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- ♦ Create a lodge Christmas greeting, purchase a holiday ad, and your greeting can be printed in the December issue of *Danish Sisterhood News*! Deadline for ad submission is 10/15/2026.
- ♦ Save the date! See inside the newsletter for information about the 2027 National Convention in Chicago.
- ♦ Articles and photos of events that occurred at various Sisterhood lodges.
- ♦ Danish Sisterhood Butikken: Great items to buy! T-Shirt Contest Winner Announced!



President's Corner



Happy Fall,

It is hard to believe that in just a little over a year, we will be meeting in Chicago for our national meeting, September 30 – October 3, 2027. Lodge #4 is busy planning and has great ideas. Soon Glenda will be sending out information about choosing delegates. We as a board are looking at raffle ideas. It is all so exciting.

At our last Zoom board meeting, Karen shared the tentative plans for a wonderful Chicago tour including some Danish stops and places to see in Chicago. I am so looking forward to being there. Hopefully, you will plan an extra day to see that wonderful city.

As you read this newsletter in September, 41 people will be in Denmark enjoying the wonderful North Jutland area and visiting with Danes who live there. Sune Fredriksen has put together a great trip. Look for pictures on the website and in a later issue of the DSS News.

Also, don't forget that your ad for Christmas greetings needs to be in by October 15, 2026. It seems early, but that issue takes time to create and has to be at the printer before November 15th. Thanks for getting it in on time.

Don't miss the scholarship fundraising article in this newsletter. Jean Miller has written a note about how Amber Lodge has raised funds specifically for that effort.

One last thing, the National Board will be meeting in person the beginning of October. If you have anything you want us to discuss, please let us know soon. You elected us to serve you, and we are here to do that.

Sisterly,

Nealna

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Dear Sisters and Mister Sisters:

Velkommen



**Charlene M. Jensen,
Editor**

Happy September, dear friends! For many people, school begins sometime in either August or September. This makes me think about what school must be like in Denmark.

I have never visited Denmark, although my mother's parents were both born in Denmark. I haven't ever discussed with any of my family members about what going to school in Denmark was like for them. Although, I do remember my grandmother telling me briefly about her schooling. My grandmother said that she could not pass the 3rd grade without knitting a pair of over-the-knee-high socks. She did complete this project and was able to move on to the 4th grade; that must have been in approximately 1913. My grandmother mentioned to me that she and her classmates had to run and play Fodbold (soccer) when at school.

Thinking about school in Denmark spurred me to look online where I discovered some interesting articles and videos that focus specifically on education in Denmark. One interesting brief video about Denmark's schools is located at: <https://youtu.be/aKoCZKtpS3Q?si=KCEjqlrNO7-wJuaB>.

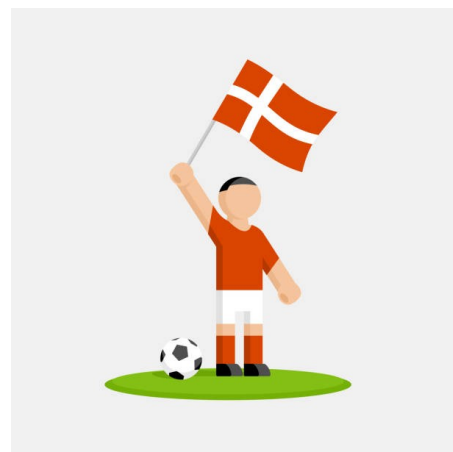
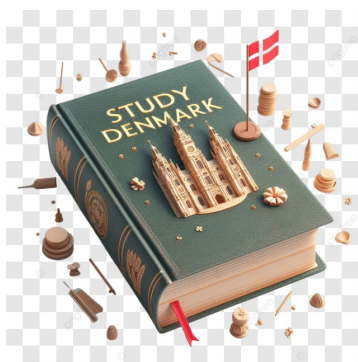
The aforementioned video, along with various other articles online specific to school/education in Denmark, reveals that Denmark is making a major policy reversal in education. They are moving away from its decade-long digital classroom model to a mobile-free, book-focused approach. From the 2026/2027 school year, Danish students will be required to lock their smartphones in boxes during class and in after-school programs. The ban applies to all private internet-enabled devices, though teaching laptops and tablets remain allowed. Exceptions include medical needs (e.g., diabetes monitoring) and learning support tools for conditions like dyslexia.

Reasons for the education changes in 2026-2027 had to do with Ministry surveys which showed alarming distraction rates while teen mental health concerns mounted across social media platforms. This was a stark revelation. Ministry surveys from 2024 found distractions affecting over one-third of Year 6 and Year 8 pupils. Meanwhile, Danish teens aged 13-18 were logging excessive screen time that researchers linked directly to declining school performance and mental health issues. How did Denmark respond to this? Denmark responded by a DKK 540 million investment in physical books to cut screen reliance, plus another DKK 2.6 billion for play environments that encourage real-world interaction.

If you went to school in Denmark, and would like to share what learning was like when you attended, please feel free to send me an article. I would enjoy printing any photos you have that would go along with your article.

~~Charlene Jensen, Editor

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



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NEWS FROM THE LODGES

IN MEMORIAM—September 2026

NAME	Cert #	Lodge #	Location	Birth Date	Birth Place	Initiated	Died	Be nefit
Judy Ostermeyer	91159	15	Milwaukee, WI	5.22.56	Milwaukee, WI	1.14.26	7.5.26	0
Sharon Chapman	21700	99	South Bend, IN	3.6.35	South Bend, IN	5.10.60	10.20.25	125.00
Janet Johnson	23363	65	Greenville, MI	2.27.39	Lakeview, MI	7.11.75	7.2.26	1000.00

Youth Birthdays—September 2026

Name	Lodge	Age
Sophia Anderson	102	14



MEMBERSHIP EXPANSION—September 2026

LODGE

15
15
300

NEW MEMBER

Alyssa Hansen
Denise Hansen
Cynthia Hilton

SPONSOR

Marcia Jante
Marcia Jante
Online

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

As National Board President, Nealna Gylling, mentioned in her August President's Corner of the Danish Sisterhood Newsletter, Carol Rudisill and I will be sharing a "Healthy Lodge Checklist." This month's column is a checklist for lodges to use in assessing how they go about Promotion and Recruitment. These tools can provide ways to add, improve, make changes as to how your lodges go about promotion of individual lodges, AND the Danish Sisterhood of America.

Recruitment is dependent upon the public's awareness that the Danish Sisterhood/local lodges exist. Healthy Lodge Checklist is adapted from the 2016 Sons of Norway Leadership Conference Promotion and Recruitment. How your Lodge promotes itself can have a significant impact on the recruitment of new members.

Discuss with your Sisters, in how many of these activities has your lodge participated? Which of these ideas would you like to bring back to your lodge to try this year?

- ♦ Does your lodge annually participate in a parade or public festival?
- ♦ Does your lodge have a newsletter that is distributed? More than 4 times a year?
- ♦ Does your lodge have an up-to-date Facebook page or other social media presence?
- ♦ Does your lodge have recruitment goals for the year?
- ♦ Does your lodge have a flyer, brochure, or other method to share information about the lodge?
- ♦ Does your lodge organize at least one special cultural event open to the public each year?
- ♦ Does your lodge recognize or reward those who have recruited new members?
- ♦ Does your lodge advertise, or was your lodge featured in your local media?
- ♦ Does your lodge have a membership committee? Do they meet 3 times per year?

In the next couple of issues of *Danish Sisterhood News*, other topics on the "Healthy Lodge Checklist" will deal with Membership Experience, Administration, and Charitable Giving. These various topics can be so helpful to many of our lodges!

—**Marilyn Dore, Trustee 2 / Danish Sisterhood of America**

CREATE A LODGE CHRISTMAS GREETING, PURCHASE A HOLIDAY AD, AND YOUR GREETING CAN BE PRINTED IN THE DANISH SISTERHOOD NEWS

Remember to get your Christmas Ads in by October 15th.

NOTE: Charlene may have sent your ad to you last year. If you want to use the same ad, **YOU** need to find it and send it in. Charlene will **NOT** be finding ads for lodges this year. Thanks.

Eighth Page, 3.67 in wide x 2.20 in high \$20.00
 Quarter Page, 3.47 in wide x 4.75 in high.....\$35.00
 Half Page, 7.5 in wide x 4.75 in high.....\$60.00
 Full Page, 7.5 in wide x 9.69 in high.....\$100.00

D&N Advertising Rates

Mail your Lodge's check for payment
of your Holiday Ad to:
Linda Brooks
9756 Ash Lane
Thornton CO 80229

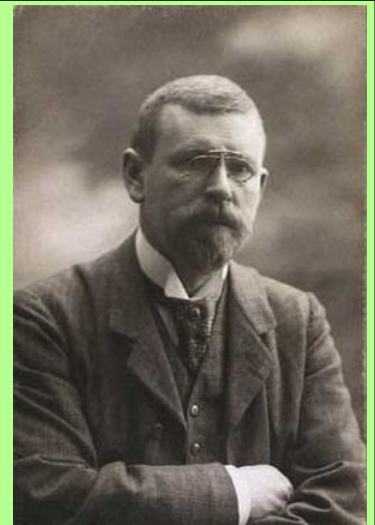
See above: Use these ad sizes and rates for your Holiday Ads!
Holiday Ads are due to the Editor by October 15, 2026 at the latest!

All checks can be sent to the National Treasurer.



ON THE FRONT COVER: This is a photograph of a painting by Knud Larsen. In English this painting is titled: Two fisherwomen at a beach in a gale, North Jutland. In Dansk this painting is titled: To fiskerkoner ved stranden i blæsevejr, Nordjylland. This is an oil on canvas painting. Inscriptions: The signature and date: Knud L. 1912-13. This is a faithful photographic reproduction of a two-dimensional, public domain work of art. This photo is public domain and found at: https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Knud_Larsen_-_To_fiskerkoner_ved_stranden_i_bl%C3%A6sevejr,_Nordjylland_-_1913.png. Knud Erik Larsen (27 August 1865 – 7 December 1922) was a Danish painter, born in Vinderød near Frederiksværk, Denmark. He was the son of Jens Peter Larsen (1826–97) and Julie Sophie Olsen (1826–97). Larsen studied painting at the Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts, graduating in 1889. He first exhibited at the Charlottenborg Spring Exhibition in 1887.

PHOTO RIGHT: Knud Larsen, Danish artist. Photo can be found at: <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?search=knud+larsen%2C+artist&title=Special%3AMediaSearch&type=image>.



HONORING OUR MEMBERS—TROY, NY LODGE #78

By Marjorie Wheeler, Treasurer of Lodge #78 | Troy, NY

A 50-year award is something very special. So, it was with great pleasure that we bestowed upon Pamela Mulligan her 50-year pin. Janet Proper of Sunshine Lodge #181, was visiting her home in Troy NY this summer, when we were able to present Pam with her pin. Janet sponsored her in the Troy Lodge those many years ago, so it was only fitting for her to present Pam with her pin. Thank you, Pam, for your many years of service to our Lodge.



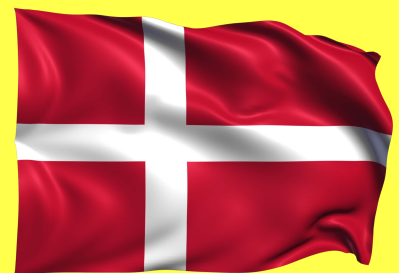
PHOTO ABOVE: Gary Mulligan, Pamela Mulligan, Janet Proper of Lodge #181 and Marge Wheeler of Lodge #78. *Photography by the waiter at the restaurant.*



PHOTO ABOVE: Pam wearing her newly presented pin by Janet Proper. *Photo by Marge Wheeler.*

Thank you for the following donations. Your contributions are very important to the work of the Danish Sisterhood of America. THANKS!

*Kathleen Snodgrass to Mildred Sorensen Scholarship
Lodge #186 to Mildred Sorensen Scholarship
Heartland District to Mildred Sorensen Scholarship
Midwest District to Mildred Sorensen Scholarship
Midwest District to Olga Christensen Scholarship
Pacific Northwest District to Mildred Sorensen
Pacific Northwest District to Olga Christensen Scholarship
Pacific Northwest District to Camp Grants*



DSS Angel Status Members — September 2026

This status belongs to those members that wish to gift their funeral benefit back to the Sisterhood. We believe this is a generous and significant gift and wish to honor them.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Lodge</u>
Joyce Houck	100



“TROLL”-ING FOR DANES — LODGE #78, TROY, NY

By Marjorie Wheeler, Treasurer of Lodge #78



PHOTO ABOVE: Some of the group poses in front of troll Rosa Sunfinger. *Photography by Beth Hart.*

The Danish sculpture artist, Thomas Dambo, has placed 6 of his giant trolls, “Save the Humans”, on display at the Wild Center in Tupper Lake, NY, this summer. Being so close to home, we could not pass up the opportunity of a daytrip to see them. Our President, Marilyn Dore, planned this event and we had 15 members, two from the Schenectady Lodge, friends and family join us for this trip to the Adirondacks.



PHOTO ABOVE: This photo is of a troll with our President, Marilyn Dore, Seena Drapala—who is the President of Lodge #142 Schenectady—and Debbie Drapala. *Photography by Janet Proper.*

The trolls are created from scrap wood and salvaged materials, and each one has a story to tell. We are encouraged to rediscover nature and be inspired to be good stewards of the earth. They came with a message, and a plan to Save the Humans. Ronja Redeye greeted us in the parking lot and then we were off to explore the grounds and find them all. Ibbi Pip is one of my favorite trolls because she wants to save the birds. It is said that she roams the forest hanging birdhouses. The children in the schools, and some senior programs, created and painted many bird houses which were hung in the trees around the sculpture. Another favorite troll is Kamma Can: Her jewelry was made from items to be discarded and instead were made into new jewelry creations she wears around her neck.

After exploring the wilderness, we returned for lunch and a special dessert, Drommekage (Danish Dream Cake), made by Marilyn Dore. A great day was had by all and we will remember the Trolls for a long time. Thomas Dambo plans to put a permanent one on display at the Wild Center next year. Thank you, Marilyn, for planning this great adventure.

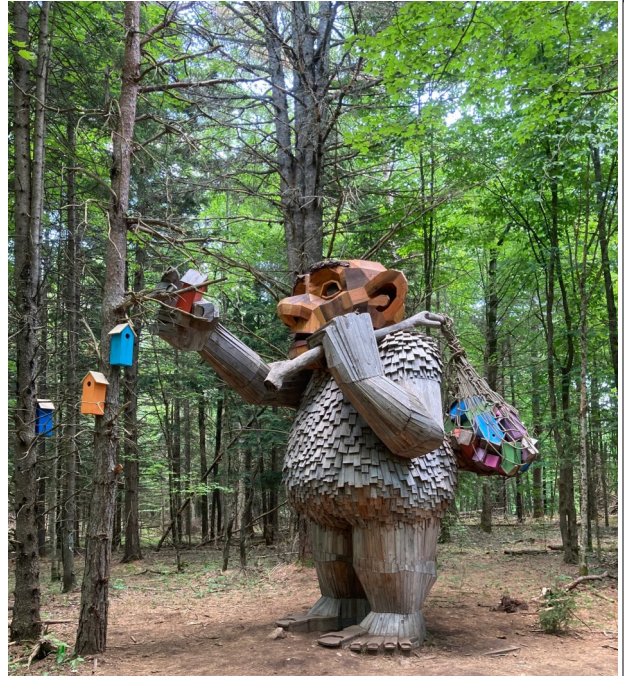


PHOTO ABOVE: This is a picture of troll Ibbi Pip. Ibbi Pip is described as a handy, optimistic troll and a friend of all animals. *Photography by Marge Wheeler.*



PHOTO ABOVE: Janet Proper of Lodge #181 in front of troll Kamma Can. *Photography by Beth Hart.*

MILDRED SORENSEN SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND RAISING

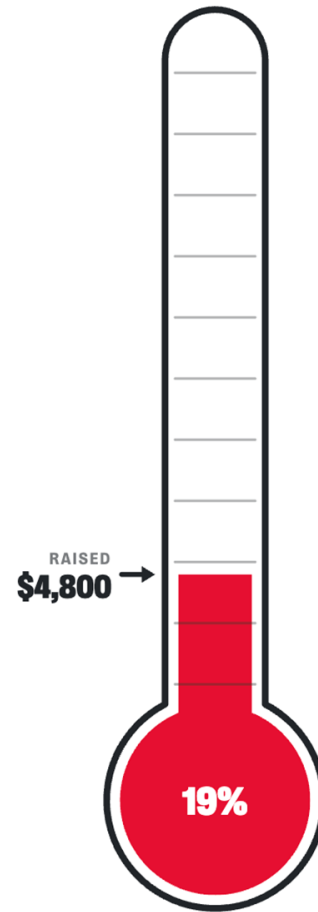
As fall begins and students go back to school, the Danish Sisterhood is again sending checks to scholarship recipients. This money is important to our members and their children as they begin—or are even finishing—their education. These scholarships cannot exist without the generous donations of our members, lodges, and districts. At the spring district meetings, the National Board started to raise funds to make the Mildred Sorensen Scholarship an endowed scholarship, thus not depending on yearly donations to the fund. Thank you so much to those individuals, lodges and districts who have contributed. It is much appreciated. We have a start, but still have a ways to go. Please see the note below from a member of Amber Lodge about how Amber Lodge raised funds to help with the scholarship. Do you have fund raising ideas for your lodge?

In 2025, I began being more involved in Amber Lodge of DSS. This greater commitment enabled me to learn more about Lodge #186 and the organization as a whole. It came to my attention that some members of my lodge have been the recipients of the generous scholarships given by DSS. This is wonderful and it encouraged me to believe we as a group needed to give back to those scholarships. Our lodge has many talented people and I had recently purchased a cabin that is always in need of something! Hence our members came up with the idea of sharing our skills with each other to build community AND support the organization by making a donation in exchange for a service a member fulfills. Examples: making jelly/syrup, hemming pants, canning salmon. I like supporting local small businesses but sometimes it takes less energy or money to use someone we already know for the tasks in our life. Plus, it can be more fun, I can learn through participation and serve a greater purpose. Hence our \$700 contribution to the scholarship fund. I wrote this article as I am hoping other lodges will think it is an idea for mutual benefits and connections!

By Jean Miller, member of Amber Lodge #186, Brainerd, MN

Mildred Sorensen Scholarship

Goal: \$25,000



We recognize the following Danish Sisterhood of America members on their birthdays in August and September 2026:



Dina Marie Knudsen from Lodge 184, Sarnia, Ontario, Canada—**104 years** on August 6th

Edith Andersen from Lodge 163 Austin, MN—**105 years** on August 29th

Viola Hilma Wilson from Lodge 166 in Hayward, CA—**106 years** on September 13th

Dorthea Jessen Yeutter, from Lodge 95 in Lexington, NE—**105 years** on September 29th

EACH OF YOU ARE WISHED MANY HAPPY RETURNS!

DO YOU WANT TO BE A MEMBERSHIP TRUSTEE FOR THE DANISH SISTERHOOD OF AMERICA?

We need YOU! The Danish Sisterhood of America will be looking for new Board Members for the next term. The election will be held at the National Danish Sisterhood of America convention to be held in Chicago September 30 - October 2, 2027. The job of the board is a fulfilling responsibility that helps the National organization run smoothly and assists both Districts and local Lodges.

See below for the list of duties for a Membership Trustee. This may be a perfect fit for YOU!

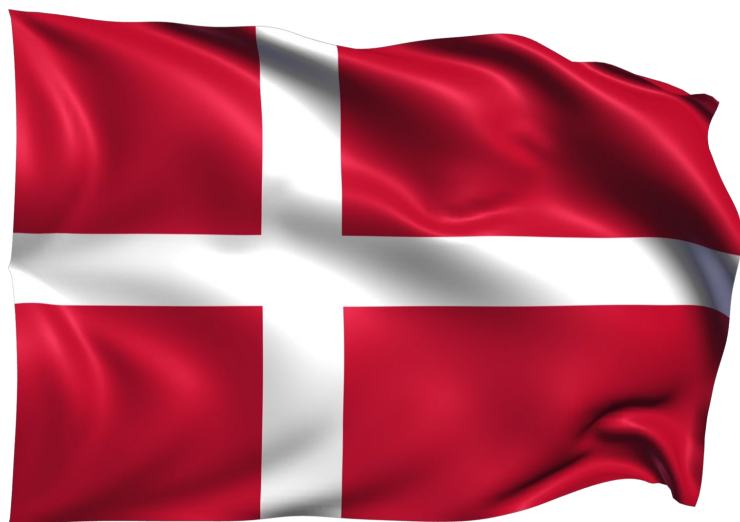


Duties of Membership Trustee:

1. Correspond with people requesting DSS membership.

From the Danish Sisterhood of America website:

- a. Send out emails/snail mail to any requests.
 - b. Send out brochure(s) created by DSS .
 - c. Send letter informing the prospective member of location of nearest lodge and/or information about our virtual lodge, and then inform the lodges about new prospective member requests.
 - d. Offer to guide their steps in the membership process.
 - e. Add promotional items in their US Postal letter to promote the DSS.
 - f. Have up-to-date information on each person requesting information and documentation of contact.
2. Make phone calls to members of the different lodges to assure availability to assist and see how lodges are doing.
3. Write articles for the Danish Sisterhood News about membership ideas and encouragement.
4. Serve on any committees that the President assigns.
5. Attend monthly TEAMS board meetings.
6. Attend twice yearly face-to-face board meetings.



7. Accept and recommend requests to the board for "Membership Grant" from Lodges.

8. Send out Table Cover and Banner to be used by Lodges/Districts for publicity and events.

9. Send out promotional items to be distributed by Lodges/Districts for events.

10. Ensure that all promotional items are stocked and ready to be sent out.

11. Send and maintain records of where table cover and standing banner are sent and when items are returned.

REMEMBER WHEN THERE WAS A DSS T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST?

SENDING OUT A BIG THANK-YOU TO THOSE MEMBERS WHO SUBMITTED
WONDERFUL T-SHIRT DESIGNS!



Linda Tomlinson

Fran Freeman

Lisa Carlsen

Carol Scheidelman

Ed Faruolo



Amalienborg Castle is a visual and architectural masterpiece, the official residence of the Danish royal family since 1794. The grand castle compound is situated in the capital city of Copenhagen, Denmark. The castle estate boasts a great octagonal courtyard enclosed by four identical palace structures in the classical style, with Rococo interior designs.

A spectacular equestrian statue of King Frederick V, commemorating him as the founder of Amalienborg, is centered within the estate's courtyard. The statue was sculpted by the French artist Jacques-Francois-Joseph Saly and was officially unveiled in 1771, five years after the death of the king.

Today, two of the four palaces are open to the public. The castle grounds are guarded around the clock by the Royal Life Guards. The Amalienborg Museum features historical exhibits of the monarchy throughout the centuries and is a popular destination for tourists.

PHOTO ABOVE: This photo is Amalienborg Palace in Copenhagen, Denmark. This picture was taken on June 17, 2022 by Jakub Halun. This photograph can be located at:
https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Amalienborg_Palace,_Copenhagen,_20220617_0849_6675.jpg

CONGRATULATIONS TO JULIA STENDERUP

The winner of the T-Shirt contest is Julia Stenderup.
Hats off to you and way to go, Julia Stenderup!

“As a fourth-generation member of the Danish Sisterhood of America, I am incredibly proud to be a Dane. My great-grandparents immigrated from Denmark in 1926, settling in Arvin, California, where they established our family farm. My Bedstemor, Frida Stenderup, was a founding member of Vintergækken 168 in 1947. Growing up in California, my Bedstemor and Farmor made it a priority to pass down Danish values and traditions... especially around food! Visiting Denmark this past winter deepened my appreciation for the country's rich history, remarkable design, vibrant food culture, and way of life. Today, I continue to cherish my heritage and the deep connection I feel to Denmark.” — **Julia Stenderup**

Go to Butikken (page 15 of this newsletter) to see and purchase Julia's T-Shirt designs!



Why T-Shirt Making Contests Can Be Great for a Group

T-Shirt design contests can be a powerful way for groups — from schools and nonprofits to community organizations — to **build unity, spark creativity, and achieve shared goals.**

1. Boosts Creativity and Inclusivity

A contest gives everyone in the group a chance to contribute, whether they're experienced designers or just doodle enthusiasts. It encourages out-of-the-box thinking and celebrates diverse ideas, making participation feel accessible and fun.

2. Strengthens Group Identity and Spirit

Custom t-shirts designed by the group become symbols of shared values and achievements. When members wear them, they're representing something they helped create, which fosters pride and a sense of belonging.

3. Builds Community Engagement

By inviting members to design, vote, and celebrate, the contest becomes a social event that unites people across different roles or departments. It can also attract outside participants, expanding the group's reach.

4. Raises Funds or Awareness

For nonprofits or schools, selling winning designs can generate revenue for programs, trips, or causes. Even without sales, the contest can boost visibility and attract new supporters through social media buzz.

5. Uncovers Hidden Talent

A contest is a low-pressure way to discover creative talent within the group. Winning designs can be used for future branding, events, or merchandise, giving the group fresh, original content.

6. Creates a Fun, Inclusive Tradition

When run as an annual event, a t-shirt contest can become a cherished tradition, giving members a recurring opportunity to contribute and celebrate together.

In summary: A t-shirt making contest can be a creative, unifying, and practical activity that strengthens group identity, engages members, and can even bring in resources or recognition. The key is to set clear goals, keep the process inclusive, and celebrate the creativity of everyone involved.

MARIA REUMERT GJERDING'S SWEARING-IN AT AMALIENBORG

On 3 June 2026, Maria Reumert Gjerding, a Danish politician and former president of the Danish Society for Nature Conservation, was sworn in as Minister for the Environment in the new Mette Frederiksen III government. The ceremony took place at Amalienborg Castle in Copenhagen, the official residence of the Danish Prime Minister.

Gjerding, born on 3 August 1978 in Copenhagen, had previously served in the Folketing (Danish Parliament) for the Red-Green Alliance from 2015 to 2018, where she was a multi-issue spokesperson on environment, climate, agriculture, green transition, animal welfare, family, and democracy. She stepped down from parliament in 2018 to lead the Danish Society for Nature Conservation, a role she held until June 2026.



Her swearing-in marked a political comeback, as she joined the **Green Left (SF)** party for the first time, making her the only SF minister brought in from outside the party's existing ministerial team. SF's chairperson, Pia Olsen Dyhr, became Minister for Economic and Interior Affairs, while other SF ministers included Jacob Mark (Children, Elderly, and Housing), Signe Munk (Cities, Countryside, and Transport), and Lisbeth Bech-Nielsen (Public Security and Emergency Preparedness).

At the ceremony, Gjerding expressed her enthusiasm for the new government's platform, which she described as rare and promising, citing measures such as a ban on pesticide spraying on 160,000 hectares of land, improved pig production plans, and stronger climate ambitions.

PHOTO LEFT: In this photo Maria Reumert Gjerding leaves Amalienborg Castle, Copenhagen, after being sworn in as Minister of Environment.

This photo was taken on June 3, 2026, and is the work of Valdemar Baes Aaholst.

This photo can be found at [https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Maria_Reumert_Gjerding_at_Amalienborg_after_being_Sworn_In_as_Minister_of_Environment.jpg)

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MERCHANT MALL VENDOR REGISTRATION

Weaving our Danish Story



DSS National Convention - Chicago 2027

Danish Sisterhood of America MERCHANT MALL VENDOR REGISTRATION FORM

The leaders, delegates and members of the Danish Sisterhood of America will be gathering for the 29th National Convention at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Rosemont, Illinois September 30 – October 2, 2027.

A highly anticipated feature of the convention is the Merchant Mall. Space is available at \$150.00 for three days. This fee covers use of a 6' 2" table with tablecloth, skirting, and two chairs. No charge for electric, but if connection is needed, vendors must bring their own extension cords/power strips.

Room size will accommodate only 10 tables which will be reserved based on the order in which vendor form and payment are received. Set-up will be available Thursday, September 30, 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Vendor Name/Lodge _____

Individual Contact Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Email Address _____ Phone _____

Number of Tables _____ **Total Fee** _____

Please mail this completed form and a check payable to Dagmar Lodge No. 4 to:

Caroline Christensen

2027 DSS Convention Committee

3438 N. Opal Avenue

Chicago, IL 60634-3045

Please direct questions to Caroline Christensen at cdtensen@gmail.com or 773-315-9031.

Thank you for your interest and support of the Danish Sisterhood of America.

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:

Wrigley Field - an American icon

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

Botanic Gardens

The Morton Arboretum

Lamb's 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...!



PHOTO LEFT: This is a photo of Rosenborg Castle buildings. This photo was taken on July 22, 2018. The photographer is Suicasmo. This picture can be found at https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Rosenborg_Castle_buildings_20180722-1.jpg

Rosenborg Castle is a magnificent Renaissance structure in Copenhagen. The castle site is one of famous architect Christian IV's developments, originally constructed in 1606 to serve as a summer country residence. The castle is open to the public.

Within the castle building, The Long Hall was built as an opulent ballroom in 1624 and served as a banquet hall

and Royal Reception Hall from approximately 1700. In the latter part of the 19th century, it was renamed the Knight's Hall. A castle museum showcases Royal collections, also referred to as the Rosenberg Collections. The castle treasury showcases the Danish Crown Regalia as well as the Crown Jewels. The castle is situated in the "Rosenborg Castle Garden", also known as "The King's Garden". The Rosenborg Castle Gardens, also known as the King's Garden (Kongens Have), is the oldest park in Copenhagen, Denmark, established in 1606 by King Christian IV as a Renaissance-style pleasure and kitchen garden (vegetable garden) surrounding his newly built summer residence, Rosenborg Castle. Spanning approximately 30 acres (12 hectares) in the heart of the city, the gardens blend formal parterres, tree-lined avenues, and manicured lawns with historical pavilions and statues, serving today as a free public oasis that attracts approximately 2.5 million visitors annually.

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

PHOTO RIGHT: Description of earrings by Sandager, Rinkøbing, Denmark. Heart-shaped laser cut earrings in dark red wood from 1.5 MM (millimeter) Birch veneer. Inspired by the classic Christmas heart but can be worn all year. Available in either silver or gold covered steel - nickel free. Length app. 1.5", Cost \$12.00

Julia Stenderup, T.Shirt designer and contest winner: Her T.Shirts are for sale below!



PHOTOS ABOVE, FRONT AND BACK: Gildan Softstyle V-neck T-Shirt Sport Grey, Medium to 2XL — \$30.00. Model is Caroline Christensen from Lodge #4.



PHOTOS ABOVE, FRONT AND BACK: Gildan Heavy Cotton Long Sleeve T-Shirt Indigo blue, Medium to 2 XL — \$30.00. Model is Cynthia Andersen from Lodge #4.

To order, contact: Karen Vig-Keathley
Email: trustee3@danishsisterhood.com
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109 South First St., Itasca, IL 60143

Note: Prices do not include shipping and handling.



PHOTOS ABOVE, FRONT AND BACK: Gildan Heavy Cotton T-Shirt Indigo Blue, Medium to 2 XL \$25.00. Model is Lea Olesen from Lodge #4.



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Greetings from Linda, Elsa & Elizabeth Steffensen
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