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## President's Corner



Happy New Year: 2026 has arrived! A new year is always exciting. It's like a blank sheet of paper waiting for you to write or draw on it. What will that story/picture be like? You get to choose – it is your sheet of paper.

For my lodge, January is the time we install new officers. That is a new beginning for the lodge. It is also the time we develop the plan for the year. We have already asked for ideas for programs (and received some) as well as have some volunteers to provide programs. It is exciting to make those plans. Something new this year for us is that we will be making a bookmark that can be put on the refrigerator (or in a book) listing all those dates and programs so it is readily available for members to look at and to give to prospective members. That was the idea of Carol Rudisill, one of our membership trustees: There are pictures in the October newsletter. It will be fun to try.

Other things to remember for January:

- Your midterm proposal votes are due at the end of the month.
- Betty Hansen Continuing Education Grant applications for the January round are due January 31st.
- The audit review is finally here and is published in this newsletter. Email myself or treasurer Linda Brooks with questions. We will get the answers for you.
- Seniors in high school or college students need to be thinking about college scholarships. They are due March 1st.
- If you want to go on the 2026 Denmark trip, register NOW. It is almost full.

May 2026 be an exciting year for you and your lodge! Make plans now to make it wonderful.

As always, let us know how we can help you. We are here for you. Happy New Year!

*Nealna*

**Nealna Gylling, National President**

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Dear Sisters and Mister Sisters:

Wishing you each a Happy New Year! We are now able to enjoy a brand new year: Welcome 2026! My hope is that you each celebrated a fabulous Thanksgiving and were able to thoroughly enjoy the Christmas season, including Lillejuleaften. For me and my family, we love celebrating the holidays in November and December. Over the years I have come to love and to value Lillejuleaften. I actually was never aware of this holiday until I joined my Danish Sisterhood lodge. Lillejuleaften literally means "Little Christmas Eve" and takes place on the 23rd of December. In the Portland, Oregon area where I live, we are fortunate to have a Scandinavian organization that hosts a Lillejuleaften service on December 23rd. Usually this includes a church service that takes place and includes singing of hymns, listening to a Scandinavian choir, and dancing around a Christmas tree. Of course, hygge takes place around pastries and glogg following the service! — **Charlene Jensen, Editor of Danish Sisterhood News, (503) 956.4353, editor@danishsisterhood.com**

## Velkommen



**Charlene M. Jensen,  
Editor**

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**PHOTO LEFT:** Engraved portrait of Christian V of Denmark. Public Domain. For additional information, go to: [File:King Christian V of Denmark engraved portrait.jpg - Wikimedia Commons](#)

## IT'S A T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST!

### The competition is extended, a new deadline date!

Calling all creative members!

Help design the next official DSS T-shirt!

The T-shirt can either be long sleeve or short sleeve.

Maximum of three colors.



**The deadline to enter is February 1st, 2026.**



YOU will be featured wearing your designed T-shirt in the *Danish Sisterhood News*.

Please e-mail your design and where the placement of the design is on the shirt to:

**Karen Vig-Keathley  
DSS Board Trustee  
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Good luck!  
Thanks for participating!



### ON THE COVER: The Lake Pavilion

(Danish: Søpavillonen) is a historic building at The Lakes in central Copenhagen, Denmark. Situated on the north side of Gyldenløvesgade, on the embankment that separates Peblinge Lake and Sankt Jørgens Lake, it was completed in 1895 to a Historicist design by Vilhelm Dahlerup. The building, until just recently, was used as a nightclub under its original name of Søpavillonen. The nightclub Søpavillonen recently changed its name and is now known as Natten. It is not just the name and the visual identity that have been reinvented. To learn more about the owners of this new nightclub, go to: [Simon og Simon gad ikke længere feste på Søpavillonen](#)

### Assessment Notice

Members: Assessment #'s 1442-1453 are due and payable to your local Treasurers before March 31, 2026.

Lodge Treasurers: Assessment #'s 1442-1453 for 2026, are due and payable to the Supreme Lodge of the Danish Sisterhood of America once dues are collected.

Some lodges elect to pay all at once, while others elect to pay either monthly or quarterly, which is totally acceptable.



## NEWS FROM THE LODGES

### IN MEMORIAM—For January 2026

NAME	Cert #	Lodge #	Location	Birth Date	Birth Place	Initiated	Died	Benefit
Joan Sequine-LeVine	254065	36	Perth Amboy, NJ	1.5.37	Perth Amboy, NJ	4.20.01	10.26.25	250.00

### MEMBERSHIP EXPANSION for January 2026

LODGE	NEW MEMBER	SPONSOR
4	Dawn Christensen	Bente Rasmussen
4	Henriette Pentz	Bente Rasmussen
300	Mary Potzin	Online
Individual Membership	Edna M. Robertson	Linda Brooks

## MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Forty-one years ago, my mother Thelma Frederiksen Mosher, informed me that she had made arrangements for me to become a member of Haabets Fremtid Lodge #78 in Troy NY. My mother was a member of Danish Sisterhood Lodge #78. At first, my reaction to this announcement was resistant surprise. As time has passed, and my mother, I greatly appreciate my mother's foresight in realizing that this gift would become valued and cherished. My mother realized membership in the Danish Sisterhood of America would keep me connected to the Danish environment that enveloped me as a child, and my Danish heritage.

I am Marilyn Dore, a new Trustee on the National Board of the Danish Sisterhood of America. Together with Carol Rudisill, membership of this great organization is our focus. Each current member of the Danish Sisterhood has their own personal story as to how they became members. New members, and potential new members, have reasons why the Danish Sisterhood is an organization that attracts them.

My mother, and maternal grandparents, were descendants of Danish immigrants. My grandfather's family originated from around Odense. My grandmother's family originated from the Schleswig-Holstein region. During the late 1800s, and early 1900s, many other Danes settled in Lansingburgh NY, now a neighborhood in Troy NY. At one time there were two Danish Lutheran Churches, a Danish Sisterhood and Brotherhood, and a gathering center called Dania Hall.

As a child, Danish traditions, culture, and of course food, was all around me. Intimate Danish gatherings around the dining room table included thinly sliced homemade Danish pumpernickel bread (rugbrød), butter, cheese, meats, coffee; desserts were commonplace. Sometimes only desserts and coffee were served. To me, pouring a bit of milk over red gelatin was normal because rødgrød (red porridge) was served with milk or cream (med fløde) and a bit of sugar. My mother's gift of membership in the Danish Sisterhood has provided an environment in which such memories seem fresh, and feeling of Danish community continues.

With Carol, I look forward to expansion of our membership, while acknowledging those who are already members.

—By Marilyn Dore, National Trustee



**PHOTO ABOVE:** Marilyn Dore sits on the lap of her grandmother, Helen Howe Frederiksen. Standing in the photo, left to right, is Marilyn's father, Burton Mosher, Marilyn's mother, Thelma Frederiksen Mosher, and Marilyn's grandfather, Hans Frederiksen. The photo was taken in Lansingburgh, NY, in approximately 1960.

## SOLVANG TOUR

By Glenda Madrid, National Secretary of Danish Sisterhood of America

Solvang Tour: We hope this is the first in a series of US trips to other Danish settled communities. Coincidentally, our first trip made its way to Solvang. Our Solvang Tour began with everyone arriving at the Solvang Inn and Cottages on Monday the 20th. Our travelers came from all over the country; Connecticut, New York, Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Oregon. First night in town we hosted an informal get-together for everyone with dinner and drinks around the patio/pool. A little down time so they could all meet and relax after a very early day of travel.



Tuesday morning our tour started with the Santa Inez Mission. The Mission was established in 1804 and is an important part of our area's history. We went on a self-guided tour through several rooms which held artifacts and robes from the early 1800's. The church is beautiful with all its carvings, old artifacts, and painted walls, etc. The Mission still holds weekly services to this day. After the Mission visit, we boarded the bus and headed to the Solvang Visitor's Center where we met Kirsten Klitgaard, our tour guide for the morning. Kirsten came dressed in costume and with lots of enthusiasm for the town and our Danish heritage. She talked about Solvang's early history, how and why the town was established, details of the land purchase, etc. There are carved wooden statues of our Founders: Rev. Benedict Nordentoft, Rev. J.M. Gregersen, and Peter Hornsyld, on display in front of the Copenhagen House Store.



During our walk through town, Kirsten talked about the thatched roof that we still have on one of our buildings (grandfathered in), as we unfortunately, can no longer use real thatch. She spoke about our building with the dragon tail tower, a replica from Denmark's historic Stock Exchange building (that sadly, recently burned). She also pointed out the Round Tower, which is a 1/3 scale of the Rundetaarn, built in the 17th century. She spoke about our storks, architecture, and the many changes that took place in Solvang's early years.

Solvang's original buildings were built with a Spanish or western style as were other early California towns. Then in 1928, the Bethania Lutheran Church was the first structure built in the traditional Danish style architecture. During the 1930's, a transition to a more traditional Danish architecture began to take hold, with the half-timbered style (bindingsværk). In 1947, Solvang became well-known, and ultimately a travel destination, due to an article in the Saturday Evening Post.

Kirsten made it such an informative and enjoyable tour. She periodically posed a question to the group based on something she had said during the tour or based on a Danish fun fact. The first one to answer her question received a prize of a Flødeboller from Ingeborg's: Delicious! There were a couple of winners, along with the last, very lucky winner, of a marzipan pig!

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## SOLVANG TOUR (continued)

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An interesting and unexpected part of the walking tour was the opportunity to include the Viking Museum, located in the Copenhagen House. It is small but contains wonderful displays of rare 1000-year-old Viking swords, axes and spearheads. They also display replicas of clothing, weapons, jewelry, etc. They are the only US Museum to be affiliated with the Follow the Vikings Destination Viking Association. Our timing was perfect as an authentic boat was delivered and installed at the Museum just the week before.



At the end of the tour, we were all treated to Ingeborgs chocolate, compliments of Kirsten, and received a Solvang ornament. Kirsten was so pleased that we brought the tour to Solvang and was so happy to support the Sisterhood. The afternoon was free for everyone to enjoy as they wished, with shopping, bakeries, etc. Later that evening we boarded the bus and made our way to the Bit O'Denmark Restaurant. The restaurant building was one of the first in town, built in 1911, then was turned into a restaurant in 1963. Susie Sorensen, a fellow Sister, and her staff, did a wonderful job with our frikadeller and medisterpølse, and salmon dinners.

Wednesday morning we made our way to the Bethania Lutheran Church. The church was built in 1928 in the traditional Danish design. The interior is beautiful with the hand-carved wood railing, pulpit, and alter, made by carver Jes Smidt. The Thorvaldsen's Christ statue on the alter was a gift from a Danish church in Alder, MN. There is also the traditional 'ship' hanging in the center of the church. The church was built by master carpenter Hans Skytt. We took a little time to wander through the church and grounds and took a few group pictures.



The Atterdag Village Senior facility is just across the street from the church, so we took a quick drive through so everyone could see the location where the Atterdag Folk School once stood. Solvang opened the original folk school in 1911. Designed for young adults as a "school for life," it offered a broad range of courses. These included Danish arts and crafts, singing, folk dancing, gymnastics, bookkeeping, history, English, and Danish language classes, and more. In 1914, the folk school moved to its new home. Sadly, due to termite and other structural concerns, the college was torn down in 1970. After our drive through, we made a stop at Bethania Church Cemetery.

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## SOLVANG TOUR (continued)

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Back to town and it was time for a tour of the Ingeborg's Chocolate Factory. Ingeborg's has been a part of Solvang for over 60 years. Although I'm a somewhat frequent shopper of their dark chocolate and marzipan, I had never taken the tour before; I was excited to take part along with the rest of the group. The process was interesting and tasty – as Kim offered us delicious samples! Ingeborgs offers many more flavors of chocolates (fillings) than I could have imagined, 100+. It was also interesting to hear that they ship large quantities of their chocolate across the US and abroad.



Earlier, several of our group members asked to visit a winery, if possible, so I arranged an afternoon trip to the Rideau Winery. Rideau has beautiful park-like grounds with an old historic adobe used as their tasting room. We were able to bring sandwiches and drinks, and most

everyone participated in the wine tasting. The server came to our tables so all could enjoy the weather, vineyard and wine. The atmosphere was relaxed, with a few of our ladies soaking up some sunshine in the large Adirondack chairs with wine in hand. A very California thing to do! We had been blessed with fantastic weather, high 70s to mid 80s all week. Yay!



Later that afternoon, we headed back to town to drop everyone at the hotel in order to take a break and get ready for the Elverhoj Museum tour and reception that evening. With the wonderful help of several of my lodge Sisters, we set up a buffet table and bar with appetizers and pastries. Everyone was welcome to explore and take in the Museum exhibits, the outside grounds, and the Diorama, which shows a snapshot of what Solvang looked like in the late 1920's. Our Mayor, David Brown, stopped by the Museum to greet our guests and thank them for coming and hoped they were enjoying their stay.



Our Museum's Executive Director, Sandie Mullin, was very appreciative of the group's visit. The Museum plays such an important role in the community by collecting and archiving our Danish history. It also promotes our Danish culture and the amazing art of others in our area. "The Spirit of Solvang" is an exceptional book that took years to create and presents Solvang's history in a unique way. Sandie generously offered each tour member a copy of the book to take home, encouraging them to read and share it with their family, friends, and fellow Sisters.

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## SOLVANG TOUR (continued)

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Thursday morning, we headed out to the community of Santa Ynez to tour the Chumash Museum. The Native American elders and museum planners worked on the Museum build for about 8 years – taking into account that construction and any forward progress stopped for about 2 years during Covid. Thankfully, they were able to open their doors in May of this year. What a beautiful museum! The displays, artifacts, and use of technology in certain interactive exhibits were amazing.

Once everyone had explored the museum and gift shop, we took a short drive up the street for a guided tour of the Janeway Carriage Museum. The town of Santa Ynez was officially settled in 1881 and has maintained its western feel with its architecture and surrounding ranches and vineyards. One of the stagecoach stops in the late 1800's, between Los Angeles and Monterey, was located in Los Olivos, just a few miles up the road.



The carriage house was filled with amazing wagons and carriages! There were also many old, beautifully made saddles, harnesses and bits, a wall of many of our old ranch branding irons, western artwork, etc.

After a little free time in the afternoon, we met at the Solvang Brew Restaurant for our final dinner. Sadly, our trip was coming to an end. The week just flew by. I want to personally thank all those who made the trip to Solvang to share in this adventure: Christy Phillips, Debbie Becker, Sharon Wellsandt, Karen Manuel, Lisbeth Manuel, Marge Orth, Ann Martin, Ken Paulsen, Sue Fisher, Dennis and Sheila Brogger, Lars and Bente Rasmussen, Laura Abbene, Marueen Steenblock, Kathryn Hansen, Marilyn Dore, Terri Freeman, Caroline Christensen, Pat Rua, Marilee Nielsen, and Kirsten Pedersen. They were an amazing group and so much fun to host. I had a great time!



We, on the National Board, hope this is the first in a series of short trips to other Danish settled communities across the US. The initial plan was to offer the trips in the years between the Denmark Trips. So, please stay tuned for more details to come!





## BUSY END TO THE YEAR WITH LODGE #15



At the Lodge #15 October meeting we learned a lot about craft brewing in Denmark. Our speaker was Steve Rold who is a brewmaster that recently re-located from Denmark to Eau Claire, Wisconsin. He shared with us the basics of small batch brewing and the similarities and differences between the craft brewery industry here and in Denmark. This was all in preparation for our November event.

Once again, Dronning Margrethe Lodge #15 had a Christmas beer brewed for our own J-Dag celebration. Beginning on a rainy and old day in May, some members harvested spruce tips from the Popular Creek Tree farm. They gathered 30 pounds of the tips and delivered them for the Stonearch Pub and the 111 Dachshunds Brewery to use in the brewing of the delicious IPA.

On November 7, 2025 members and guests from the Milwaukee area, Illinois and Iowa again gathered at the Landmark Tavern in Milwaukee to celebrate the taping of the keg. While we literally could not tap the keg, there was plenty of the beer to enjoy on tap and purchase to take home.

To go with your beer, the Landmark, with some culinary help from Marcia Jante, sold Danish hot dogs. Marcia Jante and Lou Nielsen had purchased the delicious red hot dogs with the help of the Museum of Danish America. They were served with all the Danish toppings along with potato salad, and they were delicious!

The next day, November 8th, members and some guests met at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Greendale to learn how to make wooden Scandinavian Stars. Michelle Haines from the Kenosha Lodge #20 taught the class and all attending took home a lovely star.

We are looking forward to December 6, 2025 when once again the lodge will celebrate a Danish Christmas with a smørrebrød complete with many Danish specialties including red cabbage, pickled beets, open-faced sandwiches, medisterpølse and frikadeller. In addition, we will have our annual Christmas bag raffle and silent auction and a raffle for a Georg Jensen ornament. This year the ornament is Christmas in Greenland. Around 47 members and guests have signed up for the event. Members will bring a toy for Children's Hospital. In addition, the proceeds from our raffles and auctions will go to organizations with a Danish connection.

It was a busy end to 2025 and already our program chairwomen, Marcia Jante and Susan Jensen, are busy planning for another year of great programs, several special events and perhaps a spring field trip.

**By Annette Lind**



**PHOTO RIGHT:**  
All the attendees at  
the craft meeting  
with their stars.  
*Photography by  
Claire Dahlman.*





## BUSY END TO THE YEAR WITH LODGE #15 (continued)



**PHOTO LEFT:** Al Henke, Paul Dunker and Debbie Henke at the J-Dag event.  
*Photography by Annette Lind.*

**PHOTO RIGHT:** Marcia Jante, Jane Blackman, Dustin Zick and Marcia Blackman celebrate the tapping of Danish Sisterhood of Milwaukee J-Dag Spruce Tip Imperial IPA.  
*Photography by Annette Lind.*



**PHOTO RIGHT:** Glenn Loschenkohl, Tim Nelson and Sabrina Nelson at the J-Dag celebration.  
*Photography by Annette Lind.*



**PHOTO LEFT:** Joe Halser the brewer and guest Brett Seelman who came to the celebration Iowa.  
*Photography by Annette Lind.*



**PHOTO LEFT:** Sandra Martin, Gwenn Hansen and Cleo Glasenmap waiting for the glue to dry and the next step in making the star.  
*Photography by Annette Lind.*

**PHOTO RIGHT:** Jane Blackman and Susan Jensen.  
*Photography by Annette Lind.*







**DANA F. COLE  
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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

### INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REVIEW REPORT

To the Officers and Trustees  
Supreme Lodge of the Danish Sisterhood of America  
Milford, Connecticut

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of the Supreme Lodge of the Danish Sisterhood of America (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statements of assets, liabilities, and net assets - modified cash basis as of August 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net assets - modified cash basis for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

#### **Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement whether due to fraud or error.

#### **Accountant's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to conduct the review engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. Those standards require us to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance as a basis for reporting whether we are aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We believe that the results of our procedures provide a reasonable basis for our conclusion.

We are required to be independent of Supreme Lodge of the Danish Sisterhood of America and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our review.

#### **Accountant's Conclusion**

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## YEARLY BUSINESS—INTRO (continued)

### Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to that matter.

### Summarized Comparative Information

We have previously audited the Supreme Lodge of the Danish Sisterhood of America's 2023 financial statements, and we expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those audited financial statements in our report dated October 23, 2024. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended August 31, 2023, is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.

### Supplementary Information

The supplementary information on pages 13 - 14 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from, and relates directly to, the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The supplementary information has been subjected to the review procedures applied in our review of the basic financial statements. We are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the supplementary information. We have not audited the supplementary information and do not express an opinion on such information.

Dana F Cole + Company, LLP

Lincoln, Nebraska  
December 1, 2025

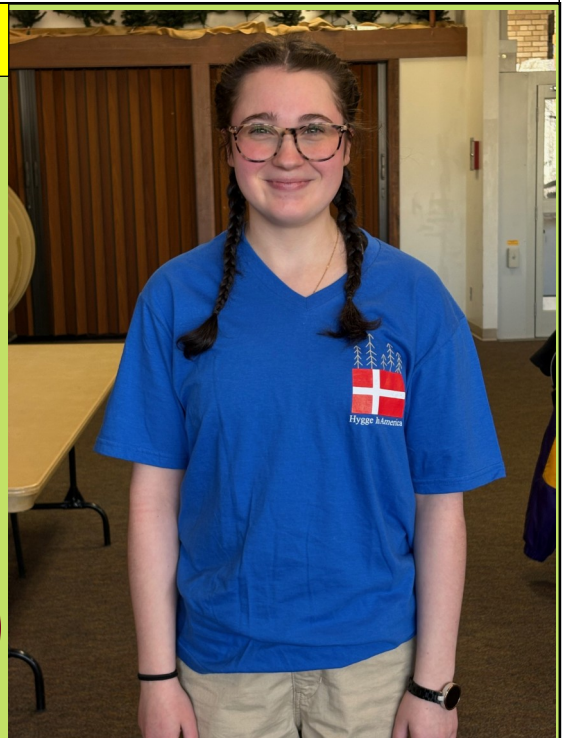
### MEET ISABEL PLASEK

Isabel Plasek is a member of Amber Lodge #186. She is a sophomore at the University of Minnesota Morris, majoring in Human Services/Criminal Justice.

Isabel was a recipient of the Betty Hansen Scholarship in 2024-25. Isabel designed the t-shirt she is wearing in this photo (see photo right) to represent peace and coziness in the north woods for the Heartland Convention. She was happy to share it with the National Board. Thanks, Isabel!



Would you like to order the t-shirt that Isabel created? If so, please go to the Sisterhood website. You can then locate Butikken. Then you will be able to order our special Isabel's designed t-shirts!





# YEARLY BUSINESS—SUPREME LODGE OF THE DANISH SISTERHOOD OF AMERICA

SUPREME LODGE OF THE DANISH SISTERHOOD OF AMERICA  
STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND NET ASSETS  
MODIFIED CASH BASIS  
AUGUST 31, 2024  
(WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR AUGUST 31, 2023)

ASSETS		2024 (Reviewed)	2023 (Audited)
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash		35,591	33,435
Restricted cash		14,490	17,860
Other receivables		15	
Investments		894,385	886,519
Computer and office equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$5,946 in 2024 and \$5,820 in 2023			126
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u>944,481</u>	<u>937,940</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>			
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Credit card payable		528	2,259
Payroll liabilities and expenses accrued		557	778
Certificate life reserves		<u>220,517</u>	<u>231,211</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<u>221,602</u>	<u>234,248</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			
Without donor restrictions			
Designated for national camp grants		3,458	2,977
Available for operations		<u>422,651</u>	<u>435,949</u>
<b>Total net assets without donor restrictions</b>		<u>426,109</u>	<u>438,926</u>
With donor restrictions			
Betty Hansen scholarships		261,425	229,105
Other scholarships		29,463	29,930
Disaster relief		5,882	5,731
<b>Total net assets with donor restrictions</b>		<u>296,770</u>	<u>264,766</u>
<b>Total net assets</b>		<u>722,879</u>	<u>703,692</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		<u>944,481</u>	<u>937,940</u>

See accompanying notes and accounts' review report

# YEARLY BUSINESS—SUPREME LODGE OF THE DANISH SISTERHOOD OF AMERICA (continued)

SUPREME LODGE OF THE DANISH SISTERHOOD OF AMERICA  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS  
MODIFIED CASH BASIS  
YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024  
(WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR AUGUST 31, 2023)

	2024			2023
	(Reviewed)			(Audited)
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total	Total
REVENUES				
Assessments	4,032		4,032	3,996
Donations	175	156	331	2,710
Dues	24,362		24,362	24,811
Convention income	15,975		15,975	5,597
D.S.S. News	6,685		6,685	7,448
Disaster relief income		150	150	
Denmark trip	111,647		111,647	2,000
Investment return	99,418	44,387	143,805	93,916
Miscellaneous income	1,005		1,005	359
Promotional items sold	8,117		8,117	2,516
	<u>271,416</u>	<u>44,693</u>	<u>316,109</u>	<u>143,353</u>
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>12,689</u>	<u>(12,689)</u>		
Total revenues	<u>284,105</u>	<u>32,004</u>	<u>316,109</u>	<u>143,353</u>
EXPENSES				
Program services				
Funeral benefit				
Actuarial report	1,350		1,350	1,350
Certificate life reserves (decrease)	(9,190)		(9,190)	(8,819)
Funeral benefits	5,000		5,000	6,250
Fraternal				
Scholarships	13,089		13,089	13,931
Other	6,445		6,445	1,357
Conventions, meetings, and trips				
Expenses of Board meeting				
(Spring and Fall)	32,388		32,388	27,847
Denmark trip	96,000		96,000	
Convention expense	72,328		72,328	(30,624)
Cultural and historical preservation				
Historical preservation	100		100	1,000
Publishing and mailing D.S.S. News	16,014		16,014	15,808
Total program services	<u>233,524</u>		<u>233,524</u>	<u>28,100</u>



# YEARLY BUSINESS—SUPREME LODGE OF THE DANISH SISTERHOOD OF AMERICA (continued)

SUPREME LODGE OF THE DANISH SISTERHOOD OF AMERICA  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS  
MODIFIED CASH BASIS  
YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024  
(WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR AUGUST 31, 2023)

	2024		2023
	(Reviewed)		(Audited)
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
EXPENSES (Continued)			
Management and General			
Review/audit	4,000		5,500
Expenses of district meetings	1,634		5,311
Office and administrative expenses	15,682		14,677
Payroll taxes	6,374		2,996
Promotional items	7,657		1,169
Salaries and compensation	27,175		19,348
Disaster Relief Fund	750		
Depreciation	126		216
Total management and general	63,398		49,217
Total expenses	296,922		77,317
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(12,817)	32,004	66,036
NET ASSETS, beginning of year	438,926	264,766	637,656
NET ASSETS, end of year	426,109	296,770	703,692

See accompanying notes and accounts' review report

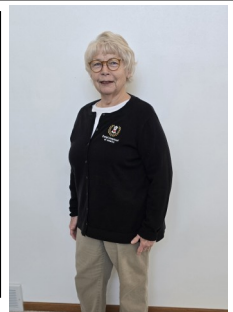
## DANISH SISTERHOOD BUTIKKEN

Visit the DSS Website Marketplace-Butikken to see all items available for purchase.

**PHOTO RIGHT:** Description of Danish Prayer Tea Towel: Towel is made by IKEA Hildegun. Purchase cost is \$15.00. White with blue stripe 100% cotton, 18x24 inches with a loop on the short end that makes it easy to hang up.



**PHOTO RIGHT:** Carol Rudisill is wearing our crewneck black cardigan. Small to 3XL (there is no size 2XL), cost \$45.00.



**PHOTO LEFT:** DSS 14kt gold plated emblem necklace with 18-inch Italian chain, cost \$45.00. DSS 14kt gold plated emblem, cost \$25.00.

**PHOTO BELOW :** DSS Emblem White Polyester standard bib two pocket apron, cost \$15.00. With thanks to our model, Michelle Haines, from Lodge #20.



To order, contact: Karen Vig-Keathley  
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Phone: 708.715.0071

109 South First St., Itasca, IL 60143  
Note: Prices do not include shipping and handling. All prices subject to change.



**PHOTO LEFT:** DSS Necklace red with 24 inch silver chain cost \$12.00.



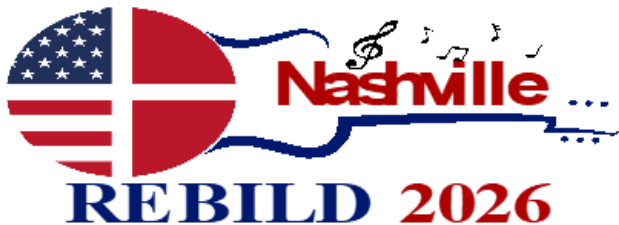
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