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Home: A Title I'm Hoping to Give Denmark

By Sandra Pedersen

In the sea of metal machines and mumbling mouths, I waited for one of the three suitcases that held 18 years worth of my life in them. As I stood looking for my luggage in anticipation, I wondered if anticipation would become a good friend of mine over the next few weeks. Whether it be seeing family I hadn't talked to since the pandemic, driving up to Askov Højskole, or meeting my new roommate. After getting my overly stuffed bags, I walked into the arrival gate of Billund and noticed how everything looked the same except smaller— the chairs, the stores, the lego displays, all of it.

But it wasn't the airport that had changed, it was me. Beyond just

physically growing, I noted how my conceptions of Denmark were old and worn, made by a person I no longer am. I would have to build my framework of this country from scratch.

First off, there's much more singing than I was expecting. Much more. Most mornings in assembly are full of varying voices (including my own, even though I'm not sure how to pronounce most of the words) and a loud piano that thrums like a second heartbeat in my chest. I really love how much we sing. The act of creating something together— whether it be sound or song— is truly a wonderful way to start the day.

Another surprise for me is how the Højskole acts as a community. We learn together, eat meals together, live together, and clean

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Image: Peter (second from left) & Sandra Pedersen (middle) with classmates in Denmark

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Image: Sandra Pedersen with classmates

President's Corner



Autumn at Northwest Danish Association

By Edith E. Christensen, EdD, NWDA President



This year has been interesting. Do we have COVID to consider or is it going away? We are trying to do as much as possible – carefully. We are still requiring people coming into the 101 office suite to wear masks. Inside tenants own personal offices, it is up to them to decide what to do.

The Oregon office and the Washington office each do their own programs for their own members. We try to keep everyone informed of what is going on in each location.

We have changed some of the office staff in Seattle over the past few months. We have found a new bookkeeper since Frank's passing in May, who will be paid. That is a new expense. Preben Pedersen (Board Treasurer) is coming in on Fridays and some Saturdays to help keep things up to date. He has a full time job so this is extra he is doing. We have Reina working in the office part time now. Read the article in this issue about her. We are happy to have her here.

Coming up soon is our Annual Auction. It will be on-line again rather than in-person. It begins on Sunday, November 13 and the ending day is Monday, November 28. We already have some exciting things for you to bid on. We have two different resorts for you to bid on, Larsen's Bakery item, beautiful pictures, Danish figurines and some Bjorn Wiinblad plates, gift certificates from local vendors, a Christmas tree from Pfaff's, and other exciting items. If you have items which would be appropriate, please call the office at 206-523-3263. If you can procure items from a favorite store or place, please call us first to make sure we haven't already contacted them. If we have, sometimes it is good to have someone familiar with the place to follow up personally. The auction is an important way for us to fund raise for scholarships for students, DACR, or programs of interest to our members.

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NWDA News



Himmelbjerget Hygge

By Kayti Hilzinger



*Image:
Himmelbjerget
campers at the end
of camp in June
2022*

This past June, Himmelbjerget Danish Camp celebrated our first year back in person at Menucha since 2019! Danish Camp 2022 was a week packed full of Danish culture, language classes, delicious food, dancing, shenanigans, and yes - covid tests. We had a smaller group of campers and counselors this year but laughter and Danish filled the halls of Menucha as loudly as any other year of camp.

Our theme for the week was Vikings and through this lens we explored the societies, homes, professions, and lives of Danes during the Viking era. Our week culminated in a night of activities at Roskilde, a Viking market! Campers competed in games, tested their luck in rune readings, and pushed their muscles in strength challenges all to earn stones for their family group.

This summer we had our largest group ever of 2nd generation campers – campers whose parents also attended Himmelbjerget! We also had the largest percentage of first year campers, many

of whom learned about camp through our Virtual Camp years in 2020 and 2021! Despite all the setbacks from the pandemic, we had a truly great group of kids and are looking forward to our continued growth for many summers to come.

We can't wait to go back to camp next summer and we would love for you to join us too! Himmelbjerget Danish Camp 2023 will be held June 25th – July 1st!

Himmelbjerget will also be launching an online fundraiser in the coming weeks! We will be selling a sweatshirt, shirt, hat, and tote with our beloved camp logo from the 90's! A portion of all sales will be donated directly back to camp, but the sale will only be active for about a month so be sure not to miss out! We will send out more information soon!

Also be sure to check Himmelbjerget's booth at ScanFair in Portland, OR this year! December 10-11th at the Oregon Convention Center!

Meet Reina!



Image: Reina in NWDA Seattle's lobby

Reina is new to NWDA's office, but not to the building. She worked for a forensic psychiatrist on the 3rd floor until his retirement this year. Over the past 15 years, she became friendly with Edith so jumped at the opportunity to work together.

Reina is a Seattle native, living in Ballard in the home where she grew up with her grandparents. She studied psychology and zoology at the UW and is taking her time deciding her next step, perhaps returning to school. Meanwhile, she is enjoying spending time with her 6-year-old daughter and helping out at NWDA. She will be focusing on the Juleauktion this fall.

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NWDA Programs—DACR 2022



It's a Wrap! – The 2022 Danish American Cultural Retreat

By Sonja Kromann



*Image: End of
Day One Zoom for
DACR 2022*

The Northwest Danish Association (NWDA) hosted the 44th annual Danish American Cultural Retreat (DACR) September 17-18, 2022. The DACR was held online again this year due to continuing community levels of COVID-19. Since its founding in 1978, the DACR has been held at the Menucha Retreat and Conference Center in Corbett, Oregon amid the beauty of the Columbia River Gorge east of Portland. After three years online, we are looking forward to returning to Menucha in 2023. The Danish American Cultural Retreat is modelled on the Danish folk high schools and provides attendees the opportunity to learn more about Denmark, its traditions, its global significance and the connections between the U.S. and Denmark, both today and in the past.

This year's program included some great speakers who joined us virtually from Denmark, Arizona, California, Iowa, and Washington. They spoke on topics as diverse as Danish car culture, Danish author Carl Ewald, and the Sami people of northern Scandinavia. The DACR opened Saturday with a welcome

from NWDA President Edith Christensen. MC Kyle Dittmer introduced the first speaker, Henrik Vejrup, who spoke about the Danish car culture. A long time Porche enthusiast, Henrik started with an overview of Danish automotive history, including the Danish supercar produced by Zenvo Automotive. The car culture in Denmark has been very active in the past few decades, with fans and collectors meeting at auto shows and rallies around the country. Unfortunately, Danish car culture has been limited by laws enacted by the Danish Parliament in 2021 that made it much more expensive to own and operate collector cars. Henrik is the cousin of our very own Emily Olsen and lives in Copenhagen with his wife and son. He works as the Head of Technology for Viaplay, the biggest Danish provider of streaming services.

We next heard from William White, an archaeologist on the faculty of UC Berkeley. William spoke about conducting black archaeology on St. Croix in the US Virgin Islands. Established as a sugar plantation in the 1730s, Estate Little Princess was a one of many sugar plantations operated by Danish colonists. The Estate was gifted to

The Nature Conservancy in 1991 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Archaeological excavations are administered by members of the Society of Black Archaeologists (SBA) with undergraduate interns and volunteers recruited from historically black colleges and universities and members of the local community. Excavations focus on documenting the lives and conditions of the enslaved Africans that provided the labor for the Danish sugar trade.

Saturday afternoon's DACR sessions opened with a discussion of the life and short stories of Danish author Carl Ewald. Translator William Zucker joined us from Tucson, Arizona. William was introduced to Ewald's writings as a student at a Danish folk high school and over time became an Ewald scholar. Carl Ewald was a 19th century novelist, pundit, and nature enthusiast, known for his modern fairy tales that featured the natural world and taught concepts originally proposed by Charles Darwin. Ewald's works are very widely read and remain influential today. William Zucker has published three collections of his new translations of Ewald's nature stories for children, and kindly donated copies of his books to the NWDA Library.

We next heard from Désirée Ohrbeck. Désirée is a journalist for Jyllands Posten based in Bellevue, Washington. We were happy to welcome her back to the DACR this year. Désirée spoke about her Grandmother, Else Marie Pedersen's experiences as a Danish war bride. After World War II, Else trav-

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From Denmark



The Vikings in Russia

By Jan Bruun-Pedersen



Image: Jan Bruun-Petersen standing in front of Moesgaard Museum. In the background to the left is the outdoor staging area for Hobbittenge:

My brother, Per, and my mother, Aase, had come to Denmark in May, 2022 to celebrate my daughter, Maja's confirmation at age 13 in the Danish state church. I live in Denmark, but my brother does not. This gave Aase the opportunity to show Per around Denmark, especially Jutland, because most of the family are already on Zealand.

We visited the Moesgaard Museum in Aarhus in a new building built in 2014. Moesgaard was a large estate and farm with its main building built in 1778. Around that time the Moesgaard estate had the largest

book collection in Jutland. The name Moesgaard implies that it was a farm near a bog. The estate is now owned by Aarhus. The buildings on the estate today house the anthropological and archaeological departments of the University of Copenhagen. The museum specialises in archaeology and ethnography (the branch of anthropology that provides scientific description of individual human societies). It was specially the human society of vikings that we had come to learn about. This year the museum has had an exhibit called Rus about how the vikings headed also east using the river systems to establish a strong trade network in the area of the

countries we would call today: Russia, the Baltic countries and Ukraine.

It is also important to mention that the museum also contains the Grauballe Man, which is a bog body found in Jutland. The man is over 2000 years old. He is well preserved from lying in the bog as a result of human sacrifice. He has fingerprints.

The museum's design is made up of a slanted and terraced roof such that the roof and the building seem to become one with the hill. This means that the roof is always open to the public even when the museum is closed. The roof is covered in grass like the rest of the hill. Also on the grounds of the museum the Royal Theatre was holding northern Europe's largest outdoor theatre performance. The play: The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien. The otherworldly characters are played by life-size puppets, while the human-like characters, like Gandalf are played by actors. You can see Gandalf pictured on the back of the seating area for the performance included in the picture for this article. If should be mentioned that Tolkien's sequel to The Hobbit, The Lord of the Rings, was illustrated by Queen Margrethe II in a Danish edition in 1977 under the pseudonym, Ingahild Grathmer. Relating to the museum, the queen is the royal protector of the museum and she studied archeology at Cambridge.

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NWDA Programs—DACR 2022



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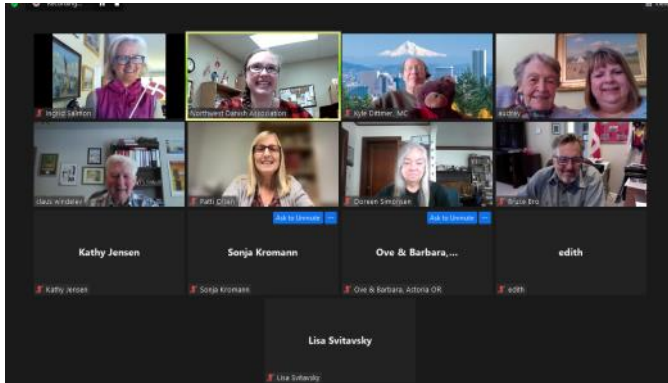


Image: End of Day Two Zoom for DACR 2022

can culture but had to admit he was wrong. Arriving in Seattle three months before the 2016 presidential election, the five years that followed were some of the most turbulent in recent American history. Kristian reviewed some of the lessons he learned and differences he observed between the US and Denmark covering topics including the American political process, health care, cancel culture, legalized marijuana use, and more. *Det Utroligste* is available now from Danish publisher Saxo.

The final talk of the 2022 Danish American Cultural Retreat was presented by Diya Nagaraj who spoke to us from Elk Horn, Iowa. Diya is the Albert Ravenholt Curator of Danish American Culture at the Museum of Danish America. Diya began by providing an overview of Danish agriculture from its beginnings in the Neolithic period 6,000 years ago through Viking age farming to the cooperative farming movement and on to present day. She went on to discuss contemporary farming methods in Denmark and the ways in which farmers, politicians, and the public are wrestling with questions around sustainability, climate, and ethics.

The DACR is a core NWDA program that aims to keep Danish culture alive and thriving in the Pacific Northwest. Thank you to all our volunteers, participants, and speakers. Special thanks to Emily Olsen who helped recruit speakers, assembled the program brochure, and brought everything together. Emily also provided technical support for the 2022 DACR. Thanks

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elled with other war brides from around Europe to join her American husband. Else lived in the United States from 1948-1955 and became a US citizen. She struggled to find her place in her new country, balancing her Danish traditions, married life, motherhood, and an increasingly strained relationship with her husband. Else eventually returned to Denmark with her three children and divorced her husband. Désirée was very close to her Grandmother growing up and learned about her experiences through reading her Grandmother's letters. She recently published an article about Else's experiences in *The Bridge* and is also writing a novel based on her Grandmother's life.

During the final talk on Saturday, we heard from author and translator Barbara Sjöholm who joined us from Port Townsend, Washington. Barbara spoke to us about Danish artist and ethnographer Emilie Demant Hatt (1873-1958), who grew up on the Limfjord in Jylland and studied art at the Royal Academy of Art in Copenhagen. Emilie met and began a relationship with Carl Nielsen, who went on to become Denmark's most famous

composer. Emilie was famous in her own right travelling, living with the Sámi people, and becoming fluent in their language. Beginning in 1904, Emilie worked with Sámi artist Johan Turi to translate and edit his famous book, *An Account of the Sámi*. She went on to write about her time with the reindeer herders in, *With the Lapps in the High Mountains* published in 1913 and an illustrated collection of Sámi folktales entitled, *By the Fire* published in 1922. As an artist, her paintings of the North are displayed at the Skive Museum in Denmark and the Nordiske Museet in Sweden.

Sunday's program featured talks from DACR alums Kristian Naesby and Diya Nagaraj. Author Kristian Næsby, joined us from Copenhagen. He spoke about his newly published book, *Det Utroligste* (The Most Incredible Thing). The book borrows its title from H.C. Andersen and in it Kristian describes 12 lessons he learned as a Dane living in the United States from 2016 to 2021 while he worked at the University of Washington as a guest lecturer teaching Danish. Having previously spent time in the US, Kristian felt he had a solid understanding of the US and Ameri-

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Cover Story—Home: A Title I'm Hoping to Give Denmark



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By Sandra Pedersen

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Image: Sandra Pedersen and classmates having a meal.

together. We act together. Which is different from High School, where many of these aspects of life are disjointed from one another.

The student-teacher relationship is also noteworthy. Here you can call teachers by their first names and attend activities they host for the school like winter swimming, fishing, and cooking dinner together. Recreations with teachers are much less common in American schools, and I love being able to bond with my teachers beyond the confines of class.

It's interesting to see how the school is able to be much more vocal in their support of certain issues. Around the end of August, the entire højskole attended a climate protest. In the U.S, protests regarding political subjects would usually need to be arranged by students, so I like that the højskole can

easily encourage students to actively combat global warming— an issue that has a crucial role in my future.

Within the classroom setting, the lack of testing is something I'm still trying to wrap my mind around. In high school, some classes felt like an intricate web, spun out of academic pressure and potential failure. An entanglement that often left me focused on accomplishment of grades rather than retention of my learning. However, in Højskole, I find myself more able to focus directly on the learning. Though I will say tests served as a nice tangible display of my progress, and without them, I find I must look more internally for proof of my learning.

Another new experience for me is the landscape. Even in the bigger cities like Aarhus, I'm easily able to get around on foot since every area is so walkable. Being in a car is a rare occasion for me now, which is so utterly strange considering how routinely I needed a car in the U.S to properly get around. But I like this Danish norm, as it makes me feel more connected and in tune with the cities I'm in.

I also appreciate how in Askov, the stars shine like sparks from loose wires and fill the sky like a bright paint splatter. I have found the best time to look at them is in the evening, huddled around the campfire tangled in my friends arms and toasting Snobrod on long spindly tree branches.

Throughout all of this, my Danish relatives have been a helpful guide

and reliable support system. Like a piece of driftwood in a choking sea of change that sometimes still leaves me coughing for breath— my family has helped keep me afloat. For all the time they have placed in my palms, I'm truly grateful.

So far, my days have been full of warm laughs and I've gotten used to the symphony of screaming efterskole kids that we share the campus with. I've fallen into routine, and it's actually a really nice feeling.

When I first got here, I found myself looking back at my old room like a glamorous mourner at a wake, seeing a home that was no longer alive. But after a handful of weeks here, I feel like I could give this place the mighty title of home, of my home.



Image: Sandra Pedersen (right) and classmate

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Write about your experience at Danish events in the PNW or other topics related to Denmark or Danish culture.

Contact us at
seattle@nwdanish.org if interested
in our publication.

In Memory—Flemming Sorensen



Corona Report from Denmark

By Jan Bruun-Pedersen

September 2022 - Denmark still has dropped all corona restrictions. I took a train very recently to Frankfurt am Main, Germany from Denmark. At the border in Jutland, I had to mask up for the six hours to Frankfurt. It is still the case that travelling to the USA from Denmark, one is not allowed to visit if not vaccinated unless the traveler is a US citizen or resident. More people died in Denmark this winter than last winter. This August sometimes as many as 50 people a day were dying of corona. Much more than last summer. In the past week, here in September, 35 people have died. The more vulnerable Danes have been offered revaccination. In October, all over the age of fifty will be offered revaccination.

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In Memory of Flemming Sorensen

Flemming Sorensen of Seattle, WA was born in Skivholme, Denmark on December 4, 1930, to Gunnar and Mary Sørensen. Flemming passed away peacefully with family at his side in Issaquah, WA on July 25, 2022. Beloved husband for over 60 years of Lexie Anciaux, father of son Peder Troy of Seattle and daughter Tove-Lise Sorensen of Bellevue. He was one of 14 children and is only survived by sister Karen (98) and brother Bent (73), both living in Denmark. Flemming learned the carpentry trade from his father and at Galten Technical School in Denmark. In April 1955, he left with an older brother Leo on a "2 year" journey to Canada starting with \$50 and very limited English skills. Initially he worked at Gunner Uranium Mines in Northwest Territories before heading to work in "warmer" Toronto, ON. Once he was 26 and free from Selective Services duties that he felt were redundant to the 18 months he had already served in the Danish Army Engineering Corps, he moved to New Jersey before heading to Seattle. When the brothers returned to Denmark for Christmas 1959, their father greeted them with "now you're staying home, right" and Flemming answered, "Leo is". After returning to Seattle in 1960, Flemming co-started Haga, Marquette & Sorensen that in 1963 became Flem-



ming Sorensen Construction for the next 35 years. The high quality craftsmanship of Flemming and his team became highly sought out for residential projects by many prominent architects including Ralph Anderson, Jim Olson, Omer Mithun, and George Suyama. Often, he was trusted to build their own residences. Over the years Flemming built his dream round cabin on Orcas Island, a family house in Bellevue, a "retirement house" in Clyde Hill, before, at age 79, fulfilling his personal goal of building his own waterfront home in Magnolia. Besides working with wood, his passions later in life were playing soccer, learning to play golf (hole-in-one in 1996), yardwork and traveling to many places including favorites such as Galapagos Islands, Namibia, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, China, Tibet, Hong Kong, Thailand, Singapore, Peru, Fiji, Churchill Bay and most of the US and Canada. Although never playing soccer as a child, in 1977 as a 46-year-old, he became an early member of the Seattle Danes Soccer Club and played his last game on

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NW Danish Calendar



We are working on restarting in-person events! Sign up for our e-bulletin to receive the most recent updates: www.northwestdanish.org/e-bulletin/

October 2022

Søndag	Mandag	Tirsdag	Onsdag	Torsdag	Fredag	Lørdag
						1 Danish I and Danish II (Zoom)
2	3	4 Work Party (S)	5 DBIA & DSS Meeting (S)	6 Danish Conversation and Culture (Zoom)	7 Fredagscafe (S)	8 Danish I and Danish II (Zoom)
9	10	11 National Danish Book Club (online)	12	13 Danish Conversation and Culture (Zoom)	14	15 Danish I and Danish II (Zoom)
16	17	18	19	20 Danish Conversation and Culture (Zoom)	21	22 Danish I and Danish II (Zoom)
23 30	24 31	25	26	27 Danish Conversation and Culture (Zoom)	28	29 Danish I and Danish II (Zoom)

November 2022

Søndag	Mandag	Tirsdag	Onsdag	Torsdag	Fredag	Lørdag
		1 Work Party (S)	2 DBIA & DSS Meeting (S)	3 Danish Conversation and Culture (Zoom)	4 Fredagscafe (S)	5 Danish I and Danish II (Zoom)
6	7	8 National Danish Book Club (online)	9	10 Danish Conversation and Culture (Zoom)	11	12 NWDA Annual Meeting (at Seattle) Danish I and Danish II (Zoom)
13 Juleauktion Starts Online	14	15	16	17 Danish Conversation and Culture (Zoom)	18	19 Danish I and Danish II (Zoom)
20	21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving	25	26
27	28 Juleauktion Ends Online	29	30			

December 2022

Søndag	Mandag	Tirsdag	Onsdag	Torsdag	Fredag	Lørdag
				1	2 Fredagscafe (S)	3 Danish I (Zoom)
4	5 Juleauktion Pick up Begins	6 Work Party (S)	7 DBIA & DSS Meeting (S)	8	9	10 Danish I (Zoom)
11 Julestue (S)	12	13 National Danish Book Club (online)	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 Last day to pick up Juleauktion items before Christmas	24
25 Jul	26	27	28	29	30	31

(P)= Portland (S) = Seattle (E) = Eugene

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Over-50's at 72 years old. He was Treasurer for over 25 years. Besides proudly defending against Alan Hinton on the field, his favorite part was the comradery of the third halves with teammates and opponents. He was also an active member over the years of several local Danish/Scandinavian organizations including the Danish Brotherhood in America Lodge 29 for 63 years (2 as President), NW Danish Association member and volunteer, founding member of both Danelag Danish Folk Dancing Group and Seattle Danish Club, a supporter of the Nordic Museum in Ballard and Rebuild National Park Society. After he retired from housebuilding and soccer, he became a member of the Ducks Golf Association for over a dozen years and regularly enjoyed playing golf with friends until his final days. He loved to lift his glass often and declare "SKAAL og skid` vær` med det!" ("SKAAL and to hell with it") and taught many around the world to say that phrase. In lieu of flowers, remembrances are suggested to National Nordic Museum in Ballard or Cougar Mountain Zoo in Issaquah. A Celebration of Life Event will be scheduled later. If interested, please contact Troy_Sorensen@msn.com for details.

Æret være hans minde! (Honor be his memory)

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also to Kyle Dittmer who served as MC introducing our speakers, facilitating the Q & A and keeping the program on schedule. Tusind tak, Emily and Kyle! Please plan to join us next year for the 2023 Danish American Cultural Retreat at Menucha. We will announce the 2023 dates as soon as they are finalized.

As a final note, we are looking for volunteers to help develop the program for the 2023 Danish American Cultural Retreat. If you are interested or would like to discuss the planning for the DACR, please contact the NWDA office, at seattle@nwdanish.org or (206) 523-3263.

**A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has
donated to NWDA.**

We would not be here without your support!

In Memory—Ellen Juhl



In Memory of Ellen Juhl



Ellen Utoft Bollesen Juhl died July 5, 2022, in Seattle, WA. She was born into the Danish-immigrant community of Tyler, Minnesota on October 21, 1925, to Jens and Karen Bollesen. Ellen was the third oldest of six siblings who were Herdis, Kai, Ester, Leif (Curly) and Agnete (Aggie). All but Curly predeceased her.

Ellen attended the Danish elementary school on the Danebod Folk School campus. After graduating from Tyler High School, she attended Grand View College in Des Moines, Iowa, and received her B.S. in physical education from the University of Minnesota. Following her marriage to Allan Juhl in 1948 at Danebod Lutheran Church, she became a physical education teacher in the Minneapolis school system and then a homemaker and mother to Paul, Barbara, Natalie, and David.

The family moved to Seattle in 1968 following the purchase of Pacific Picture Frame Co., which became Juhl-Pacific Corporation, supplying framing and art supplies to frame shops and artists around the United States. Ellen

worked in the family business along with Allan and her four children. She retired in 1988 when the business was sold.

A world traveler, Ellen made numerous trips to Denmark as well as most of the countries in Europe. Her thirst for travel also took her to the Middle East, the Far East, Australia, the Himalayas, and Tashkent, Uzbekistan, where she volunteered for one month to help build the Seattle-Tashkent Peace Park.

Ellen's interest and loyalty to her family also set her itinerary to the locations where they lived. Her presence and affirmation of her family were sources of joy to all. Ellen held memberships in various Danish-American organizations in Minnesota, Iowa, and Washington. She was a promoter of "all things Danish" and regularly attended the Danebod Folk Camp and Danebod Folk Meeting each August in Tyler. Her church memberships at Danebod Lutheran (Tyler), St. Peder's Lutheran (Minneapolis), and Maple Leaf Lutheran (Seattle) were vital to her faith and life perspective. Her leadership positions in each congregation were greatly appreciated.

Ellen will be remembered for her loyalty to family, a joy-filled life, generosity, hospitality, and her indefatigable energy wherever she went. Surviving family members are her brother Curly (Joy) Bollesen, Rochester, Minnesota; children Paul (Cheryl) Juhl, Edina, Minnesota, Barbara (TR) Reiner, Clay Center, Kansas, Natalie

(Philip) Nesvig, Tacoma, Washington, David Juhl, SeaTac, Washington; granddaughters Stephanie Juhl, Ann Harms, Jane Haley, Kate Miloch, Sonja Noykos, Rachel Nesvig; two step-grandsons Bob Newell, Jamie Newell; step-granddaughter Jaci Keys, and numerous great and great-great grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. A special thanks to the staff at the Hearthstone in Seattle for their loving care of Ellen over the past eight years.

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The Northwest Danish Association (NWDA) is a non-profit organization that strives to enrich community life experience through Danish cross-cultural exchange and social outreach. Our North Seattle office is seeking a full-time, in-office Program Coordinator/Office Administrator to perform in a multi-functional, customer-centric role. As the front face of the NWDA and The Meridian Executive Suites and office building, you will perform three primary functions in the capacity of Program Coordinator/Office Administrator.

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FREDAGSCAFE—October 7th, November 4th,
December 2nd
JULEAUKTION—November 13th-28th
JULESTUE—December 11th

Monthly Events (subject to change)

- Work Party — First Tuesday, Seattle (except July & August)
- DBIA & DSS — First Wednesday, Seattle (except July & August)
- Fredagscafe — First Friday, Seattle
- Torsdagsklubben — Third Thursday, Seattle (except July & August)

Watch our e-bulletins each week for specific times and dates of programs. Note:
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