

The Danish Immigrant Museum



An International Cultural Center
Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II of Denmark, Protector

Annual Report 2007



A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

January 2008

Dear Friends and
Supporters of
The Danish
Immigrant Museum,

In calendar year 2008, The Danish Immigrant Museum celebrates its 25th anniversary. Over the past 25 years, much has been accomplished. A tremendous thank you goes to the many dedicated people, volunteers and staff, who have made this possible. Pat yourself on the back as without you there would be no national museum in the heart of the continent. Our Danish heritage would not have been preserved to the extent it is today without you!

It is appropriate to reflect briefly on what has been accomplished. Much persistence and perspiration was expended on making the institution the fine place it is today. I think our forbearers would be proud of the work that has been done across the country to bring this effort to fruition. Being a native of the Danish Villages area (Elk Horn and Kimballton) having lived there for the first 18 years of my being, I can't help but speculate what some of the "old" Danish pioneers of these villages would say if they were able to visit the area for a day. I would envision the harness maker, the Danish baker, feed and drug store owners, grocer, veterinarian, hardware dealer and physician all shaking their heads and marveling that there is a national museum commemorating those simple, hardworking, good folks who sought to become Americans. I'll bet many "old" humble Danes around the country would react similarly – "What

did we do to deserve this"?

As my four grandparents immigrated separately to this emerging nation, I speculate what their thoughts must have been. Certainly their feelings must have been mixed. Probably immense sadness at leaving family knowing they may never see them again. I suspect there was anxiety at how they would cope in the new world probably not knowing the language. There must have been great anticipation as to what opportunities they would find. The questions and speculation could go on and on, but we all know courage had to be a strong part of the constitution of the immigrant striking out to a new life in an unfamiliar world.

The immigrant experiences of the past must be preserved! Yet as we look at the next 25 years, we need not only reflect on the immigrant experience, but our focus needs to expand to include many other aspects of our heritage. Our Danish heritage has made numerous significant contributions to a better world. Danish Americans have made wonderful contributions. Those stories also need to be told. "Across Oceans, Across Times, Across Generations" appropriately indicates some challenges of the past, but also points us in a direction to the future. Our task to capture this new mission will be complex and difficult. The task will continue to require the efforts of so many dedicated people. Another aspect needing further concentration is the method by which we bring these stories to people and places. Virtual museum technology and traveling exhibits are some of the ways the Danish story may be told in the future.

Obviously, as we look to the



Marc L. Petersen, President

challenges of the future, we must have a firm foundation upon which to build. We need both your financial and volunteer support. Certainly membership renewal and recruitment is a key way to assist. So too are the volunteer efforts to support various museum activities. Another vital area of needed support is financial. Give thought to including the museum in your estate plans. Finally annual giving and multiple year pledges are the backbone of the entire museum operation. I ask, as we move forward in the immediate future, we all try to strengthen the foundation of our national museum. Only with a strong secure underpinning, can this passion of passing on our culture to current and future generations be accomplished. In whatever way you can contribute, please do so! Your efforts will be making our quest to preserve our heritage easier for all who will follow us. Give thought to the role you could possibly play in making our tomorrow stronger and more substantial.

*Sincerely,
Marc Petersen*

A LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



*Dr. John Mark Nielsen,
Executive Director*

Twenty-five years ago, on a cold night in February 1993, a committee named by the Danish American Heritage Society to investigate sites for a museum celebrating the Danish experience in the United States met in Elk Horn at the invitation of the community. As a junior member of the committee, I remember the night well.

Over 400 people assembled in the high school gymnasium along with then Governor of Iowa Terry Branstad to make a case for why Iowa and the communities of Elk Horn and Kimballton should be the site of a national museum. The obvious enthusiasm, the demonstrated community effort in

negotiating, purchasing, moving from Denmark and reconstructing a Danish Windmill, the location along Interstate 80 and the proximity to Danish American institutions like the headquarters of The Danish Brotherhood in America located in Omaha, and Dana College and Grand View College were compelling reasons; the committee decided to recommend Elk Horn as the place.

Twenty-five years ago, we had nothing but a dream. Over the years, the dream has taken form, so that today we are an institution with almost 5 million dollars in assets. Many, many have been responsible for our success. First of all, you, our members, are primarily responsible. Since our founding, over 15,000 members and donors have supported our efforts to establish a museum and have watched us as we have grown. We are deeply grateful to each and every one of you.

While it is dangerous to identify names as one runs the risk of not identifying an individual or individuals one should, I must recognize again the family of Consul Bruce R. Lauritzen and the Lauritzen Corporation. Their generosity has enabled us to retire a debt of 1.6 million dollars. As I wrote in the 2007

summer issue of our *America Letter*, “I believe the Danish American community, whether museum members or not, owe the Lauritzens a great debt of gratitude.”

The other person I want to acknowledge is Gunnar Horn, a long-time English teacher at Benson High School in Omaha; though a man of modest means, his estate gift was the seed for our Holger Danske Endowment. Today, our endowment is over 1.2 million dollars. That growth has happened because many, like Gunnar Horn, have realized that it is our endowment that will help to assure our museum will have the resources to support future annual budgets. After collecting and conserving our artifacts and sharing through our programming, continuing to grow endowment is our highest priority. I invite you to consider providing for the museum in your estate. Should you have questions concerning this or other ways in which you might support our museum, please contact us.

We continue to have ambitious dreams for The Danish Immigrant Museum. No institution can thrive without a vision for the future. This we have been sharing in exhibits, on our website, and as we travel the country. Your membership support and your contributions are a daily affirmation of our work. On behalf of the staff, we thank you and rededicate ourselves to carrying forward the mission to share “the legacy and continuing influence of Danish culture as realized in the experiences and contributions of Danish immigrants, their descendants and Danes living in America.”

*Sincerely,
Dr. John Mark Nielsen*

***The Danish Immigrant Museum
shares the legacy and continuing
influence of Danish culture
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Danes living in America.***

A HISTORY OF SUCCESS

1979 – The concept of establishing a museum devoted to the preservation of the rich traditions and culture brought to America by Danish immigrants and the stories of the Danish-American experience was born at Dana College. The vision was further defined by delegates of Danish descent to a Scandinavian Immigrant Conference meeting in Decorah, Iowa.

1980 – In response to endorsement of the concept by the Dana College Board of Regents, Arnold Bodtker, president of the Danish American Heritage Society, appointed a committee to explore the idea of creating a national museum.

1981-82 – During these years the committee met on several occasions to consider issues and study possible sites for the location of a museum that would serve Danish Americans from the entire United States.

1983 – The committee met in Elk Horn, Iowa and, at the urging and support of local residents, chose the Danish villages of Iowa as the site for The Danish Immigrant Museum because of its geographically central location.

In May, the Museum was officially incorporated and the first meeting of the founding Board of Directors was held.

In July, the Elk Horn Lutheran Church donated 20 acres for the site of the Museum.

1984 – The first Annual Meeting of The Danish Immigrant Museum was held in Elk Horn.

1985-87 – The Museum was temporarily located on Main Street, Elk Horn, and, with the hiring of an executive director, accessioning of the collection began.

1988 – A Ground Breaking Ceremony was held at the future site of the Museum.

1990 – Construction of Phase I of the Museum began. The Elk Horn-Kimballton Arts Council presented *Bedstemor's Hus* to the Museum for its continuing preservation.

1991 – Members celebrated a *Rejsegilde* (raising the traditional Danish construction wreath).

1993 – 450 persons attended a festive dinner held in the completed Phase I building to mark the 10th Anniversary of the founding of The Danish Immigrant Museum.

1994 – The permanent exhibit, *Across Oceans, Across Time*, was completed in time for the Grand Opening of the Museum in June.

1994-96 – Interior construction of the building continued with the completion of the mezzanine and the installation of an elevator. With the hiring of a full-time curator, regularly changing exhibits were introduced. The Family History and Genealogy Center opened on the mezzanine under the guidance of an all-volunteer staff.

1998-99 – The Visual Storage Area on the lower level was constructed thus allowing visitors to view the vast collection of artifacts which has been accessioned by the Museum.

2000-01 – Recognizing the need to provide for the long-term viability of the Museum, the Board of Directors established the Holger Danske Endowment.

2002 – Plans were generated for establishing an off-site location for the Family History and Genealogy Center. A full-time librarian and manager for the proposed facility was hired. Additionally, the Board of Directors approved a plan for expanding the grounds of the Museum into a natural park following the tenets of famed landscaper Jens Jensen.

2003 – The 20th Anniversary of the Museum was celebrated with a year long series of special events that included the grand opening of the new Family History and Genealogy Center in its location on Elk Horn's Main Street during the annual Tivoli Fest in May. In October, the celebration culminated with open houses and a gala dinner.

2004 – Two Danish graduate students are the first interns, as the Museum initiates an internship program with Aalborg University, the Danmark-Amerika Fondet and The American-Scandinavian Foundation. The Museum partners with the National Museum of Denmark and the Nordic Heritage Museum of Seattle, Washington in mounting an exhibit on Danish folk costumes.

2005 – The Museum celebrates the bicentennial of Hans Christian Andersen's birth, hosts the annual meeting of the Federation of Danish Associations in Canada and co-sponsors the major conference, "Danish Culture, Past and Present: The Last Two Hundred Years". Museum quality lighting is installed in the mezzanine gallery, ultra-violet light filters are placed on all windows, and the Museum's roof is replaced with a new, red tile look.

2006 – The Museum celebrates the 10th anniversary of the Family History and Genealogy Center, initiates a Danish-American artists' series with new exhibits every six months, and unveils a redesigned website. Our first interns from American museum studies programs join the staff. Outreach programming includes a long-term residency with the University of Iowa's Maia String Quartet and cooperation with the Tempe Historical Museum through its Petersen House Museum. The Museum Shop is remodeled and the exterior of the museum is enhanced by treating exposed timbers and repainting.

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The Holger Danske Endowment

Founded in 2001, The Holger Danske Endowment provides the opportunity for members to perpetuate their contributions and at the same time help guarantee the museum's long-term financial viability. Current market value as of December 31, 2007, was \$1,222,156.22.

A HISTORY OF SUCCESS

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2007 – Working with the Funen Graphic Workshop of Odense, Denmark, and the Nordic Heritage Museum in Seattle, the Museum arranges and co-sponsors a tour of contemporary Danish graphic art on the theme of immigration to Seattle, Solvang, Omaha, Des Moines, Minneapolis and Columbus, Ohio; the year's featured exhibit is "From Postcards to Instant Messaging: Family and Friends Stay in Touch; contemporary Danish artist Edward Matwijkiw and goldsmith Helle Jørvad exhibit their work and Jørvad presents a commissioned piece to the Bruce R. Lauritzen family in gratitude for their support; the Danish-American artists' series continues, featuring the work of Elmer Petersen and Cynthia McKeen; Humanities Iowa awards the Museum a grant to preserve audio interviews in digital format; the grand opening of the Jens Dixen House and the Cedar Valley Danes are celebrated; the Museum continues the Tribute to the Rescuers Essay Contest, its partnership with the Tempe City Museums, and its internship program with both Danish and American universities; the final unfinished area in the museum is remodeled into a kitchen and conference room.

Condensed Financial Statements Years Ended August 31, 2007 and 2006

Condensed Statements of Financial Condition – August 31,

	2007	2006
Assets		
Cash and Investments	\$1,846,787	\$1,240,474
Contributions Receivable (Net)	260,568	375,386
Gift Shop Inventory	61,376	65,566
Property and Equipment (Net)	2,679,137	2,747,921
Other Assets	10,136	13,526
Total Assets	<u>\$4,858,004</u>	<u>\$4,442,873</u>
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$ 22,039	\$ 14,332
Line of Credit	200,000	50,000
Notes Payable	67,491	156,937
Total Liabilities	<u>\$289,530</u>	<u>\$221,269</u>
Net Assets	4,568,474	4,221,604
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$4,858,004</u>	<u>\$4,442,873</u>

Condensed Statements of Activities – For Years Ended August 31,

	2007	2006
Support and Revenue		
Contributions and Support	\$983,093	\$1,045,857
Admissions and Program Fees	21,360	20,417
Gift Shop Revenue (Net)	33,165	28,289
Investment and Other Income	228,569	133,440
Total Support and Revenue	<u>\$1,266,187</u>	<u>\$1,228,003</u>
Expenses		
Program Services	\$308,031	\$290,462
Supporting Activities	611,286	595,460
Total Expenses	<u>\$919,317</u>	<u>\$885,922</u>
Change in Net Assets	<u>\$346,870</u>	<u>\$342,081</u>
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	<u>\$4,221,604</u>	<u>\$3,879,523</u>
Net Assets - End of Year	<u>\$4,568,474</u>	<u>\$4,221,604</u>

LEADERSHIP



Museum Staff and Interns

Board of Directors and Staff

The 2007-2008 Board of Directors is a special group of 22 men and women who have unselfishly dedicated themselves to the preservation of their Danish American heritage and the mission of the museum. They join an elite group of individuals who over the past 24 years have worked to build and maintain a museum of which all Danes, Danish Americans and the American public can be proud.

Participating at their own expense, the Board members come together three times a year to share their skills and experience in providing oversight to the administration of the museum and to develop ideas and plans that will contribute to its continuing vitality. It is the practice of the Board to meet each February and June in different locations around the United States so that they may share and celebrate Danish heritage with those Danish Americans who may not otherwise be able to link directly with the museum. In 2007, the Board held its February meeting in Houston, Texas, and its June meeting was held in Omaha, Nebraska. In October the annual meeting was held in Elk Horn.

Without the dedication, energy, and support of a strong team-oriented Board of Directors, the museum staff would not be able to work effectively in managing the day-to-day operations of The Danish Immigrant Museum.

Staff

Executive Director
Dr. John Mark Nielsen

Executive Assistant
Terri Johnson

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Manager**
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The Danish Immigrant Museum permanently recognizes two groups of friends and members who have distinguished themselves with their outstanding support, both while living and in their estate plans.

The Lifetime Leadership Society is made up of persons, organizations, and businesses that have individually contributed a total of \$25,000 and more. Their names are permanently inscribed on a plaque at the front entrance of the museum.

During 2007 the museum was pleased to add the names of Stewart and LeNore Hansen, Poul Olesen and Benedikte Ehlers Olesen, Kurt K. and Joy Larsen, Bridget Jensen, and Anelise Sawkins.

Lifetime Leadership Society

Dennis J. Andersen, Atlanta, GA
Anonymous
Anonymous
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Erik & Lissi Vange*, Wilmette, IL

* Deceased



Over the past 24 years, The Danish Immigrant Museum has accomplished much because of special friends and members who have provided for the museum in their estate plans. With their permission while living or the permission of their executors, the names of **Heritage Builders** are permanently inscribed on a plaque in the museum stairwell.

The Heritage Builders

*Anne Bansen**, Ferndale, CA
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Sandra Wunder, Cheyenne, WY
 *Deceased

Bequests

The Danish Immigrant Museum is especially grateful for gifts received from the following estates, trusts and annuities in 2007:

J. Emory & Edna Fredrickson, Elk Horn, IA
Ollivene Olsen, Lake View, IA
Paul & Marlene Petersen, Withee, WI
Rosa A. & Edward Hansen, Hampton, IA
Richard Ledet, Des Moines, IA
Richard Jensen, Irvington, NE

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you would like more information on how you can become a member of The Lifetime Leadership Society or a Heritage Builder, John Mark Nielsen, Executive Director, Thomas Hansen, Director of Development, or any member of the Board of Directors, will be pleased to work with you.

Please contact them by calling (712) 764-7001 or toll free (800) 759-9192; email address: info@danishmuseum.org. Your inquiry will be treated confidentially.

COLLECTIONS & EXHIBITS

Collection Donors for 2007

Annette Andersen, Kimballton, IA
Linda Andersen, Cedar Falls, IA
Mildred Andersen, Elk Horn, IA
Mardell Beers, Grand Junction, CO
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Ron Bro, Cedar Falls, IA
Emilie Brown, Arnold, CA
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EXHIBITS

During the course of 2007, visitors to the Museum viewed the following exhibits prepared in-house:

The Magic of Christmas: A History of The Danish Immigrant Museum Christmas Card (November 21, 2006 – January 10, 2007)

Fitness, Form and Rhythm in Motion: The Danish Gymnastic Tradition in the United States (May, 2006 – March 6, 2007)

Featured Artist in the Danish American Artist Series: Elmer Petersen (January 18, 2007 – July 5, 2007)

From Postcards to Instant Messaging: Family and Friends Stay in Touch (March 30, 2007-February 25, 2008)

The Work of Helle Jørvad, Danish Goldsmith and Designer (May 24, 2007 – June 1, 2008)

Kaleidoscopic Colors of Scandinavia – Artwork by Edward Matwijkiw (June 15, 2007 – June 6, 2008)

Featured Artist in the Danish American Artist Series: Cynthia McKeen (July 29, 2007 – January 2, 2008)

Whimsical Cuttings by Annette Andersen (July 29, 2007 – January 2, 2008)



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Sybil Needham, Tucson, AZ
John Mark Nielsen, Blair, NE
W. Clayton Nielsen, Elk Horn, IA
Mark Nussle, Palos Park, IL
Margaret & Richard Ohrt, Reinbeck, IA



CAPTION

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YWCA, Des Moines, IA

January 2008

Dear Museum Contributors,

Happy New Year to all of you! I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued generous support throughout this past year.

The year 2007 was an active year for artifact donations, as most years are. We received a total of 78 separate donations. Some of those gifts were small and included only an item or two, but a few gifts were much larger! One consisted of almost 2500 photographs!

Above is a complete list of all donors we accepted artifacts from in 2007. Each year, the list evolves to include new contacts we make while establishing professional and personal relationships with new people all across the country and abroad. These new contacts help our membership grow, and they increase the number of visitors we have annually here at the museum building and on our website.

There is a specific process to donating an artifact. If you have something that you feel may be appropriate for the museum, please contact me and I will be happy to discuss with you the appropriate steps in the donation process. Please know that all gifts we accept must have a context, or a history, to them in order to be used in the stories we share with our visitors through our exhibits and programs. We want to build the strongest collection we can so that we might tell full and complete stories about as many aspects of Danish American experience as possible.

Thank you, once again, for your generosity and trust. We look forward to seeing what "new" artifacts join our collection in 2008.

Kind Regards,

Angela Stanford

Collections Manager/Registrar; dkreg@metc.net

FAMILY HISTORY & GENEALOGY CENTER



Presentation of contribution from DBIA #75, Albert Lea, MN, presented to Dr. John Mark Nielsen (left) by Richard and Karen Nelson.

The following individuals and groups donated books and other materials or made monetary contributions to the Family History & Genealogy Center in 2007. Their assistance in expanding our library and enhancing our ability to collect and preserve information on and research Danish American families and communities is greatly appreciated. Mange tak!

Gail Madsen Ahrens, Lockport, IL
 Annette Andersen, Kimballton, IA
 Bertha Andersen, Elk Horn, IA
 Dennis Andersen, Atlanta, GA
 Judy Andersen, Los Angeles, CA
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The Board of Directors and staff of The Danish Immigrant Museum are very grateful to the enthusiastic people who volunteer on a local level, as well as those who work from their homes around the country. These are just a few of the tasks our volunteers take on:

- ❖ Front Desk Greeter at the Museum
- ❖ Building and Grounds
- ❖ Artifact Cataloging
- ❖ Mailings
- ❖ Tour Guide
- ❖ Bedstemor's Docent
- ❖ Data Entry
- ❖ Craft Demonstrations
- ❖ Family History & Genealogy –

- ❖ Newspaper clipping, translating, data entry
- ❖ Baking Cookies for Special Events
- ❖ Even Ironing Tablecloths!

These are just a few of the many volunteering opportunities we have at the Museum and Family History Center. Volunteers play a very important part in the day to day operations as well as the long-term goals of The Danish Immigrant Museum. Without them, we would not be able to move forward with our plans for the future. To learn more about volunteering opportunities with the museum, please contact Michele McNabb or Terri Johnson.



Lori Nussle, wife of board member, Mark Nussle.

OUTREACH PROGRAMMING

Through traveling exhibits and presentations, the museum brings its programming to members and visitors around the country.

“Immigrants: Graphic images from the funen workshop”

We partnered with the Funen Graphic Workshop of Odense, Denmark, and the Nordic Heritage Museum in Seattle to tour a major exhibit of contemporary graphic art which toured to Solvang, Omaha, Des Moines, Minneapolis and Columbus, Ohio.

Maia String Quartet

February performances in Audubon, Harlan, Blair and concluded with an April performance in Des Moines.

Tribute to the Rescuers Essay Contest

Third annual contest made possible by a gift from the Eric and Joan Norgaard Charitable Trust of Northbrook, Illinois making possible awards and funds for “toolkits”.



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Petersen House Museum / Tempe Historical Society

Second annual partnership bringing a Danish Christmas to the Niels Petersen House Museum in Tempe, Arizona, and Annette Andersen's papirklip art exhibit on display at the Tempe Historical Society.



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WALL OF HONOR

The purpose of the museum, among other things, is to tell the continuing story of the Danish immigrant experience and influence in America and the evolving story of the Danish American heritage. As a way of paying tribute, the Wall of Honor was established listing the name of the immigrant, year of entering the United States, and place of settlement. Their stories and family histories, if available, are today part of the growing repository connected with the Family History and Genealogy Center. Listed below are the names of the immigrants placed on the Wall of Honor in the year 2007.

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 John Johnson, Moorhead, IA
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 Lars Peder Rasmussen (Knudsen), Audubon, IA
 George Kyhnn, Hamlin, IA
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IN HONOR AND MEMORIALS

In Honor

The Danish Immigrant Museum receives many contributions as gifts to honor beloved family members and friends on special occasions. In 2007 the following people were honored :

100th birthday

Hazel Rominger

90th birthday

Elna Bisballe Christopherson

60th birthday

Gail Kelce

50th wedding anniversary

Ken & Mary Ann Fehl

In Honor of

David & Betty Bidstrup
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 All who support our Museum

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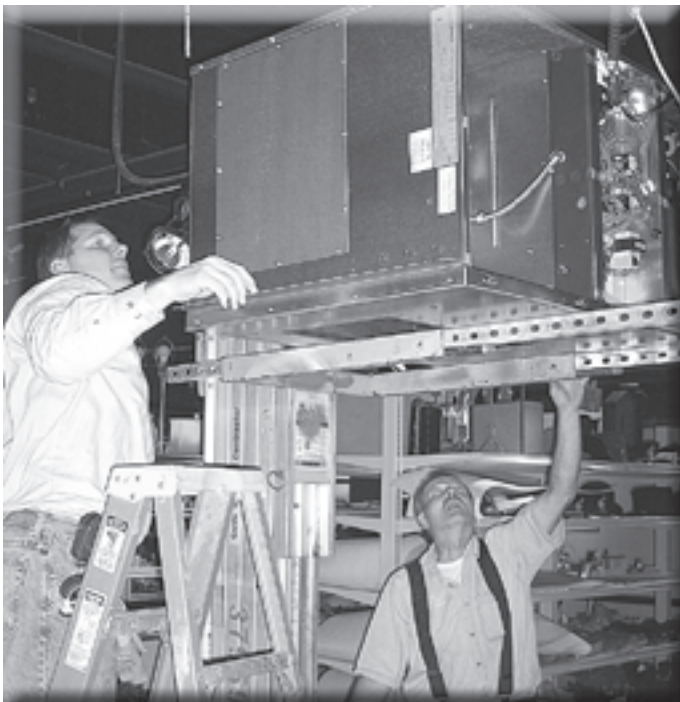
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