

JOTTINGS

January-March 2011

DAAL RECEIVES TAX EXEMPT STATUS

The headline that until last week The Danish American Archive and Library could only savor in hope and anticipation is a reality; DAAL has finally been granted 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status. The Process which designates the DAAL as a non-profit charitable institution was launched last August but only reached its conclusion when The Archive received official notification of the status being granted on April 14, 2011. Rachel Truhlsen, the attorney who worked *pro bono* on the application, stated that never before in her experience had an application taken so long to be resolved.

Although the status of Lur Publications within DAAL may have caused some question, the major delay appears to have been because of paring down on the size of government and thus an overloaded schedule of IRS offices. In January they were still working on applications received in August (DAAL's did not officially reach them until November). The status is retroactive covering all gifts received since August 31, 2010.

The official status having been granted means that all gifts now received by DAAL are tax deductible and that DAAL need no longer depend upon The Danish Immigrant Museum in Elk Horn to handle these tax-deductible gifts. This is a service that The Museum in Elk Horn graciously performed for The Archive charging only a minimal 10% fee which may not even adequately have covered the cost of labor, supplies and postage.

Director Nielsen wishes to express his sincere appreciation to all who worked on this time-consuming but beneficial effort: Jill Hennick, Tim Jensen and Sandra Wigdahl of DAAL; Rachel Truhlsen, Blair attorney; and John Mark Nielsen, Executive Director of The Danish Immigrant Museum.

All future gifts should be sent to The Danish American Archive and Library, 1738 Washington Street, Blair, NE 68008.

DAAL to Celebrate Grand Opening in October

After fifteen months of transition, uncertainty and growth The Danish American Archive and Library stands ready to launch what will probably be a series of activities this autumn extending over the entire month of October. Being celebrated will be not only the successful rescue and transfer of DAAL from its former location at Dana to its present, eye-catching location at 1738 Washington Street in Blair but also DAAL's status as a legally incorporated non-profit institution that has demonstrated its financial viability by maintaining itself for a full year meeting all operational expenses as well as accumulating funds to launch another year of operation and growth with an anticipated budget well over \$100,000.00

What has been achieved occurred because of the support of many devoted individuals local and nationwide. It is these individuals who will be honored at the fall's events. Watch for the nature and dates of these events as they are announced in the course of the summer. Coinciding with the month of celebration will be DAAL's hosting the travelling display of the current Danish Immigrant Museum's exhibit "Church Basements and Children's Homes" for which considerable material was provided by The Archive.

Physical Improvements Occur at Archive

Because of ever expanding holdings, additional shelving has been installed at DAAL. Four tiers have been added to the Borge M. Christensen room where Sharon Jensen does the archive cataloging and four tiers in the Coffee-Conference room which also houses the music collection. This shelving is being installed by Marty Koefoed and Leroy Wigdahl.

The Coffee-Conference room now also has an apartment-size refrigerator, the gift of Charlie & Julie Rohlffing.

Vacancy Occurs on DAAL Board

At a recent meeting of the Executive committee of the DAAL Board Director Nielsen announced the resignation of Frederick "Fritz" Hansen of Wichita, Kansas. At his request the resignation takes effect as soon as DAAL received 501(c)(3) status so the Board must appoint a replacement until October when the DAAL constituency can elect someone to serve the remaining year of Fritz's term.

Nielsen expressed his regret at the Board's losing Fritz's legal and business experience.

With the need to elect his replacement in October, four positions will have to be filled at that time. The terms of Pete Petersen, Palma Plume and Joan Sorensen also expire although nothing prevents their reelection.

Website Increasingly Important In Maintaining DAAL Contact

Many individuals may have first learned of DAAL's attaining tax-exempt status by visiting the DAAL website. This but further indicates the importance of regularly visiting that website which Sandra Wigdahl keeps current.

Ron Vig's Prescription Against Feelings of Future Guilt

"I wish someone would have told me about Dana, so I could have done something." How often have we heard this or perhaps even said it ourselves? That was then...and the reality **now** is that the Archive is facing a similar financial crisis. This is our opportunity to do something to prevent The Archive becoming like Dana, a thing of the past.

If 100 of us would pledge to give the Archive \$50 each month for one year, we could proudly say, "When I heard the Archive needed help, I did something!" Please join with me and others who have already stepped forward to save our Archive for generations to come.

Ron S. Vig

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Director's Notes:

I don't know how you responded when you first learned of DAAL finally receiving its 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status, but I can imagine that many a prayer of thanksgiving was offered and many a bottle of Champagne popped, that many a party was hosted and many a "Te Deum" sung. Bells were rung, horns blown and letters written. I wish I could have joined each of you in your response, whatever it was. Instead I have spent the last three weeks recovering from surgery which in itself was nothing particularly serious, but the recovery has been more complicated than anticipated. Now with medication adjusted I should soon be doing what I would rather be doing – working in the garden and Archive instead of being unproductively sidelined. During this time I could only watch Elizabeth work with clippers, trowel and rake and receive reports of Archive activities from Jill Hennick and Sandra Wigdahl.

Although we all have celebrated The Archive's tax-exempt status, I hope our celebration will move on to a renewed commitment of time, finances and material. The 50 from 100 challenge is an initial step in this direction to which some of you have responded, but many more are needed. Likewise, the tax-exempt status now makes possible an appeal that until now was difficult to make. I know many of you formerly had The Danish American Archive and Library in your wills under the old Dana College arrangement. Until now I could not very honestly ask you to continue The Archive in your wills. Now, however, that is possible. Therefore I ask you to seriously consider this move and then please inform us at DAAL as to the anticipated amount of this bequest. Our knowing the approximate amount will be of value in contacting major donors and institutions that offer grants to tax-exempt organizations. Send this information to DAAL, 1738 Washington Street, Blair, NE 68008. Should you need DAAL's Tax ID Number for this purpose, it is 27-3486925. I would also like to remind you that the provision for donating IRA distributions directly to charitable organizations has been extended to 2011. If you are interested in this possibility, please contact your financial or tax advisor.

During these past weeks I have also missed the arrival of three more volunteers to our regular corp of workers. They are Pat Bentsen (Blair), George Madsen (Omaha) and Caroline True (Blair). Other recent volunteers are Arvin Hernes and Gene Lindblad, both of Blair.

During this recovery period I also had to miss a speaking engagement in Cedar Falls, Iowa, at a meeting of the Cedar Valley Danes. I deeply regretted this cancellation because the Danes of Bethlehem, Nazareth and Dike have played such a significant role in past events involving Danish Americans. I hope they will support DAAL in a similar way. Fortunately John Mark took my place. Tim Jensen had another engagement for the fixed date.

By the time this reaches you the spring volunteer week will be in process or a thing of the past. Indications are that twenty volunteers will come from Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, South Dakota and Texas beside local volunteers and board members. One evening Julie and Charlie Rohlfing hosted the group for supper.

With this writing Dody Johnson is recovering from her second hip surgery. It is gratifying that Marilyn Nielsen is again sending obituaries, clippings and material from Racine. We wish the best to both of them.

So having experienced another wonderful Easter, I wish you health, strength and renewal.

John

VOLUNTEERS: 1,173 hours by 20 volunteers from Blair and Omaha, Nebraska and Missouri Valley and Urbandale, Iowa.

VISITORS: 41 visitors from Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota and Denmark.

USERS: 17 users from California, Idaho, Louisiana, Minnesota, Nebraska, New York, Oregon, Virginia and Denmark

ACQUISITIONS:

1. Copies of articles: "An Acquaintance of Hans Christian Andersen" and "A Knight of Dannebrog" (Victor Julien St Denis Dannevig) both by Hjalmer Hjorth Boyesen. (Donor: Chris Bohs, Blair, Nebraska).
2. Obituaries: Theodore D. Nierenberg, Benedicte T. Smith, George Nissen, Arne Molgaard Munk Pedersen. (Donor: Anne Boos, Washington, D.C.).
3. Pictures from "Remembrance Album" compiled by Phil Pagel for Marie Johnson and Sigrid Christensen. Dana clippings. Letters from A.J. Snowbeck, James Kallas and Phil Pagel. Dana Centennial invitation. (Donor: Sigrid Christensen, Blair, Nebraska).
4. 66 articles from various papers on Dana's closing and related issues. 5 newspapers with more extensive coverage. (Donor: Ann George, Blair, Nebraska).
5. Obituaries: Grayce Faaborg Jensen, Carol Olesen Petersen, Lila Christensen Clauson. (Donor: Esther Grindberg, Circle Pines, Minnesota).
6. Clippings: Kirk Hansen/Tanya Janulewicz engagement and Derrick Nielsen. (Donor: Fritz Hansen, Wichita, Kansas).
7. Thanksgiving bulletin and update of Trinity Lutheran History, Albert Lea. Various clippings. (Donor: Howard Hanson, Albert Lea, Minnesota).
8. Obituaries: June Hemmingsen Renshae, Kevin L. Bostwick, Harry Andreasen, Steven D. Ogle, Harriet Madsen Pitt, Dale A. Matson, Lloyd E. Scheer, Hattie E. Andreasen, Gladys Christoffersen Loftis, Luella R. George, and Delores Jessen Voss. First Lutheran Sunday bulletins and "Ambassador." Clippings: Goldie Iversen's 90th, Meta Matzen's 95th, Aggie Petersen's 80th, Jack O'Connell and Dana. Copy of picture of officers of the Danish Ladies Aid at First Lutheran. (Donors: Michael and Jill Hennick, Blair, Nebraska).
9. Obituary: William "Bill" Pedersen, Jr. (Donors: Ralf and Inga Hoifeldt, Urbandale, Iowa).
10. Funeral folder and bulletin for Milton Raymond Miller. Obituaries: Raymond Miller, Edith S. Nelson and Adeline Markeson Larson. Sunday bulletins and "Parish Visitors" of St. Peter's, Northfield, for 2010 and 2011. Material on "The Great St. Peter's Get Together" and "St. Peter's Percolating Spirit." Letter from Pastor Craig Ellingboe. (Donor: Geraldine Peterson Jasan, Northfield, Minnesota).
11. "Combine" and Sunday bulletins for Immanuel Lutheran, Orum. Copies of **Den Danske Pioneer**. (Donors: Tim and Sharon Jensen, Blair).
12. Golden anniversary (1933-1983) program for Ragnhild and Ejnar Farstrup, also anniversary song. Thank you letter from Ragnhild to Ivar and Lis Jorgensen. Funeral folder and "In Remembrance" for Ejnar Farstrup. (Donors: Ivar and Lis Jorgensen, Burnsville, Minnesota).
13. P. Severinsen's 5 volume work: *Martin Luthers Liv og Hovedværker*. Given in memory of her father, Rev. John Christensen. (Donor: Miriam Christensen Kindrick, Marcus, Iowa).
14. Copy of Lillie Smith's 1935 entry in Dagmar Nielsen Knudsen's Dana autograph book. Copy of Winter 2009 "Oaks Arrow." (Donor: Herb Knudsen, Ogallala, Nebraska).
15. Dana prospective sale brochure. (Donor: Nathan Kramer, Blair, Nebraska).
16. Copies of **Christmas Chimes** and **Dana Review**. Lloyd Neve's **The Spirit of God in The Old Testament and Japan: God's Door to the Far East**. **Danske Sange** illustrated by Paul Vogelius, **Hjemmenes Julebog**. **Ribe Domkirke**, and "Diamond Jubilee Review" of Dana College and Trinity Theological Seminary. 3 pictures from Australia (one of Mrs. C.B. Larsen and Pastor Ligaard's 3 small children and a note from Ligaard), 5 pictures from Eben-Ezer in The Pines, Brush, Colorado, 8 pictures from Oaks Indian Mission, Oklahoma, 1 from Philadelphia with C.B. Larsen and P.L. Thorslev on it, and 1 of an unidentified couple. Two accounts of Abelone (Nielsen) Larsen's first visit to Oaks (one in Danish, one in English) and 3 clippings on the Cherokees. **75 Years of Ministry at The Oaks** and spring and fall 1995 copies of "Oaks Arrow." Picture of Oaks choir, directed by Julia Johnson. Brief history of Oaks by James Morrison and Oaks bookmark. Letter to Phil and Florence Larsen from Elwin Bergstrasser from Oaks. Review of 1986 visit to Oaks by Maryellen Maier of Blair. Copies of pages from Abelone Larsen's autograph book from Chicago. Translated excerpts on Oaks from the UELC "Year Books" from 1911-1927. Nana Nielsen's account of Oaks and N.L. Nielsen. Dana sail logo in wood for mounting. Picture of Larsen and Thorslev children. Excerpts from Edward Hansen's "The Santal Mission." (Donors: Phil and Florence Larsen, Blair, Nebraska).
17. **Scandinavian Review** (Jan, Feb, 1910), **American Scandinavian Review** (1919), **Hus og Hjem** (8 copies 1921, 1922, 1939), **De Tusind Hjem** (5 from 1921, 30 from 1922), **Landet** (12 from 1922, 41 from 1927, 52 from 1928, 30 from 1929, 7 from 1931), **Fynsk Jul** (10 copies), **Julegranen** (11 copies), **Jul I Danmark** (2 copies), **Jul I Vesterheimen** (1 copy), **De Gamles**

Julebog (1 copy), *Ved Julelampens Skær* (1 copy), *Jul I Hjemmet* (1 copy), *Jule* (3 copies), *Timeesedler til Brug ved Gymastikundervisning I Børneskolen* (1 copy), Jeppe Nelson's *En Vandringemands Livshistorie fra 1850-1921*, *De Ældres Julebog* (1copy), **World's Fair Year Book – 1933**, *Misteltenen – 1923*, *Danmarks Posten* (1 copy), *Radio Pressen* (2 copies), *Verden og Vi* (4 copies), *Danmarks lykkeligste Uge* (1 copy), *Skandinavisk National – Bibliothek* (1 copy), **Christmas** (article on Danish Christmas plates). (Donor: Jeanette Lillehoj, Kimballton, Iowa).

18. **The Lutheran Link:** New England Synod of ELCA. (Donor: Diane and Gary Madsen, Verona, Wisconsin)
19. Obituaries: Ellen Mari Larsen, Eugene Robert Johnsen, Viola Nelson Cook, Dorothy L. Warenskjold, Barbara Hansen Lawson, Mellanie Rullhausen. Clipping: "2 Churches exiled over gay pastors, on different paths." (One of these is St. Francis Lutheran of San Francisco, old UELC congregation). (Donor: Frances McGee, San Leandro, California).
20. Clippings of Dana situation and copies of "Church and Life." (Donors: John W. and Elizabeth Nielsen, Blair, Nebraska).
21. Ernst Mentze's *To Konger: Christian X and Frederik IX*, **Danish Old Peoples Home Directory – 1931 and 1941**, Annual Report of Danish Old Peoples Home – 1944-45 and Date Books – 1957, 1958, N.P. Nielsen's copy of **Orders of Ministerial Acts** and bound with it *Ritualer til Daab, Nadver og Brudervielse*, **Pioneers in Church Work: The Professor, P.S. Vig**, and Mogens Lund's **We Danes and You**. Harold Holm's graduation certificate from U. of Wisconsin College of Engineering, 1923, 6 page snap shot album, and "Pages of the Past" about Ralph Jensen. Piet Hein's **Grooks V** and "Oaks Arrow." Obituaries: Wilford G. Ostergaard, LaVerne J. Matson, Lillian Jensen Hansen, Arthur Eugene Hansen, Helen Mae Jensen, Gilbert Charles Sorenson, James John Jacobsen, Helen Fuglsang Poulsen Wood, Robyn Mary Christensen, Curtis Johnson, Anina Catherine Jacobsen, Betty Kern, and Esther Holm Berby. Clippings on the Viborg, South Dakota, Spring Valley Church and on the mystery of Jens Pedersen Sogaard. Complimentary booklet of Christmas songs, Danish and English from *Den Norske Amerikalinie*, program from Luck Lutheran, Luck, Wisconsin, The Danish Immigrant Museum Annual Report and releases 1997, 1998, 2004, 2005 and 2006. "America Letter" and Danish American Heritage Society Newsletter. (Donors: LeVern and Marilyn Nielsen, Racine, Wisconsin).
22. Obituaries: Larry Lee Tergeesen, Barbara Brandt Jensen. (Donors: Allan and Ruth Nyegaard, Eugene, Oregon).
23. Information on Immanuel Lutheran, Easton, California, from records (Prepared by Victoria Salwasswer, Secretary). Copies of pages concerning Danish churches from *Danske I California* Sophus Hartwick. (Donor: Donald Pedersen, Pea Ridge, Arkansas).
24. Clipping: "Man Discovers Father's Account of Trip To America" (About Nels Petersen). (Donor: Elmer Petersen, Galesville, Wisconsin).
25. Obituaries: Ellen Kirstine Matthiesen Hodgson, Philip Alan Hodgson. (Donor: Richard Philipsen, Hydesville, California).
26. Copies of pictures from Fremont Cemetery and from graves in Denmark both recent and ancestors. Information on the family going back to 1659 written in Danish but translated by Arvin Hernes. (Donor: Roland Rasmussen, Blair, Nebraska).
27. 9 letters (1937-1939) from Grandmother Dagmar Ankensen written in Danish. (Donor: Nancy Brown Reissig, Lincoln, Nebraska).
28. Picture of Ruth and Ray Schoening taken four weeks before Ray's death. (Donor: Ruth Wilhelmsen Schoening, Racine, Wisconsin).
29. "Spire Echoes" – October, November, December 2010 and January 2011; Sunday bulletins, same dates; "The Church Herald" 1939 with article on St. Paul's. (Donor: St. Paul's Lutheran, Neola, Iowa).
30. "The Blizzards of 1948 and 1949" by Edith Nelson. "History of the William Nelson Family" by Edith Nelson. Letter received by Steven Stone from his Grandfather Nelson for his ethnic heritage paper. (Donor: Larrie Stone, Blair, Nebraska).
31. DVD of the Danish film: "The Monastery: Mr. Vig and the Nun." (Donor: Ron Vig, Blair, Nebraska).

NOTE: *The Secret of Apollo: Systems Management in American and European Space Programs* was donated by Nancy Larsen, Ashland, OH in memory of both Tom Nielsen and Albert L. Larsen.

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Total Revenue Jan-Mar 2011	\$7,888.05	March 31,2011	
Total Expenses Jan-Mar 2011	-20,432.89	Restricted funds:	
2010 taxes paid in 2011	-751.06	Associate Salary	300.00
Utility Deposit	-230.00	Lur Publications	1,701.67
Sales Tax Collected, not yet paid	4.88	Endowment	100.00
Income Tax Withheld, not yet paid	412.58	Taxes Payable	633.07
Balance in bank accounts	\$38,653.54	Unrestricted funds	
March 31, 2011		March 31, 2011	\$35,918.80

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Thank you to all who have joined the 50/100 group by pledging to donate \$50 per month. We extend an extra thank you to those couples who are donating \$50 from each spouse. Taking these into consideration, we are up to 25 members!