilt that Grandma made. Her love, though well hidden, is firmly anchored with hundreds and thousands of tiny stitches. And the reason that she so often sent me back to bed in the middle of the story wasn't my welling tears. It was hers. I wish I'd known what visions the burning matches conjured for her. I wish I could share the story with my children. But I can't. I get halfway through and have to close the book, too close to crying to continue.

Danish Foundation Challenges University

Carlsberg Foundation of Copenhagen, Denmark has offered a challenge (matching) grant of \$10,000 to the Office of Public Archaeology (OPA) at Boston University for the Estate Whim Project.

The Estate Whim Project is primarily an archaeological exploration of an 18th-century sugar plantation on St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, formerly the Danish West Indies. The project is being conducted by the OPA in association with the St. Croix Landmarks Society, a non-profit organization dedicated to the restoration and preservation of St. Croix's historic properties. The first excavation resulted in the discovery of many 18th-century buildings and artifacts. Over 1500 St. Croix schoolchildren have toured the excavations.

Several new programs are in the development stages. One program will allow St. Croix students to attend Heritage Education Workshops. These workshops will allow students to participate in the research program to learn more about their island's Danish and African-American heritage.

By comparing historical maps of the island with modern maps, they hope to locate historic plantation ruins and survey them as well. The ultimate goal is to develop a preservation management plan that will assist the government of St. Croix in the protection of important archaeological sites.

The OPA has raised \$7,500 and is in need of an additional \$2,500 to meet the Carlsberg match. Gifts to "The Estate Whim Project" can be sent to, Office of Public Archaeology, 675 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston University, Boston, MA 02215 and are tax-deductible.

Six Good Years

A Folk Tale

by Beverly Swerdlow Brown

ONCE UPON A TIME there lived a man who was a vegetable gardener who was very, very poor.

Once a day the mayor would pass the man's house and sigh as he saw how poor this man was.

The mayor had to go away on business and spent several months outside the city, but when he returned and passed by the man's house again — lo and behold, this time he found him wealthy.

"How did you become so rich?" asked the mayor.

"Well," began the gardener, "after you saw me the first time I went on working in my garden, growing vegetables and earning a small living and then one day a young man came to me and said, 'You have six years of wealth and honor ahead of you'".

The mayor moved closer. "And so?" he asked, wide-eyed.

"And so," continued the gardener, "this young man asked me if I would prefer to have them now or at the end of my life."

"What did you tell him?" asked the mayor, eagerly.

"I really thought that this young man wanted to get some money out of me," replied the gardener, "and I told him that I didn't have any and that I wanted him to leave!" And he left.

"Is that the end of the story?" asked the mayor, confused.

The gardener laughed. "No, it's just the beginning, because this young man returned the next day and offered me the same proposal and I gave him the same answer!"

"I think this story is going to take some time," said the weary mayor, "so I better sit down." And he did.

"Now," continued the gardener, "when the young man appeared for the third time, I told him that he was intruding when I was trying to work as I had a family to support and to please leave me alone."

"And what was that?" asked the mayor, moving closer.

"To have riches now or later," replied the gardener, "but I told him that I would have to talk it over with my wife and he said that he would return the next day for my answer."

"What did your wife say?" asked the mayor.

"Well," replied the gardener, "when I went home that day I told her the whole story about this young man approaching me and telling me that I have six good years ahead and that I should tell him when I want them — now or at the end of my life. I told him that I would talk to her about it. And my wife said that better sooner than later and that we want the riches now!"

The mayor was sitting on the edge of his chair.

"So," continued the gardener, "I said that I thought it better to have the riches at the end of my life when I would be too

old to work, but my wife said to take what I could now because God would find a way to help me when I could no longer work."

"This is a very strange story," said the mayor, "I've never heard of anything like this . . . but please go on!"

"The next morning," said the gardener, "when I got up the young man returned and asked what did I decide and I told him that I would rather have my riches sooner than later!"

"Good thinking!" offered the mayor, impressed. "Then what?"

"Then the young man told me to quit working and go straight home," said the gardener, "because as of that very moment I was a rich man. So, I went home and all the way I kept thinking if this person was telling me the truth or not. After all, I stopped gardening and left empty-handed to go to my family and I hadn't even reached the gate when my wife came running out to greet me and said, 'Come and see our good fortune.'"

"Did you find gold or silver or both?" asked the mayor, eagerly.

The gardener smiled. "When I walked into my house," he replied, "I found a huge sum of money and I couldn't believe my eyes! How did this young man, who came from nowhere, find me and propose such a wonderful dream? I still can't believe it!"

"What did your wife say?" asked the mayor.

"She suggested that first I find someone that I could trust," said the gardener. "One who would be honest who would write and keep track of the charity we would give from our wealth. So I went and talked with several learned men who would give to the poor according to their former station in life."

"That was very generous of you," said the mayor, honestly. "I don't know if I would have been so kind. I would have wanted to have purchased all of the things I never had. But what happened next?"

"The man who I hired continued to write everything down, no matter how large or small a sum was," replied the gardener. "He did exactly as he was instructed to do and my wife and I simply did all the good we could. Then we ate, drank and was merry for six whole years, and then . . ."

"And then what?" asked the mayor, his eyes bulging.

"And then on the last night of the sixth year," sighed the gardener, "we were robbed! Thieves came and took everything we owned, leaving us with nothing!"

"What a shame," said the mayor, shaking his head.

The "Howard E. Christensen" Award

The "Howard E. Christensen" Award will again be presented by the Danish Brotherhood in 1993 to an individual in recognition of dedication, outstanding service and accomplishment to our society. To qualify, the nominee must be a member in good standing of the Danish Brotherhood in America and be nominated at a regularly scheduled lodge meeting.

Nomination forms, along with guidelines and procedures will be forwarded to your Lodge President and Secretary. The National Headquarters is looking forward to receiving a nomination form from every Danish Brotherhood lodge by the deadline of February 15, 1993. Please note, the same member may be nominated each year, however, may win the national award one time only.

The award winner will receive an engraved plaque and will be recognized in the **American Dane**. An additional plaque will reside at the National Headquarters to which the *winner's name will be added each year. Also, the award winner will automatically be nominated for the National Fraternal Congress of America's "Fraternalist of the Year" Award.*

For further information, contact your local president or secretary or the Danish Brotherhood in America, National Headquarters, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131-3844.

"Yes, indeed," said the gardener. "I told my wife that we should have taken our wealth for our old age because now what would we do. Everyone thought we were so wealthy. Who would have pity on us? Who would give me work?"

The mayor just nodded his head.

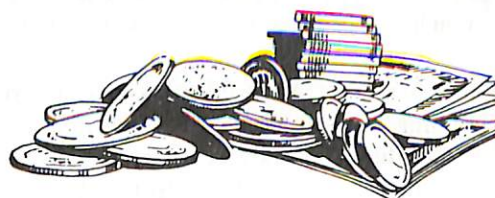
"But my wife," continued the gardener, "told me to take out the ledger and I found that we had given huge amounts of money to charity and now we could hopefully be repaid with some kindness, too."

"And were you?" asked the mayor, anxiously.

"Well," said the gardener, "that night I had a dream that the young man I had met earlier and who provided me with great wealth instructed me to go into my garden and dig, for there I would find a treasure!"

"So that's the end of the story," said the mayor standing up.

"Just about," said the gardener, "because when I awoke from my dream, I told my wife and went to dig where the young man said and I found a great treasure. I have lived in comfort with enough money to last the rest of my life. And that, dear mayor, is really the end of my story!"



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Scholarships will be awarded in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Danish Brotherhood in America, Article V, Section 58, Paragraph 5.

Scholarships are available to Danish Brotherhood in America members only. Scholarships are awarded only for attendance at United States accredited colleges, universities, technical or vocational schools. Scholarships are not granted for graduate study. The Board will consider scholarship applications for attendance at schools and universities located in Denmark.

People helping People

In March, 1992 a call went out to the Danish Brotherhood in America. The father of three young members had been killed in an automobile accident. Richard Larsen was the primary provider for his wife and three young daughters, Jennifer, Sarah and Steffanie.

It is times like these we continue the tradition which has been at the heart of our society since our conception — people helping people. Many members and lodges contributed about \$6,000 to the Larsen Daughters' Fund established at the Home Office.

The following individuals, lodges and clubs have made contributions since July 10, 1992.

Paul and Florence Reimann
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Lodge No. 328-Vancouver, B.C. Canada
Lodge No. 92-St. Charles, IL
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Dear Danish Brotherhood Members:

On behalf of my daughters, Sarah, Steffanie and Jennifer, I would like to thank everyone for their generous contributions during a most difficult year. As you know their father was killed in a car accident over a year ago.

I am glad that my daughters are part of such a caring group of people. They are proud of their Danish heritage.

Sarah and Steffanie attended the (G.C.E.L. District) convention in New Jersey during the Labor Day weekend and had a great time and are already looking forward to attending next year.

Again, your generosity was greatly appreciated.

God Bless.

Sincerely,

Donna Larsen
Donna Larsen and daughters



CORRECTION:

A figure in "Facts and Figures About Danish Immigration" which appeared on page 21 of the October **American Dane** was incorrectly stated. The third item should have read:

*Danish immigration peaked in 1882 with a total of 11,618 immigrating that year.

*The Danish immigrant population in America totaled 189,154 in 1920.

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New Lodge Chartered



National President Petersen hands the gavel to President Dick Bryant.

On October 24, 1992, the 350th lodge of the Danish Brotherhood in America was chartered.

The chartering banquet for Mid-Willamette, Lodge No. 350 was held at the Linn-Benton Community College in Albany, Oregon. The communities making up Lodge No. 350 are, as the name implies, located mid the course of the Willamette River in Oregon.

Membership totalled seventy-seven the evening of the banquet. Members attending the banquet were initiated by National Past President Clyde Langsted. Following initiation, each member in attendance signed the official lodge charter and received a copy of the National Articles of Incorporation and By-laws.



National Past President Langsted initiates members into Lodge No. 350.

National President Woodrow Petersen installed the following lodge officers: president, Dick Bryant; vice president, Tom Lemar; secretary, Art and Paula Johnson; treasurer, Dorothy Kinzer; trustees, Edna Cheeke, Shelby Ballard, Jim and Chris Sizemore and conductor, Lee Ed Jorgensen.

DBIA members representing



National President Petersen installs the elected officers of Lodge No. 350.

many lodges of the Pacific-Northwest District were present for the evening's festivities. Lodge No. 350 was presented a gavel by Jerry Jensen on behalf of Seattle, WA Lodge No. 29. The Pacific Northwest District presented the lodge with a set of Danish and American flags.

We congratulate and welcome Lodge No. 350. Anyone wishing to contact Lodge 350 should write to: Paula and Art Johnson, Sec., 2445 Winter Creek Rd., Jefferson, OR 97352.

Velkommen!

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

Member	Lodge No.	Location	Sponsor
Sidney J. Petersen	1	Omaha, NE	Eigil Andersen
David P. Lendman	14	Kenosha, WI	Ralph G. Pfarr
Edward N. Arents	14	Kenosha, WI	Ralph G. Pfarr
Richard E. Coleman	14	Kenosha, WI	Harry Adamson
Louis DeMarco	14	Kenosha, WI	William L. Kastman
Don W. Jensen	36	Milwaukee, WI	Leonard Thompson
Bennett E. Jensen	167	Portland, OR	Earl A. Jensen
Carl M. Andersen	306	San Diego, CA	Warrick Carlson
Miranda V. Biswell	348	Eugene, OR	Flemming Pedersen
Derek J. Larson	600	Omaha, NE	Dennis L. Larson
Phoebe K. McClain	600	Omaha, NE	Mogens Pedersen
Tove Bodvarsson	600	Omaha, NE	Mogens Pedersen
Bernice V. Koenig	600	Omaha, NE	Mogens Pedersen
Lee Edward Jorgensen	600	Omaha, NE	Mogens Pedersen
Stephanie E. Jorgensen	600	Omaha, NE	Mogens Pedersen
Jonathan E. Jorgensen	600	Omaha, NE	Mogens Pedersen
Mildred Bell	600	Omaha, NE	Mogens Pedersen
Rasmus P. Rasmussen	600	Omaha, NE	Mogens Pedersen
Doris R. Rasmussen	600	Omaha, NE	Mogens Pedersen
Edna M. Cheeke	600	Omaha, NE	Mogens Pedersen
Jennie A. Peterson	600	Omaha, NE	Mogens Pedersen
Kory L. Kleint	600	Omaha, NE	Mogens Pedersen
Christine M. Sizemore	600	Omaha, NE	Mogens Pedersen
James C. Sizemore	600	Omaha, NE	Mogens Pedersen
Katherine H. Sizemore	600	Omaha, NE	Mogens Pedersen
Keith G. Sizemore	600	Omaha, NE	Mogens Pedersen



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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
9-12-92	Fred C. Olesen	82	Ord, Nebraska	263	Askov, Minnesota	1943
9-24-92	Hans W. Rasmussen	75	Sejrup, Denmark	33	Tacoma, Washington	1959
9-25-92	Jens C. Jensen	86	Aaerstrup-Aalborg, Denmark	39	San Leandro, California	1927
9-10-92	Arthur H. Hansen	85	Green Bay, Wisconsin	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1926
10-1-92	Kell Reimann	76	Odense, Denmark	116	Newark, New Jersey	1935
9-20-92	Erik T. Rasmussen	17	Marlette, Michigan	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1974
10-13-92	Valdemar Haugaard	90	Sjelle Jylland, Denmark	14	Kenosha, Wisconsin	1935
10-30-92	Kenneth R. Petersen	69	Petaluma, California	143	Petaluma, California	1969
10-6-92	Kenneth E. Sorensen	57	Audubon, Iowa	600	Omaha, Nebraska	1978
11-1-92	Carl V. Petersen	89	Odense, Denmark	190	Schenectady, New York	1923
10-3-92	Terrence V. Marshall	82	York, Pennsylvania	172	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	1975
10-4-92	Edgar Vanrosen	84	Copenhagen, Denmark	172	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	1988
10-5-92	Arvon R. Jensen	73	Dannebrog, Nebraska	211	Grand Island, Nebraska	1977
9-28-92	Herman M Christiansen	78	Ferndale, California	230	Arcata, California	1979
8-30-92	Thorvald E. Olsen	90	Espia, Denmark	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	1977
9-16-92	Ferdinand F. Schultz	80	Duryea, Pennsylvania	46	Perth Amboy, New Jersey	1978
8-3-92	Charles Fangel	90	Denmark	227	Detroit, Michigan	1964
9-8-92	John Knudsen	89	Copenhagen, Denmark	164	New York, New York	1985
9-22-92	Walter Peterson	83	Denmark	164	New York, New York	1987
8-22-92	John P. Schmidt	97	Denmark	41	Derby, Connecticut	1922
10-16-92	Wesley W. Nielsen	75	Kearney County, Nebraska	16	Minden, Nebraska	1974
10-9-92	Charles Youngson	90	Kearney County, Nebraska	16	Minden, Nebraska	1975
3-1-92	John Gregersen	89	Odense, Denmark	29	Seattle, Washington	1974
4-22-91	Chester A. Johnson	85	Lakeview, Michigan	70	Greenville, Michigan	1975
10-29-92	Elmer L. Davidson	82	Orleans, Nebraska	16	Minden, Nebraska	1981
11-1-92	Norma L. Jacobsen	68	Upland, Nebraska	16	Minden, Nebraska	1975
10-24-92	Walter A. Jensen	95	Beresford, South Dakota	268	Junction City, Oregon	1947

Our Lodges in Action

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Pacific

Northwest

Lodge No. 29, Seattle, WA—President Frank Poulsen called the October meeting to order with 25 members present. Henrietta Cranefuller was introduced by Peter Nielsen, Jorge Nielsen from Poulsbo as well as Dan Nielsen from Portland were introduced as guests. The lodge received some very nice letters - one from Immanuel Lutheran Church in thanks for funds sent to them through Operation: H.O.P.E. Recipients of Himmelbjerget scholarships sent in some wonderful thank you letters. Past minutes were read and approved. Treasurer Ken Kromann made the membership aware of the Sons of Haiti intentions to make double payments on their contract with the Brotherhood.

Lem Petersen resigned from the Himmelbjerget Scholarship Fund so we are in need of someone to organize that committee. Paul Hansen was nominated by Carl Remming for the nominating committee.

With no new business to come before us, a motion was made by Clyde Langsted and seconded by Jerry Jensen to donate \$70 for a gavel for the new Lodge No. 350 that was recently chartered. Another \$18 was donated to Care and Share.

Our November 4 meeting was called to order by President Frank Poulsen. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and after some minor corrections, approved as corrected. There were no new applications but Nini James was present for initiation. Her husband's, Ray, application had also been approved but he works evenings so Anker Sorensen stood in for him and both were initiated and welcomed into the lodge.

We approved \$25 for the flag fund for the new flags given to Lodge No. 350 by the Pacific-Northwest District. It was moved and seconded to support the Danes Soccer Club with a \$300 support check. The motion carried.

The best idea for December goes to Lodge No. 16, Minden NE. See page 17 for details.

Treasurer Ken Kromann gave his report. Frank Poulsen reported on the pre-bowling and noted that he had 15 participants on October 24. He asked those interested to contact him.

Edith Andersen is handling the Christmas party to be held on December 13 at the West Seattle Masonic Hall. She is looking for some volunteers to assist with the tree during the morning hours.

Gunnar Sorensen reported for the nominating committee. He noted that they were back to square one and would have a full report at the December meeting.

Frank reported on the installation party and that everything was in the hands of Vivi Hammond. All Lodge No. 29 will do is provide the bar. Mel Hollister, Jerry Jensen and Carl Remming volunteered to assist in that department. The installation will be held January 23 at the Danish Center. Cost should be approximately \$15.50 per person.

Jerry Jensen reported on the chartering of Lodge No. 350 in Oregon and that approximately 100 people were in attendance and that it was a great gathering.

President Poulsen noted our guests this evening including Dana Nielsen from Portland who is in the process of transferring his membership, Knud Hansen, our conductor's grandson, Ralph Nelson and Mogens Pedersen.

Gunnar Sorensen remarked about the previous discussion on the request by the Sons of Haiti regarding the purchase of Washington Hall. He had a copy of the original contract and noted the wording.

Otto Brask and Ralph Nelson each

won the mini pot consisting of \$9.00. They donated it to Operation: H.O.P.E. for a grand total of \$42.00 being available for the Food Bank at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

With nothing more to come before the membership, the meeting was adjourned with 22 members present.

**Jeff Jensen, Asst. Sec.
Clyde Langsted, Sec.**

Lodge No. 42, Spokane, WA—Our annual Glad Jul party will be the evening of Saturday, December 5, at Carpenter's Hall upstairs. President Charneski will be Santa again. Apples and some toys have been purchased.

Rudy Vida, Sec.

Lodge No. 167, Portland, OR—The October 7 meeting was called to order by President Norm Powell with 27 members and guests present. President Powell led the Pledge of Allegiance and Past President Lisa Mortensen explained the symbols.

Two new members were initiated, Peter Larsen and Ellis Park. A short intermission was called to greet the new members.

Minutes were approved as printed in the Portland Dane. Bills were read and approved to be paid. Treasurer's report was read and approved.

President Powell requested nominees for the Nominating Committee to select the 1993 slate of officers. Asbjorn Fisker, Lisa Mortensen and Ed Hirsch were nominated. It was moved and seconded to have the above people be the 1993 Nominating Committee. It passed with a majority vote.

President Powell also stated that after his trip to Elk Horn, Iowa, and seeing some of the construction of the new Danish Immigrant Museum, he highly recommends members to go and visit. He has brochures and information that he is willing to share with interested parties.

The meeting closed in the usual manner.
Kathy Jensen, Sec.

Lodge No. 328, Vancouver, B.C.— There were 52 Brothers who attended our last meeting. The President reported that we have received our new bylaws back from Omaha with an okay, so as of the present, we are just waiting for the approval from Victoria.

The figures were in from our last party. A profit in the amount of \$400 was split with the Sisterhood.

A motion was made for us to move our meeting to Cloverdale for our next meeting. The motion passed. Due to the change of halls, the cost for the sandwiches and liquor would go up. A lengthy discussion took place but in the end it was moved that the sandwiches would go up 50 cents, liquor would go up 25 cents, and snaps up \$3.00. The new prices will be started at the next meeting.

The Sports Committee, Axel Jensen, reported that the three teams had started to play soccer on Sundays now.

Peter Praegel, Cor.

Lodge No. 348, Eugene, OR—We began our October business meeting by welcoming our guests. Kris Sand introduced his brother and sister-in-law, Andreas and Elly Sand, visiting from Denmark. Lucille Schimel introduced her mother, Anna Bertelsen.

Letters were read from Jesse Martin Taekker thanking the lodge for his camp grant from Himmelbjerget Danish Language Camp, and from Evald Nielsen thanking the lodge for get-well flowers sent by the Sunshine Committee.

Scott Stefanson informed the members that Danish language classes would be starting in January and he passed around a sign-up sheet for interested students.

All members were invited to an evening coffee to meet Leif Reimann, the Consul General from the Danish Consulate General in Los Angeles, during his visit to Eugene on October 14. Martin Taekker was asked to represent Lodge No. 348 at a luncheon with Mr. Reimann.

We elected a five-member committee to nominate officers for next year. Walter Reinhard will serve as chairman and the other members are Jorgen Sorensen, Henning Kristiansen, Knud Toftemark and Birgit Sand.

Svend Toftemark advised us that the Pacific-Northwest District will present a set of flags to the new lodge in the

Covallis-Lebanon-Albany area. We voted to donate \$25 toward the purchase of the gift.

Following the business meeting, we adjourned for socializing and refreshments and final planning for the Hostfest.

All the preparations for the fundraiser paid off on October 10. Henning Kristiansen had an outdoor display of more than 40 handcrafted birdhouses. A load of split ash also sold quickly.



Henning Kristiansen and a happy customer.

The "Make It" table, chaired by Grace Hansen and LaVonne Petersen, overflowed with Christmas decorations, hand-made wall clocks and other items. The "Sew It" table, chaired by Pauline Petersen, displayed aprons, afghans, needlework and other creations. Paul Petersen presided over the "Grow It" display with a mountain of pumpkins and gourds, fall decorations, cut flowers and other bounty. The "Bake It" table was supervised by Helena Kaldahl and Lucille Schimel who organized the sale of many homemade goodies.

At noon, the smørrebrød luncheon committee, chaired by Betty Christensen, offered a selection of Danish sandwiches. Diners saved room for the selection of Danish and American pastries available for dessert.



Delighted guests enjoy a traditional Danish lunch.

Visitors had the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for two elaborate birdhouses made by Josva Bondergaard and Victor Lyngaard and a very original Mr. and Mrs. Santa decoration. In addition, items from Himmelbjerget Danish Language Camp Butik were on sale. A children's activity area entertained the children while their parents enjoyed the event.

The resplendent Danish costumes, the festive atmosphere, the beautiful items for sale, and the delicious food, all added up to a memorable event for everyone who attended. The lodge extends its great appreciation and many thanks to the hard-working co-chairmen who got such great results: Bemice and Otto Jensen and Jim and Ada Larsen, the committee chairmen, and to everyone who contributed to the success of this event. Overall, the Hostfest netted \$2,003.77 for the lodge.

Our next regular business meeting will be held on December 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Sons of Norway Lodge in Eugene. Our Christmas party is set for December 13 at 7:00 p.m. at the same location.

Diana Pedersen, Cor.

California

Nevada

Lodge No. 126, Los Angeles, CA— The October meeting was started by President Doris Christensen. A vote was taken and approved that we accept the application from Adam Waynert. We welcome him to the Danish Brotherhood and our lodge.

Minutes were read by Secretary Betty Seale and approved as read.

Installation is still set for February 20. Three members from our lodge will receive their 25-year pins. Betty also received information about attending a TV show. We are tentatively planning to do that in 1993 as one of our socials.

At our December 3 meeting, everyone is asked to bring a dozen cookies. Glogg will be served free of charge. For our Christmas party on December 6, we'll also need cookies so please be generous and bring some for that event too.

A lot of discussion was held about the lodge dues and those collected by the National Headquarters from each member. A letter has been written to Omaha to see if we can simplify things.

A motion was approved that newsletter editor Kate Krake Nielsen go ahead and purchase a new folding machine for the lodge at a cost of approximately \$210.00.

President Doris appointed a nominating committee for next year's slate of officers. They are David Seale, Karl Duus and John Kristensen.

Helene Kristensen, Cor.

Lodge No. 306, San Diego, CA—Mark your calendar for Sunday, January 10, 1993. This will be the installation of officers. We must have a minimum of 40 persons to reserve a private room. Place, time and price to be announced later.

A Christmas brunch for the entire family will be held Sunday, December 6 from 3-6 p.m. There will be entertainment plus a visit from Juleman.

Lodge No. 345, Orange County, CA—President Ken Olsen called the October 10 meeting to order and a short business meeting followed. We are attempting to update our roster and have it ready to be sent out in our January, 1993 newsletter or passed out at our February, 1993 meeting. Secretary Gerry Olsen has the new list so please put your correct information on the list. Many of our members have asked for a new roster and we would like to get this completed.

Following the business meeting, the Chinese auction got underway. Ruth and Alf Jorgensen were the auctioneers and John Kotnik collected the money. A lot of nice gifts were donated and over \$100 was made for our treasury. Many thanks to all of you for donations to the auction and also to Committee #1 for bringing the delicious refreshments for the evening, and to Alf and Ruth Jorgensen who organized the evening.

On October 14, 1992, we had our first "Convention '94" committee meetings. Several members participated. Our first order of business for the convention is to decide on a theme. There will be a "Convention Suggestion Box" available at all our regular monthly meetings for any suggestions you might have for a theme or fundraisers or anything else. Chosen as convention co-chairpersons for the 1994 convention were Gerry Olsen and Toni Gossett. We have many great members who have already volunteered to be chairman for the various convention jobs, but we still need more people. Our next convention

meeting will be held after the first of the year. We encourage everyone to think about attending these meetings and becoming involved.

The South Orange County YWCA was chosen by the membership and we will be helping this facility by way of donations through August, 1993. This month we are asking for laundry detergent and dryer sheets (any size) to donate to the YWCA Hotel for Women, Santa Ana, CA. Gertrude will be collecting these items and delivering them to the facility.

The installation of officers will be held on Saturday, January 9, 1993. Kodan Lodge No. 346 in Riverside will be hosting the event and as we know from the past, they always host a great time. They are now in the process of selecting a location that will be affordable and convenient for both lodges.

Toni Olsen Gossett, Cor.

Lodge No. 346, Riverside, CA—There were close to 70 of us at the hayride/dinner/dance. The hayrides went on most of the evening prior to and during the "ho down". Thank you to Nancy Nielsen for making the arrangements and to our bartender Tom Loveday and assistant, Lindy Lindberg. Also to those of you who donated gifts for our raffle and of course to those of you who attended.

Members walked five miles on October 4 in Walktoberfest for Diabetes. Viking Curene Stoltz and her sister Cenea were two young walkers and all together we raised \$360.00 There were refreshment stops along the way plus they had a great lunch for us with a bag of goodies including a sip mug at the end of the walk. One of our long time members, Svend Nielsen, was there cooking hot dogs and sausage for lunch. We are looking forward to doing it again next year. Thanks President Darlene Petersen for coming up with the project for us and to Chairman Bill Jones for taking on the project.



Our "Hiking Vikings".

On October 14, President Darlene called a special Board and convention committee meeting at the Patterson's. Eleven members were in attendance and we got our upcoming activities in order. We heard a report on places we might have our upcoming joint installation. We have decided to hold our installation at our own meeting place and have a catered dinner. We are hoping to have a prime rib dinner. We already have a disc jockey and we'll be able to hold the cost down to encourage a better participation.

President Darlene and Sue Patterson gave the Board their input on the hotels they visited. The San Bernardino Hilton made a very good offer. It was everyone's opinion that we go with their offer after we discussed all of our options.

Our Halloween party was fun especially for the children. We had 43 members, friends and family attend. It was so good to see so many of you dressed up. The winners of our costume contest for the children were Doris Thompson's grandson, the scarecrow, and the Petersen's granddaughter, Becky, as a fairy. Best man was Ray Perez as Barbara Bush and best lady was Lynda Jones as a witch. They all won a prize of a Halloween plant and planter.

We had Else the Cow there. Once again, our best milker was Bill Jones. Rodney won in the 12 and under age group. Congratulations to all. We had a sack race and a hay pile for the kids to dive into and find candy and an apple biting contest.

Many thanks have to go to host and hostess Bill and Lynda Jones, to our barkeep Tom Loveday and assistant Lindy Lindberg and to President Darlene and husband Pete for bringing Else the Cow and getting the prizes.

Sue Patterson, Cor.

Nebraska

Lodge No. 1, Omaha, NE—The æbleskiver served at our October meeting were delicious. Thanks to the committee for a job well done. Thanks, too, to those who made baskets for the Christmas tree at Western Heritage Museum.

The Danish groups of Omaha, including our lodge, are having a Danish Christmas party at Vennelyst at 2:30 p.m. on December 13.

Ruth Nielsen, Cor.

Lodge No. 16, Minden, NE—Our evening began with laughs and fun for our Hard Times Party. Thanks to all who dressed for the theme of the evening.

A motion was made and carried that our lodge would participate in the Red Cross International Culture Day to be held in Kearney, Nebraska. Danish foods would be on display and members would dress in Danish attire for the day.

All members brought canned goods for the Operation: H.O.P.E. project.

Our guest from Denmark, Karina Jessen, is in the United States as a nanny for a family of rural Loomis. She told of interesting living styles here and in Denmark and her schooling. It is her wish to further her education here in America. **Marie Nelson, Cor.**

Lodge No. 206, Blair, NE—Our auction last month was a lot of fun as "Frank" and "Leon" encouraged all to bid on the donated items. If you weren't there, you missed a great time. You can still donate money as this was the fund raiser for the lodge.

Helen McNichols, Sec.

Lodge No. 211, Grand Island, NE—We met October 19 at Harriet's Danish in Dannebrog. After a business meeting, member Paul Petersen told us some highlights of his trip to Denmark last May.

Delores Ritz served a delicious Danish lunch. **Vera Petersen, Sec.**



Lodge No. 15, Des Moines, IA—On Saturday, October 10, several of our members participated in staffing the Danish Brotherhood merchandise table at the Annual Grand View College Founders Day celebration. The winner of the t-shirt raffle was our own Glen (Ole) Olsen.

Our October 12 regular meeting featured Willy Bartholomew from "Our Primary Purpose". He provided personal insight and experiences concerning the counselling of children who are addicted to drugs and alcohol. Special guests of Ed and Hanne Harris were Hanne's brother and his wife, Tom and Inge Jensen, visiting from Denmark. Refreshments were furnished by Mari-

lyn Kramme and Joanne Rasmussen.

Lodge No. 15 recently deposited funds into the DBIA National Headquarters Lodge/District Savings Program.

A nice article including Svend's picture appeared in the October 21 Des Moines Register describing Svend Christensen's experiences during World War II helping thousands of Jews escape Nazis for Sweden. It was headlined "The 'Miracle'—Rescue of Danish Jews Recalled." The reporter, Lauris Olson, had visited our September 14 meeting where Svend shared his story.

Our annual Christmas party is scheduled for Sunday, December 13 at 2:30 p.m. Our regular meeting on December 14 will feature installation of officers for the coming year and also "Show and Tell" where our members can informally become better acquainted.

Harvey Andersen, Cor.

Lodge No. 219, Clear Lake, IA—We will begin the Christmas Party at 6:30 p.m. We will decorate the tree, then hold the meeting followed by election of officers. A traditional Christmas party and bingo game will follow the meeting. The Christmas party is always a lot of fun for everyone. Be sure to come and bring your family and friends. There should be lots of prizes for all. You can bring white elephant or gifts to share. Bring a snack to share while we are playing bingo.

Several members attended the Iowa-Minnesota District Convention held at the Red Fox Inn in Waverly, Iowa. It was sponsored by the Dike lodges.

Lodge No. 341, Elk Horn-Kimballton, IA—We met October 26 in Kimballton with 43 members present. We met for a delicious æbleskiver, sausage and fruit supper. We had two guests with us, Evelyn Frampton and Tammy Madison.

Our delegates to the district convention in Waverly, Iowa, in September were Irene Boose and Bob and Mabel Madsen. They reported a very interesting meeting. The name of the Iowa-Minnesota District was changed to "Heartland District".

Our president, Elmer Jensen, introduced Jerome Christensen, from the Home Office in Omaha as our guest speaker. Jerry gave a very helpful explanation of the billing process and the reason for the new national dues system

and fielded other questions from the floor. We appreciated him taking the time to visit with us.

We will meet again in December for our Christmas party and election of officers. **Alice Simonsen, Cor.**

Lodge No. 347, Cedar Rapids, IA—Our meeting on October 15 started as usual with addressing the Flag and singing the American and Danish national anthems. Ulla Wall read the minutes and business was conducted.

Paul Nielsen, who is an active Shriner, contacted the Shrine Temple here in Cedar Rapids asking for a speaker. Mr. Ed Schneider and Mr. Howard Peckham from the El Kahir Shrine Temple presented a most fascinating and informative program, accompanied with a film from the hospitals.

We urge the Danish Brotherhood lodges all over the United States to contact a local Shriner or a Shrine Temple to obtain more information and to have a presentation at a monthly meeting. This is supported by each Shriners annual hospital assessment, fund raising events and by contributions from people who want to make an "investment in humanity", to help improve the quality of life for crippled and severely burned children.

A big thank you to the refreshment committee of Ruth Rosdail and Norma Nietert. It was all so delicious.

Alice Gorsch, Cor.



Midwest District

The joint opening of the 41st Midwest District Convention was held on Saturday, September 26. Linda Stefensen, Midwest District Sisterhood President, gave greetings and introduced National Sisterhood officers present. Lillian Andersen and Ken Hansen led us in the National Anthem and then Virgil Holzhauer, Midwest District President of the Danish Brotherhood, introduced National Second Vice President Paul Carlsen, National Sales Director Andy Andersen, and National President Woodrow Petersen. Local convention chairperson Virgil Holzhauer bid everyone welcome and

wished the Sisterhood and Brotherhood a wonderful and productive convention.

Roll call was taken by Secretary Albertice Nylen and found nine lodges present. Roll call of board members and officers showed eight officers present. Past President roll call was taken and showed eleven out of twenty Past Presidents present.

The Secretary read the names of the departed members since the last convention. A moment of silence was taken.

The minutes of the 40th Midwest District Convention were reviewed. A motion was made and seconded to accept them as written and presented. Motion carried. Correspondence was read and filed.

The treasurer's report was read. A motion was made to accept it as presented. Motion was seconded and carried.

The auditor's report was made and stated they found the books in good order and complimented Albertice.

Donations were read. The lodges were thanked for caring and sending in donations for the Scholarship Fund and also the "Focus on Youth" Fund.

Paul Carlsen, National Second Vice President, was called on to say a few words. Paul said he had a message from the National Board and from Leonard Thompson that the lodges need to contribute money to the Lodge/District Savings Plan. Money going into the account at the present time is earning 5.75% and a percent will go into the Fraternal Fund. The Fraternal Fund is in dire need of contributions. We must all help. We must all do it in order to keep the Danish Brotherhood going.

Andy Andersen, National Sales Director, spoke next. He discussed the Five-Year Plan and talked about taking out annuities and how we could get monthly income from our annuities. He said if we all would start thinking along those lines, we could start climbing now on the road to recovery.

Merle and Albertice Nylen were thanked for hosting the Midwest District hospitality room in Portland, Oregon, at the 33rd National Convention. Albertice presented a bill for the balance owed for the room. A motion was made, seconded and carried to pay this bill.

A motion was made that the district give \$100.00 to the 1995 National Convention. This motion was also sec-

onded and carried.

Thank you notes were received from the two scholarship recipients. The scholarship report was read and a motion was made to accept it as presented. This motion was seconded and carried.

It was mentioned that the scholarship interest is not self-sufficient anymore with the decline in interest rates this year. A motion was made to take the \$250.00 from the general fund, as that is where the "Focus on Youth" donations have been deposited.

Ron Jensen and his committee proposed a change to the scholarship by-law. A motion was made, seconded and carried.

The 1991 Midwest District Convention report was read by Carol Larsen from Lodge No. 36. Lodge No. 36 was complimented for an outstanding convention in Milwaukee.

"Focus on Youth" Chairperson Janet Villacci reported that she received three applications this year and each one received \$100.00.

Midwest District President Virgil Holzhauser read the President's report for 1991/1992.

Marty Seyller, Activity Chairman, reported that in 1992/1993 there would not be a target shoot, as places were hard to find because of the liability insurance. Ranges are closing. There will be two new activities perhaps this year.

The new officers of the Past President's Club are: Past President, Marty Seyller; President, Raymond Nielsen; Vice President, Rick Sullivan and Secretary-Treasurer, Bob Ibsen.

The Resolution Committee report was read, accepted as read and seconded.

Sir Robert Ibsen presented a scholarship check of \$200.00 to the Midwest District Scholarship Fund. Janet Villacci presented a scholarship check for \$100.00 to the district Scholarship Fund from Wood Dale Lodge No. 340 which has disbanded. Paul Carlsen presented \$20.00 to the Scholarship Fund.

Lodge No. 340 also presented \$100.00 to the 1995 National Convention Committee.

The Past President's Club made a profit of \$300.00 on their raffle. They donated it to the 1995 National Convention Committee.

Nominating Chairperson, Karen Nylen-Swidergal, reported nominations for 1992/1993. President Virgil

Holzhauser asked for nominations from the floor. Woody Petersen nominated Raymond Nielsen from Lodge No. 35. Rudy Bernhardt suggested the secretary cast one vote for all officers except the Secretary-Treasurer office. So done.

Election resulted in the following officers: Past President, Virgil Holzhauser, Lodge No. 34; President, John Jorgensen, Lodge No. 35; Vice President, Karen Nylen-Swidergal, Lodge No. 17; Secretary-Treasurer, Raymond Nielsen, Lodge No. 35; 1st Trustee, Richard Perschnick, Lodge No. 34; 2nd Trustee, Todd Bernhardt, Lodge No. 14; 3rd Trustee, Henry Jepsen, Lodge No. 35; and Conductor, Janet Petersen, Lodge No. 182.

Final remarks were given by Sir Robert Ibsen, Andy Andersen, Paul Carlsen, and National President Woody Petersen.

Richard Wade made a motion to adjourn. The convention closed and a joint installation of Sisterhood and Brotherhood was held. The installing officer was Lorraine Zembinski and Herta Iversen was Marshall for the Sisterhood. Installing officer for the Brotherhood was Paul Carlsen, with Woodrow Petersen as Conductor.

Albertice Nylen, Secretary

Lodge No. 4, Racine, WI—A special thank you to Erv Johnson and his wife Martha for providing the delicious lunch at the September 14 meeting.

Our annual Christmas party will be held on December 9.

Lodge No. 14, Kenosha, WI—We thank Sisterhood Lodge No. 4 for their donation to our Building Fund for use of the æbleskiver pans.

Thank you to Ethel and Frank Skowronski for their generous donation in memory of Leonard Haugaard, and to Rita Hansen in memory of Roy Hansen.

The 41st Midwest District Convention is now history. Dwight Lodge No. 34 and Chicago Sisterhood Lodge No. 11 did a great job of hosting. Thanks to our delegates Ben Peterson and Dan Greenwald and alternates Rudy Bernhardt and Todd Barnett. Rick Wade, Past President, and Todd Bernhardt, Third Trustee, represented us on the Midwest Board. Bob Ibsen and Gordon Andersen along with Rudy were voting members as Midwest District Past Presidents. Attending all of the meetings were Chuck Jackson, Rich Walker and

Kenneth E. Hansen.

We wish to congratulate outgoing President Virgil Holzhauer of Lodge No. 34 for a fine year and outgoing Secretary-Treasurer Albertice Nylen for her many years of dedicated service to the district. Next year the convention will be in Chicago sponsored by DBIA Lodge No. 35 and Sisterhood Lodge No. 11. We will be hosting the bowling for the Midwest on April 3. The 1995 National Convention Committee also met and went over plans.

Don't forget to volunteer to help at the fair or breakfast - we depend on all our members in Kenosha and Racine to help out on this one as it is our big money maker of the year.

Our golf league banquet was held October 13 at the Danish Brotherhood upstairs hall. Thirty-three members and subs attended. A smoked trout weighing 8 pounds was donated by Wayne Lubeck for hors d'oeuvres and was completely demolished prior to dinner. Wayne Lubeck also brought his putting rug, golf balls, putters and cups and ran a putting contest won by John Leivick. The winners in our golf league were the team of Don Badgerow and Dick Meyers, second was Al Federmeier and Roger Hawes, third was John Deom and Dan Greenwald. Low average was once again won by Andy Smith with a 40.6 average. High golf ball winner for the season was Bob Brokaw with a total of 4 times or 12 balls. Three snake bite kits were presented by Don Servais to three members in the woods the most. An election of officers was held and the new officers for the 1993 season are Charlie Thompson, President; John Inele, Secretary; and Warren Piehl, Treasurer. A meeting for the organizing of the 1993 season will be scheduled in early April.

Effective November the Rathskellar is now closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. Open Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays for Packer games and dart league.

We have an opportunity to have a temporary display at the Historical Museum of Danish Artifacts or other memorabilia. Contact Bob Ibsen or John Hosmanek if you would be willing to give us items on a temporary basis.

The adult Christmas party will be held on Saturday, December 12. Cocktails will be served at 6 p.m., dinner begins at 7 p.m., followed by dancing at 9 p.m. Each person is requested to bring

one non-perishable item of food or warm article of clothing for needy families. This is in support of Operation: H.O.P.E. The children's Christmas party is scheduled for Sunday, December 20 from 1-4 p.m.

The New Year's Eve Party begins with dinner at 7:30 p.m. and dancing at 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Call Rudy or Roger for tickets.

Robert Ibsen, Cor.

Lodge No. 34, Dwight IL—Leo Pedersen, delegate, and Charles Johnson, alternate, reported on the Midwest District Convention. President Virgil Holzhauer did an excellent job keeping things tolling. The dancing and fraternalism was great as usual. The raffle raised \$273. Thanks to all who contributed to the raffle and to everyone who helped make this a success.

In 1993, we will host the golf outing and picnic (usually the same day), and in 1994, we will host the trap shoot. No site has been picked for the 1995 district convention.

A nominating committee of Shirley Holzhauer, Jim Lauritsen, Leo Pedersen, Gregg Jensen and Delbert Anderson were chosen to present the slate of 1993 officers to be nominated on at the December meeting.

Margaret Goodwin, Sec.

Lodge No. 35, Chicago, IL—On December 11, Santa will make his usual stop at DBIA Lodge No. 35's annual Christmas party. Our Santa even has a Danish accent! This annual event includes a potluck supper, Santa's visit, making Marzipan shapes, singing around the Christmas tree and lots more. No reservations needed - just come!

At our October meeting the nominating committee of Connie Agesen, Grant Rau and Ray Nielsen presented a slate of officers for 1993.

Frank Connery, delegate to the district convention, stated he had not received the minutes of the convention yet, but would make them available when he receives them. He announced that John Jorgensen is now president of the Midwest District Board while Henry Jepsen is Third Trustee and Ray Nielsen is Secretary-Treasurer. Frank said there was some discussion on the "Focus on Youth" Fund and since interest rates are down so low it was decided this money could be transferred to the Scholarship Fund. Next year the Target Shoot will

be in Dwight, bowling in Kenosha, trap shoot in St. Charles, golf and picnic in Dwight, and we will be having the dart throw and the convention.

Ray Nielsen again read the proposed bylaw changes. Motions were made and passed that we adopt the changes as read. Ray advised that these changes will be typed up and sent to the National Bylaw Committee for approval and then returned to us.

Frank Connery is taking orders for entertainment books. He encouraged everyone to look them over after the meeting and consider giving them as gifts or for themselves. They sell for \$35 and the lodge will net a profit of \$7 for each book sold.

Ethel Orsulak and her mother have made Halloween and Christmas decorations which are on sale and Minnie Richard is selling mixed nuts - proceeds go to the Scholarship Fund.

Susie J. Walker entertained members with country and western music and some folks got up and tripped the light fantastic to the toe-tapping music.

Elsa Petersen, Cor.

Lodge No. 36, Milwaukee, WI—A Christmas potluck will be served at 6:30 p.m. on December 8 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sorensen. The cost of the entree, prepared by Sandy Sorensen, will be shared by attendees who are to bring a "dish-to-pass" to complete the menu.

After the dinner, there will be a short business meeting including education of 1993 lodge officers. Bring your non-perishables for donation to a food pantry.

The election of 1993 lodge officers will take place during the December 8 business meeting. Offer your services to our lodge, phone Nominating Committee Paul Sorensen or Ernie Norquist.

During our October 26 business meeting we discussed our Christmas party as well as our fund raiser to support the Brotherhood's Fraternal Fund.

We thank Jeanette and Ernie Norquist who served refreshments following our meeting.

Al Larsen, Cor.



Lodge No. 172, Philadelphia, PA—Our Christmas party will be held on De-

ember 18 at the Springfield Masonic Lodge. It will be a catered dinner and there will be a cash bar. Following the dinner there will be a visit from Santa Claus, we will dance around the tree in the Danish tradition and sing our Danish songs.

Later there will be dancing for the adults and the ladies will teach the children how to make Danish Christmas tree decorations.

The charge for children age 2-13 is \$5.00 and for age 14 and up is \$16.00. Santa Claus would like to know the name and age of the children you plan to bring to the party, so please include that information on your check and mail it to Joe Leis. Reservation deadline is December 11. You can also call Joe and leave a message if there is no answer and then send your check.

We are pleased that two of our members celebrated a special membership anniversary in November and were presented with commemorative pins at our meeting. Poul Pedersen, the "singing sailor" from Marstal, was presented with his 50-year pin. Robert Milne of Barnegat Light, NJ, received his 25-year pin. The pin which was presented to Brother Bob is the one that years ago was presented to his deceased friend, Svend Nielsen, of Brant Beach, NJ, a former lodge member.

Our October celebration went smoothly but we had planned on greater membership attendance. We were very happy to have visitors from our neighboring Lodge No. 342. Rick Trust and Tage Kvist extended their lodge's invitation to us to participate in a joint installation of officers in March, 1993.

Delegates Joe Leis and John Keegan's report from the GCEL District Convention was received with much interest and discussion.

President Len Gottliebson initiated Lisbeth and David Naber. We welcome them as members of our lodge.

We thank everybody who worked, both in the kitchen and the bar.

Niels Malmquist, Cor.

Lodge No. 183, Troy, NY—We had a great time honoring "Uncle Sam" in the annual Uncle Sam Parade in Troy. He is buried in our Oakwood Cemetery. A memorial service was held at his graveside.

Some of the Brothers in the parade were Bob Nelson, Andy Nielsen, Bob Olsen, Deanna Burk, Dianna Burk and

Betty Jensen. Bob Olsen provided the transportation. Our Danish sisterhood marched too.

We were very proud to present the Danish Brotherhood and the Danish Sisterhood on this special occasion, we hope to do it again next year.



Harry Jensen (left) and Irving Jensen (right) prepare our float.

Elizabeth Jensen, Treas.

Lodge No. 325, Nassau County, NY—

We extended a warm welcome to our newest member Richard Munch who was initiated at our meeting held October 9.



President Helen Kofod with new member Richard Munch.

The second annual Harvest Festival was held September 12 at the Danish Home in Metuchen. President Helen Kofod, who was chairperson for the event, thanked everyone who had helped out before and during the festival. A large number of people enjoyed the wonderful food, the great music and the

beautiful arts and craft items for sale. It was a great day and a substantial amount of money was raised for The Home thanks to everyone who participated.

Karen Witt, Sec.

Lodge No. 342, Bucks County, PA—

The Viking Christmas party will take place on our regular meeting night, December 18 and will be a traditional Viking lodge Christmas with food, music and song. The song will be up to you as we dance around the Christmas tree later in the evening.

The cost is \$28.50 per person and includes an open bar. Make your reservations with Geert Pedersen.

Niels Malmquist, Cor.

Coming Next Month New Feature

A new feature of the **American Dane** magazine will begin with the January, 1993 issue. "Letters to the Editor" will debut at that time. Not every letter submitted for this feature will be printed, with the **American Dane** staff choosing those letters that are representative of all letters received. This feature is intended to be a positive addition to our publication and grievances will not be printed as in accordance with the National Bylaws. Letters may be sent to: Letters to the Editor, **American Dane** Magazine, P.O. Box 31748, Omaha, NE 68131.

Payment to Board Members

OCTOBER

Woodrow T. Petersen, allowance, \$238.43.

SEMI-ANNUAL EXPENSE ALLOWANCE:

Erling Braumann, \$250.00; Paul Carlsen, \$250.00; Barry Edmonds, \$250.00; Asbjorn Fisker, \$250.00; Clyde Langsted, \$250.00; Edward Madsen, \$250.00; Ebba Norby, \$250.00.

SEMI-ANNUAL BOARD MEETING:

Woodrow T. Petersen, \$528.00; Erling Braumann, \$590.00; Paul Carlsen, \$630.00; Barry Edmonds, \$545.00; Asbjorn Fisker, \$730.00; Clyde Langsted, \$620.00; Edward Madsen, \$730.00; Ebba Norby, \$720.00.

NOVEMBER

Woodrow T. Petersen, Lodge No. 350 chartering, \$376.00.

Christmas Greetings

The Danish Immigrant Museum is offering its fourth annual Christmas card.

The front of the card is shown on the cover of this **American Dane**. The inside greeting reads, "Glædelig Jule og Godt Nytar" in red. The card is designed by Ardis Overgaard Petersen, an art instructor from Elk Horn, Iowa. It is painted on a simulated barn door built with lathes from an immigrant's home in the Kimballton, Iowa area.

The Museum will provide you with the number of cards you desire in return for a contribution. Please consider the cost of a similar quality card is about 50 cents per card. Postage and handling charges are \$1.00 for up to 10 cards, \$2.00 for more than 10 cards.

To place your order by phone, please call 1-800-759-9192. Have your credit card number ready. Or mail your order and check or money order to: The Danish Immigrant Museum, Box 178, Elk Horn, IA 51531. The Museum cannot insure delivery in time for holiday mailing for orders placed after December 4.

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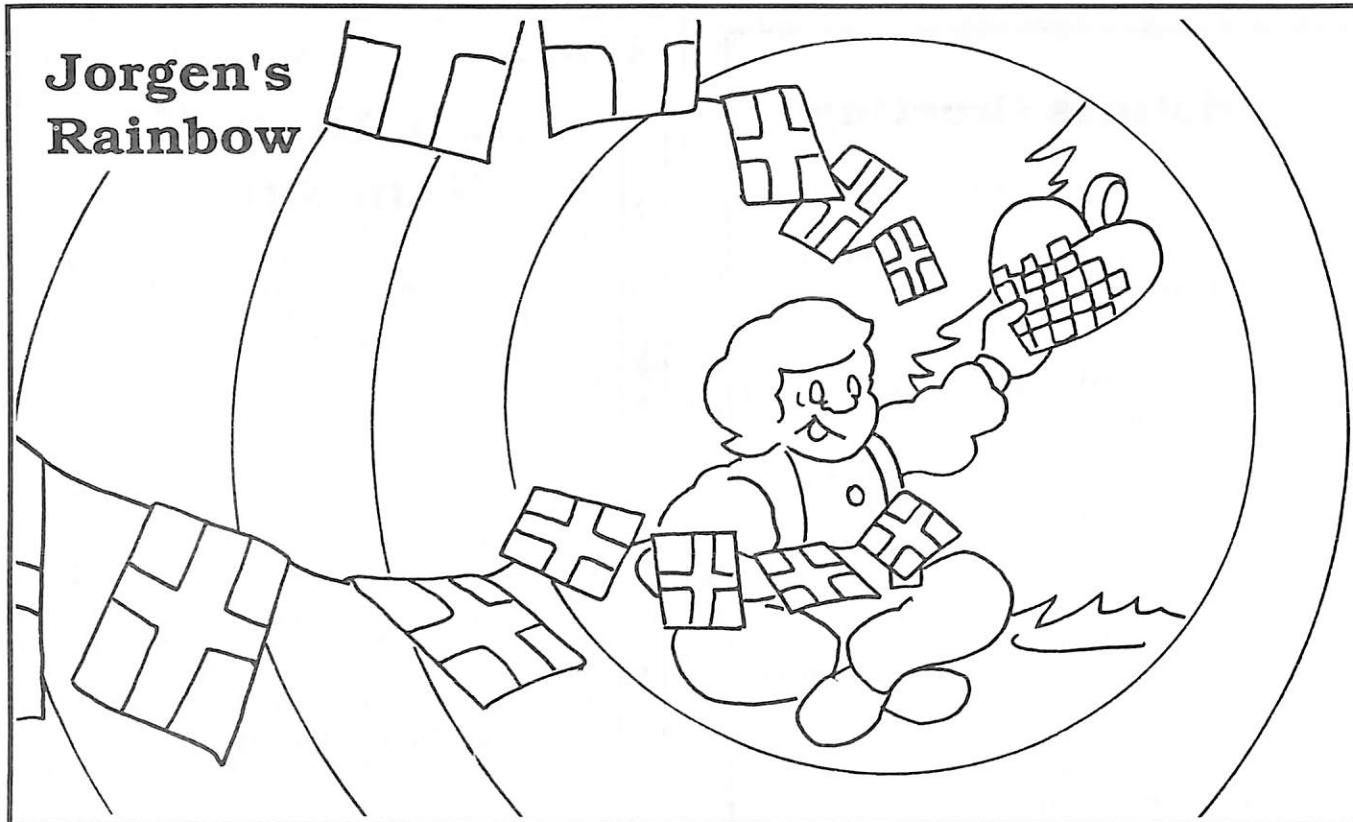
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Jorgen's Rainbow



In Danish, "Pynt" is a word used for all the decorations used around the house at Christmas time. What better kind of decoration is there than the homemade variety, right Jorgen? Bifrost has strung together small Danish flags which will decorate the tree and Jorgen has created a familiar woven heart. Merry Christmas.

Please color this picture and send it to the Danish Broth-

erhood in America, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68131-3844. Be sure to include your name, address and date of birth. You do not have to be a member of the DBIA to win. Four prizes are awarded every month, one for the following age groups: 2-4, 5-7, 8-9 and 10-12.

November winners: Cierra Pedersen, Chelsea Marie Petersen, Autumn Jensen and Mallory Jo Petersen.

Grandma's Kitchen

RISENGROD (RICE PUDDING)

1 1/2 quarts of milk
3/4 cups rice (not instant)
1 tsp. salt

Bring milk to boil. Sprinkle rice in while stirring. Return to boil; turn down to simmer and cover with lid. Simmer about 45-50 minutes stirring occasionally. Salt is added before serving. Serve with cinnamon-sugar mixture and 1 tbsp. butter in middle.



Gunild Ostergaard

RIS A LA MANDE

2 cups rice pudding
1 oz. chopped, blanced almonds
1 tbsp. sugar
1 tbsp. vanilla extract or vanilla sugar
3/4 cup whipping cream
cherry fruit sauce

Stir rice pudding with chopped almonds, sugar and vanilla. Beat whipping cream. Fold into rice pudding. Pour into serving dish and serve with fruit sauce.

Viking Adventures

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

Herluf and Bente Pedersen Our Friends to the North

Editor's Note: Many members know Herluf and Bente from their many years of dedicated service to the Danish Brotherhood in America, not to mention Herluf's ability to tell a good story. They make everyone around them smile a bit brighter and laugh a little louder. Now it is our turn to be there for them.

Earlier this summer we learned Herluf was treated for stomach cancer and surgery was necessary. Since then Herluf has learned modern medicine will not effectively aid him. In addition to the costly medical expenses, we have learned that Bente has been laid off from her catering position.

As in the past when a DBIA family is burdened with difficulties, we have responded overwhelmingly. As a benevolent fraternal organization, we realize what we must do and we take action. We remember the promise we made during our initiation ceremony — "to stand by each other when illness or sorrow comes to our homes."

Illness has come to the Pedersen home. A special fund for the Pedersen's has been established at the National Headquarters. Contributions should be sent to: Danish Brotherhood in America/ Pedersen Fund, 3717 Harney Street, Omaha, NE 68131-3844.

Through our united support to the Pedersen's, we prove the Danish Brotherhood is people helping people.

Herluf and Bente were both born in Copenhagen, Denmark. They moved to Canada with their four children in 1958.

Bente attended high school in Denmark and then was an apprentice in a delicatessen and butcher shop where she learned, among many things, Open Faced Sandwich making. She most recently worked in the catering business.

Herluf also attended school in Denmark and served for one year in the Army. He has retired from the electrical contracting business.

Herluf and Bente have been married 41 years. They have six children and ten grandchildren.

Herluf has been a member of the Danish Brotherhood in America for 21 years, Bente for six. Herluf belongs to Lodge No. 328

in Vancouver, Canada, while Bente is a member of Lodge No. 155 in Bellingham, Washington, where she serves as vice president. Herluf has served his local lodge as president, treasurer, conductor, trustee and guard. He served his lodge in October, 1991 as delegate to the National



*Bente and Herluf in 1983 at Lodge
No. 42, Spokane, WA.*

Convention. He has also held the district offices of president, conductor, vice president, trustee, and guard.

Herluf says he joined the DBIA after someone invited him to a meeting. Bente says she joined the Danish Brotherhood because, "I love to be with and meet all the people, especially other Danes."

Herluf says he serves the Pacific Northwest District as a District Fraternal Coordinator because he sees a need for help. He continues by saying, "If allowed by the lodges, the District Fraternal Coordinators can be a great help."

Bente and Herluf have served the following lodges in the Pacific Northwest District as District Fraternal Coordinators: Lodge No. 29, Seattle, WA; No. 33, Tacoma, WA;

No. 155, Bellingham, WA; No. 113, Enumclaw, WA; and No. 328, Vancouver, BC.

Bente and Herluf have this advice for DBIA members. "Go to the meetings, get involved in the lodge and district, the reward is greater than you ever imagined."

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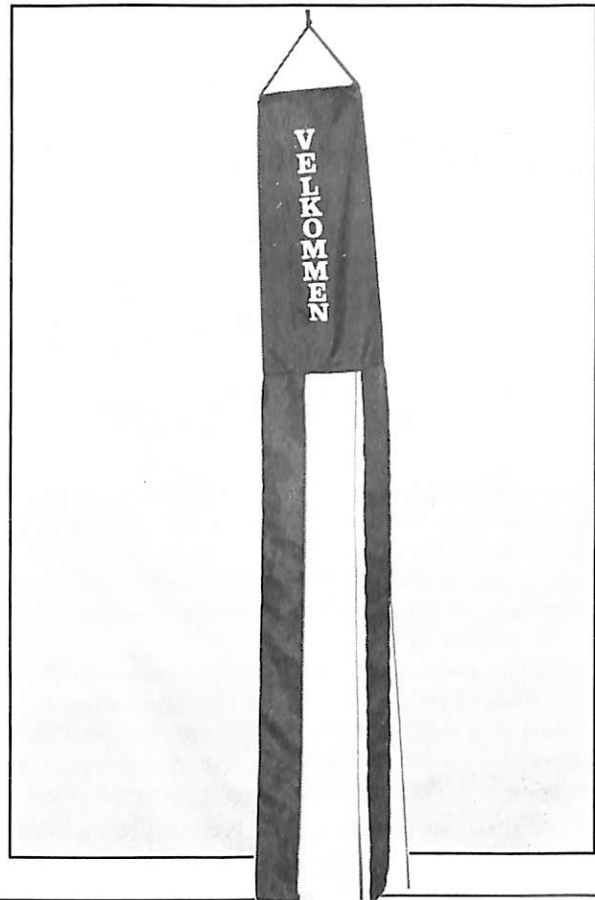
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