



Dear Friends

This early autumn letter is mostly about Dines' world. The letter will be updated¹. from time-to-time! over the fall, and will, eventually, become our Seasons Greetings:

- **Kari's Days:** Kari's day, in my words, are fantastic considering her age! Brews coffee for me, serves lunch, washes linen and clothes, and makes patchworks & quilts. In 3 quarters of the year she has her twice monthly hours with *The Holte Patchwork & Quilt "Tea" Club*, Tuesday noons, and *The Green Quilters*, alternating Tuesdays, afternoon. Then she enjoys doing gymnastics at the local community center *Rønnebærhus* – having lunch there, afterwards, with me then having lunch at local places within 4-5 miles!

Kari is having difficulties: she falls, around the house – so we must call the community service to help her up. She does have a mobile phone. But she does not carry it around with her. And if she does, she rarely, if ever, responds to calls! Life is getting a bit too complicated!

Currently, late August / early September [2025] she is in a convalescence home, *Hegnsgården*, some 7 kms. from our home. She fell, at 10pm, Sat. 23rd of August, in our upstairs bedroom, and broke, it was subsequently, the next day, observed, a bone in her left shoulder. Sunday pm diagnosed so at Herlev Hospital. Taken to *Hegnsgården* Tuesday August 26. I visit her regularly. It is cumbersome: must park the car some distance from the main, only, entry – and then some 300 steps, two sticks!, from her room, # 33.

- **Dines' Day:** Here is an absolutely boring account of my "exciting" day – everyday!

- **Morning:** We wake up early – around 5:30–6:00am. I measure by blood-sugar and take my insulin. We have breakfast at around 7:00am. Kari brews coffee; I/we toast my bread, marmalade from *Tiptree, Wilkin & Son*, Kent, UK; 5 candlesticks lighted – now 7 !



Our dining room.

I read the newspapers every morning, before and after breakfast: *Berlingske* [B] and *Kristeligt Dagblad* [KD]. Fridays also *Weekend Avisen*. KD is, in my mind, the best. Many of the books I buy stems from references in KD. Once a month the morning post also brings me *Tidehverv*², a debate monthly. I devour most of its essays that and the next few days!

Around 8:30 am–9:00 am the local community home care comes around to get my support stocks on.

I then work scientifically & engineeringly, on reports, see below. A few hours, then I read books, see below, or "watch" streaming films, mostly crimes [mostly British, Irish].

- **Noon:** For $\frac{1}{2}$ hour before lunch I rest, in my living room Chinese 4-poster bed; reflecting on what I am trying to write/writing.

We usually eat a simple lunch: Herring with Danish aquavit and strong beer, or a micro-oven warmed quiche, penne, or other.

- **Afternoon:** After yet another rest, $1\frac{1}{2}$ –2 hours, and then upstairs to "my work".

At around 5:30 pm the local community home care comes around to get my support stocks off! These care people hail from Denmark, Eastern Europe, Middle East, Africa and South East Asia: Poland, Romania, Turkey, Iran, Thailand, The Philippines; they are all very devoted. I enjoy their comings and goings. They also help sort out the "zillion" different kinds of medical doctors-prescribed pills: have the local pharmacy deliver them, and put them in small, plastic weekday-labeled boxes!

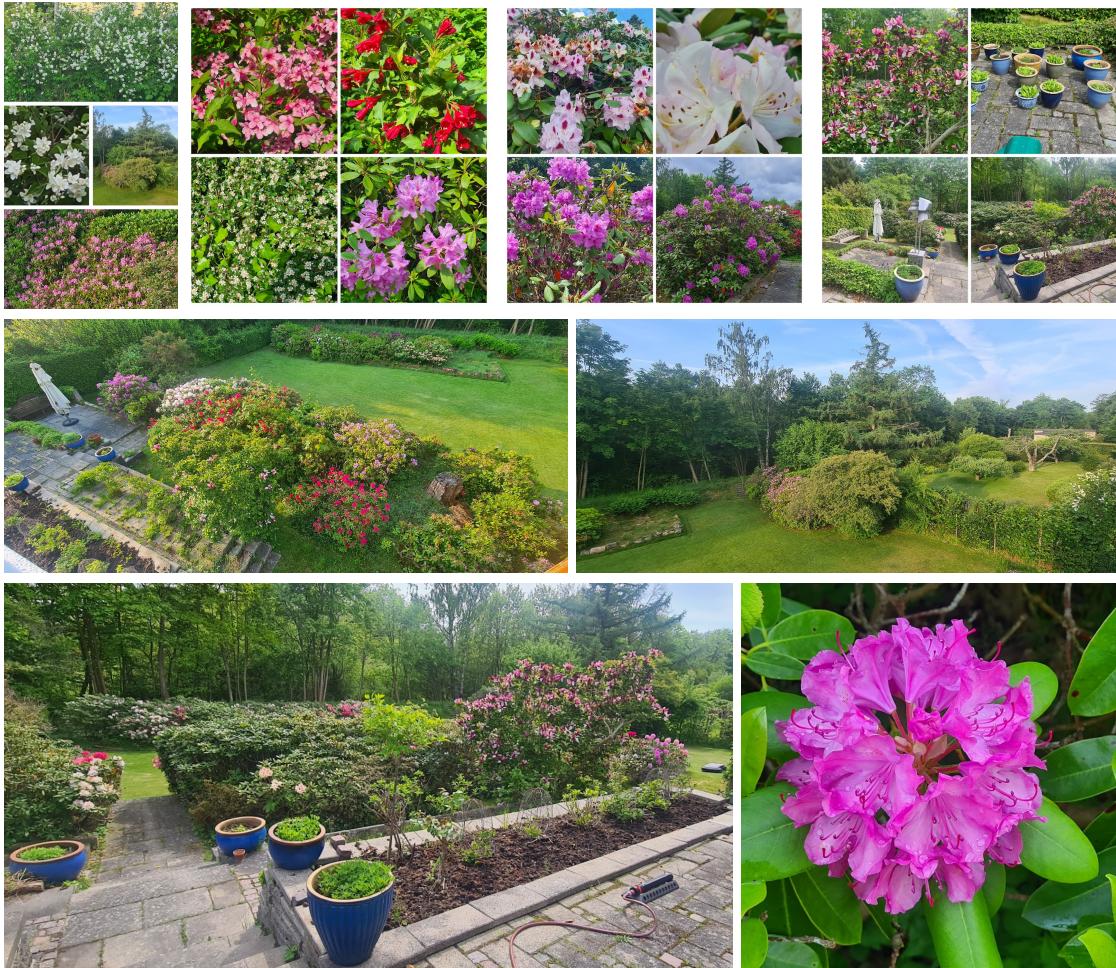
¹You may wish to [click](#) the light blue framed entries!

²<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tidehverv>

- **Evening:** I go to bed, early, slightly varying, between 4:30 pm and 6:00 pm. I spend some time streaming a TV movie, then reflecting on what I am [trying to] write/writing.
- **Night:** I sleep then from around 8:00 pm.

During the 24 hour day & night I visit the toilet 10 times or so !

- **Our Garden:** We have Ole keep our garden in order: plant, weed, etc.:



There were 26 trees in the garden when we first moved in, 50 years ago, August 7, 1975. Now there is one ! We completely remodeled the house April-Sept. 1975, and extended it in 1984.

- **Dines' Techn./Sci. Work: Background/Motivation:** In primary and middle school we learn *physics, chemistry, geography, zoology/botany*. All based on studying material/books based on scientific work. But we do **not** learn about banking, transport/logistics, economics, our *health care* (from *family doctor, via hospitals and clinics, insurance, etc.*), nor about our *judicial system: how laws are made and enforced, the police structures, the law court structure, prisons, etc.* ! That is: the whole human, man-made infrastructure that out societies have built over hundreds of years !

So as a kind of motivation I am “applying” my *theories of domain modeling* to, first the domain of *Transport*: customers (participating in or sending and receiving transport), transporters (buses, trains, ships, aircraft), [logistics] companies providing such multi-mode, composite transport, etc. I spent 3 months working out a domain model of *Transport*. Now I am working on a domain model of **Banking**, from Your “mortar & brick, neighbourhood” bank, the national bank, to the regional banks (e.g. the *European Central Bank* and the *US Federal Reserve*), to the *The World Bank* and the *International Monetary Fund*. If proper, non-sociological, but really well-founded, politically un-biased school courses are to, not train but educate young people in how our man-made infrastructure works, then such classes must be based on deeper texts on (each of) these infrastructure components. Next I shall try tackle such domains as **Wholesaling/Retailing, Health Care, and Manufacturing**.

This keeps me busy, 4 hours a day at my computer, 2-3 hours thinking.

- **Dines' Reading:** I have great fun, satisfaction and challenge in reading.

- **Moby Dick:** This book by Herman Melville fascinates me. The tome is lying on our coffee table book from where I read a chapter at a time. There are 135 chapters! Most are small: 2-3-4 pages. Chapter 9, on Job, is larger. It is fantastic! Akin to *Fjodor Dostoyevskij's* chapter in *Brothers Karamazov* on Jesus' visit to Sevilla and meeting there with The Grand Inquisitor³.
- **The West Seen from Russia:** This book was published in April 2025. It is written by 13 academics from Danish universities. In 18 chapters they cover *Russian Orthodox Christianity: historically and today, Slavophilism⁴, 19th Century Radicals and the West-oriented Intelligentsia, Russian Anarchism: Bakunin and Kropotkin, Fjodor Dostoyevskij: extreme realism and freedom of speech, Lev Tolstoy: open-minded realism and Christian anarchism, ..., Marxism and Leninism, Mikhail Bakhtin: Art and Responsibility, Alexander Solzhenitzyn: system-critical national-conservative, Alexander Zinovjev: from "homo sapiens" to putinist*, etc.! Fascinating reading.

I am 1/3rd way through.

[Over the years, since I was 18, I have read, in Danish or English, Russian literature: *Bulgakov* [he is Ukrainian], *Bunin, Dostoyevskij* [some dozen of his works], *Lermontov, Gogol, Pasternak, Solzhenitzyn, Turgenev, Tolstoy* and many others.]

It is obvious, to me, and has been for many, many years, that we, in The West, do not understand Russia at all! I fear we are making many political mistakes. Putin started the war.

- **The Gospel of St.John⁵** A delightful essay, 96 pages. Kasper Bro Larsen presents a crisp reading of the poetic and the elegance of the gospel in the New Testament.
- **Søren Kierkegaard:** Philosophical Fragments⁶: *The question involves how knowledge can be known, and Climacus discusses how the theories of Socratic recollection and Christian divinity can inform the learner of truth* [Wikipedia]. Delightful.
- I continue reading crime novels!
- And lots of other "stuff" !
- **60 Years: A Diamond Anniversary:** On Thursday December 11, this year, we shall celebrate our 60 years as a married couple. We met on Wednesday October 7, 1964, at the pedestrian walk on 5th Ave., New York, the one between St. Patricks' Cathedral and the Rockefeller Center. Kari was en route to San Francisco for a job, with a wealthy Pacific Heights family, as an *au pair*. We "dated" as from November 1964, "I proposed" on a rainy, stormy Friday evening April 9, she said "yes, thanks". Got our rings from *Lindemann* on *Union Square*, and married in *Røa Church, Oslo, Norway* at 5 pm on Saturday, December 11 that same year. Kari continues to "thrill" me – and a lot of many other good things – to this day! I find it amazing that I still thrive in her company, that I still want to be with her all 24 hours a day, that I wake up in the early morning saying, "You are Lovely", and repeat that some 20-30 times a day, every day! And she is.
- **A Book Translation:** On February 25th my translation of *Kai Sørlander's* book **The Structure of Pure Reason⁷** was published by Springer Nature, Dordrecht, The Netherlands.



The photos show me reading the book! Kari at work, and four of the home care ladies: Denmark, two from Iran, and one from The Philippines.

³https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Grand_Inquisitor

⁴<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Slavophilia>

⁵<https://www.eksistensen.dk/johannesevangeliet.html>

⁶https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philosophical_Fragments

⁷<https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-3-031-83301-4>

- **A Skin Cancer Operation:** In May I had, finally, a small skin cancer operation; now OK:



- **Restaurants:** We have had some good meals in town: in February at the now one Michelin star Japanese-style Sushi Anaba⁸ – where I got seated next to *René Redzepi* of the *Noma*⁹ restaurant. We have lunch 2-3 times a year at the *Sletten Inn*¹⁰. Kari's sister "Lillian" [Anne-Dagny] came by late April and we had lunch at *Søllerød Kro*¹¹.



The 1st photo shows Mrs. and Mr. Rezepi, Mads Battefeld [standing, the owner chef of Sushi Anaba], me and Kari. 2nd photo: us at Sletten. Lillian and Kari. Just these days we are having lunch with dear friends since 1969: Peggy & Peter Stark [Saratago, CA] at restaurant *Le Grand Rouge*¹², and with Charlotte and Caroline for early dinner at "Red Claus'" *SK12*¹³. Read about "Red' Claus"¹⁴. We have enjoyed his food at two former places.



With Peggy and Peter Stark, Sat. 28 June, 2025, at *Le Grand Rouge* !

- **Friends:**¹⁵ "Friendship, like setting sun, casts gentle light on everyone"¹⁶ was a favourite quote of my father. My mother then made a cross stitch for him. It hangs in our entry. It is lying somewhere, in a drawer, here. Kari and I have been and are blessed with many friends. Some of the longest lasting ones are *Hanne & Klavs Hendil* [K; Dines' cousin], *Anne & Morten Bjørner* [M: Dines' cousin], *Peter & Peggy Stark* [since 1969, Calif.], *Kirsten and Klaus Hyllested* [since 1964], Calif., *Jytte & Peter Johansen* [since 1965], *Olav & Grete Lilleør* [since 1978], , *Annemarie & Hans Langmaack* [Kiel, since 1980], *Elsa & Kaj Møller Jensen* [since 1992, HK], *Janne Tolstrup* [since 1998], etc. Several others have passed away. We have treasured and are treasuring their friendships.

⁸<https://www.sushianaba.com/>

⁹<https://noma.dk/>

¹⁰<https://formelfamily.dk/sletten/en/>

¹¹<https://www.soelleroed-kro.dk/en/kroen>

¹²<https://legrandrouge.dk/en/frontpage/>

¹³<https://sovinobrands.dk/restauranter/sk12/>

¹⁴<https://denroede.com/2024/04/10/farvel-og-goddag/>

¹⁵At our "advanced age" it may be permitted to bring this paragraph. My age may excuse that I have missed some friends in the list.

¹⁶<https://www.etsy.com/listing/1077027941/vintage-70s-warm-friendship-like-the>

- **Great People:** And Kari & I have been blessed also with meeting, many times, such wonderful people as *Alice & Kai Kinberg* [my "boss" at IBM Nordic Labs., and in Calif.], *Fay and Lotfi Zadeh*¹⁷ [UC Berkeley], *Florence & Ernest Baerwald* [SF], and *Grace & Harvey Pope* [Atherton, CA]. They were there, in our years in the SF Bay Area and afterwards. They "stood in", so-to-speak, as a kind of substitute elders. Their wisdom, their kindness, have left us deeply grateful. To this day we often reminisce about one or the other of these people when we, at breakfast, *count our blessings*!

- **Hurraaaaah!** Kathrine and Nikolaj were here July 6-8, resp. 6-11! We had Sunday Lunch at Søllerød Kro¹⁸ with Charlotte! Nikolaj was en route to an advisory board meeting of the Saarbrücken Max Planck Institute, Katrine having just become a B.Sc. in Mathematics at Nantes Université!¹⁹. After us she went to Sweden, to bicycle with her lady-friend in Sälen, etc.! She is going on to study for her masters degree at Université Paul Sabatier²⁰.

- **Travels: Oh, I miss travelling!** Kari steadfastly says *she will not travel*. I "dream" of sitting on a street café. Perhaps on a harbour quay in Greece or Italy. Of slowly walking, two sticks, in a quaint French village or in Madrid. How about a trip to Malta!?

Kari, though, says yes to visit Marianne in *Madison, Wisconsin* and Jakob in *Atlanta, Georgia*, and, of course, Kathrine in *Toulouse, France*.

I am invited to present a tutorial at the ICTAC Conference in Marrakesh, Morocco²¹ 24-28 November – but Kari says, so far, she will not go with me, and then I cannot go.

Will anyone "step into" Kari's shoes? For Greece, Italy, Spain, Malta, Morocco?

Kari has approved!

Fondly Yours




My upstairs *study* ↑, and our "downstairs" *Living Room* ↓ with the Chinese four-poster bed:

¹⁷https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lotfi_A._Zadeh

¹⁸<https://www.soelleroed-kro.dk/>

¹⁹<https://www.univ-nantes.fr/>

²⁰<https://www.univ-tlse3.fr/>

²¹<https://ictac2025.digital-hub.sh/>



Our House:



Postscript: I have in the last 10 years “struggled” with conceiving, formulating, and revising my thoughts on **Domain Modeling**. Several versions have been published in various forms.

It reminds me of the French author *Anatole France's* [“reductionist”] story of the history of mankind:

On acceding to the throne of Persia, a young king assembled all the academicians of his realm and charged them with writing a detailed history of mankind, that he may learn from it to become a wise ruler.

The wise men deliberated and returned after twenty years with twelve camels, each carrying five hundred volumes. But the king could not find the time to read so many volumes, and tasked them with reducing the number of volumes “to the brevity of human existence”.

The academicians worked for another twenty years and returned with fifteen hundred volumes. But the king said, “I am getting old and cannot read all these volumes”.

The academicians returned after ten years with five hundred volumes but the king asked them to shorten it further so that he could learn, before dying, human history.

After five years, a lone academician carrying a single volume arrived at the palace. “Hurry up” an officer told him, “the king is dying”. The king looked at the academician and said, “So I shall die without knowing human history”.

“Sir”, replied the academician, *I can summarize it for you in three words: they are born, they suffer, they die.”*

<http://profzeki.blogspot.com/2012/05/anatole-france-and-reductionism.html>

<https://www.imm.dtu.dk/~dibj/2025/year-letter/Anatole.pdf>

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