

ARCHIVE JOTTINGS


**SPECIAL GRAND-REOPENING EDITION**


**Report from the  
Executive Director**  
 Jill Hennick

What a difference a year can make! Last year during our Fall Volunteer Week we were surrounded by empty space. A few tables were set up and some people were even working on the floor. Since then we have had major changes in facilities, business and personnel.



The changes in facilities are striking. David Rasmussen and Marty Koefoed put up our shelving units. Somehow they were able to make sense out of the unorganized pieces even though they didn't have any directions to follow. I am sure every local volunteer played a part in the moving of materials and furniture from the storage areas, and now we have everything in one place. Although we are far from finished with our sorting and organizing, we were able to have everything in place for our first Grand Opening event Saturday, October 1st. The finishing touches such as hanging pictures were completed on the previous Friday. Sandra Wigdahl is our liaison with the landlord and she eventually talked them into putting mirrors in the bathrooms. She also found the solar blinds on the windows which add to our pleasant work environment.

The business changes have been formidable, but the board of directors has put a lot of effort into the tasks that have confronted us. We were formally declared a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization by the IRS in July. We filed the necessary tax forms and completed the proper paperwork for the federal government and the state of Nebraska. We have a "Vision/Mission/Goals" statement and a Business Plan. We have started making grant applications. We are now able to get a reduced postal rate for large mailings. We can take credit card payments. And, all of our brochures have been updated.

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Dana College Alumni Enjoy Kringle Mingle at the Archive Grand-Reopening Event

**Grand Opening "Unqualified Success"**

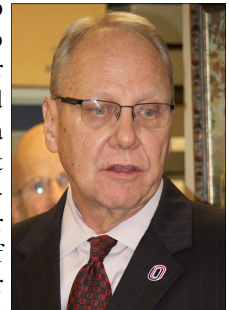
Four different grand opening events took place during the first two weeks of October, and each was well attended and brought a new level of visibility to the Archive.

"I think we can say that the grand opening was an unqualified success," says Archive President Tim Jensen. "Each of the four events was designed to bring in a different audience and allow them to see how the Archive serves their interests. From the feedback we have received, I believe we fully accomplished our goals."

On October 1, approximately 150 Dana College alumni and former faculty members came in for "Kringle and Mingle" as part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Dana College homecoming held in Blair. Originally scheduled from eight to ten a.m., it was closer to noon before a local power failure caused those remaining to exit. "It was so gratifying to see the presidents' pictures displayed in the Dana Room and to feel that the essence of Dana lives on at the Archive," said Dana alum and former staff member Sandy Sonderup.

The event that received the most local publicity was the visit by the Blair Chamber of Commerce ambassadors and board members for a ribbon cutting ceremony on Tuesday, October 4. Blair

Mayor Jim Realph along with University of Nebraska Chancellor John Christensen and three other top UNO officials also attended. Mayor Realph welcomed the Archive as a positive new element in the Blair community, and Chancellor Christensen spoke of his enthusiasm for the agreement UNO and the Archive recently signed to cooperate on future projects.



UNO Chancellor John Christensen

The last two grand opening events were an open house for the Blair community on October 15, and on October 16, a Danish-style songfest and worship service at First Lutheran Church in Blair with a reception afterwards at the Archive. Both were well attended and gave us the chance to broaden awareness of the Archive.

Kringle, homemade cookies and coffee were served at all four events. That and the decorating done by former Dana College Events Coordinator Anne Christopherson made for a truly warm and welcoming atmosphere.

*See page 7 for event photos.*

## Dana College President Emeritus Myrv Christopherson Joins Archive Team

Dana College President Emeritus Myrv Christopherson recently agreed to assist the Danish American Archive and Library as Senior Advisor for Advancement. Dr. Christopherson will be working with Archive staff and volunteers to help grow support for the DAAL.

Dr. Christopherson is Dana's longest serving president, serving from 1986 to 2005. He was made a Knight of Dannebrog First Class by Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II of Denmark during his tenure as Dana's president. Until late in 2010 he served as President of the Foundation for Independent Higher Education (FIHE) in Washington, D.C., and continues to serve part time as Senior Advisor for State Fund Programs for the Council of Independent Colleges (CIC), also in Washington D.C. His wife, Anne, was Dana's Special Events and Projects Director until her retirement in 2005, and for a number of those years directed the annual "Sights and Sounds of Christmas" at Dana. Recently she directed the preparations for the Archive's grand opening events held in October. The Christophersons now live in Decorah, Iowa, and together will be making contacts with many Danish Americans to help promote the Archive and invite support. They have four children and three grandchildren.

"I am honored to be asked to join the effort to seek support for the Archive," said Dr. Christopherson. "Anne and I were crushed to learn of Dana's closing and believe that it is most

important now that the Archive continue to preserve and share not only the contributions of Dana College, but also of the many Danish American individuals and institutions that have enriched America and our culture. I think most Danish Americans and



**Anne & Myrv Christopherson**

many others will agree that the work of the Archive is important and merits support. It would be sad if the rich history contained in letters, documents, books, photos, papers, and other materials which tell the story of Danish Americans and their churches, schools, communities, businesses, and other organizations were not preserved and available to future generations. Anne and I would like to help ensure that the Archive is healthy going forward. It has been overseen with great care as a labor of love for over two decades by Dr. John W. and Elizabeth Nielsen with the help of countless volunteers. It is time for more of us to build upon the strong foundation they have laid. We

invite all who have benefited from and appreciate the rich contributions of Danish Americans to join us in supporting DAAL in their current giving and in their estate plans."

Archive Board President Tim Jensen said, "Having Myrv offer his long experience in development and promotion represents a major step forward for the Archive. Many have worked hard to establish the DAAL and its holdings and develop it as an independent organization since Dana College closed. I feel confident that with Myrv's help we will be better equipped to grow the level of support needed to ensure a bright future for the Archive."



Archive Volunteers at Fall Volunteer Week 2011. Front row: Beverly Petersen, Joan Sorensen, John W. Nielsen, Erna Berthelsen, Dody Johnson. Middle row: Helga Hanson, Sharon Jensen, Tim Jensen, Ralf Hoifeldt, Fritz Hansen, Nancy Larsen, Inga Hoifeldt, Borge M. Christensen, Palma Plume, Julianne Johnson. Back row: Pete Petersen, Verlan Hanson, Myrvin Christopherson, Jill Hennick, Sandra Wigdahl, Anne Christopherson, Marilyn Svendgard, Ruth Rasmussen, Marjorie Wahlgren, Don Wahlgren, Marty Koefoed, Larry Plume.

### Volunteer Week Well Attended

Once again volunteers from several states across the US gathered at the Archive the first week in October. Most of them have been coming twice a year for many years to help us with the overwhelming task of sorting, coding and cataloging the huge volume of materials that continue to come into the Archive. One of the highlights of the week is always the coffee breaks where the old-timers share their stories about the early days at Dana and the Danish church. Phil and Florence Larsen of Blair hosted a wonderful closing dinner for the group in their home.

### Holiday Hours:

The Archive will be closed December 26-30. For tax deduction purposes, all gifts post-marked December 31 and prior will be recorded as 2011 donations.

### Thank you

We wish to extend our thanks to Joan Sorensen and Peter Petersen for their many years of service as board members. Both are original members of the board having transitioned from the planning committee as the Archive began moving toward becoming an independent organization while still at Dana.

We also wish to welcome Becky Bryant and Matt Plowman as the new members of the board and look forward to their help and input as we take the Archive to the next level.

### Knud Dyby

Knud Dyby, the subject of our Lur Publication's bestselling book *Boats in the Night* passed away in September. He was a member of the Danish Resistance movement in World War II that helped rescue the Danish Jews. He was a longtime supporter of the Archive and Lur Publications. We were honored to work with him.

### Email Newsletter

In this time of energy and resource conservation, many have expressed a desire to receive the *Jottings* by e-mail. If you want to receive the digital version of the *Jottings*, please send a note with your e-mail address to the attention of Jill Hennick at the Archive.

*Executive Director Update, continued from page 1.*

We continue to expand our relationships with other institutions. Christie Gehringer orchestrated our new relationship with UNO, and we were pleased that officials from that University were part of our ribbon cutting ceremony Oct 4. I have been attending the Dana College Alumni and Friends Association meetings which culminated in our hosting over 100 people for our "Kringle Mingle" event during their Homecoming ceremonies. John W. Nielsen and Tim & Sharon Jensen have been attending Quadripartite meetings for years that bring together representatives of the Archive at Grand View University, the Danish American Heritage Society, the Danish Immigrant Museum and their Family History and Genealogy Center, and the Danish American Archive and Library. Tim and Sharon have also been instrumental in establishing a relationship with the Blair Public Library which has proven invaluable, as they now host our on-line catalog. The Danish Immigrant Museum enabled us to receive tax-deductible donations while we waited (and waited) for our nonprofit status. They also used our materials extensively for their exhibit "Church Basements and Children's Homes" and have asked us to host their traveling exhibit in return. We are receiving supplementary funds for the exhibit from Thrivent for Lutherans. We are part of the Midwest Archives Conference. We are part of the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program. John W. Nielsen and Tim Jensen have spoken at Blair Kiwanis, Crowell Home, The Danish Immigrant Museum, and The Blair Historical Preservation

Association. John Mark Nielsen has spoken on our behalf to the Cedar Valley Danes.

Then we come to personnel changes. The starkest change is the fact that I am giving this report instead of Dr. John W. Nielsen. None of us would be here without his vision and call for assistance. As he transitions to "Executive Director Emeritus" we are grateful he is here for advice and that he is still tending to necessary archive procedures.

Perhaps you are wondering why the board has named an "Interim" Executive Director, rather than just finding a replacement. A big reason is that one person may not have all of the qualifications that we now need. We need another visionary who can picture a strong future for the Archive and inspire volunteers and donors to bring it to fruition. We need a fundraiser to provide the means to meet that vision. We need a curator who can provide the technical archive advice so that we preserve our invaluable collection properly. We need a library director to catalog the collection. Luckily Sharon Jensen is currently volunteering her expertise in that area. We need a business manager, a grant writer, a marketer, a volunteer coordinator, a book editor. The list could go on.

Although this week is an exception I currently spend most of my time on business and office matters. That is why you, as volunteers, are crucial to our existence. Thank you all for being a part of The Danish American Archive and Library.

## Bee Krantz—Volunteer



Bee Krantz died on July 21, 2011, just three weeks after her ninety-fifth birthday. There was probably something appropriate in the fact that she would die the same year that Dr. Nielsen retired as director

because she had been a part of the Archive from the time that he first became involved with the procuring and processing of the Hansen-Mengers Collection in 1986 which changed and expanded its mission. In fact, Bee was still working on indexing that vast collection during her last days at the Archive this summer.

As a long-time volunteer she became closely connected through the years with a host of other volunteers. They almost always inquired about Bee in their contacts, and she joined with John W. in regretting their departure whether caused by health, age or death.

Bee was not only a worker but an Archive recruiter. It was she who brought Marion Petersen Anderson and Marion's husband, Andy, from North Carolina to the Archive twice a year as ardent volunteers. Marion as a Dana student in the 1930s had been one of Dr. H.F. Swanson's star history students and was a part of his vision of an archive of Danish ethnic material going far beyond Dana or the UELC. The Depression and World War II prevented the development of that dream, but in the late twentieth century Bee and Marion became a part of its revival.

Bee's Dana involvement initially was as hostess to the Dana Board of Regents and their wives when they were on campus because her husband Ben Krantz was secretary of that board. A much closer tie with Dana occurred when John W. Nielsen asked her to be one of four assistants in the revised Humanities Program. In that role she helped to develop the distinctive character of Parnassus. It was from this position in which she had contact with hundreds of Dana students that she followed John W. to the Archive.

Bee's presence will linger in the Archive even as she continues to be missed by Archive workers, Dana students, Blair residents, and a score of family and friends.

# ARCHIVE REPORT

July-September 2011

**VOLUNTEERS:** 1,070 hours by 34 volunteers from Iowa and Nebraska.

**VISITORS:** 45 visitors from Arizona, California, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oregon, Tennessee, Washington, Washington DC, Denmark and Germany.

**USERS:** 32 users from Arizona, California, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin, Denmark and Spain.

## ACQUISITIONS:

1. Martin Leonard Anderson family materials. 16 obituaries and/or funeral folders. Two clippings. (Donors: Keith & Paula Anderson, Gaylord, Minnesota).
2. U.S. postage stamps to use. (Donor: R.L. Bartley, Springfield, Missouri).
3. Framed picture of two photos from Aerø, Denmark. (Donor: Cindy Bieniek, St. Clair Shores, Michigan).
4. Article on and memoriam for Charles Manatt. (Donor: Ann Boos, Washington, DC).
5. Funeral folder for and clipping on Axel Bundgaard. (Donor: Ann Bundgaard, Burnsville, Minnesota).
6. Four obituaries including Paul B. Christensen. Family account of Peter & Katherina Rasmussen. (Donor: Rolf Buschardt Christensen, Ontario, Canada).
7. Vase made by Linda Jorgensen used at the 125<sup>th</sup> Celebration of First Lutheran Church and Dana College. (Donor: First Lutheran Church, Blair, NE).
8. *Discovering and Honoring the Graver-Jensen Danish Ancestry* (Donor: Don Freberg, Prairie Village, Kansas).
9. Three clippings. (Donor: Fritz Hansen, Wichita, Kansas).
10. 49 obituaries, 35 clippings, 2 books, 1 brochure. (Donor: Sara Hansen-Walter, Blair, Nebraska).
11. Six clippings; 2 obituaries, materials from St. Peter's in Northfield, Minnesota. (Donor: Geraldine Jasan, Northfield, Minnesota).
12. Bee Krantz funeral folder, materials from Immanuel church in Orum, Nebraska. (Donors: Tim & Sharon Jensen, Blair, Nebraska).
13. Seven obituaries, 4 booklets, , Dana College hymnal, 4 articles. (Donors: Richard & Delores Jorgensen, Poy Sippi, Wisconsin).
14. 19 books. (Donor: Jerry Lehman, Missouri Valley, Iowa).
15. Article, magazine on Danish royal twins, 17 obituaries. (Donor: Frances McGee, San Leandro, CA).
16. Letters, clippings, mementos and pictures of the Korshoj family. (Donors: Betty & Gene Megrue, Blair, Nebraska).
17. Seven songbooks, sheet music. (Donors: Dorothy Mortensen, Bella Vista, Arkansas).
18. Family items of Anker & Lydia Petersen including mementoes from Bethany Lutheran Church, Ruskin, NE. (Donor: Eunice Neve, St. Joseph, Missouri).
19. 46 Phonograph records. (Donor: Allen & Judy Nielsen, Cedar Falls, Iowa).
20. 18 obituaries and/or funeral folders, 3 clippings, UELC 2008 reunion items, attendance registry for 2002 Danish American Conference. (Donors: LeVern & Marilyn Nielsen, Racine, WI).
21. *The Genealogy Book on the Families Nybye, Nyby, Nyboe*. (Donor: Ulla Nyby, Holsterbro, Denmark).
22. Letter of remembrances from Emil Bondo in Denmark about Henry Bondo & family. (Donor: Donald Pedersen, Pea Ridge, Arkansas).

23. Obituaries and material on Warren Jensen and Oscar Jensen. (Donor: Pete Petersen, Kennewick, Washington).
24. 55 issues of *The Bridge: Journal of the Danish American Heritage Society*. (Donor: Raymond Petersen, Aurora, Nebraska).
25. Three pictures of the demolition of Old Main, Dana College. (Donor: Kenneth Rhoades, Blair, Nebraska).
26. *The Andresen & Maretti families*. (Donor: Carole Schetter, Highlands Ranch, Colorado).
27. Danish Brotherhood Lodge #1 newsletters 1996-1999. (Donor: Robert Storms, Omaha, Nebraska).
28. Obituary and Funeral Folder for Carol Olson Petersen. (Donor: Carol Svendsen, Denver, Colorado).
29. Material about Westwood Lutheran Church and its Thorvaldsen sculptures . Picture of Charles and Pearl Johnson of Kansas City. (Donors: Bob & Carol Watson, Overland Park, Kansas).
30. Article on Charles I.D. Loff's carousel at Santa Cruz. (Donors: Deb & John Wood, Oklahoma City, OK).

These are only the materials received and processed from July-September 2011. Items received in October and November will be listed in the next newsletter.

## Mystery Photos

At the Archive's Open House for Dana Alumni and Friends an intriguing, yet mysterious, envelope of photographs and essays was left behind. The photos are of Dana students and faculty, probably from the late 1920's and early 1930's. No one in the photos is identified, but in the envelope there is a Dana College nametag bearing the name Ida Johnson Nielsen. There are also some articles from *Christmas Chimes* by Ida Johnson. We would like to find out more about this anonymous donation, how it came to be left, who are the people in the photos, and—perhaps most of all—more information about Ida Johnson Nielsen.

Please contact us at DAAL, 1738 Washington Street, Blair, NE 68008, (402)426-7910, or [info@danishamericanarchive.com](mailto:info@danishamericanarchive.com).



# FINANCIAL REPORT

July-September 2011

## Memorials:

Vi Anderson  
John W & Elizabeth Nielsen (Blair, NE)

Norman Bansen  
Verlan & Helga Hanson (Blair, NE)

Ted Bansen  
Myrvin & Anne Christopherson (Decorah, IA)  
Arvin Hernes (Blair, NE)

Rev. Robert Berthelsen  
Verlan & Helga Hanson (Blair, NE)

Robert E. Berthelsen  
Verlan & Helga Hanson (Blair, NE)

Rev. M.P. & Rose Bollesen  
Verlan & Helga Hanson (Blair, NE)

Melius Bollesen  
Verlan & Helga Hanson (Blair, NE)  
John W & Elizabeth Nielsen (Blair, NE)

Natalie Carlsen  
Phil & Florence Larsen (Blair, NE)  
John W & Elizabeth Nielsen (Blair, NE)

Oswald Christensen  
Verlan & Helga Hanson (Blair, NE)

Ruth Nelson Creighton  
LeVern & Marilyn Nielsen (Racine, WI)

Rev. Joseph Girtz  
Verlan & Helga Hanson (Blair, NE)

Rev. Edward Hansen  
Verlan & Helga Hanson (Blair, NE)

Ella (Erlandsen) Hansen  
Verlan & Helga Hanson (Blair, NE)

Opal (Bollesen) Hansen  
Verlan & Helga Hanson (Blair, NE)

Stanley Hansen  
Verlan & Helga Hanson (Blair, NE)

Rev. Cleo Hanson  
Verlan & Helga Hanson (Blair, NE)

Rev. Clifford T. & Florence Hanson  
Verlan & Helga Hanson (Blair, NE)

Daniel L. Hanson  
Verlan & Helga Hanson (Blair, NE)

Harry & Amanda Hanson  
Verlan & Helga Hanson (Blair, NE)

Merle D. Hanson  
Verlan & Helga Hanson (Blair, NE)

Rev. William J. Hanson  
Verlan & Helga Hanson (Blair, NE)

Leonard Jacobsen  
Anonymous

Lyle Jacobsen  
Verlan & Helga Hanson (Blair, NE)

Clarence Jensen  
LeVern & Marilyn Nielsen (Racine, WI)

Alfred Jessen  
Verlan & Helga Hanson (Blair, NE)

Beverly Jessen  
Verlan & Helga Hanson (Blair, NE)

Boy & Ane Kirstine Jessen  
Verlan & Helga Hanson (Blair, NE)

Nis & Irene (Kierkegaard) Jessen  
Verlan & Helga Hanson (Blair, NE)

Helen Winther Johnson  
LeVern & Marilyn Nielsen (Racine, WI)

Rev. Oscar Johnson  
Verlan & Helga Hanson (Blair, NE)

Bee Krantz  
Bill & Betsy Anderson (Blair, NE)  
Ron & Joann Anderson (Omaha, NE)  
Erna Berthelsen (Albert Lea, MN)  
Kevin & Barbara Bloemker (Fremont, NE)  
Larry & Maureen Bock (Elkhorn, NE)  
Cindy Boettner (Omaha, NE)  
Karla Broman (Blair, NE)  
Timothy & Lu Brown (Blair, NE)  
David & Lois Carlsen (Blair, NE)  
Myrvin & Anne Christopherson (Decorah, IA)  
Bob & Kris Coffey (Blair, NE)  
Kathleen Cook (Blair, NE)  
Norma Deeb (Omaha, NE)  
Kay Dickinson (Blair, NE)  
Viva & Dale Fuerst (Omaha, NE)  
Agneta Gaines (Omaha, NE)  
Ardis Grace (Blair, NE)  
Janice Hansen (Fremont, NE)  
Sara Hansen-Walter (Blair, NE)  
Michael & Jill Hennick (Blair, NE)  
Dava Fuerst Henricksen (Omaha, NE)  
Arvin Hernes (Blair, NE)  
Richard Hunt (Herman, NE)  
Lorraine Jensen (Blair, NE)  
Michael & Gail Jensen (Blair, NE)  
Dody Johnson (Iowa City, IA)  
Richard & Pat Jorgensen (Blair, NE)  
Bee's family, cash donations  
Phil & Florence Larsen (Blair, NE)  
Keith & Judy Leech (Plymouth, MN)  
Gene & Nancy Lindblad (Blair, NE)  
Michael Macholan (Omaha, NE)  
Patricia & Thomas Macholan (Grand Rapids, MI)  
Pat & Helen Mallette (Blair, NE)  
Don & Eileen Mattox (Sheboygan, WI)  
Sheri Matzen (Blair, NE)  
Gene & Betty Megrue (Blair, NE)  
Jean Miller (Blair, NE)  
Maxine Mitchell (Fremont, NE)  
Mary Jo Moore (Blair, NE)  
John W & Elizabeth Nielsen (Blair, NE)  
LeVern & Marilyn Nielsen (Racine, WI)  
Eleanor Noble (Blair, NE)  
David O'Hanlon (Blair, NE)  
Phil Pagel (Blair, NE)  
Ellenora Plugge (Blair, NE)  
Ruth Rasmussen (Omaha, NE)  
Sandra Schuette (Kansas City, MO)  
Mildred Shada (Omaha, NE)  
Elinor Shanahan (Omaha, NE)  
Kay Spidle (Blair, NE)  
Mrs. Clifford Stille (Council Bluffs, IA)  
Larrie Stone (Blair, NE)  
Starla Sweda (Selma, TX)  
Bill Tripp (Blair, NE)  
University Specialty Clinic (Columbia, SC)  
Wilma Wolff (Blair, NE)  
John & Deb Wood (Oklahoma City, OK)  
Harold & Dorothy Wright (Blair, NE)  
Robert & Mary Wright (Omaha, NE)

Brent Krantz  
Arvin Hernes (Blair, NE)  
Don & Eileen Mattox (Sheboygan, WI)

Larry Larson  
LeVern & Marilyn Nielsen (Racine, WI)

Paul Laursen  
Myrvin & Anne Christopherson (Decorah, IA)

Aida Limjoco  
Verlan & Helga Hanson (Blair, NE)

Rev. James N. Lund  
Verlan & Helga Hanson (Blair, NE)

Rev. C.C. & Esther Madsen  
Verlan & Helga Hanson (Blair, NE)

Velma (Hanson) Miller  
Verlan & Helga Hanson (Blair, NE)

Rev. Richard Morton  
Verlan & Helga Hanson (Blair, NE)

Doris Nelson  
John W & Elizabeth Nielsen (Blair, NE)  
LeVern & Marilyn Nielsen (Racine, WI)

Paul Neve  
Verlan & Helga Hanson (Blair, NE)

Rev. Ried Neve  
Verlan & Helga Hanson (Blair, NE)

A. Craig Nielsen  
Verlan & Helga Hanson (Blair, NE)

Luella Nielsen  
Verlan & Helga Hanson (Blair, NE)  
Andrea Neve (Minneapolis, MN)

Thomas Nielsen  
Verlan & Helga Hanson (Blair, NE)

Richard Notzold  
Verlan & Helga Hanson (Blair, NE)

Gerald & Johanne (Jessen) Olsen  
Verlan & Helga Hanson (Blair, NE)

Rev. James W. Olsen  
Verlan & Helga Hanson (Blair, NE)

Jens Jørgen Pedersen  
Don & Audrey Pedersen (Pea Ridge, AR)

Rev. Alvin & Edel Petersen  
Verlan & Helga Hanson (Blair, NE)

Rev. Emery & Carol Petersen  
Verlan & Helga Hanson (Blair, NE)

Jack & Ruth Ratagan  
Andrea Neve (Minneapolis, MN)

Mildred (Siersbeck) Rasmussen  
Verlan & Helga Hanson (Blair, NE)

Rev. George Robertson  
Verlan & Helga Hanson (Blair, NE)

Paul Simon  
Verlan & Helga Hanson (Blair, NE)

Clarence Yeutter  
Verlan & Helga Hanson (Blair, NE)

## Honoraria:

Verlan & Helga Hanson's 60th anniversary  
John W & Elizabeth Nielsen (Blair, NE)

Dody Johnson's 85th birthday  
John W & Elizabeth Nielsen (Blair, NE)

Phil & Florence Larsen's 60th anniversary  
Peter & Lydia Beckman (Bainbridge Island, WA)

John W & Elizabeth Nielsen (Blair, NE)

July birthdays: Mike Danforth, Elizabeth Nielsen, Patti Nielsen  
David Nielsen (Winfield, KS)

Thanks to all of you who continue to support the DAAL with your donations and memorials.

**Honoraria Continued:**

September birthdays: Jane Wilson, Anne Nielsen Hibbing, Kaj Nielsen  
 David Nielsen (Winfield, KS)  
 John W. Nielsen's birthday  
 David Nielsen (Winfield, KS)  
 John W. & Elizabeth (Solevad) Nielsen  
 Willard & Lorraine Johnson (Rochester, MN)  
 Pete & Bev Petersen (Sioux Falls, SD)  
 Elaine Steenblock (Ames, IA)

**General Fund:**

R.L. Bartley (Springfield, MO)  
 Marcia Bergmeyer (DeWitt, NE)  
 Becky Bryant (West Des Moines, IA)  
 John & Myra Christensen (Fortuna, CA)  
 Joyce Christensen (Omaha, NE)  
 Ingrid Christiansen (Brookline, MA)  
 Myrvin & Anne Christopherson (Decorah, IA)  
 David & Christina Ferguson (Brighton, CO)  
 Esther & John Grindberg (Circle Pines, MN)  
 Art & Jan Grindle (Winder Springs, FL)  
 John & Letha Grutzik (Buena Park, CA)  
 Cynthia Gunderson (Elgin, IL)  
 Karyn Hagen (Surry, NH)  
 Maynard & Marion Hansen (Springfield, MO)  
 Shirley Hansen (Edina, MN)  
 Kristie Hansen-Mendez (Chicago, IL)  
 Hans Hermanson (Racine, WI)  
 Clyde Hood (Fayetteville, AR)  
 Tim & Sharon Jensen (Blair, NE)  
 Patricia Knuth (Leavenworth, KS)  
 Jeff Langholz & Karen Lowell (Watsonville, CA)  
 Ezra Larsen (Boulder, CO)

Phil & Florence Larsen (Blair, NE)  
 Flemming & Betty Leicht (Ottawa, Canada)  
 Frances McGee (San Leandro, CA)  
 Bodil & Jom Muller (Hillsboro, OR)  
 Vordyn Nelson (Luther, MI)  
 Phyllis Nielsen (Yankton, SD)  
 W. Clayton Nielsen (Elk Horn, IA)  
 Robert Olsen (Houston, TX)  
 A.J. "Pete" Petersen (Kennewick, WA)  
 Jon & Dorothy Petersen (Puyallup, WA)  
 Thomas Richardson (Fond du Lac, WI)  
 Irene Schmidt (Audubon, IA)  
 Elaine Steenblock (Ames, IA)  
 Ole Sonnichsen (Kolding, DK)  
 Donald & Patricia Swanson (Omaha, NE)  
 Starla Sweda (Selma, TX)  
 Myrna Tostenson (Pine River, WI)  
 Don & Marjorie Wahlgren (Gowrie, IA)  
 Jane Warman (Beltsville, MD)  
 Anton Whitehead (Moorhead, MN)  
 Woodmen of the World (Greenwood Village, CO)

**50/100:**

John & Ginny Beck (Colorado Springs, CO)  
 Norman Freund (Fremont, NE)  
 Erna Berthelsen (Albert Lea, MN)  
 Christie Gehringer (Omaha, NE)  
 Neil & Arlene Grover (Staples, MN)  
 Fritz Hansen (Wichita, KS)  
 Roger & Marilyn Hanson (Cedar Falls, IA)  
 Michael & Jill Hennick (Blair, NE)  
 Elaine & Mark Hoyer (Blair, NE)  
 Clement & Phyllis Hunter (Oregon City, OR)

John Hibbing & Anne Nielsen (Lincoln, NE)  
 Geraldine Jasan (Northfield, MN)  
 Tim & Sharon Jensen (Blair, NE)  
 Dody Johnson (Iowa City, IA)  
 Luther & Doris Kloth (Wauwatosa, WI)  
 Gene & Nancy Lindblad (Blair, NE)  
 Gary & Diane Madsen (Verona, WI)  
 Andrea Neve (Minneapolis, MN)  
 David Nielsen (Winfield, KS)  
 John Mark & Dawn Nielsen (Blair, NE)  
 John W & Elizabeth Nielsen (Blair, NE)  
 LeVern & Marilyn Nielsen (Racine, WI)  
 Ruth Nyegaard (Eugene, OR)  
 Donald & Audrey Pedersen (Pea Ridge, AR)  
 Karl Petersen & Joan Pearson (Bainbridge Island, WA)  
 Pete & Shirley Petersen (Canyon, TX)  
 Palma & Larry Plume (Evergreen, CO)  
 Scott & Colleen Rasmussen (Omaha, NE)  
 Bill & Margaret Rodenburg (Centerville, OH)  
 Joan Sorensen (Ankeny, IA)  
 Elaine Steenblock (Ames, IA)  
 Ron Vig (Blair, NE)  
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Beginning Balance 12/31/10	\$51,761.98	Balance in bank accounts	\$50,113.31
Total Revenue Jan-Sep 2011	\$58,926.01	September 30, 2011	
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September 30, 2011		September 30, 2011	\$46,359.82

**Grand Opening Events — October 2011**



Anne Christopherson and Helga Hansen serving kringle & Danish cookies at the Grand Opening.



Ribbon cutting ceremonies. Left to right: Blair Chamber of Commerce President Steven Lacy, DAAL Executive Director Emeritus John W. Nielsen, Blair Mayor Jim Realph, Danish Immigrant Museum Director John Mark Nielsen, UNO Chancellor John Christensen, DAAL Executive Director Jill Hennick, and DAAL Board President Tim Jensen.



Museum Director John Mark Nielsen, former Dana professor Larrie Stone and former Dana President Myrv Christopherson visit.



The Dana College room lined with portraits of former Dana presidents.



Volunteer week, Oct 2011

All photos of Grand Opening events courtesy of Lindsey Ellis (Papillion, Nebraska) and Don Heeren (Madison, Wisconsin).



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**John W. Nielsen**

## **NIELSENS HONORED FOR YEARS OF SERVICE**

John W. Nielsen and Elizabeth Solevad Nielsen's contributions to the Danish American Archive and Library are numerous. Upon John W's retirement as Director of the Archive in September, a fund in their honor was established in October at the Archive. More than \$4,000 has already been donated.

The John W. and Elizabeth Solevad Nielsen Fund is designated for non-routine expenses. Anyone who would like to contribute to the fund in their honor may still do so. Merely send a check, made out to the DAAL with the Nielsen Fund in the designation line, to the Archive. (You may also contact the Archive and give the donation via credit card). All gifts to the Archive are tax-deductible.

Though John W. remains the Archive's Director Emeritus, his daily efforts on behalf of the DAAL will be missed. The DAAL and John W. and Elizabeth Solevad Nielsen are synonymous. There can be no better tribute than helping to continue the work they have started.

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