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THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Greetings,

A big Thank You to all the great volunteers at the May barbecue. Without your fantastic enthusiasm to make this barbecue another memorable event, such an arrangement would not be possible.

And finally we have a bit more luck with the weather during our events. Some of our members have been a bit shy during the spring, but we can obviously expect the usual great summer weather for our meetings. So do not hesitate to show up and participate.

And when you do, please sign up early, which will allow us to make better preparations.

I am looking forward to see you all at our June meeting.

Poul



-Are you pushing!
- Nah—do you want me to.

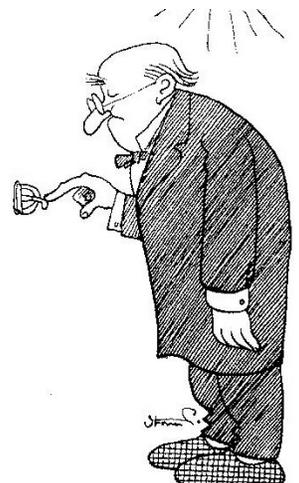
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-It's a nice convenience with solar eclipse,
-that you don't have to stay up at night to watch it.

Address Correction Requested



-It's incredible, that something so difficult can be so easy.

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Thanks to all the donors for the raffle. The BBQ raffle is always a special exciting one with so many members and guests:

Per Madsen, Poul Poulsen, Ken Fultz, Kirsten & John Johansen, Rick & Lise Santarini, Erik Lasen, Margrethe Bækgaard, Finn Jacobsen, Vibeke Jensen, Kirsten Pedersen, Sheryl Hoy, Tudy Kapellas, Joe Santarini, Carsten Johansen.

The May BBQ was very successful. The BBQ master Dennis Wimple did a fantastic job in preparing and charbroiling 50 pounds of USDA Prime New York Strip and carving it up perfectly. Overall the food was excellent and well prepared. Everything ran on time. As Usual Birthe Bækgaard treated everybody with her Tosca cake and cookies. Lena Humbler brought a delicious marzipan cake.

Two new members signed up for the BBQ, and during the BBQ two more wanted to sign up, however, we ran out of applications, so they will use on line to sign up. From now on there will plenty of applications stored in our meeting room.

In our board meeting it was suggested the club acquires more equipment for children. Most of the children who come to Kastania Park have grown out of the sandbox. It was suggested to get a basketball hoop, make a mini soccer field or baseball diamond. Jill Brians and Margrethe Bækgaard are in charge of coming up with a proposal for next meeting. Things like getting a WI FI network was also mentioned. That will open up for many video games which all young folks like.

The idea is to attract younger members with children. If you have any ideas please give them to Margrethe or Jill or any board member.

Our web site was attacked again, but all the kinks are straightened out. If it should happen again please use the newsletter link, I send out every month.

http://www.danishsoldiersclub.com/?page_id=16

This will let you into our web site even if the home page is blocked. Do not worry, the website and PayPal are secure and safe, and we are happy, that close to 65% now choose to use PayPal for lunch reservations.

It was discussed why the Soldiers Club is being singled out. Several people thinks it is because we show PayPal buttons on the front page. That indicates for hackers, who are browsing the internet, that we are handling money. If the members agree, I will move the buttons to only show on the other pages.



Email or mail this order no later than Tuesday prior to the lunch to:

ricksantarini@danishsoldiersclub.com

Or:
Rick Santarini
325 La Crosse Avenue
Santa Rosa, Ca 95409

Order form for Smørrebrød at \$18.00 each

Yes, I wish to order lunch for Kastania Fælled. My check is enclosed

Four pieces of Smørrebrød of which one is **SALMON**
Total plates with Salmon _____

Four pieces of Smørrebrød of which one is **SHRIMP**
Total plates with Shrimp _____

Four pieces of Smørrebrød of which one is **HERRING**
Total plates with Herring _____

Four pieces of "non-seafood" Smørrebrød **REGULAR**
Total plates Regular _____

Drink Tickets are 3 for \$12.00, or 6 for \$20.00. Please specify quantity _____
1 ticket for any mixed drink, wine or beer. Soft drinks 1/2 ticket. Bottled water free.

Name: _____ Check amount _____

Per Madsen:

BBQ meat shortage.

I am so sorry to learn that the last people in the meat line got only half a piece (including me). I asked myself: "Did I not buy enough or did I count wrong?"

We had 4 USDA Prime Beef NY strip loin weighing in at 12.5 lb. avg. -- enough to cut 20 generous pieces each -- just right for the 75 portions we needed with 5 pieces to spare.

At the last several BBQs we sliced the meat thinner and had plenty left over so the hungry ones could get seconds.

This time we divided the meat evenly in generous servings and did not allow for seconds (we thought).

With my apologies to those that got only half a piece or less, I promise we will get it right in September.

FREEDOM OF SPEECH – with some big buts

By Peter Steiness

It's kind of interesting how we use and misuse the word 'free' or 'freedom'. My initial conclusion is that nothing is actually really free – so take that. Freedom of Speech is an enormous so-called freedom that all man and woman-kind should be able to enjoy, but unfortunately we don't and we can't. As with all freedoms, the one concerning speech does also come with some big buts...

Historically I'm sure we can go far back (yes, even beyond my childhood) and see specks of the 'freedom' idea here and there. Back in good old England, 1689, their Bill of Rights decided to apply freedom of speech in Parliament, and they have been screaming and shouting insults at each other ever since. In 1948 the Universal Declaration of Human Rights started with: 'Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression...' and so forth. It is pretty much allowing us to speak without censorship; and this is also when the many 'buts' arrived.

Freedom of speech is not absolute in any country, as in many cases it is subjected to limitations (aka: censorship). You are a bad girl or boy if you

speak in ways of libel, slander, obscenity, incitement to commit a crime, involve pornography (oh no!) and hate speeches, to name a few. So right there, all the fun in talking has been removed in one swell swoop – dang it. What we should read is that we must always speak with respect and consideration. When we don't, we'll have a million special-interest groups or individuals on our case, dragging us to court. For the most part, that thing is going way beyond the fundamentals of our freedom to speak freely – unfortunately.

Oops, I was wrong (second time since 2007). We do have a freedom with no buts attached at all. The freedom of thought is closely linked to other freedoms as in religion, speech and expression. We are so totally free to think whatever we pretty much want to think, and that we do – a lot. This is something we are taking full advantage of and in the same breath, we are so utterly grateful that nobody can mind-read any of our thoughts;

but are we sure they can't? You flinched a bit, didn't you? Can you imagine what would happen if we all of a sudden thought what we were saying and said what we were thinking? (A bit too fast for you? Read it again, real slow). If that was the case, we would be dead meat and friendless and probably in that order; either way, it'll be very fast. I get all sweaty just writing about it; I better start censoring what I'm thinking just in case – especially in public...

And finally we are on the level of how all this works in our everyday life. Declarations and laws and stuff can at times (often) go in one ear and hopefully out the other. It's the hands-on situations we care more about. My simplification of this speech freedom thing is:

**If you don't wanna pay,
you don't wanna say.**

Frank is 380 pounds, real low on hygiene, but very high on beer. You ignorantly think that you are fully protected by the freedoms of speech and expression, feeling safe telling Frank that he is fat and that he smells really bad. You have had your say and now it's time to pay. What you, silly person, would really like to hear in the response from Frank is: 'I appreciate your concern and interest and I will slim down fast and take several of them shower things... even using soap and water...' But, and no surprise here...

Frank's response consist of a tight fist at approximately 52 pounds (for foreign readers, that's about 23.6 kilos) going 60 miles an hour (96 kilometers) at which speed it lands on your nose, pretty much flattening it... Ouch. **You say you pay.** Okay a bit extreme, but you get the idea.

Our speech is legally free within limitations, so it is all about how well we express ourselves. Just thinking about how we must constantly adjust what we are going to say in the situations we are

in; how much of that freedom do you still feel? We constantly consider the reactions to what we are going to say before we say it – yes, we all do. We are so good at it, that most of these decisions are made in Nano-seconds (which is very fast indeed, even for me) and it comes rather naturally, very fluently and without interruptions, for the most part. Okay, so we are a bit too quick once in a while and then we have to pay. But we are basically good at it – really good.

In the midst of all this, let us not forget that we are not obligated to listen to anything, except what parents, teachers and spouses are telling us; and that's

the law, I think. But listening is most certainly a freedom we can utilize fully and many do; choosing 'not to listen' is a big part of that freedom, however silly that sounds. But do remember at all times, that we only learn from listening; we learn absolutely nothing from talking; good thing to know.

Thinking about what we want to say and how we want to say it, is essential within our freedom of speech. For the most part, I think about what I'm going to say, before I say it – but in some cases, unfortunately, I think about it several weeks later (sigh). Freedom of speech with some big buts – that's what it is; don't you think?