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President's Corner



Happy Summer!

As I write this, the sun is shining, the temperature is about 80 degrees and there is no wind. What a beautiful day in Minnesota. I hope you all are enjoying a nice summer wherever you are. For me, summer always seems to be a time to sit back and appreciate nature.

In this newsletter you will find an "ad" for a newsletter editor. Charlene Jensen has been our newsletter editor for the last 2+ years. I want to take this time to publicly thank Charlene for the wonderful job she has done during that time. We will greatly miss her, but I know she is looking to have more time for herself. She has done an amazing job communicating with the Board, members who submit articles and the printer. She helped us find a new printer with ideas for saving money as well as getting the newsletter to you on time. She created some very interesting articles which we enjoyed reading. We are grateful for all you have done, Charlene, and wish you the very best.

So, if you or someone you know would like to do some publishing, we are looking for a newsletter editor. Please contact me or one of the board members. Charlene will help a new editor get started.

I hope you have a wonderful summer.

Sisterly,

Nealna

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Dear Sisters and Mister Sisters:

Velkommen

I have been the Editor for *Danish Sisterhood News* for a little over 2 years now. I have loved being the Editor of this newsletter! Unfortunately, I have so much metaphorically on my plate now, including a full-time job. Because of that, I will need to leave the Editor position once another Editor is hired. I definitely would be available to help the new Editor!



**Charlene M. Jensen,
Editor**

For me, it has been such a joy to meet many people of the various lodges; of course, it was long-distance meeting in most cases. One thing in particular that has been wonderful for me as the Editor is researching and subsequently printing information about the history of Denmark and about many things related to Denmark.

If you would like to apply for the position of Editor, please reach out to National President, Nealna Gylling: president@danishsisterhood.com.

During my time in college, I was advised the following by my college newspaper editor: "The best thing you can do to improve your writing skills is to edit someone else's work." This is such a true statement! I want to share this statement as it may be helpful to those considering applying for the Editor position.

~Charlene Jensen, Editor

Send articles/stories/photos to: editor@danishsisterhood.com

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IN SEARCH OF A DSN EDITOR

The Danish Sisterhood Newsletter Editor is responsible for creating and publishing a 16-page newsletter each month, totaling 12 newsletters each year. Salary for the editor is \$2,100 per year.

The editor should have the following qualifications:

- Ability to maintain deadlines
- Experience using a publishing software such as Publisher.
- Commitment to maintaining and updating the DSN and DSS branding.
- Ability to work with a National Board.
- Communicate with members on submissions.
- Work with a printer and mailing house to ensure each issue gets printed and mailed out.
- Create content for newsletter issues as needed.

To apply, please send your resume and a short letter of interest to the Danish Sisterhood President by August 10, 2026 at



ON THE FRONT COVER: The photo on the front cover is from a book called *Rural Denmark And Its Lessons* by H. Rider Haggard. This photo is identified as "Pupils of the Askov High School". This book was published in **June 1911**. To access this document, go to: <https://archive.org/details/ruraldenmarkitsl00hagg/page/17/mode/1up>.

H. Rider Haggard's book is the outcome of a visit to Denmark, made in order to inquire into the actual conditions of farming prevailing there, and particularly into the success of the small holders, who form so marked a feature of Danish agriculture. Mr. Rider Haggard's further object was to gather information as to whether such small holdings are likely to succeed better on the leasehold system that has been established in this country by the recent Act, or whether, as advocated by the other party in the State, it is essential for success that small holdings should be owned by their occupiers. Mr. Rider Haggard also wished to ascertain the working of the various forms of credit banks and State loans to farmers to enable them either to purchase their holdings or to provide working capital when they were already in occupation.

Reference: *Rural Denmark and its Lessons*. *Nature* 86, 509–510 (1911). <https://doi.org/10.1038/086509a0>.

NEWS FROM THE LODGES

IN MEMORIAM—July 2026

NAME	Cert #	Lodge #	Location	Birth Date	Birth Place	Initiated	Died	Be nefit
Ellen M Rasmussen	24543	75	Enumclaw, WA	3.13.32	Enumclaw, WA	3.4.89	5.2.26	250.00

Youth Birthdays—July 2026

Name	Lodge	Age
Alexandra Galarza	4	14



MEMBERSHIP EXPANSION—July 2026

LODGE

68
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NEW MEMBER

Anica Carnahan
Robert Zerull
Mary Harrington
Verlin Nielson
Lori Bagley

SPONSOR

Betinna Carnahan
Gwenn Hansen
Marcia Jante
Katherine Steadman
Lisa Carlsen

BETTY HANSEN SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT HARLOW PAGE

Hello, my name is Harlow and I'm 18 years old. I am graduating from Schaumburg High School and I plan on going to Hope College in Holland, MI.

I'm a competitive dancer and I have been dancing since I was 2 years old. I'm hoping to continue dancing at Hope College in their dance department and on their dance team.

I am planning on going on the Pre Med track because I am a cancer survivor. I would like to give back to the community that means so much to me.

I'm very grateful to the Danish Sisterhood for awarding me the Betty Hansen scholarship to continue my education. My great grandma came to the US from Copenhagen and I am proud to carry on my Danish heritage.

A fun fact is my Mom won this exact scholarship when she was going to college!

—**Harlow Page**



MILDRED SORENSEN SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISING

Danish Sisterhood Scholarships help students reach their goals. Below is an article about a 2016 scholarship recipient. Scholarships make a difference for students. Consider donating now. Help us reach our \$25,000 goal to make the Mildred Sorensen Scholarship an endowed scholarship so it can be given each year!

James W. Keathley was the 2016 recipient of the Elizabeth Garde Danish Sisterhood National Scholarship. He received his Master of Communication Sciences and Disorders from Elmhurst University in 2018. James has expressed his gratitude for receiving this wonderful scholarship. He is currently a Speech Language Pathologist within School District U-46, bringing expertise in language development and student support. Speech Pathologists apply communication skills to support students' language development needs within the district's educational programs.



Building on a foundation in education, James previously served as a High School Social Studies Teacher with Chicago Public Schools. During his tenure as a teacher, he contributed to providing a high-quality public education and fostering student success. James is also the Elgin High School eSports team head coach which has won two state championships since assumed responsibility for the eSports program. James also holds a Bachelor of Arts from Aurora University.

PHOTO LEFT:

James W. Keathley was the 2016 recipient of the Elizabeth Garde Danish Sisterhood National Scholarship.



CONGRATULATIONS TO SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT JENNA BECKER

I am a student athlete born and raised in Las Vegas, Nevada. Currently, I am a sophomore attending Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois, where I am working toward a bachelor's degree with a triple major in art, psychology, and sociology/anthropology. I am also a pitcher, infielder, and social media co-manager for the college's varsity softball team and an active member of Chi Alpha Pi sorority.

My interests include art, cultural exploration, volunteering, traveling, reading, and playing sports. I am actively involved with the Arthritis Foundation where I share my experiences as an athlete who has battled arthritis all of my life to provide guidance and support to teens who are facing similar challenges. In addition to serving as a juvenile arthritis ambassador, I am a member of the foundation's Nevada State Advocacy Committee through which I engage with legislators to provide personal perspectives on proposed legislation.

I aspire to be a professional artist working in multiple disciplines (painting, illustration, sculpting) and hope to establish a foundation that creates inclusive environments for students with physical and mental health challenges through adaptive sports and art as a form of creativity, expression and therapy. —*Jenna Becker*



CONGRATULATIONS TO BETTY HANSEN SCHOLARSHIP RECIPENT IVY MORRISON



PHOTO LEFT: This photo is of (L-R) Ivy Morrison and her grandmother, Cindy Mikkelsen Bloodgood.

Hello! My name is Ivy Morrison. As I prepare to begin my third year at the University of California, Santa Cruz, I continue to appreciate the role the Danish Sisterhood has played in my life. I am currently pursuing a double major in Business Management Economics and Psychology, fields that have challenged me to think critically about both people and the systems that shape our communities.

My connection to the Danish Sisterhood began long before college. Some of my favorite memories are of helping my grandmother at Lodge #126 in Petaluma, whether at holiday celebrations, tea parties, or æbleskive breakfasts. Through those experiences, I gained an appreciation for the importance of tradition, volunteerism, and bringing people together.

I have also been fortunate to attend district and national conventions, including serving as a delegate. Meeting members from different lodges and generations has shown me the lasting impact of a community built on shared heritage and support for one another.—*Ivy Morrison*

CONGRATULATIONS TO BETTY HANSEN AND PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPENT RACHEL EVANOFF

My name is Rachel Evanoff, and I am a dedicated educator with 14 years of teaching experience. For nine of those years, I have worked in alternative education, where I have developed a deep commitment to supporting students with diverse needs and helping them overcome challenges to succeed.

I am a science teacher passionate about environmental science. I strive to make learning meaningful and engaging by connecting scientific concepts to real-world issues and helping students understand their role in the world around them. In addition to my work in the classroom, I serve as the content lead for science, math, and social studies, where I collaborate with colleagues and support instructional growth across multiple disciplines.

In 2024, I was honored to be named a finalist for Teacher of the Year in the state of Iowa, an achievement that reflects my dedication to my students and the field of education.

Outside of my professional life, I am a wife and a mother to two daughters. My family is my greatest source of support and inspiration. Their encouragement motivates me to continue growing both personally and professionally.

—*Rachel Evanoff*



TEA TIME FOR DSS, LODGE #36, EDISON, NEW JERSEY

The Sisters of Freja Lodge #36 gathered together for our April Meeting at an English Tea House in Edison New Jersey. The weather was a little cool, but the Sisters of The Heart were warm and friendly. We usually do not have our meetings in restaurants, but it was suggested by our Secretary, Dawn Skoube, that we go out for tea for our April meeting.

It was nice to see everyone in a different environment and at a less formal setting. The tea was delicious, each of us had our own pot of tea and a candle warming device to keep it hot. Each member ordered from the menu, some had dessert, some had salads, or sandwiches. We enjoyed spending time together and discussing our future meetings.

Freja Lodge was organized on September 26, 1896 in Perth Amboy, New Jersey, by a small group of women and Brothers. This means we will be celebrating our 130th Anniversary this fall. We discussed planning a celebration of this great milestone. It was decided we would celebrate with a Danish luncheon in September with our Lodge members. In the spring we will have an Anniversary luncheon party and invite other Lodges in the area, including the Brotherhood. It was fun talking about it, and planning a menu. We are lucky we are still together after so many years. Freja Sisters are trying to research our history and will provide a presentation in the spring.

Mary Flannary and Deborah Larson, Chair members of Freja Lodge Scholarship Committee, have announced that Haley Krubert will receive the 2026 Freja Lodge Scholarship in the amount of \$500.00 for her Continuing Education and enrollment at Ecole Ducasse, the number 1 ranked Culinary School in Paris. Haley also trained at Ballymaloe Cookery School in Ireland, known for its ingredient-driven farm-to-table approach. Haley is a trained private chef with a business degree from USC. While at Stamford, she studied gut microbiome engineering and learned the impact of the food we eat and how that affects our health. Haley's award will be presented on June 6, 2026, Danish Constitution Day, at the Danish Home in Edison. Haley is the Granddaughter of Carole Pierorazio, President of Lodge #36.

After our lunch, we said goodbye and will meet again at the Danish Home in May, 2026.

Carole E. Pierorazio
President Lodge #36

BETTY HANSEN NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT ANNALIESE MYERS



I am honored and deeply grateful to have been awarded the Betty Hansen National Scholarship for the 2026-2027 academic year. I am a fourth-generation member of Troy Lodge 78.

I am a rising senior at Russell Sage College, studying Childhood Education with concentrations in Special Education and History. Throughout my time at Russell Sage, I have maintained a 4.0 GPA and have been inducted into Kappa Delta Pi, the honor society for education majors. I am also an officer of the Russell Sage College Dance Ensemble, where I use leadership, creativity, and teamwork skills. After graduating from Russell Sage College, I plan to pursue a master's degree in Literacy Education. My ultimate goal is to become a Reading Specialist at an elementary school.

The support of the Danish Sisterhood of America truly makes a difference in my education journey, and I am sincerely thankful. This scholarship will help me continue my education and pursue my goals while easing the financial burden of higher education.

Thank you so much for awarding me this scholarship! — **Annaliese Myers**

BEAUTIFUL MEMORIES FROM THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST



PHOTO LEFT: This photo is from Carol Rudisill who attended the May 1-2, 2026 Pacific Northwest Danish Brotherhood and Danish Sisterhood convention in Eugene, Oregon. This picture is of Hayward Field on University of OR campus (from the tower in Eugene, Oregon). *Photography by Carol Rudisill.*



PHOTO RIGHT: Paul Safar and Daniel Powel, Jazz and Pop Concert held at the 2026 Pacific Northwest Danish Brotherhood and Danish Sisterhood Convention in Eugene, Oregon. *Photography by Carol Rudisill.*

PHOTO BELOW LEFT: Patti Olsen and Laurie Eaton while at the May 1-2, 2026 Pacific Northwest Danish Brotherhood and Danish Sisterhood convention in Eugene, Oregon. *Photography by Carol Rudisill.*

PHOTO BELOW RIGHT: Lisa Toftemark and Patti Olsen as they enjoy the May 1-2, 2026 Pacific Northwest Danish Brotherhood and Danish Sisterhood Convention in Eugene, Oregon. *Photography by Carol Rudisill.*



LOOKING BACK AT THE 2026 PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRICT CONVENTION



PHOTO LEFT: Ann Jensen, Danish Sisterhood member from DSS Mt. Hood Lodge #81, enjoys the 2026 Pacific Northwest District Convention. *Photography by Carol Rudisill.*

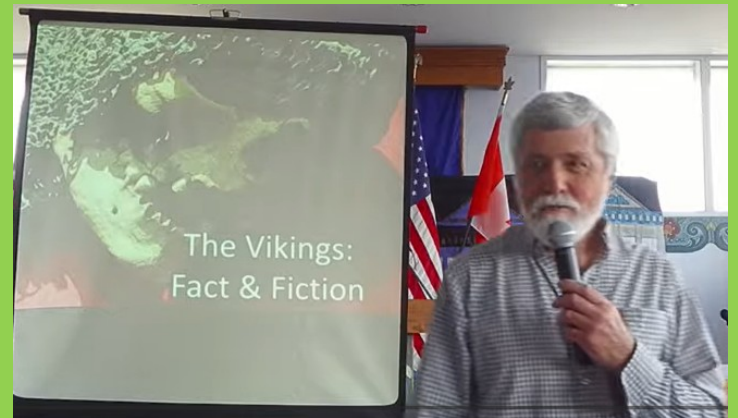


PHOTO ABOVE: The Vikings: Fact & Fiction—The convention included a presentation by the author William L. Sullivan who sets out to answer the question, “Were the Vikings barbarians?” In the presentation, Sullivan compares recent archeological discoveries with actual Norse sagas, telling the history of the Viking Age, and describing the sources he used while writing his 4-book Viking Saga series of historical novels. To access The Viking Saga on Amazon, go to: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B09HCLKFX7> *Photography by Carol Rudisill.*



PHOTO ABOVE: Pacific Northwest (PNW) District Board L — R, Patti Olsen, Past President; Karin Plagens, President; Laurie Eaton, Vice President; Emily Olsen, Secretary/treasurer/Historian; Kathy Steadman, Trustee; Melanie Berg, Trustee; Christina Sallee, Marshall. *Photography by Carol Rudisill.*



PHOTO ABOVE: Carol Rudisill, National Trustee of Danish Sisterhood of America, passes the gavel to Karin Plagens for her 2nd term as President of the Pacific Northwest District of Danish Sisterhood of America.



TREASURER LIST—GOOD INFORMATION PROVIDED EVERY YEAR

Below is the Treasurer list. This list is posted once a year in the Danish Sisterhood News. This gives the lodge officers a quick reference to the other lodge officers, if needed.

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DAGMAR LODGE 4 VOLUNTEERING HERE AND THERE

Respectfully submitted by TLC Nielsen

Part of being a member of Chicago's Sisterhood Dagmar Lodge includes volunteering at many fun events in the Danish community. Not only do we try to attend monthly Dagmar meetings, our members also help out at a variety of events. Here's a list of some recent events:

April 18 Danish Home of Chicago Monthly Birthday party

May 17 The Norwegian Constitution Day Parade in Chicago (photo with banner)

May 23 Vasa Park Paint Day

May 30 The Women's Auxiliary of the Danish Home of Chicago Spring Luncheon (two photos)

Coming up soon, we have the Danish Home Summerfest from noon-5 pm on June 27th and the prep that comes with it: A day to make Klejner and another date to make Spritz cookies and tarts. There will also be rhubarb collecting and cooking to make rabarbergrød (ru-BARB-o-grud)—rhubarb pudding—for our booth at Scandinavian Days, held September 13th at Vasa Park, South Elgin. Plus, there are monthly birthday parties at the Danish Home, which our lodge loves to sponsors at least once a year. So many opportunities for us Sisters to hang out together!

2027 Danish Sisterhood Convention update: Planning is ramping up and Dagmar Lodge 4 would love to have presenters and workshops from lodges all across the country. Mark your calendars for September 30–October 2nd, 2027. Find us on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=dagmar%20lodge%204>

Danish Citronfromage from Debby & John Keelan (see photo from luncheon on page - 13 -):

3 cups heavy cream (plus 1 cup more for whipping cream)

1 cup cane sugar

7 tablespoons of lemon juice

1 lemon per person, cut in half and scooped out (use to hold dessert)

Combine heavy cream and sugar in pan and simmer on a low boil for 5 minutes, until thickened. Stir in lemon juice and let cool.

Slice and scoop out lemons to use as bowls for this dessert; fill these bowls with the Citronfromage.

Whip another cup of heavy cream with 2 tsp. sugar and a dash of vanilla to use on top of the Citronfromage.

PHOTO RIGHT: Smørrebrød Auxiliary Luncheon, 2026. The Women's Auxiliary of the Danish Home hosted an amazing luncheon at the Danish Home of Chicago with many Dagmar Sisters in attendance. *Photography by Lars Rasmussen.*

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PHOTO ABOVE: Sisters at Norwegian Parade in Park Ridge. Dagmar Lodge 4 Sisters join the annual Norwegian Constitution Day Parade in Park Ridge. *Photography by Lars Rasmussen.*



DAGMAR LODGE 4 VOLUNTEERING HERE AND THERE (continued)

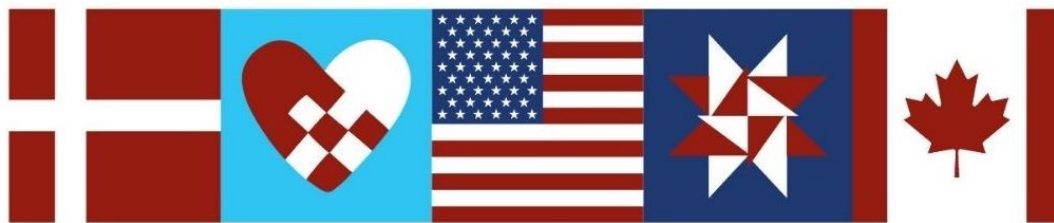


PHOTO ABOVE: The recipe for this amazing lemon dessert was shared over lunch since it became a favorite Danish-American Thanksgiving dessert. *Photography by Lars Rasmussen.*



PHOTO ABOVE: Women's Auxiliary Luncheon 2026. Danish Home residents and many Sisterhood members enjoyed the drinks as well at the Women's Auxiliary Luncheon (author and spouse upper right hand corner). *Photography by Lars Rasmussen.*

Weaving our Danish Story



DSS National Convention - Chicago 🇺🇸 2027

PHOTO LEFT: Convention Theme Chicago 2027 logo.

This is the 2027 Sisterhood Convention theme logo for the Danish Sisterhood Convention, September 30th through October 2nd. *Photography by Lars Rasmussen.*



PHOTO LEFT: The Trundholm Sun Chariot (Danish: *Solvognen*) is a Nordic Bronze Age artifact discovered in Denmark. It is a representation of the sun chariot, a bronze statue of a horse and a large bronze disk, which are placed on a device with spoked wheels.

This sculpture was discovered with no accompanying objects in 1902 in a peat bog on the Trundholm moor in Odsherred in the northwestern part of Zealand (approximately 55°55'N 11°37'E). It is now in the collection of the National Museum of Denmark in Copenhagen. It is featured on the 1000-kroner banknote of the 2009 series.

This photo was taken in 2007, source is: <https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Solvognen-00100.tif>. Author is Nationalmuseet.

SAVE THE DATE

**Weaving our Danish Story - 2027 National Convention in Chicago -
Thursday, Sept. 30, 2027 through Saturday, Oct 2, 2027 - Save the Date**

Hotel: Rosemont Embassy Suites - 5500 N. River Rd, Rosemont, Illinois
60018 - just minutes from O'Hare Airport

Room Rates: \$155 plus taxes for a King-size Bed Suite and \$175 plus taxes for Queen-size 2 Bed Suite. Each Suite has a pull out sofa bed in a separate room with a microwave, refrigerator and coffee maker. Free breakfast is included as well as a Happy Hour from 5:30—7pm with 2 complimentary drinks per day along with complimentary snacks. **Rooms can be reserved for 3 days before our convention and 3 days after for that low price.

Extras: Free shuttle from O'Hare Airport if flying

Parking is reduced to \$18 per day for those driving

Free shuttle has a stop at the restaurants and outlet stores; a 7-minute walk or 2-minute shuttle ride

Free shuttle can take you to River's Casino

Restaurant in the Hotel - SLYCE Coal Fired Pizza Company

Pre and post tours are being arranged, more information to come soon.

Please come early and stay late to enjoy the Chicagoland area.

Chicago has many attractions:

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Baha'i Temple - unique to the US with 9 beautiful gardens

Botanic Gardens

The Morton Arboretum

Lambs Farm - one of a kind NFP helping adults with developmental disabilities

Volo Museum: Iconic automobiles you've seen in movies, Titanic Exhibit, Jurassic Gardens, Rental of electric scooters available

And so much more....!



BETTY HANSEN SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT MAREN BAXLEY



My name is Maren Baxley, and I am honored to be awarded the Betty Hansen National Scholarship. I am graduating from the International Baccalaureate Program at Princess Anne High School and will attend the University of Virginia in the fall, where I plan to study Biochemistry on a premed track. I was Captain of both my field hockey and lacrosse teams in high school, and I plan to continue playing at the club level in college. Having served in leadership positions on the SCA all four years of high school and finishing as SCA President, I hope to serve on the student council in college. In furtherance of a future career in medicine, I intend to become certified as an EMT and intern with a medical practice in the summers.

My connection to my Danish heritage through my mother's family is something that I greatly cherish. My great-grandfather Soren left his parents and siblings in Als, Denmark, to immigrate to Deadwood, South Dakota, in 1929, where he worked as a builder, married, and eventually had five daughters. My family continues to visit/vacation with our Danish relatives annually, either at their home in Copenhagen, in other European countries, or in the United States. I hope to enroll in a study abroad program in Copenhagen during my undergraduate studies and spend a lot of time with my cousin, Mathilde, who studies there. I

am truly thankful for this scholarship opportunity, which will help me achieve my educational goals. —**Maren Baxley**

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



Majesty Queen Margrethe daisy 20-inch chain necklace/pin—\$7.00



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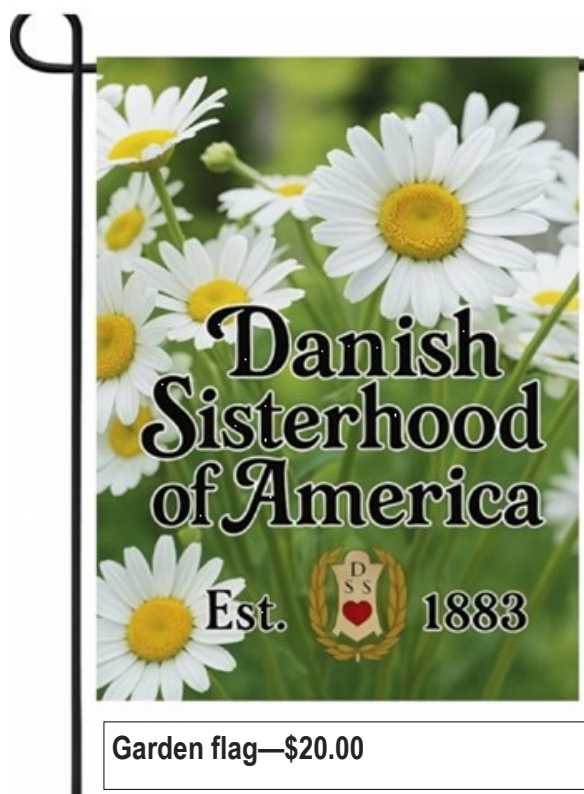
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