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President's Corner



Happy Spring, Sisters!

As I write this column, I am preparing to go to Chicago for the Spring Board meeting. It is always so exciting to get together with the other board members in person. Although we meet virtually every month (the third Thursday) and we email and text almost daily, being together in person is so much better. We all very much look forward to this time together.

This board meeting is extra special because of two things:

- First, we are meeting at the Embassy Suites, Rosemont, the place where the 2027 National Convention will be held. I'm excited to see the venue after hearing so many great things from Chicago Lodge #4. When I was first elected President, the next convention seemed like a loooong ways off. Now it is just a little over a year and will be an amazing time. Please start making plans and save the dates: September 30--October 3, 2027.
- Second (and as important), we are presenting the 2025 Lifetime Achievement Award in person. The person was selected last summer but we decided to wait and present it in person. If you think you missed the announcement, it is because your board has been keeping the information quiet. The board will be attending Lodge #4's spring luncheon and will surprise Bente Rasmussen with the award at this luncheon. Look for an article and picture in this newsletter. Congratulations, Bente, on an award well deserved.

The Lifetime Achievement Award application is in this newsletter. It is due May 1st. What a wonderful way to honor a long time active, exemplary member of your lodge. Only one award is given each year. It could be someone from your lodge!

I hope you all have a great spring! Remember, if you need something or have questions, your board was elected by you and is here to serve you!

Sisterly,

Nealna

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Dear Sisters and Mister Sisters:

Velkommen

IN THIS ISSUE:

As we move into spring, there are wonderful events that will take place at the various Danish Sisterhood lodges across the United States of America. Many people have reached out to me to ask about submitting articles and photos from their various lodge and community events.



**Charlene M. Jensen,
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Please know that I would love to receive stories/articles/photos from lodges. When making a submission for items to be published in *Danish Sisterhood News*, please note the following:

1. When submitting a story/article, please ensure you list a "by line". A by line is something that is posted to an article/story so that the reader is aware of who wrote the article/story.
2. Please list the name of the photographer when submitting a photo/ photos. If the picture is taken from the Internet, ensure that it is royalty-free or public domain images: this means that the photo(s) is/are no longer protected by copyright or is not subject to copyright.
3. Please make sure to list the name and number of your lodge, and also list the city/state where your lodge is located.
4. Feel free to submit stories about your lodge activities, but also feel free to submit photos and stories about your family. This is an opportunity for people to share memories of their family and heritage. So many times I think about questions I wish I had been able to ask my grandparents who each came from the "Old Country". Remember that our readers would love to read even brief stories, and/or see a photograph with a short-story-like caption.



~Charlene Jensen, Editor / Send articles/stories/photos to: editor@danishsisterhood.com

Membership Corner, April 2026

by Carol Rudisill, Trustee #1 Danish Sisterhood of America.

Happy Spring from the Membership Trustees! District Conventions are in the planning stages and we'd like to remind you that the National Sisterhood has a stand and banner, a large table cover, and a vinyl banner that is available for you to use. You can borrow any/all of these items at any time. We just ask that you commit to mailing it back to me (Carol Rudisill, 4131 E. 9th St. Des Moines, Iowa 50313).

Another suggestion I have is for EVERYONE to sign up for the "Member's Only" area of the web page (<https://www.danishsisterhood.org/>). The website alone has LOTS of material for you to use such as history, program, tour information, and convention information to name just a few. But the "Member's Only" area is just that, ONLY FOR MEMBERS! When you go to the website you will find a gold banner that says LOG IN. Click on that banner and it will take you to the sign-in page. If this is your first time, you just click at the bottom (it's in red) where it says "Sign up". You will then be sent to a page that says "Accept Invitation". You fill in your first and last name and an email address. You will also choose your own password. You will then click the gold colored "Sign up". Your request to sign up is then verified with our technology person, Vice-President Susan Hoppough. This page is only available to our members.

Once you have signed up and been accepted, you will receive an email saying you have signed up and can proceed. The information on the page is listed as: FORMS, NATIONAL BOARD MINUTES, AUDITS, OTHER DOCUMENTS. If you go to the **FORMS** page you will find the form you need to change your beneficiary on your funeral benefit. If you have the funeral benefit, I would suggest that you update this or at least verify it yearly. If it's ok, you can leave it, but the form is there to change if you want to do that.

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NEWS FROM THE LODGES

IN MEMORIAM—For April 2026

NAME	Cert #	Lodge #	Location	Birth Date	Birth Place	Initiated	Died	Benefit
Gladys R. Harvey	24617	15	Milwaukee, WI	11.29.31	Milwaukee WI	1.17.90	1.13.26	125.
Ulla Pedersen	21931	86	Philadelphia, PA	1.7.32	Hobro, DK	4.19.62	1.1.26	250.

Youth Birthdays—April 2026

Name	Lodge	Age
Coral Faruolo	12	14
Gwendolyn Bell	21	12
Ella Kamendat	184	13



MEMBERSHIP EXPANSION for April 2026

LODGE	NEW MEMBER	SPONSOR
4	Ina Grudzien	Frink/Bogehegn
4	Pia McDonough	Anderson/Geiger
15	Linda Kirk	Beverly Kirk
15	Ellen Trombla	Beverly Kirk
15	Judy Ostermeyer	Susan Jensen
15	Theresa Peterson	Susan Jensen
65	Anne Wilterink	Susan Hoppough
300	Dane Engle	online
300	Ashley Christensen	online

EVENTS IN THE FUTURE

MOO District Convention (Michigan-Ohio-Ontario District)

Join us for the **MOO District Convention** May 1-2, 2026, at the Danish Cultural Center in Greenville, MI located at 126 W. Grove Street. Contact me, Susan Hoppough, MOO President, (vicepresident@danishsisterhood.com) for more information. The AmericInn by Wyndham Greenville is available at 616-236-3188 for room reservations if you plan to arrive on Friday, May 1st or stay Saturday night, May 2nd. Rates are available by calling the number provided. Dorthea Lodge #65 will host a potluck dinner Friday night for those arriving early. For those arriving on May 2nd, the Annual Meeting will begin at 12 noon followed by a late afternoon banquet (more details to follow). Please join us for what might be the last MOO District Convention.

Summer Camps are Coming!

**Camp Grant Applications Due
April 30, 2026**

8 Camp grants of up to \$100 each available to Danish Sisterhood members and their children and grandchildren.

For applications and more information go to:

www.danishsisterhood.org

or

**contact Nealna.Gyilling at
president@danishsisterhood.com
612-390-1374**



ON THE COVER PAGE

Hans Christian Andersen was born in a tiny yellow house on a cobbled street in the center of Odense in 1805. His house is still there! Today this home is one of the oldest poet museums in the world. This is a great place to start a Hans Christian Andersen tour through Odense's oldest and prettiest parts. There is a Hans Christian Andersen statue located in the Fairy Tale Garden. In Munkemose Park there are sculptures right out of his fairy tales, including *The Little Mermaid* and *The Wild Swans*.

Located in the historic quarter of Odense, H.C. Andersens Hus offers a unique, immersive take on the famous author's legacy. You won't find his old shoes or writing desk there because it is all about his work, rather than him. In fact, the whole idea is that the museum speaks *like* him, not *about* him. The experience blends architecture, sound, and award-winning art, along with works from other inspiring children's authors.

Hans Christian Andersen was a Danish author best known for writing children's stories including 'The Little Mermaid' and 'The Ugly Duckling.' Hans Christian Andersen achieved worldwide fame for writing innovative and influential fairy tales. Many of his stories remain classics of the genre.

Andersen was born on April 2, 1805, in Odense, Denmark. Hans Andersen Sr. died in 1816, leaving his son and a wife, Anne Marie. While the Andersen family was not wealthy, young Andersen was educated in boarding schools for the privileged.



PHOTO RIGHT: A portrait of the Danish writer, Hans Christian Andersen.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINATION FORM



DANISH SISTERHOOD *of* AMERICA

Connect with Your Danish Heritage

Lifetime Achievement Award Nomination Form

Post marked by **May 1st** (one nomination per lodge per year)

Danish Sisterhood of America wishes to recognize those members who have faithfully contributed time and energy in the support of their Sisterhood Lodge or the Danish Sisterhood of America on a scale that is exceptional and long sustained. The Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes and celebrates the sustained work of one individual for their exceptional contributions, vision and unwavering commitment to promoting the Danish Sisterhood of America. A panel of 3 judges will be the final selection committee. We invite you to nominate any member who meets the following criteria for the Lifetime Achievement Award:

- A member who has been associated with the Danish Sisterhood for **20+** years,
- A member who has provided exceptional and long sustained efforts for the Sisterhood,
- The winner of this award will be recognized with an engraved plaque, and recognition in the National Newsletter, Website and National Conventions.

Nominating Party Information: _____

Nominating Lodge #: _____

Submitted by: _____

Contact Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Nominee's Information:

Nominee's name: _____ Certif / Member # _____

Nominee's length of membership (years): _____ Initiation Date _____

Please describe the specific achievements or contributions this member has made to our Sisterhood organization. Please be specific about their contributions. (As an example: "She's a great Sisterhood member," is less useful in evaluating than "She worked on 10 different committees.")

Please include the following as much as possible as it applies to your applicant.

Please list the offices held, if any – Local lodge, District, and National. Be sure to indicate length of service in each office.

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GREAT MEMORIES FROM AMBER LODGE #186, BRAINERD, MN

Winter greetings from snowy and cold Minnesota! Amber Lodge members warmed up with our annual November cookie making event at Trinity Lutheran Church. Members and guests made six kinds of Scandinavian cookies to share and take home. And that's a lot of sugar, butter, and almond!

Our Christmas Party was at Don and Nealna Gylling's beautiful home on Gull Lake. Members and guests enjoyed time together with delicious food served on Royal Copenhagen Christmas plates. What a special treat!

January's cold temperatures had Amber Lodge members meeting at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Baxter for a special presentation. Representatives from Relationship Safety Alliance shared their information on their emergency shelter for individuals experiencing domestic violence and The Alex and Brandon Child Safety Center that provides a nurturing environment for supervised visitation. Also, National President and Lodge President Nealna Gylling installed our 2026 Amber Lodge officers.

The February meeting started with a business meeting followed by a delicious fastelavn lunch provided by our Lodge Board. We then had a Valentine party with games and a gift exchange.

We're looking forward to a warm Spring in the Brainerd Lakes Area.

Submitted by Barb Wenschlag. Photography, unless otherwise noted, is by Barb Wenschlag.

See the back cover page for additional photograph.



PHOTO ABOVE: 2026 Amber Lodge officers: President Nealna Gylling, Past President Judy Andersen, Secretary Amber Thusholt, Trustee Barb Wenschlag, Vice President Kathee Stanwood, Trustee Jane Mathies-Holtan. *Photo by Hanne Porter.*



PHOTO ABOVE: Judy Andersen (left) introduces speakers from Relationship Safety Alliance.



PHOTO ABOVE: Nealna Gylling and Pam Dickinsson making almond crescent cookies.



PHOTO ABOVE: This picture is of the cookie-baking group.

REST IN PEACE, GLADYS HARVEY

Resolution for Gladys Harvey

By Annette Lind.

The new year for Lodge #15 began with the sad news of the passing of our member Gladys Harvey. Gladys joined our lodge in 1990, sponsored by our member Lorraine Zembinski. Both of the women taught at Pius XI High School in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. While Gladys had no Danish ancestry, she had hosted a Danish exchange student, sparking her interest in all things Danish.

Gladys was born in Milwaukee. In her thirties she went back to school earning a Bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee and a Masters degree from Marquette University.

Gladys joined the faculty of Pius XI where she taught Speech, Science Fiction, Drama, Acting I & II, Stage Make-up, and Theater Arts classes. Gifted with many talents, she directed several stage productions at the school including *West Side Story*, *The King and I* and many, many more in the 22 years she taught there.

She also organized student trips abroad. My son went with Gladys on one of the trips to England and France. When I called to tell him of her passing, he reminisced about that wonderful trip and the trip leader, Gladys Harvey. Gladys was the mother of four children, two girls and two boys. She had 8 grandchildren. Her granddaughter, Courtney, wrote an online tribute to her grandma saying, "Gladys Harvey was a woman of many talents, an actor, dancer, teacher, mother, docent and animal lover. But the thing she might have been best at was being a grandmother."

Gladys was an involved member of our lodge. She served as secretary from 1992—1995. Even when she retired and moved to Georgia, she continued her membership and her involvement. As she downsized, many lovely Danish items were donated to our raffles, raising money for Danish organizations throughout the United States. When in town, she attended meetings and she was able to join us for our 125th anniversary dinner.



We all remember how much Gladys loved animals, especially elephants. While in Milwaukee, she served as a docent at the Milwaukee County Zoo and when she moved to Georgia she continued to volunteer as a docent at the Zoo Atlanta.

When we think about Gladys, it is her joy, enthusiasm and love of life that come to mind. Her enthusiasm was catching. It was fun just to be around her. When one of the pictures of Gladys—shown with her granddaughter's tribute—was a picture of her dancing with Richard Simmons, it was no surprise. That was Gladys.

She passed on January 13, 2026. She will be missed by those of us fortunate enough to have known her. A donation will be made to the Betty Hansen National Scholarship Fund in her honor by our lodge and a memorial will be held at our next in-person meeting in June. We will miss you, Gladys: You may not have been Danish, but there is no doubt that you were Danish Dynamite.

PHOTO LEFT: This photo of Gladys Harvey was taken at the Milwaukee Art Museum by her daughter Debbie Kissinger.

CHICAGO DAGMAR LODGE FASTELAVN FUN IN FEBRUARY 2026

Respectfully Submitted by TLC Nielsen

This year, as usual, the Chicago Dagmar Lodge 4 joined with the Danish American Athletic Club (DAAC) for Fastelavn (FAS-tuh-lown) at the Knights of Columbus in Arlington Heights. To get ready for this fun, free family event, our lodge Sisters and Mister Sisters met at Bente and Lars Rasmussen's home the week before to bake the fastelavnsboller (rolls) which are filled pastries of a wide variety. We had 18 people working on baking and also on making gift baskets for our Winter Luncheon fundraiser two weeks after our Fastelavn celebration.

If you don't know this Danish tradition, here's a snippet from Dagmar Lodge's February newsletter about the event: Fastelavn dates to medieval Denmark as a pre-Lenten holiday tied to the Christian calendar. Traditionally it was celebrated seven weeks before Easter, marking the final days of indulgence before the fasting season of Lent.

Our newsletter summed it up as "A mix between Carnival, Halloween, and Shrove Tuesday with roots that go back hundreds of years." The tradition of Slå katten af tønden (shlo kaht-uhn af teun-uhn) which means "hitting the cat out of the barrel" is nowadays a wooden barrel filled with candy that children take turns hitting like a piñata. Whoever lands the final blow becomes the Cat King and/or Queen. I'm proud to announce the Cat Queen and King of this year's Fastelavn are Abigail, granddaughter of Bente Vinci, and my fifteen-year-old grandson, Will. This is Abigail's second time in a row becoming the Cat Queen (see pictures).

The winners of our children's costume contest included Brayden as the Toy Story Dinosaur, Elle as a well-lit Rain Cloud, and Violet as La Chilindrina from the show El Chavo del Ocho. Other costumes included Alexandra's My Hero Academia character Tsuyu Asui, Annelise's WW2 Resistance fighter, Arden's Pizza waitress and a number of others.

For the adult costume contest, the winners included Cindy Pedersen as Scooby Doo's Velma, Nora Boeghegn elegantly dressed up in black and gold, and Kirsten Pedersen as a Snowdrop flower and Gækkebrev letter (GAG-ah-breh-w). All winners received a trophy!

The Danish Gækkebrev tradition includes sending an anonymous rhyming letter before Good Friday to a friend or relative who has until Easter to guess who sent it. The early blooming flower, the Snowdrop, was usually included with the note and signed with the same number of dots as the sender's name. If correctly identified, the Gækkebrev sender must provide a chocolate egg to the recipient. I'm already thinking of someone to send a note to, what about you?



As for a 2027 Convention update, since it's in Chicago next year, Dagmar Lodge 4 invites all the Sisterhood lodges to submit workshop and presenter options to make this an amazing time together. Send a program or presentation idea you and/or your lodge would like to do to 2027DSSconvention@gmail.com.

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PHOTO LEFT: Dagmar Sister Bente Rasmussen frosts the Fastelavnsboller during the costume contest.
Photography by J. Michelsen.

CHICAGO DAGMAR LODGE FASTELAVN FUN IN FEBRUARY 2026 (continued)

PHOTO RIGHT: While the husbands, Mr. Sisters, and DAAC members set up for Fastelavn, twenty-three Dagmar Lodge #4 Sisters voted on a slate of officers for nomination, on the theme for the Convention, and look ahead to the upcoming Winter Luncheon. *Photography by TLC Nielsen.*



PHOTO LEFT: (L-R) Kirsten Pedersen as Gækkebrev Snow-drop, Nora Boeghegn in black and gold, and Cindy Pedersen as Scooby-Doo's Velma. *Photography by TLC Nielsen.*



PHOTO ABOVE: Children who were costume winners at Fastelavn 2026. (L to R): Violet as La Chilidrina, Elle the Rain Cloud, and Brayden the Dinosaur. *Photography by TLC Nielsen.*



PHOTO LEFT: Jesper Michelsen instructs the lady Viking on how to hit the cat's candy out of the barrel. *Photography by J. Smits.*

PHOTO RIGHT: Kids in costumes at Fastelavn 2026. A banana, Cinderella, Egyptian, ballerina, Rumi from KPop Demon Hunters, and so many more costumes filled the hall. *Photography by TLC Nielsen.*



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CHICAGO DAGMAR LODGE FASTELAVN FUN IN FEBRUARY 2026 (continued)

PHOTO RIGHT: Chinese New Year, Cat in the Barrel, Shaggy and Velma, 50s bobby soxer, and Hockey players were some of the adult costumes this year. *Photography by TLC Nielsen.*



PHOTO LEFT: The littlest fairy starts off the Slå katten af tønden tradition at Fastelavn 2026. *Photography by J. Smits.*

PHOTO RIGHT: William hits the final blow as sister Alexandra and Nani look on (center). *Photography by J. Smits.*



PHOTO ABOVE: Will and Abigail are crowned Cat King and Queen in this year's Fastelavn. *Photography by J. Smits.*



REST IN PEACE, JAN BAER—DANISH SISTERHOOD, MT. HOOD LODGE #81

Obituary — Jan Baer

This obituary was read at Jan Baer's Celebration of Life Service held at Peace Lutheran Church on February 14, 2026.

As a child, she was Janice. As a teenager she was Jani. As an adult we knew her as Jan.

Jan was born in Sisseton, South Dakota on November 7, 1937 to Bernard and Frances Jensen. Bernard worked for the CCC which was building a hospital on an Indian reservation. Being born on the Indian reservation gave Jan bragging rights—being the first non-native baby born on the reservation.

Given Jan's birthdate, WWII separated her from her father for several years as he served our country. During this time, Jan, her mom, and her auntie lived together in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. They forged a strong bond lasting throughout all their years.



Jan was an artistic soul creating beautiful ceramic pieces. She was a portrait artist in oils, pastels, and charcoal. Many of these adorn the homes of her family today. She enjoyed jewelry making. In her waning years she created wonderful cards. Chances are many here today received a handmade card made by Jan. She poured her artistic skills and her heart into every card she made.

Jan became a single mother of four in 1973. Through these trying years she put herself through nursing school and became a registered nurse. Jan's career in nursing fit her perfectly; compassion, skill and unwavering support is what she shared with her patients, providers and co-workers for over 35 years. Excelling to a point where Jan was named to the 'Who's Who in Nursing'.

The stars aligned one day when Jan met a short stubborn German guy—Horst. Jan and Horst spent nearly four decades traveling, camping, gardening, spending time with family and simply loving each other. From the first day to her last, Horst loved her "Just a little bit"... turns out, that "little bit" was actually a deep lasting love that completed them both till death parted them.

You may have heard it said, "Doctors and nurses make the worst patients"; speaking of which, she became one. Not that she was difficult, mind you; rather, even when Jan was hurting so badly in her final days, there was never a complaint.

Jan was a long-term member of the Danish Sisterhood and was incredibly proud of her Danish heritage. In keeping with Jan's sense of humor, there's an old Danish saying "The toilet is burning." It's the equivalent of saying, "We have major problems!" Fitting for this time...as going on without Jan will be a major problem for those who knew and loved her.

Left to cherish Jan's memory are Horst, her children Pamela, Candy, Jeff and his wife Cheryl, and Kitty. She shared her love with 11 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. Marilyn, Jan's beloved sister, will miss their "whining Wednesday" phone calls. Today family is not solely defined by blood, it's defined by love. Jan shared her love with Horst's family, including Carol and her family. Cheryl's family enjoyed so many video calls with Grandma Jan. The family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to Robyn. She's the rock this family has been blessed to have when most needed.

Meeting Jan in heaven are her parents as well as great-grandchildren Isaac, Alivia and Brice. Her sisters, Sherrill and Patricia, will also be there to welcome her with open arms. Horst's son, Dennis, also preceded Jan in death. Rumor has it there's also a wire-haired Dachshund named Abby who is pretty excited to see her. May her memory be a blessing to all who knew and loved her.

A PARTIAL VIDEO SHARED IN MEMORY OF JAN BAER



PHOTO LEFT: This picture and shared link is in memory of Jan Baer of Danish Sisterhood, Mt. Hood Lodge #81 of Portland, Oregon. This photo shows Phil Baker accompanying Jan Baer and Charlene Jensen as they performed a silly Scandinavian song/skit. This performance took place sometime in approximately 2015. If you have Facebook, you can access this partially filmed video by copying the link and pasting it into your browser: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=679770832134542>

CONGRATULATIONS TO BENTE RASMUSSEN, RECIPIENT OF THE 2025 LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Congratulations to Bente Rasmussen of Dagmar Lodge #4 who is the recipient of the 2025 Lifetime Achievement Award. Excerpts (summarized) from her nomination form follow:

From the time Bente became a member of Dagmar Lodge, she has not only been a dynamic member, actively participating in the lodge's meetings and activities, but also has been an enthusiastic board member. She has been the face of Dagmar Lodge, always present for all the meetings and events of the lodge.

Bente is a hard worker, dedicated leader and committed organizer. In all her work at the Danish Sisterhood, she always pays attention to detail, maintains focus and practices good decision-making. She is always willing to go the entire mile, always the first one to arrive and the last one to leave. Bente is a fabulous cook and wonderful baker, a talent that is very useful in the Danish culture. And she uses all these strengths and talents for the Danish Sisterhood events as well as events for other Danish organizations.

Bente is currently a Senior Associate in the financial field. Her strong banking expertise and accounting background have greatly helped the Danish Sisterhood and the Danish-American community. Bente and her husband, Lars, are the proud parents of two sons. They also have two lovely daughters-in-law and a granddaughter.

Aside from the Danish Sisterhood, Bente is also a very active member in other Danish organizations such as Rebild National Park Society, the Danish Home of Chicago, Dania Society of Chicago, Danish American Athletic Club and Scandinavian Park. In Denmark in 2024, Bente and Lars were presented the Top Karen's Prize by the Rebild National Park Society. This prize honors individuals who have made exceptional contributions to the Society and the Danish-American friendship.

To sum up, Bente participates in almost every function, and she never says "No." She can be counted on TO HELP whenever called to assist, counted on TO BRING KINDESS to every event and counted on TO BRING JOY AND A SMILE to every party. The Danish Sisterhood is a lucky organization to have such a dedicated leader, caring individual and genuinely nice person, as Bente as a Danish Sisterhood member. Bente richly deserves this special Danish Sisterhood award.

Congratulations, Bente!!

PHOTO BELOW: Congratulations to Bente Rasmussen of Dagmar Lodge #4. Bente is the recipient of the 2025 Lifetime Achievement Award.



GREAT INFORMATION TO KNOW, AND GREAT INFORMATION ABOUT ITEMS TO BUY

Membership Corner, April 2026 (continued from page -3-)

by Carol Rudisill, Trustee #1 Danish Sisterhood of America

Another form that becomes available is the "Lifetime Achievement Award" that we present annually. The third form you will find is a way for your lodge to submit a proposal for a change to the constitution. The next area of the "Member's Only" page is for **NATIONAL BOARD MINUTES**. The minutes are available each month following our regular board meeting on the third Thursday of every month. This is a great way for you to see what is happening in the Danish Sisterhood between conventions. The third section of the "Member's Only" page has a complete **Audit** of the books of the Danish Sisterhood of America. This is great information for you to peruse at your leisure and familiarize yourself with what has been collected and what has been spent.

The final section of the "Member's Only" is **OTHER DOCUMENTS**. This section has a cover page of the Danish Sisterhood Constitution. The next section contains the whole constitution and the bylaws. Following that are the minutes from the National Convention in 2023. These are always sent out, but it is nice to go over them when you want to.

The next part has the PowerPoint presentation that is presented at the District Conventions. It is a visual update of everything the board has done during the year. We usually update the PowerPoint during our Spring Board Meeting. This presentation is **FOR YOU**. You can look at it yourself, share during a Lodge meeting, or during a District Meeting. The final parts of this page of the "Member's Only" has Guidelines for the Secretaries and the Treasurers. This is an invaluable resource, especially if you are new to the position.

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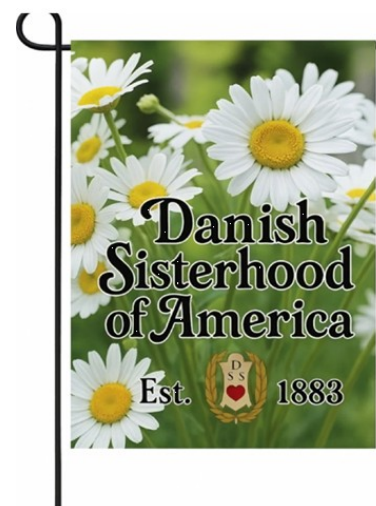
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