Four . . . three . . . two . . .
one and Blast Off!!! We can happily and confidently report to “Mission Control” a successful lift off from the launching pad to the second quarter of a century of our national museum. The silver anniversary of The Danish Immigrant Museum has been observed! A grand celebratory tent luncheon was held on the museum grounds in Elk Horn in October with many guests and volunteers attending.

The celebration exhibited interest and support in the museum from varied sections of the country. In addition, we were honored to have participation in the event from Danish Ambassador to the United States, Friis Arne Petersen and from Henrik Fogh Rasmussen, son of the current Prime Minister of Denmark. Recognition and congratulatory messages were brought from the Queen and government of Denmark and Governor of the State of Iowa.

There is much for members, volunteers, supporters and staff to savor and relish. The ideas and dreams of years past have come to fruition and, in numerous ways, thrived. Indeed much has been accomplished. Many, many volunteer hours and funding support from caring people throughout many parts of the world have made the dreams a reality. Thanks to all for making this possible. I might also add that if you have not visited the museum recently, make plans to do so both virtually and in person—our museum is getting better and better.

As we now turn the page to the future, we have many positives which suggest a bright future. A strength that is vital to continuing our successful path is the quality of our staff and the museum leadership – par excellence. We have the right people in the right jobs doing admirable work. Additionally, due to the gifting of a generous supporter, our building structure is now debt free. From an operational perspective, our results to date for the 2007-2008 fiscal year reflects a balanced cash flow with revenue equaling expenses. Simply translated – the museum has no debt.

Representing the Board of Directors, I report to you our museum, The Danish Immigrant Museum is in good health and my prognosis is for a long, healthy life. This, of course, does not mean there aren’t significant hurdles in our path as we move forward.

The most obvious hurdle today lies with the national and international economic situation. In many ways, this situation can be described as emphatically frightening. On a personal basis many people describe significant declines in net worth in just the past few months. The current daily economic news does little to bolster confidence in the near term future. This environment, to my knowledge, seems to span all age groups and all sections of the country.

Obviously, negative economic news is very concerning to charitable, non-profit organizations. Your museum leadership, staff and Board of Directors, are concerned about our dependence on gifting from our supporters in these difficult times. We understand the trauma associated with significant reductions in personal wealth. All (and I include myself) have had this unpleasant experience. Yet the very future of The Danish Immigrant Museum is dependent on continued support from all of us who have suffered economic loss. Many of you have been our friends and supporters for some or all of our past twenty five years of existence. Without continued charitable giving, the museum’s future opportunities are certainly diminished.

During my term on the Board of Directors, the biggest challenge confronting staff and the Board have been ensuring a sufficient monthly, unrestricted cash flow to meet current expenses. This challenge has confronted past leadership, but in the present financial environment, it is especially critical that our expenses not exceed our revenues. Museum management has undertaken steps to minimize expenses while continuing programming of which we can all take pride.

Now we must ask everyone to assist us in ensuring we incur no debt to maintain operations. Debt is not an acceptable alternative as it has longer term negative implications. I believe managing (minimizing) expenses and asking our faithful supporters to continue, as best possible, their past generosity as we move forward in 2009 will see us through the current financially troubling times.

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I can assure you that as we continue into the next months of 2009, development efforts will intensify. In the immediate past months, our very capable Executive Director has been quite active in pursuing financial support. This has resulted in unrestricted operating funds being generated as well as longer term project support and deferred giving. For that we are grateful! Hopefully in the near term we will soon be able to have additional development support to assist, increase and broaden this vital and needed effort.

A continued focus of our development efforts is growing the Holger Danske Endowment. Despite the turbulence in the markets this past year, in the longer term, I believe, a growing endowment will provide the annual earnings necessary to support museum operations. As you consider your support for the Museum we would ask you consider both near and longer term gifting, if possible.

I do again thank you so much for your past generosity.

Your support has meant that our museum is in an enviable position compared to many of its peers. Let us make sure we continue to keep our enviable position as we forge forward. Your giving has truly created a rare gem that is increasingly being recognized as an important and valuable institution throughout Danish-American and Danish communities. Let’s put a strong exclamation point on an already fine accomplishment in these first twenty-five years!!

In closing, I reiterate the message that the health of your national museum is good, BUT ever so dependent on your continued support. We ask for your continued help to ensure the prognosis of a long and good life in the future.

God bless!

Marc Petersen
A Letter from the Executive Director

Our Twenty-Fifth Year . . . Remarkable, Turbulent, Memorable!

2008, The Danish Immigrant Museum’s 25th anniversary year has been a remarkable year, exciting, turbulent, memorable. We received recognition from Rebild National Park Society of Denmark and the United States, as I was invited to be the American main speaker at the annual Fourth of July Festival in Denmark’s Rebild Hills. The ScanDesign Foundation by Inge and Jens Bruun affirmed our work in awarding us a major grant to bring up to four Danish graduate students to serve as interns. And due to the generosity of a donor family we retired the debt on our museum building. What a wonderful achievement in this our 25th year.

We celebrated our 25th year by focusing on immigrant families who have been in business “across generations” by focusing on the Andersen Windows Corporation of Bayport, Minnesota, the O&H Bakeries of Racine, Wisconsin, and the Bansen Dairies of California and Oregon, and we continued our Danish-American Artist’s Series, spotlighting the work of Jens Carstensen. The museum also reached out once again beyond Elk Horn and Kimballton to have a presence at the Petersen House Museum in Tempe, Arizona, and it was a sponsor of the annual Fargo-Moorhead Hjemkomst Festival in June and in October we participated in Minot’s annual Høstfest, billed as America’s largest Scandinavian festival.

Our staff found new ways to serve you. Deb Larsen, our membership coordinator and development associate, initiated an e-newsletter that allows us to keep those of you who choose to subscribe updated on our activities. (You can enroll by contacting Deb at development@danishmuseum.org.) The good work of our collections manager and registrar, Angela Stanford, and the interns who have assisted her is now available on-line to members at the $100 level or above. These members can search the digital records that describe and depict many of our over 35,000 artifacts.

All this has happened because of an incredible team of individuals who join me in working on your behalf. I am so proud of my dedicated and committed colleagues who strive for quality in all they do. I am also grateful for the devotion and generosity of those who serve on our Board of Directors. Many are in regular contact with and

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Dr. John Mark Nielsen, Executive Director

Guests join in singing Danish songs during the anniversary luncheon.
assist staff members, and they are generous in their giving. All this they do without ANY remuneration for their services or their expenses. Our successes are the result of our wonderful staff and Board of Directors.

This too has been a turbulent year! For the first time we had no earnings from our Holger Danske Endowment. Though we have worked hard to grow this endowment to over $1.2 million, we saw its value slip to under $900,000 and of course there were no earnings to support operations. Fortunately, as I described in our last America Letter, a donor generously gave us a gift of $100,000 that allowed us to end our fiscal year with no debt. Despite this, as our condensed financial statement indicates, we increased the value of The Danish Immigrant Museum. This too is remarkable!

The financial future in the near term, however, is uncertain. No one can know when the economy will turn around. Museums are often low on the priority of charitable giving. We provide no product other than preservation and celebration of a cultural heritage. This can provide meaning and understanding and enriches life, but certainly we as individuals have more basic needs for which we must first provide.

Despite the financial uncertainty, I believe we need to continue working to achieve our goals, looking for ways to serve you, even as we are prudent in our expenditures. We will push forward but with care. To realize savings, we have furloughed our part-time staff during the winter months, and full-time staff is covering weekends as well. We are moving forward with those projects for which we have received designated funding.

2009 marks the centennial of the Great Dane, Victor Borge. To celebrate his remarkable career, we have partnered with the Borge family and the American-Scandinavian Foundation to create exhibits documenting his life and work. A major exhibit mounted by ASF will be presented at Scandinavia House in New York City from January 24th to May 2nd and then the core of that exhibit will be at The Danish Immigrant Museum until March 2010. Our curator, Erin Harney, working with materials from the Borge family, ASF and Applied Arts and Technology of Des Moines, Iowa, has produced a multi-media traveling exhibit that will be seen throughout the country. Logistics and transportation have been made possible by the generosity of Leman USA. Among the many activities surrounding this celebration, we look forward to an inaugural recital on Victor Borge’s first piano, which the museum owns and that will be restored after having been damaged during Hurricane Hugo in his winter home in the Virgin Islands.

Less evident will be the completion of redoing our entire air-handling and climate control system. Initiated two years ago, we have received a generous gift from a Minnesota donor, allowing us to complete this project. We can continue with confidence to provide state of the art long-term care of the many artifacts entrusted to our care.

The real challenge in the next year will be meeting the month to month operational expenses necessary to keep The Danish Immigrant Museum open to the public. For this we are dependent on the many individuals, couples, organizations and businesses listed in this annual report. We continue to need your support even as we work to recruit new members, foster new relationships and cultivate new donors. I again invite you after you have met your needs and the needs of your loved ones, to once more consider our museum in your charitable giving.

I believe that the museum has a strong foundation and that our dedicated staff will continue to serve you well. The 2008 annual report underscores what together we all have achieved. It has been a remarkable year! I am confident, despite the economic uncertainties that we will continue to grow throughout the coming year.

With deep gratitude,
Dr. John Mark Nielsen
Executive Director

From the Executive Director

Assortment of Danish Othello Layercake (Othello Lagkage) baked by board member, Benedikte Ehlers Olesen.

Site of 25th anniversary celebration held on Museum grounds.
The 2008-2009 Board of Directors is a special group of twenty-three 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 twenty-five 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 2008, the Board held its February meeting in Tempe, Arizona, and its June meeting was held in Des Moines, Iowa. In October the annual meeting was held in Elk Horn in conjunction with the Museum's 25th anniversary celebration.

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.

Executive Director
Nielsen welcomes guests to the June board meeting luncheon held at Grand View University in Des Moines, IA.
Staff (Current)

Executive Director
Dr. John Mark Nielsen

Administrative Manager
Terri Johnson

Director of Development
Bruce Bro

Curator of Exhibitions
Erin Harney

Curator of Collections/Registrar
Angela Stanford

Family History & Genealogy
Librarian/Manager
Michele McNabb

Family History & Genealogy
& Museum Data Entry Clerk
Wanda Sornson

Development Associate & Membership Coordinator
Debra Christensen Larsen

Museum Shop Manager
Joni Soe-Butts

Bookkeeper/Grounds/Facilities
Jennifer Winters

Custodian
Tim Fredericksen

Interns
Marianne Sletten Paasch,
Aalborg University, Denmark
*Helle Hovmand-Olsen,
University of Copenhagen, Denmark
*Yvonne Skov Grønlund,
Roskilde University, Denmark
Hayley Chambers,
University of North Carolina at Greensboro
*Internships funded through a grant from Scan|Design by Inger and Jens Bruun Foundation of Seattle

Staff members Tim Fredericksen, Terri Johnson and Joni Soe-Butts.

Discussing Danish Christmas traditions, Nielsen conducts a radio interview with Danish interns, Yvonne Skov Grønlund and Helle Hovmand-Olsen.

Museum visitors are greeted by front desk volunteer, Millie Eskov and introduced to the newly redesigned main exhibit, “Across Oceans, Across Time®”.

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## Finances

### Condensed Financial Statements

#### Years Ended August 31, 2008 and 2007

#### Condensed Statements of Financial Condition – August 31, 2008

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| Net Assets                                  | $4,761,636 | $4,568,474 |
|**Total Liabilities and Net Assets**         | **$4,901,587** | **$4,858,004** |

#### Condensed Statements of Activities – For Years Ended August 31, 2008

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| Change in Net Assets                        | $36,462    | $346,870   |

| Net Assets - Beginning of Year - as Restated| $4,725,174 | $4,370,844 |
|Net Assets - End of Year                     | $4,761,636 | $4,717,714 |
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 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 twenty 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.


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.

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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.

2007 – Working with the Funen Graphic Workshop of Odense, Denmark, the Museum arranges and co-sponsors a tour of contemporary Danish graphic art to Seattle, Solvang, Omaha, Des Moines, Minneapolis and Columbus, Ohio; the year’s featured exhibits are: “From Postcards to Instant Messaging: Family and Friends Stay in...”

At the April Volunteer Appreciation Banquet, Nielsen honors the Museum’s first director of development, first executive director and first executive secretary, Dennis Nissen, June Sampson and Barb Smith, respectively.

Museum members and guests enjoy a Sunday afternoon matinee of a popular Danish film.
Touch” and the works of Danish-American artists Elmer Petersen and Cynthia McKeen; Danish goldsmith Helle Jøravad presents a commissioned piece to the Bruce R. Lauritzen family in gratitude for their support; the Jens Dixen House is officially opened; and the final unfinished area in the Museum is remodeled into a kitchen and conference room.

2008 – The Danish Immigrant Museum celebrates its 25th anniversary and the centennial of the building of Bedstemor’s House; the debt on the original building is retired; Executive Director John Mark Nielsen is the main American Speaker at the Rebild 4th of July celebration in Denmark and the Museum sponsors a summer tour including the Rebild festivities; Across Oceans, Across Time®, the Museum’s main exhibit is redesigned and updated to include the stories of migration from World War II to the present and a children’s area, featuring a Lego town, play and reading area; the Museum’s annual exhibit, Across Oceans, Across Time, Across Generations, celebrates three families that have been in business over many generations: the Andersen family of Andersen Windows, the Olsen family of O&H Bakeries, and the Bansen family of Bansen Dairy Farms; Jens Carstensen is the featured Danish American artist; through a major grant from the Scan/Design Foundation by Inger and Jens Bruun, the internship programming bringing Danish graduate students to the Museum is formalized and Yvonne Skov Gørlund (Roskilde University Center), Helle Hovmand-Olsen (København University), and Jon Jespersen (Århus University) are the first recipients; both the American and Danish internship program continues with Hayley Chambers and Marianne Paasch; Erin Harney, a former intern, is hired as Curator of Exhibitions; the year culminates with a 25th Anniversary Tent Luncheon featuring Danish Ambassador Friis Arne Petersen, Henrik Fogh Rasmussen (son of the current Danish Prime Minister) and board member, Lynette Skow Rasmussen as speakers; and awarded Iowa’s #1 Attraction of the Year.

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Students from Exira, Iowa are lead on a Museum tour by Executive Director Nielsen.
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 2008 the Board of Directors was pleased to add the names of Lamont & Lois Christensen, Egon & Diana Bodtiker, The Rasmussen Family and Anonymous.

LIFETIME LEADERSHIP SOCIETY

Dennis J. Andersen, Atlanta, GA
Anonymous
Anonymous
Anonymous
Anton & Gunver M. Berg, DeKalb, IL
Harold W. & Lois M. Berg, Ogden, IA
Egon & Diana Bodtiker, Salem, OR
Mervin Bro*, Scottsdale, AZ
Cedar Valley Danes, Cedar Falls, IA Area
Jack & Barbara Christensen, Yankton, SD
Lamont & Lois Christensen, Elk Horn, IA
Tom* & Jan* Christensen, Davenport, IA
Danish Brotherhood in America, Highlands Ranch, CO
Danish Mutual Insurance Association, Elk Horn, IA
Elk Horn Lutheran Church, Elk Horn, IA
Charles & Joanne Frederiksen, Ames, IA
William & Berniece Grewcock, Omaha, NE
Roy J.* & Rita Neergaard Hansen, Kenosha, WI
Stewart & LeNore Hansen, West Des Moines, IA
Gunnar Horn*, Omaha, NE
Stanley & Helen Howe, Muscatine, IA
Vern E. Hunter, Fargo, ND
James D. & Margery Iversen, Ames, IA
Al* & Bridget Jensen, Houston, TX
Roland* & Joan Jensen, Ankeny, IA
Clyde* & Emma* Johnson, Omaha, NE
John & Audrey Kofoed, West Branch, IA
Lowell & Marilyn Kramme, Des Moines, IA
Kulturministeriet/Ministry of Culture, Copenhagen, Denmark
Kurt K. & Joy Larsen, Oneonta, AL
Bruce R. Lauritzen Family, Omaha, NE
Richard Leder*, Des Moines, IA
Reola Lerager*, Wichita, KS
Lutheran Brotherhood, Minneapolis, MN
Marne & Elk Horn Telephone Co., Elk Horn, IA
Hans Thyge* & Valborg Nielsen, Denver, CO
Eric & Joan Norgaard Charitable Trust, Northbrook, IL
Mark & Lori Nussle, Palos Park, IL
Folmer & Vera Nyby, Michigan City, IN
Kai E. & Melody Starr Nyby, LaPorte, IN
Poul Olesen & Benedikte Ehlers Olesen, Eugene, OR
Erik & Jackie Olsen, Glenbrook, NV
H. Rand & Mary Louise Petersen, Harlan, IA
Marc & Carlene Petersen, Omaha, NE
The Rasmussen Family, Des Moines, IA
Eugene Robinson*, Pensacola, FL
Anelise Sawkins, Minneapolis, MN
Shelby County State Bank, Harlan, IA
Janet M. Thuesen, Sausalito, CA
Wilber Williamson*, Des Moines, IA
Erik* & Lissi Vange, Palatine, IL
* Deceased

Over the past twenty-five 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
Norman C. Bansen*, Blair, NE
Constance Boggild*, Delray Beach, FL
Victor Borge*, Greenwich, CT
Marie Boudolfson*, Ames, IA
Borge & Lotte Christensen, Tucson, AZ
Charles R. Christensen*, Omaha, NE
Edna M. Christensen*, Atlantic, IA
Dolores Gregersen Connelly*, Atlantic, IA
Lydia Sorensen Eriksen*, Waterloo, IA
David Esbeck, Des Moines, IA
Howard Esbeck*, Ames, IA
Ramona Esbeck, Ames, IA
Asta Forrest*, Fountain Hills, AZ
J. Emory* & Edna Frederickson*, Elk Horn, IA
Charles & Joanne Frederiksen, Ames, IA
Earl & LaVena Fries, Des Moines, IA
Margaret Gee*, West Des Moines, IA
Gertrude Gronbeck*, Washington, D.C.
Caroline Hansen*, Harlan, IA
Hans Hansen*, Des Moines, IA
Laura E. Hansen*, Irwin, IA
Rita Neegaard Hansen, Kenosha, WI
Rosa Hansen*, Hampton, IA
Alma Hartvigsen*, Harlan, IA
Richard Hellman, Oceanside, CA
Anna Marie Hulter*, Audubon, IA
Gunnar Horn*, Omaha, NE
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Joy Ibsen, Trout Creek, MI
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Genevieve Jensen, Plainview, NE
Ruth Jensen, Ames, IA
Agnes Johnson*, Garden City, MI
Clyde* & Emma Johnson*, Omaha, NE
Martha Jorgensen*, Audubon, IA
Mogens H. Kiehn, Scottsdale, AZ
Folmer* & Reola Lerager*, Wichita, KS
Harald Hans Lund*, Higginum, CT
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Rudolph* & Margaret Madsen*, Racine, WI
Keith N. McFadlan*, New Brighton, MN
Helga Mikkelson*, Waverly, IA
Inez M. Mortensen, Omaha, NE
Ruth Rasmussen Nelson*, St. Cloud, MN
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Jens Nielsen*, Newell, IA
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John I. Petersen*, Waterloo, IA
Lois Petersen*, Atlantic, IA
Peyton* & Lucia Respess, Omaha, NE
Ava Simonsen*, Audubon, IA
Bodil Sorensen*, Kirkland, WA
Harold L. Sorensen*, Extra, IA
Halvor Strandakov, Osterville, MA
Margaret Syring*, St. Paul, MN
Sandra Wunder, Cheyenne, WY
* Deceased

BEQUESTS

The Danish Immigrant Museum is especially grateful for gifts received from the following estates, trusts and annuities in 2008:

Thomas Christensen, Davenport, IA
Kenneth A. Mumm, Marion, IA
Irene A. Nissen, Cedar Falls, IA
Lemuel & Edith Sprow, Spring Park, MN
January 2009

Dear Museum Contributors,

The New Year has arrived much more quickly than it seems should be possible, as it does every January. It is again time to both look back at what we have accomplished and to look forward to great possibilities over the coming months.

The year 2008 was the 25th anniversary of the Museum. During this year, the Collections Department was offered 75 different artifact gift lots which contained a total of almost 2050 individual pieces. Of those, we accepted for our collection just over 530 pieces, and many more were accepted by the Family History and Genealogy Center. Most of the artifacts accepted here at the Museum have been fully processed. A handful of others are still open and will be finished within the next few months.

Aside from a very active donation year, 2008 also saw the beginning of an inventory of Bedstemor’s House, something that has been long needed and never completed in as thorough a manner as we are conducting it. The inventory of the collection here at the Museum has also moved forward, most notably with our book collection. On top of all this (and more!), the display units in the hallway of the Lower Level have now been filled with smaller artifacts that were previously unable to be clearly viewed due to their small sizes. Many of our projects in the Collections department would be impossible if it were not for the diligence and hard work of our wonderful volunteers.

WHAT A YEAR!

Over the next several months, we will be continuing to work on the inventory project both here at the Museum and at Bedstemor’s House. Gifts will, of course, continue to be offered and those that are accepted will be processed as quickly as possible by staff and interns. Later this year we will welcome our fifth Collections Intern and our first Collections Inventory Intern, both of which are great opportunities not only for the Museum, but also for the students who we accept for those positions.

If you are thinking of making a donation to our collection, contact me about what steps need to be taken before the piece arrives at the Museum. Perhaps you are thinking of getting involved with our Collections Department by volunteering—we would love to have you! Call me to talk about opportunities and how to get started.

Thank you to all of our donors and supporters from 2008. It was a great anniversary year, and we look forward to many more!

Kind Regards,
Angela Stanford
Curator of Collections/Registrar
registrar@danishmuseum.org
During the course of 2008, visitors to the Museum viewed the following exhibitions:

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)

Carl Rohl-Smith: An Artist at Work  
(January 17, 2008 – November 3, 2008)

Across Oceans: Our Maritime Collection  
(January 17, 2008 – July 7th, 2008)

October 1943: Rescue of the Danish Jews  
(March 11, 2008 – June 20, 2008)

Across Oceans, Across Time, Across Generations  
(July 13, 2008 – May 15, 2009)

Featured Artist in the Danish American Artist Series: Jens Carstensen  
(July 27, 2008 – January 2, 2009)

Outreach Programming

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

The following exhibitions were prepared at the Museum, but were on view in an external location:

Prints of Hans Christian Andersen  
Tempe Center for the Arts; Tempe, AZ  
(January 21, 2008 – May 9, 2008)

Fitness, Form and Rhythm in Motion: The Danish Gymnastic Tradition in the United States: Hjemkomst Center; Moorhead, MN  
(June 1, 2008 – August 4, 2008)

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David Madsen, Audubon, IA  
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John Masengarb, St. Paul, MN  
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Brenda Wassberg, Fargo, ND  
Jan Wilson, Omaha, NE  
Eugene Wright, Stillwater, MN  
Elizabeth Yerxa, Homosassa, FL
The following individuals and groups donated books and other materials or made monetary contributions to the Family History & Genealogy Center in 2008. 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!

Phillip Iversen, Kalispell, MT
Christopher J. Jensen, Shavano Park, TX
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Marion Marzolf, Ann Arbor, MI
John V. Masengarb, West St. Paul, MN
Suzanne Gilbert & Brian McNabb, Los Angeles, CA
Michele McNabb, Atlantic, IA
William Miller, Bloomington, IL
Egon & Laina Molbak, Clyde Hill, WA
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Pamela Myers, Chanhasen, MN
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Flemming Nielsen, Ishøj, Denmark
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Rita Riley-Stewart, Tucson, AZ
Beth Rosenquist, Omaha, NE
Pamela H. Ruben, Menominee Falls, WI
Joyce R. Russo, Watertown, MN
Kenneth & Carolyn Sand, Prairie du Chien, WI
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Kirsten & Forrest Strnad, Faribault, MN
Leo & Gayle Stuart, Walnut, IA
Jens Sundsted, Plentywood, MT
Martin & Hanne Taekker, Eugene, OR
Robert H. Thompson, Burley, ID
Charles & Gwen Wells, Clinton, MO
Nora Wilson, Soquel, CA

These volunteers of the Family History & Genealogy Center attend the Volunteer Appreciation Banquet.

FHGC volunteers, Charlotte Sorensen and Gayle Stuart, assist Family History & Genealogy Librarian/Manager Michele McNabb.

Danish intern, Marianne Sletten Paasch performs research and translations at FHGC.
As early as 1993 we began keeping track of the number of hours our many volunteers were giving to the Museum. Each year, the hours are tallied and awards are given for the various benchmarks. To celebrate our volunteers, a Spring Banquet is held each year in April, which is designated as “National Volunteer Month.” When a volunteer reaches 1,000 hours, their name is put on the Volunteer Recognition Plaque found just inside the entry of the Museum. For each additional 1,000 hours, a star is placed next to the name. Following is the list of names that appear on the plaque:

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To all of the very devoted volunteers of the Museum, whether your name is on the plaque or not, we extend our heartfelt thanks for all of the time and talent you give. We value your importance as a volunteer, and even more so in these times of economic uncertainty. So from all of us on the staff and board of directors, tusind tak!
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 Museum’s Wall of Honor in the year 2008.

- Henny Edith Andersen, Ludington, MI
- Oscar Christian Julius Andersen, Ludington, MI
- Elsie Nielsen Anderson, Deer River, MN
- Hans Peter Anderson, Deer River, MN
- Catharine Marie Valborg Gadeberg Birk, Anita, IA
- Oscar Christian Julius Andersen, Ludington, MI
- Henny Edith Andersen, Ludington, MI

Museum members Stewart & LeNore Hansen, along with family members, enjoy coffee and kringler at the Museum during their family reunion.

- Oskar Christian Julius Andersen, Ludington, MI
- Elsie Nielsen Anderson, Deer River, MN
- Hans Peter Anderson, Deer River, MN
- Catharine Marie Valborg Gadeberg Birk, Anita, IA

During a SOAR program, onlookers watch as students from Elk Horn-Kimballton and Exira, along with Membership Coordinator/Development Associate Debra Christensen Larsen prepare to release a rehabilitated red tail hawk.

- Henny Edith Andersen, Ludington, MI
- Oscar Christian Julius Andersen, Ludington, MI
- Elsie Nielsen Anderson, Deer River, MN
- Hans Peter Anderson, Deer River, MN
- Catharine Marie Valborg Gadeberg Birk, Anita, IA
Memorials

The Museum is the grateful recipient of memorials gifts honoring deceased friends and relatives:

Opal M. Jensen
Byron R. Johnson
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Ron Jones
Kaja Juel
Virgil Keeler
Greta Knudsen Koenig
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Leroy P. Larsen
Edna Lauritsen
Kimberly Lauritsen
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Harold Madsen
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Mabel Mathisen
Louise Molgaard
Mrs. Erna Mortensen
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Rhoda Marie Nielsen
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Eleanor Sornson
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JoAnn Thielen
Cozette Miller Tietge
Jean Nielsen Welch
Caryl Heilesen West

The Danish Immigrant Museum receives many contributions as gifts to honor beloved family members and friends on special occasions. In 2008 the following people were honored:

60th wedding anniversary
Stewart & LeNore Hansen

Marriage of
Lois & Barry Eldal

In appreciation of help at FHGC by
Wanda Sornson

In Honor of
Folmer & Vera Nyby
Kai & Starr Nyby
Frank & Osa Nyby Burnett
Special Appeal and Project Memorials

During the course of each year, The Danish Immigrant Museum invites its supporters, through special appeals and projects, to make contributions in remembrance of exceptional people. Following are memorials or gifts in honor of received from January 1, 2008 through the end of the year.

2007 END OF YEAR APPEAL

Knud & Paula Larsen, Roseburg, OR In honor of Benedikte Ehlers Olsen
Suzanne Gilbert & Brian McNabb, Los Angeles, CA In memory of Elsie Rasmussen McNabb and Patricia Ann McNabb
Olga Morse, Tulsa, OK In memory of Virgil Morse
K. Joyce Mynster, Council Bluffs, IA In honor of Alvina Hjortsvang's birthday
Marie Nielsen, Solvang, CA In memory of Johannes Jaeger and Viggo Tarnow
Loetta Pedersen, Superior, NE In memory of Kenneth Pedersen
Margaret Pedersen, Minneapolis, MN In memory of Conrad Pedersen and John Hanson

25TH ANNIVERSARY APPEAL

Ellen Andersen, Oak Park, IL In memory of Olga & Axel Andersen
T.R. Andersen, Audubon, IA In memory of Jens C. Andersen and In honor of Kris N. Kristensen
Mary Beckman, Waupaca, WI In memory of Peter Jacob & Karlene Ludvigsen
Inez Benjes, Craig, NE In memory of Niels W. & Ingrid H. Jorgensen
Richard Bonnesen, Aurelia, IA In memory of Mrs. Deanna F. Bonnesen
Brian Bro, Sugar Land, TX In memory of Laura & Niels Bro
H. Donald & Margie Brown, Seal Beach, CA In memory of Soren C. Pedersen Family & Niels Nielsen Family
Borge & Lotte Christensen, Rochester, MN In memory of Erik Sparre Pedersen
Don & Annegrethe Christensen, Tucson, AZ In memory of Alma & Niels Pilgaard of Denmark
Lamont & Lois Christensen, Elk Horn, IA In memory of Thomas Christensen
Anita Clark, DeLand, FL In memory of Albert H. L. Eve
Edmund Clausen, Oakland, CA In memory of Arthur B. & Neelma Clausen
Nancy Darst, Omaha, NE In memory of Johanna & Jens Peter Jensen
Leif & Sine Duus, Minneapolis, MN In honor of the Great Museum Staff - Mange Tak!
David Garrison, Bellevue, NE In memory of Debbie A. Garrison
Ray & Nellie Faye Hagberg, Spencer, NE In memory of my grandparents, Svend Larsen & Karen Kirstine Hansen and In honor of Ray & Nellie Faye Hagberg's 52nd Wedding Anniversary
Edward & Shirley Hansen, Edina, MN In honor of the 25th Anniversary of The Danish Immigrant Museum
Frances Hansen, Spencer, IA In memory of Louie O. Hansen
Milena Hansen, Fayetteville, NY In memory of my husband, Per Brinch Hansen
Harlan Newspapers, Harlan, IA In memory of Leo & Irene Mores
Alvina Hjortsvang, Council Bluffs, IA In memory of maternal grandmother, Alvina Rasmussen Bondo
Donald Hoeppner, Duluth, GA In memory of Hanne Friberg Hoeppner
Ronald & Sally Hoppe, Sr., Niles, IL In memory of Valdemar E. Hoppe
James Horton, Scottsdale, AZ In memory of Lars Christian Larsen & Marie Pedersen Larsen
Ruth Hovden, Robbinsdale, MN In memory of my mother, Emma Hansen Swendiman
William & Connie Jacobsen, Midway, UT In memory of Chris William Jacobsen
Joan Jensen, Ankeny, IA In memory of Loved Ones
Otto & Pat Jensen, Woodburn, OR In memory of my parents Mr. & Mrs. Emil Jensen
Carole Petersen Johnson, Mesa, AZ In memory of Sven Petersen Family & Niels Westergaard Family
Oscar & Dody Johnson, Iowa City, IA In memory of Deppe & Anna Jensen and 4 children who came to Albert Lea, MN from Denmark in May, 1910.
Beverly Petersen Johnston, Mesa, AZ In memory of Sven Petersen Family & Niels Westergaard Family
Harris & Carol Jorgensen, Dike, IA In memory of Jan & Tom Christensen and Byron Johnson
William & Eva Kehoe, Granite Springs, NY In memory of Alfi & Henrietta Scott (Schuder Petersen)
Mary Lou Kirk, Modesto, CA In memory of Peter & Karen Petersen
Howard & Anna Kiltgaard, Milwaukee, WI In memory of Andrew Kiltgaard
Kurt & Joy Larsen, Oneonta, AL In honor of Joy & Kurt Larsen's 50th Wedding Anniversary
Knud Aage Morch & Jette Mackintosh, Birkered, Denmark In memory of Tom Flynn
Charles & Carol Martin, Pelican Rapids, MN In memory of William B. Larsen
Michele McNabb, Atlantic, IA In memory of Elsie Rasmussen McNabb
Robert & Patti Meerschaert, Franklin, WI In memory of Grace Petersen Gertz
Ivy Mitchell, Rochester Hills, MI In memory of Ivy Else (Fugl) Brenton
Mary Nelson, West Lafayette, IN In memory of Larry Nelson
Andy Nyby, Humble, TX In honor of Folmer & Vera Nyby
Philip & Nancy Palmer, Grand Rapids, MI In memory of “Tina” Nielsen/Nelson
Martin Pedersen, Bennington, NE In memory of my mother Dagmar Ane Jacobsen
Pedersen and grandmother Ane Jensen Jacobsen
Merle & Norma Petersen, Audubon, IA In memory of James G. & Clara Peterson
Sherry Pettit, Omaha, NE In memory of my husband, Scott Pettit
Charles Philippps, Asheucile, NC In memory of Charles Andrew Philippps
Jeanette Ragner, Milwaukee, WI In memory of Maren Kirsten Nielsen Feld
Berger & Jo Pearl Rasmussen, Kenosha, WI In memory of Camilla & Holm Rasmussen
Elva Rasmussen, Elk Horn, IA In memory of Delbert Rasmussen
Susann Rogberg-Lavars, Corralitos, CA In memory of Gerda Sundberg
Gary & Lynne Rosenkild, Casa Grande, AZ In memory of Andrew & Rosa Rosenkild
Joy Scott, New Fairfield, CT In memory of Kaja & Mads Pedersen Madsen
Martha Staby, Loveland, CO In memory of Andrew P. Staby
Helen Steen, Clinton, IA In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Anton Olsen
Donald & Joan Stewart, Los Angeles, CA In memory of Carla A. Gear
Robert Storms, Omaha, NE In memory of Marily Stolley Storms
Charles & Jean Sweningsen, Boulder City, NV In memory of Per A. Arenskov
Karen Taylor, Springville, IA In memory of Emma Moring Saffey
Ruth Thogerson, Huxley, IA In memory of Mads & Anna Wolff
Judith Thomsen, La Crescenzta, CA In memory of Majorie ‘Meem’ Price
Tom & Phyllis Tucker, Corydon, IN In memory of Kathyn Knudson Liltejohn
Leona C. Vaughan, Yuma, AZ In memory of Norman C. Bansen
Evelyn Walker, Warren, MI In memory of Ole & Marie Olsen
Wayne & Peggy Wegwart, Lexington, NC In memory of Norma Valborg Jensen Wegwart & my parents, Johannes & Anne Jens
Norman Westergaard, Sloan, IA In memory of my dad, Walter Westergaard 1924-1965
Thomas Willianssen, Littleton, CO In memory of Wilbur J. Williamson

2008 END OF YEAR APPEAL

Andrew & Kelli Aldridge, Overland Park, KS In memory of Hans Christian Rasmussen
Steve & Jean Beisler, Iowa City, IA In memory of Harold & Lenora Madsen and In honor of the Danish Student Internships
Inez Benjes, Craig, NE In memory of Niels W. & Ingrid H. Jorgensen
Guy Boye, Oklahoma City, OK In memory of Charles E. R. Boye
Louis & Elaine Bredesky, Des Moines, IA In memory of Edna Lauritsen
Reinhard & Pamela Danger, Washington, DC In memory of Helene Jorgensen Danger
William & Marilyn Gift, Des Moines, IA In memory of Harold & Esther Andersen
Elinor Greenfield, Omaha, NE In memory of Einar & Mary Nielsen
Carl Hansen, Tequesta, FL In memory of Jane A. Hansen
Dorothy Hansen, Naples, FL In memory of my husband, Westi Hansen

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Frances Hansen, Spencer, IA In memory of Louie O. Hansen
Wayne & Anna Haverland, Walcott, ND In memory of min Mor-Paula Jakobsen
Pauline Honan, Big Flats, NY In memory of Carl Ingward Jensen
Ken Jacobsen, Seattle, WA In honor of Senator Harriet Albersen Spanel
Otto & Pat Jensen, Woodburn, OR In memory of Ellen & Imel Jensen
William & Joan Kelso, The Villages, FL In memory of Evelyn Kjostine Faabord Jessen Kelso
Thelma Kerkman, Maquoketa, IA In memory of my mother, Manuela Werner, and her mother Olga Petersen
Garey & Sherry Knudsen, Hutchinson, MN In memory of Clinton & Lyria Jensen and Chris J. & Gladys Knudsen
Ione Kreamer, Kenoshia, WI In memory of my grandfather, Gustav Mikkelsen
Arthur Laursen, Omaha, NE In memory of Dorothea J. Laursen
Betty Light, Fall Creek, OR In memory of Lars Peter Jensen
Jeanette Lillevig, Kimballton, IA In memory of Elvind Lillevig

The Danish Immigrant Museum shares the legacy and continuing influence of Danish culture as realized in the experiences and contributions of Danish immigrants, their descendents and Danes living in America.

David & Jean Lowe, Long Beach, CA In memory of George Clausen
Elvira McCarty, Great Falls, MT In memory of Viggo Johansen
Gladys McCrory, Atlantic, IA In memory of Jens & Anna Holland
Michele McNabb, Atlantic, IA In honor of Brian McNabb
Dagmar Muthania, Long Beach, CA In honor of Joy Ibsen
Elise Norman, Seattle, WA In memory of George Norman
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Harlan & Anne Pedersen, Orcas, WA In memory of Jens Aage Jensen & Magni Jensen
Ulrik Petersen, Murrysville, PA In memory of Flo Ann Petersen
Elva Rasmussen, Elk Horn, IA In memory of Delbert Rasmussen
Kent Rasmussen, Grinnell, IA In memory of Lea Mae Rasmussen
Paul & Sharlene Roge, Northbrook, IL In memory of Kaj & Astrid Roge
Marie Ross, Council Bluffs, IA In memory of John C. Ross
Irene Schmidt, Audubon, IA In memory of Victor Schmidt
Barbara Struckman, West Babylon, NY In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Wilhelm and Karen Struckman

FAMILY HISTORY & GENEALOGY CENTER’S 10TH ANNIVERSARY
Robert & Carolyn Harvey, Battle Creek, MI In memory of Anna Christine Larsen
Philip & Alma Heath, Cedar Falls, IA In memory of Kenneth A. Mumm
Ralf & Inga Hoefeldt, Urbandale, IA In memory of Jonathan Hoefeldt
Mark & Lori Nussle, Palos Park, IL In honor and appreciation of Dennis Andersen’s work and support at FHGC
John L. & Janis Pientok, St. Francis, WI In memory of Mildred Hoegh Frederick

In celebration of the centennial of Bedstemor’s House, Executive Director Nielsen accepts a donation from the Tivoli Fest Committee, represented by Dr. Jerry Schrader, to help fund the establishment of a headstone for Jens Otto Christiansen, builder of Bedstemor’s House.

Izzy Hoegh (left) delivers cookies for Tivoli Fest donated by the Atlantic Friends of the Museum.
Gift Memberships

Throughout 2008 The Danish Immigrant Museum awarded complimentary memberships or received contributions directed towards gift memberships for the following businesses/individuals:

Dale & Nancy Andersen, Princeton, IL
Emmert & Diane Andersen, Harlan, IA
Willis & Dolores Armburst, Omaha, NE
Pamela Boespflug, Havre, MT
Freja Børsting, Copenhagen, Denmark

Lisa Botkin, Omaha, NE
Sara Brown Hildebrand, Neenah, WI
Daniel Brown, Neenah, WI
Robert & Susan Brown, Neenah, WI
Steve & Dana Brown, Elk Horn, IA
Thomas Brown, Hartford, WI
Rebecca Brown-Nienow, Bellevue, WA
Rollin Buck, Brainerd, MN
Willis & Dolores Armbrust, Omaha, NE
Jay & Anita Coon, Lakeside, IA

Matching Gifts

The Danish Immigrant Museum wishes to thank our members and donors for initiating matching gifts from the following corporations and foundations.

If your employer is a matching gifts company, please be sure to obtain the necessary forms, complete your part, and submit them with your future contributions to the Museum. This is a great opportunity to double your gift.

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Boeing Company
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Dominion Foundation
Eli Lilly & Company Foundation
ExxonMobils Foundation
First Data Foundation
GE Foundation
General Mills Foundation
IBM Corporation
Nestlé Foundation
Pfizer Foundation
Thrivent Financial for Lutherans
Union Pacific
Woodmen of the World/Afford Life Association

Executive Director Dr. John Mark Nielsen is the main American speaker at the Rebild 4th of July celebration in Denmark.
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he Honor Roll of Contributors recognizes all who have supported The Danish Immigrant Museum during the 2008 calendar year.

It especially recognizes all who attained membership at the various designated levels with cumulative contributions amounting to $30 or more, including gifts for annual support, designated purposes, memorials, Wall of Honor designations, special appeals, matching gifts, Holger Danske Endowment gifts, and gifts-in-kind. This year's honor roll includes nearly 3,000 members and donors from 49 states, Washington D.C., and 7 countries, namely, Denmark, Canada, Ukraine, Uganda, El Salvador, France and Luxembourg.

Additionally, we are pleased to include on the honor roll our Business/Organization Associates who contribute $100 or more to the Museum. The Business/Organization Associates are listed in the Honor Roll according to their giving level.
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Order of Lolland $500-$999

A low lying, flat agricultural island where sugar beets and grain are raised, Lolland has forests in the middle and on its eastern shores. Gedser Odde is Denmark’s most southerly point.

Mildred Andersen, Elk Horn, IA
T.R. Andersen, Audubon, IA
Max & Muriel Bacon, Harlan, IA
Edwin & Ethel Barker, Iowa City, IA
Sandra Boeskov, Seattle, WA
Kristin Card, Cedar Falls, IA
Allen Christensen, Sacramento, CA
Borge & Lotte Christensen, Rochester, MN
Ellen Christiansen, Council Bluffs, IA
Phil & Debbie Christiansen, Omaha, NE
Mary Cole, Tucson, AZ
Rory & Ane-Grethe Delaney, Wayzata, MN
Candice Eggers, Berkeley, CA
Randi & Kelly Esbeck, Cumming, GA
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Curtis & Nancy Hoegh, Clive, IA
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