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President's Corner



Christina Sallee, National President

Another year has gone by and 2019 is behind us: with all of its memories both happy and sad. In front of us lies 2020 with its hope, inspiration and encouragement.

The new Board is also full of hope and ideas, and we look forward to meeting as many of you as possible in the coming years to discuss ideas, changes and give encouragement to all Sisters.

This year marks 100 years since Denmark was reunited with Southern Jutland, and King Christian X famously rode across Kongeå (King's stream) on his white horse. The Sisterhood celebrates this important moment with our bi-annual trip to Denmark in August when we spend several days in the Schleswig-Holstein area exploring the reunification and what it meant to the Danes in the area. You do not want to miss this trip that is open to all. Please reach out to Connie Schell, or look at our website, if you are interested.

At our National Convention we were able to see the fantastic progress the Museum of Danish America has been able to achieve in the time since we delivered our treasures to them in 2017. There is much still to be processed, catalogued and displayed and to that end the Museum was able to secure a matching fund grant which will secure a dedicated person for 2 years to the Danish Sisterhood collection. Our portion of this grant is to raise \$45,000, so I appeal to you, and ask you to think of this goal when making your donations.

Like many of you, I watched Queen Margrethe's New Year speech, and towards the end she sends greetings to all Danes abroad with new year's wishes and thanks them for their faithfulness to the old country. I too wish you all a Happy New Year, and thank you for your faithfulness to the Danish Sisterhood.

Meget taknemligt,
Christina Sallee, National President

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Velkommen



Lauren C. Nielsen, Editor

Dear Sisters,

I'm currently sitting in my living room, wrapped up in a blanket as the snow slowly drifts to the ground outside my window. Whenever we get a lot of snow (which is fairly often here in Minnesota), I send a little photo or video to my cousins in Denmark. I get exclamations of "I'm jealous!" or "Lucky!" or "Looks like great skiing weather!" in return.

It is funny to me that they are jealous of our great snow accumulation, when I am jealous that I'm not in Denmark! But, it does make me thankful for what I have and for the experiences that are unique to my part of the world.

One of my favorite things when I was in Denmark was to talk with my family and compare and contrast our lives, from politics to food to favorite tv shows and daily rituals. In some ways, we are very different—but in many more ways we are very much alike! I remember these conversations fondly and wonder if others have similar conversations too. If you have, please share!

I'd like to extend an invitation to all of my Sisters out there and to all of our Lodges—please keep in touch! We'd love to hear from you, learn about what your lodges are up to, what your Danish traditions or histories are, see photos of your events or travels to Denmark. It takes all of us to keep the Sisterhood going and it takes all of us to keep our Danish heritage alive.

Until next time...

Lauren C. Nielsen, Editor

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Youth Birthdays

Happy January Birthday to:

Names	Lodge	Age
Taylor Pietrok	131	18
Chloe Myers	78	11
Isabella Guyer	78	17
Magnus Hansen	68	9

On the Cover

Title: A View of Randers from Vorup Enge
Location: Randers, 2015
Photo by: Lauren C. Nielsen

Just on the outskirts of Randers, there's a small meadow and wildlife refuge called Vorup Enge. Vorup Enge has beautiful little walking paths, bird watching towers, and even bison!

It is also a wonderful place to get a view of Randers itself.

Submit Your Cover Photo!

Do you have a photo that you'd like to see on the cover of the Danish Sisterhood News? Send in your submissions and yours could be featured next!

Photographs must be high resolution and should be accompanied by a short description of the photo's content. Photos from Danish events, Sisterhood meetings, travels around Denmark, Danish culture and more are all great topics. Send photos to: editor@danishsisterhood.com

Ellen Lodge #21 Updates

It has been a very busy three Months for Ellen Lodge. Our very talented and engaged President Gitte Jappe Ross moved to Louisiana a few months ago where she still served as our President for the remainder of the year. Gitte held the responsibility for the crafts we make to sell at Holiday Fairs, but fortunately two of our Sisters, Mindy Brown and Pia Hansen, successfully took over our craft sessions, and proceeded to set up crafts for sale at the District/National convention's Merchant Mall in Omaha, Nebraska.

October started with Ellen Lodge's participation in both the Nebraska/Colorado District Meeting on 2 October and the National Convention from 3-5 October.

Our Delegate Joanna Christiansen provided an overview of the Lodges activities over the last year.

A poignant Memorial Service was conducted by Chris Hix and Pia Edgar with assistance from other Lodge members.. Sadly, we lost two sisters, Cheryl Sanford and Grethe Jensen. Lodge #90 lost Irene Gnata, Margie Miller, and Sheryl Oliver.

The District Bylaws were approved, Meeting closed and the District Officers were installed.

That evening a Banquets was held at the Upstream Brewery, attended by 31 members. A great time was had by all.

The National Convention started on 3 October with a day for a tour of the Museum of Danish America and the Danish Windmill in Elk Horn, Iowa, followed by a dinner. Some of us did our own tour, that included the Scandinavian Shop in Elkhorn, Nebraska and the Danish Windmill in Elk Horn, Iowa.

Sister Linda Brooks represented Ellen Lodge at the convention where changes to the DSS Constitution and by-laws were accepted or rejected as needed. In addition, Linda was elected as Nationals Treasurer.

The convention ended on Saturday night with a banquet and we returned to Colorado on Sunday.

On November 1-2 we participated win the Trollheim Craft Fair, as we do annually, where our Holiday Creations were displayed and sold. Combined with the sales at the Convention in Omaha we managed to do very well and were able to support several charities and good causes.

The next time we met was our normal Monthly meeting held on 16 November where we needed to vote on Ellen Lodge #21's Board for 2020. As is normal, we heard the reports from several members and were treated to a wonderful lunch hosted by Lynne McEachern and co-hosted by Glenda Heil and Linda Brooks. Mindy Brown and Pia Hansen brought crafts left from the other endeavors for us so buy.

Our last get-together was the Christmas Luncheon held on 14 December. Mindy Brown had graciously offered her beautifully decorated house for the Lunch. It was hosted by Mindy, Pia Hansen. and Joanna Christiansen.

After mingling, chatting and much laughter we enjoyed a wonderful lunch of Pork Roast with the crackling, brown (candied) potatoes, mashed potatoes, Red Cabbage, Lingonberries, gravy, vegetable platter, cheese platter, and several other vegetables. Wine, tea coffee and water and then the Dessert. Ris ala'mande with dark cherry sauce, cookies and cakes. Needless to say, nobody went home hungry. We had the usual reading of a funny story and gift exchange. Installation of officers for 2020 took place: Past President – Pia Edgar, President – Chris Jensen Hix, Vice President – Dorthe Brush, Secretary – Andrea Thomsen, Treasurer – Mindy Brown, First Trustee – Malinda Ringo, Second Trustee – Ethel Jergensen Evans, and Third Trustee – shared by Birgitte Jappe Ross and Inge Nagata. The Ellen Lodge #21 Sisters hope you had a wonderful Holiday Season and wish you a terrific New Year.

Dorthe Houlby Brush,
Ellen Lodge #21

2019 Danish Sisterhood National Conventionw

The 27th National Convention of our historic organization took place October 3-5, 2019 in Omaha, Nebraska. While it's not possible to include every detail of the three-day event, highlights can be provided!



Adventures in the Danish Villages

On Thursday, October 3rd, delegates and participants boarded two buses for a trip to Elk Horn, Iowa to explore the Museum of Danish America, the Museum's Genealogy Center, and the charming (and treasure-filled) Danish Windmill.

Lisa Steen Riggs, Manager of the Danish Wind Mill, rolled out the red carpet for guests with a 10% discount in thanks for the donations from Danish Sisterhood members and lodges to restore the historic windmill. She was dressed in traditional attire and handed out samples of Viking mead as visitors walked in the door.

The Museum of Danish America's tours of the private collections gave members the chance to see how the Danish Sisterhood history is being cared for and preserved. Additionally, the Genealogy Center in the center of Elk Horn was open for business, and numerous members were able to

connect with center volunteers to continue (or begin!) their own searches. Dinner Thursday evening was hosted by the Museum and included Museum board members and was held at the beautiful Therkildsen Center in Harland, Iowa, just a short drive from Elk Horn.

Effective Meetings

President Sindy Mikkelsen led two days of very productive meetings. Representatives from 33 lodges (including one proxy) were present. Following presentations from the National Board on the state of the Sisterhood, 44 proposals were discussed and voted upon by delegates. A few key proposals were passed:

- A request to copy the Lodge President on all official lodge business from National Board members to lodge officers. Hopefully this ad-

dition will increase the likelihood that important information is not missed by lodges.

- Tivoli Lodge #300 submitted a proposal allowing them to proceed with a more structured lodge. In months to come, members will be developing bylaws, electing officers, holding virtual meetings each year and working with National to ensure members can qualify to be delegates at National Conventions.
- It was suggested and voted upon to place the name of our founder, Christine Hemmingsen, on the Danish Immigrant Wall of Honor at the Museum of Danish America to her foresight to support other Danish immigrants. The plaque will also include the name of her husband, Niels Hemmingsen, and will be available at the museum later this year.

On Saturday the new National Board was elected. The following women look forward to working with you over the next four years for the betterment of the Danish Sisterhood:

President: Christina Sallee
Mount Hood Lodge #81, Portland, OR

Vice President: Karin Schoen Wasler
Princess Marie Lodge #68, Los Angeles, CA

Secretary: Glenda Madrid
Flora Danica Lodge #177, Solvang, CA

Treasurer: Linda Brooks
Ellen Lodge #21, Denver, CO

Trustee, Butikken: Linda Holz
Des Moines Lodge #102, Des Moines, IA

Trustee, Scholarship: Nealna Gylling
Amber Lodge #81, Brainerd, MN

Trustee, Membership: Karen Vig-Keathley
Dagmar Lodge #4, Chicago, IL

Workshops With New Perspectives

Following convention meetings on Saturday, guest speakers offered delegates and visitors new views on the use of social media for lodge growth and the preservation of historical items, both personal and lodge. See future DSS Newsletters for tips and tricks from both presentations.

Linsey Knerl, a Tivoli Lodge #300 member

from just outside Omaha, encouraged lodges to engage the use of social media platforms such as Instagram and Facebook to foster lodge growth and online involvement.

Cheyenne Jansdatter of the Museum of Danish America, answered numerous questions about the best ways to preserve photos, and other items critical to our history.

Musical Entertainment

In addition to spontaneous member sing-alongs, our entertainment included the songs of the all-male University of Nebraska-Lincoln a cappella group, the Bathtub Dogs and their female counterparts, Boots & Cats. Their entertaining show included a healthy mix of oldies and modern hits. Saturday evening's entertainment was the fabulously talented Danish violinist and composer, Mads Tolling. Mads' performed a wide range of musical compositions covering various genres from classical to jazz adding a fresh spin on old favorites. His fun show had us dancing in our seats when we weren't sitting at the edge of them in anticipation of the next notes to fly from his violin.

Special Thanks

The National Board would like to thank the following individuals and groups for their contributions (monetary, time or otherwise) to the 2019 National Convention. We couldn't have done it without you.

Lauren Nielsen
John Rasmussen
The Danish Home Foundation
Davenport Lodge #3
Denver Lodge #21
Des Moines Lodge #21
Museum of Danish America
Linda Holz
Jannet Tricarico
Vicki Bousquet
Jane Nyffeler
Lizette Burtis

Tivoli Lodge Changes

A few important changes are in store for Tivoli Lodge, #300

Join us every second Thursday at 5 pm PST for an online gathering to get to know one another and prepare for our future as a voting lodge. We have held three online meetings so far. We look forward to seeing you there next month! We are looking for members to join us to hear what you'd like to see as our lodge changes!

We use ZOOM technology for our meetings, which is an online meeting portal using the sound and camera tools within your computer or Smart device. You can also call in using the telephone without the Zoom technology.

WHEN: Every Second Thursday of the month, 5 pm PST

WHERE: Zoom online meeting, <https://zoom.us/j/634780171>

HOW:

- Open a web browser and type the above URL into the address bar (not the search bar – be sure you are typing it into the browser itself)
- Click on JOIN A MEETING. Note: Do NOT sign in or host a meeting
- Enter Meeting ID 634-780-171
- Type in your first and last name (so we can see who you are!)
- Click JOIN
- Click JOIN WITH VIDEO
- Then choose to JOIN WITH COMPUTER or PHONE

If you prefer to join us using only the telephone, please dial:

- East Coast: 1 929 205 6099
- West Coast: 1 669 900 6833
- When prompted, enter Meeting ID: 634 780 171

Questions about the changes in the Tivoli Lodge?

Please reach out to one of the following members:

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Karin Wasler (310) 903-8837	vicepresident@danishsisterhood.com

Sisterhood Archives Project Update

Dear Members of the Danish Sisterhood,

Godt Nytår allesamen! I hope that you had a wonderful and fulfilling holiday season. I'm writing to update you on the progress of the DSS Archival Collection. From conversations that I had with Sisters during your visit in October, I have decided to begin by cataloging the ledger collection. The ledgers hold a wealth of knowledge about your lodges' history, and for many of you, your family's history. I spoke with several Sisters looking for their grandparents or great-grandparents in the ledgers.

The Danish American Archive and Library (DAAL) in Blair, NE, formerly the Danish Immigrant Archive located at Dana College, contacted me in October to offer their collection of DSS materials to be added to the larger collection. This included some objects, documents, and 80 DSS ledgers from various lodges. This brings the total count of ledgers to 269 and the total document box count to 57, among other albums, framed items, and Sisterhood Newsletters.

We recently purchased 66 acid-free archival book storage boxes for the ledgers, to help keep them stable and to make it easier to access them. The 80 ledgers that DAAL gave to us have joined the original 189 ledgers on the beautiful, archival-grade shelves that were purchased specifically for this collection.

Both the cost of time spent cataloging the collection and the materials for keeping your history safe are funded by the HRDP Grant and your generous matching contributions. I would like to thank those lodges that have already donated to raise a total of \$7,325.24 toward the \$43,000 goal:

Danish Sisterhood Lodge #3, Davenport, IA
Danish Sisterhood Dagmar Lodge #4, Chicago, IL
Danish Sisterhood Thyra Lodge #19, Olympia/Tacoma, WA
Danish Sisterhood Katherine Lodge #20, Kenosha, WI
Danish Sisterhood Ellen Lodge #21, Denver, CO
Danish Sisterhood Nordstjerne Lodge #100, Marlette, MI
Danish Sisterhood Lodge #102, Des Moines, IA
Danish Sisterhood Frihed Lodge #153, Hartford, CT
Danish Sisterhood Lodge Flora Danica #177, Solvang, CA
Danish Sisterhood Danske Damer Lodge #185, Cleveland, OH
Danish Sisterhood Amber Lodge #186, Brainerd, MN
Danish Sisterhood Hygge Lodge #188, Enumclaw, WA

I am enjoying becoming more familiar with each lodge's individual history. Thank you for your part in making this possible!

Cheyenne Jansdatter
Archival Collections Manager
Museum of Danish America



DSS 2020 Tour of Denmark & the German Border Land

The Danish Sisterhood is happy to announce its 4th tour of Denmark – this time including the part of Northern Germany which at one time belonged to Denmark. Benedikte Ehlers will again be our tour guide, and she has planned another fantastic tour for us.

This tour will give us more time to explore and experience Copenhagen as we will spend the first 3 nights at the Imperial Hotel located in downtown Copenhagen, only a short walk from Tivoli (the famous amusement park), City Hall, the Main Train Station and, of course, shopping streets.

On August 11 we may start checking into the hotel at 3:00 pm. Most flights from the US arrive in Copenhagen in the morning, so you will have plenty of time to get from the airport to the hotel in time for Benedikte's "Welcome Meeting" at 6 o'clock. You can take the train directly from the arrival hall of the airport to the main train station, or if you are less adventurous you may opt for a taxi right to the hotel door.

After the 3 days in Copenhagen the bus will take us across the islands of Sjælland (Zealand) and Fyn (Funen) to Jylland (Jutland) where we'll head south, towards the part of Schleswig-Holstein that in days gone by has been the subject of much contention between Denmark and Germany. After the war of 1864 Germany took most of South Jutland (Sønderjylland), which remained under German rule until 1920 when a large area north the present border was regained as a result of a referendum. The centennial of this referendum and the subsequent reunification of Sønderjylland will be celebrated during 2020. Once we cross the border to Germany, we will see many reminders that this area was at one time part of Denmark. We will travel through this beautiful area of Germany and visit old "Danish" towns, such as Friedrichstadt – or in Danish "Frederiksstad", named for Danish King Frederik 1. (1471-1533), Schleswig, and Glücksburg. After the return to Denmark, we will visit the island of Als, and Fyn - this time arriving by ferry from Als. On Fyn we will have the experience of staying 2 nights at a real "fairy-tale castle - Hvedholm Castle, where we also stayed during the 2016 tour. It was a fabulous experience – giving us a taste of how the nobility lived in the past. From the castle we'll tour the area of South Funen – and the tiny island of Bjørnø (Bear Island) – a place that not many have heard of!

To give you a quick insight into the places we will visit and the pace of the tour, the entire itinerary is attached, including the names of the accommodations we will be using in case you would like to google them – or use it as contact information. Benedikte always makes sure that we have plenty of stops along the way so we can stretch our legs and maybe enjoy a little refreshment – both very important to Danes!

I hope this itinerary – planned with our group in mind - will sound just as exciting and inspiring to you as it does to me. I am sure that not many American tourists have found the tiny island of Bjørnø included in their travel plans. This tour also provides opportunities for participants looking for a little more action, i.e. a couple of opportunities to go swimming in the beautiful Baltic Sea (weather permitting!); so if you feel so inclined, bring your swim suit! A spa treatment is also an option while in Glücksburg.

History

During 2020, the centennial of the reunification of Southern Jutland with the rest of Denmark will be celebrated by Danes throughout the area. Part of Schleswig-Holstein was lost to Germany in 1864 during the 2nd Prussian War and part of this was regained by a referendum in 1920.

Itinerary for the 12-day Tour

August 11-22, 2020

Copenhagen 3 nights, Friedrichstadt (Germany – formerly Denmark) 2 nights, Glücksburg (Germany) 2 nights, Sønderborg (DK) 2 nights, Hvedholm Castle (DK) 2 nights

Day 1 – August 11, 2020

3:00pm – Check into Hotel Imperial, Vester Farimagsgade 9, 1606 Copenhagen – tel: 45 33 12 80 00

6:00pm – Welcome reception and informational meeting with Benedikte Ehlers

7:30pm – Dinner in Copenhagen

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Day 2 – August 12, 2020

7:00 – 8:30am – Breakfast - Imperial Hotel

9:00am - All day in Copenhagen, visiting Town Hall, Cathedral, Grundtvig's Church, Glyptoteket, bus tour to see the new, modern buildings and more.

7:00pm – Dinner in Copenhagen

Day 3 – August 13, 2020

7:00 – 8:30am – Breakfast – Imperial Hotel

9:00am – Copenhagen and surrounding area: Kastellet, new harbor, Frederiksborg Castle and Hillerød

7:00pm - Dinner in Copenhagen

Day 4 – August 14, 2020

7:00 – 8:30am – Breakfast – Imperial Hotel

9:00am – Travel to Friedrichstadt, Germany (formerly part of Denmark). On the way we will see Kongeåen, the river which formed the Danish-German border from 1864 to 1920, and make stops in the small towns of Højer and Rudbøl, both located in the low-lying area of western South Jutland. An old dike built in 1556 to protect the towns can still be seen. Rudbøl is now a border town, where you can stand with one foot in Denmark and the other in Germany. After crossing the border, entering the part of Germany that up until the war of 1864 was Danish, we will continue to the pretty little town of Friedrichstadt, where we will spend two nights at Hotel Aquarium.

7:30pm – Dinner at the hotel - 3-course menu

Day 5 – August 15, 2020

7:00 – 8:30am – Breakfast at Hotel Aquarium

9:00am – Travel to Eiderstadt, Nordstrand, Husum, Tønning, and back to Friedrichstadt to see the old Danish buildings.

7:30pm – Dinner at the hotel – 3-course menu

Day 6 – August 16, 2020

7:00am – Breakfast at Hotel Aquarium

9:00am – Travel to the city of Schleswig, where we among other things will visit the Cathedral and see the beautiful altar piece created by Hans Brüggermann (1514-1521) as well as the grave of King Frederik 1. of Denmark. Then on to the ancient Danish fortification of Dannevirke, started before 500AD and later expanded by Harald Bluetooth and several other historical figures, and finally visiting Gottorp Castle, which at one time was the residence of King Frederik 1. We then head north to the Baltic Sea, where we will spend two nights at Strandhotel Glücksburg - a beautiful beach hotel with an opportunity to go swimming in Flensburg Fjord – an inlet of the Baltic.

8:00pm – Dinner at Strandhotel Glücksburg – 3-course surprise menu

Day 7 – August 17, 2020

7:00 8:30am - Breakfast at the hotel

9:00am – Travel to Glücksburg to see the beautiful castle built 1582-87, and used as a summer residence for the Danish Royal family. We'll then continue to the border town of Flensburg where we'll observe the many reminders of the city's many Danish ties, such as Norder Tor (Nørreport) built by Christian 4., the Danish school (Duborgskolen), Danish library, Maria Church from 1284, and more.

4:00pm – We head back to Strandhotel Glücksburg where we can relax before dinner – and maybe go for a swim – or a spa treatment (just make sure you make an appointment early!)

8:00pm – Dinner at the hotel – 3-course surprise menu

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Day 8 – August 18, 2020

7:00-8:00am – Breakfast at the hotel

9:30am – Depart for Sønderborg- north of the border. On the way there we'll visit Dybbøl Mølle – an old mill which has become a memorial to the struggles Southern Jutland has endured, then on to Gråsten Castle – a favorite summer residence of Queen Margrethe 2. and her sisters, just as it was a favorite of their mother Queen Ingrid's. We will then cross to the island of Als and tour the Sønderborg area before checking in to our hotel.

4:00pm - Hotel Sønderborg Strand – check-in

7:00pm – Dinner at the hotel – 2-course menu

Day 9 – August 19, 2020

7:00-8:30am – Breakfast at the hotel

9:30am – Travel to Tønder and Møgeltønder for sight-seeing in these charming towns in the very southern-most part of Denmark

4:00pm – Return to Sønderborg – with time for the beach, shops, and cafés

7:00pm – Dinner at Hotel Sønderborg Strand – 2-course dinner

Day 10 – August 20, 2020

7:00-8:30am – Breakfast at the hotel

9:30am – We travel north on the island of Als to visit the towns of Augustenborg and Nordborg before heading to Fynshav.

3:00pm – Ferry from Fynshav to Bøjden on the island of Fyn

4:30pm – Check-in at Hvedholm Castle - the beautiful castle where we stayed on the 2016 tour

7:00pm – Dinner at the castle – 3-course menu – plus coffee and sweets (the Danish way to end a fine dinner!)

Day 11 – August 21, 2020

7:00-8:30am – Breakfast at the castle

9:30 – Explore the area of southern Fyn (Funen) with a visit to Horne Church – one of the few “round churches” outside Bornholm, and Holstein Hus Park. Then we'll venture to the tiny island of Bjørnø – definitely not one of the most “touristy” islands in Denmark.

6:00pm – Dinner at Hvedholm Castle – 3-course menu plus Coffee and sweets

Day 12 – August 22, 2020

7:00-8:30am Breakfast at the castle

9:30am – Travel to Copenhagen where the bus will let us off – and the tour will come to an end.

The above itinerary may vary slightly if necessary – or in the interest of the group

Additional information: Benedikte Ehlers has again this year made arrangements for extra nights – at the group rate – at the Imperial Hotel for the convenience of those participants who would like to come to Copenhagen a day or two before the start of the tour, and also for anyone wishing to spend time after the conclusion of the tour. Ten twin/double rooms will be available from August 9 to August 11 for a price of \$240 (US) per night/per room – and again from Aug. 22 -23 at the same price. Please let us know if you are interested in booking a room before and/or after the tour.

NOTE: Rooms for Aug. 11, 12, and 13, 2020 are included in the tour price.

DSS 2020 Tour of Denmark & the German Border Land

Price details:

The tour price includes

- Transportation in a 4 star bus, serving coffee, tea, and cold drinks during rest stops
- 11 nights' accommodations in 3 and 4 star hotels and one castle
- 11 breakfasts and 11 dinners
- All entry fees at museums, castles, ferry crossings, etc.

Lunches will be on your own as will drinks and wine at dinner.

With a minimum of 40 participants (maximum 50) the members' price will be **\$2,975.00/per person** based on double occupancy.

Additional charge for non-members: \$250. Additional charge for single room: \$850

NOTE: The price does NOT include the airfare portion of the trip

Deposit of **\$1000 per person** is due at the time of booking

Deadline for booking is March 1, 2020

All final payments and additional fees (non-member and single room) are due May 1, 2020

Refund policy:

Cancelling prior to **March 1, 2020** – refund \$750

Cancelling between **March 1 and April 30, 2020** – refund \$500

Cancelling **after May 1, 2020** – no refund, unless your place can be filled from the waiting list in which case you will be refunded \$500

The price of the tour is subject to change until the time of the final payment. The quoted price is based on the present exchange rate of 6.60Dkk = \$1.00

For more information, please contact :

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This year I will be in Florida for part of the winter, so to make sure I receive your check on time, please note the following dates and address change for mailing your reservation/deposit to me:

Until January 1, 2020 and after April 1, 2020 my address will be

Connie Schell

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Red plastic heart-shaped paper clip
\$1.00



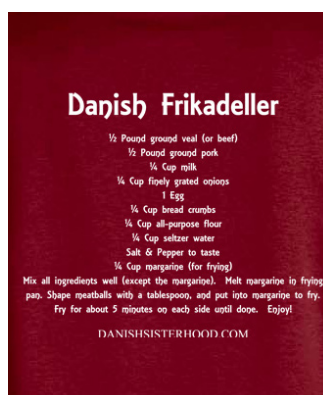
Greeting Cards
blank inside, \$1.00 each



Black baseball cap with heart logo in satin stitch embroidery
\$20.00



Frik T- Shirt
Red with white print (Front and Back Shown)
M, L, XL, XXL
\$20



Black baseball cap with heart logo in sequins
\$20.00



Laser cut boxes
(unassembled) for table favors
\$ 0.75

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Sisterhood License Plate Frame

Frame has dual fastening holes at the top of the frame. White with red DSS logo.
\$4.00 each or 2 for \$6.00



Coral Pendant with Silver Filigree

Red and silver necklace pendant
\$45.00



Car Decal

White with a red Danish Flag Heart
\$3.00 ea or 2 for \$5.00



Red ball point pen with
Sisterhood website address
\$5.00



Denmark Flag Enamel Earrings

pierced \$10/pair



Wine Bottle Opener

Red with black trim, danishsisterhood.com
printed on side.
\$5.00



DSS Fleece Jacket

Available Red and Black
\$37.50



Onesie

Red with white print
6 mo - 12 mo - 18 mo
\$15.00



Heartscarf

Available in Red and White
\$15.00

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DSS Angel Member Status



The Danish Sisterhood has a new and very special member status, the DSS Angels. This status belongs to those members that wish to gift their funeral benefit back to the Sisterhood. We have had some members in the past make the Sisterhood their beneficiary. We believe this is a generous and significant gift, and wish to honor them while we can, keeping a list of our current "Angels" posted.

If you wish to change your status, please contact your lodge or National Secretary for a Beneficiary Change form. Your benefit does not need to be fully paid yet, and you would be expected to maintain your payments, as the Sisterhood will not receive the benefit until your passing. Those that do not have a funeral benefit as part of your membership category are welcome to participate by donating \$1000 to the Danish Sisterhood, which can be sent to the National Treasurer.

On behalf of our entire membership, we wish to thank and honor as our first Angels:

Lodge #	Name
166	Viola Wilson
168	Joann Scott
126	Dorothy Petersen
188	Karin Plagens
75	Sandra Nelson
22	Carole Hodges
15	Andrea Sue Welling Leih
12	Elizabeth Haar
177	Glenda Madrid
125	Nancy J. Mayland

Address Changes

If you have moved please use this form to notify the Danish Sisterhood of America.

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Solvang, CA 93463

I belong to Lodge #:

Name: _____

New Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____

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- Submissions should be received by the Editor by the 1st of the month previous to the month published (Deadlines can be found on page 2).
- Please submit captions for pictures, including names of people in the picture.
- Text for submissions should be less than 600 words (one typed page).
- Mail or electronic submissions are welcomed
- The Editor will proofread for spelling and grammatical errors and will edit for clarity.

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