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THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Happy New Year!

2017 turned out to be a great year for DSC, and I am confident that 2018 will be even better. We will start the year with no less than 2 ladies on the board - Jill and Margrethe - and that is even in key positions. What could be more important than keeping our books and ensure the bar is properly stocked and managed! With the resignation of Vagn from the board, the food reservations will also be handled differently, but the new arrangement will no doubt run as smoothly as in the past. As usual, we start the new season with a meeting early February, and I am looking forward to a fun and entertaining meeting.

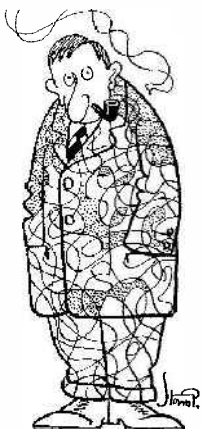
Poul



Now they say that the depths of our oceans have to be searched for monsters—
-It seems to me we have enough monsters on land.

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-Today, If you behave normal—
then your are an idiot.

Address Correction Requested

One sensation is forgotten as
soon as the next comes out—
-so in reality there are no
sensations



The Governing Board for 2018

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Margrethe Bækgaard is our new treasurer, and everybody is delighted to have another Bækgaard on the board. Food ordering is going to be slightly different. Please note on the order form below, that the name has changed. You must now mail your order and check to Rick Santarini, or you can email Rick: ricksantarini@danishsoldiersclub.com but remember an email order is binding. Rick will do the ordering to the caterer and give the checks to Margrethe. Margrethe will do the financial consolidating for each meeting.

HAPPY NEW YEAR, and welcome to 2018. The Christmas Party was very successful with close to 170 people. The food was excellent, the Hall temperature and set up right on after the County took over management. David Crowe did a great job as Santa. Thanks to Peter Schakow for leading the singing around the Christmas tree.



To the far left the new Governing Board for 2018 is listed. Vagn Nielsen has resigned after many years as treasurer, and we thank him for a great job. At our Christmas Party Vagn and Karen were celebrated for a well done job and the major impact they have had on the Danish Soldiers Club.

Do not worry, Vagn has agreed to help with collecting the membership dues, so this year it should go much smoother than previous years. If you already have paid your dues for 2018 you can relax. If not, please send a check for \$30 to:

Margrethe Bækgaard
1740 Brandee Lane
Santa Rosa, CA 95403-8676
Email:
margrethebaekgaard@danishsoldiersclub.com



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**

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

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 _____

ABBREVIATIONS – the long version

By Peter Steiness

Are we trying to save time, make things easier or in most cases, more complicated? Scientific research has found that saying **ABBA** (not a Danish group) instead of “**Agnetha – Benny – Bjorn – Anni**” is saving us a total of 14 minutes if we live till the tender age of 98 (and good luck with that). Of course this is not true, because I made it up; we actually save 27 minutes – but you get the overall idea, **DY? (Don’t You?)**

We all know that the Latin word **brevis** means **short**, and doesn’t that word more appropriately describe something diminutive compared to **abbreviation**? The silly and ironic thing is that we can of course abbreviate abbreviation – **abbr.** How you pronounce **abbr.** is so totally up to you. I can say it whatever way I want, because I’m from Denmark, so you wouldn’t expect me to say it correctly anyway, would you, huh? Now it’s your turn; let’s hear it – don’t be shy.

We use, as well as we misuse, abbreviations. We also seriously use some of them not fully understanding what they actually mean. Most say **PIN number**, which means that you are saying **Personal Identity Number Number**; **PIN** is all you need to say and now you actually also know what it means.

Please tell me why we abbreviate **pound** as **lb.** I can find neither an **l** nor a **b** in the word **pound** – and I looked twice; can you? The deal is that it’s the abbreviation of **librae** which is some old Roman measure of about a pound – go figure. But why don’t we use **pd**? Or would that be **pretty dumb** (LOL: Laugh Out Loud or Little Old Lady)

Here’s one we should all know what is: **ADF**. In airplane lingo (brevis for **language**, by the way), **ADF** means **Automatic Direction Finder**. If you are on a plane at 35,000 ft. and the captain is rushing up and down the aisles screaming: ‘Where the hell is that damn **ADF**?’ you might want to look under the seat for a parachute. If it’s the auto-pilot racing the aisles, screaming for the bloody **ADF**, looking for a bible would no doubt be more appropriate; good stuff to know.

Abbreviations were used extensively back in early literacy, which makes sense as everything was hand-written using large feathers and octopus juice. As far as I know, those days are over, but we keep abbreviating – a mix of old habit and a bit of laziness, I assume.

ABC is short for **American Broadcasting Company**, but here in California’s wine-country, it can also mean **Anything But Chardonnay**.

The religious abbreviation **HC** stands for **Holy Communion**. They use the same abbreviation in India, but it’s for **Holy Cow** – if they don’t use it already, they really should.

We all know **PC** means **Personal Computer**. For some it also stands for **Pretty Confusing**. We watch those cool dudes and dudettes in awesome outfits catching bad guys on **TV** (that’s **Television** or **Totally Vague** – often the very same thing). They are part of a **SWAT** team. I bet you have no idea what that stands for, though you hear it often and maybe you even say it out loud in public. **Special Weapons and Tactics**, in some cases also known as **Shooting Without Any Thinking**.

BTW is **By The Way** or the less popular: **Back to Work**; and the extremely ignorant one is from back in Salem year 1660-something: **Burn the Witches** (a dark spot on American history, if you ask me...)

Some silly person asks you to send the **URL** link of something in an **E-Mail** (you know that's **Electronic Mail**, huh?) But you struggle with the **URL**. Well, that's another reason you read this stuff – for the vast quantity of great information. Okay, **URL** stands for **Uniform Resource Locator** and I have absolutely no idea what the heck that means – I can only guess.

Quick, what is **IT**? – **Information Technology**. And here is a tongue-twister: **DNA**. We use this abbreviation with ease; we hear it often in movies and TV shows. I'm not looking for your understanding of the abbreviation; I just want to see if you can pronounce what it stands for: **Deoxyribonucleic Acid**. This is where we eagerly embrace abbreviations, **BT (Big Time)**...

SPAM: well, some like spam when it means **Some Parts Are Meat**, but the electronic understanding **Self Propelled Advertising Material** or **SP Automatic Mail**, can be rather annoying.

ATM = Automated Teller Machine – DOB = Date of Birth or Dirty Old Bugger.

Finding our ways around we use a **GPS**. Do you know what it really stands for? **Global Positioning System**. I use the **GPS** a lot, and always wonder what the person with the voice telling me where to go does in between her directions. I mean, going 250 miles on Interstate 5 in total silence – and then suddenly she wakes me up. So what has **she** been doing all this time?

When we talk about our cell-phones we loosely use the term **SIM** card, as if we know what the heck we are talking about – and for the most part we don't. We know where it goes and somewhat what it is supposed to do, but **SIM**? Well, it's **Subscriber Identification Module** – so there you have it.

CEO stands for **Chief Executive Officer**, which is kind of the **boss-of-bosses**; but **BOB** wouldn't sound as important, would it?

PM is **Post Meridiem**, which is Latin for **After Noon** (makes sense, but why not use **AN**?) **AM** is for **Ante Meridiem** which is Latin for **Before Noon** (so why not **BN**?) But when we try it out, meeting somebody for lunch at 11:30 **BN** doesn't sound romantic at all, does it? Weird, but so true...

With texting in the billions of messages daily world-wide, we have made abbreviations an art-form, **KO (kind of)**. But to me it's about the ethics of respect in our communication. Don't get me wrong, I'm for all kinds of communication and if increasing communication with other humans involves an adjustment of language, I am seriously all for it. I highly appreciate that whole thing, as I think that many who would normally not communicate as much otherwise (shyness, insecurities, etc. (yeah, that's me)) now have cell-phones, social networks as Facebook and other avenues of staying in touch; all the more power to them.

I was against texting from the start, but finally saw the use. Communicating with my kids, wife and friends for short remarks and "love you's" became, well cool, and now it's part of the communication package I use. But I will not abbreviate or shorten my language; that I refuse to do, no matter how old-fashioned that makes me sound – **R U OK** with that?

Now it's time to listen to **Dancing Queen** performed by **Agnetha – Benny – Bjorn – Anni, aka: ABBA**. I'll turn it up a lot, bite that lower lip and swing them hips... (Sigh).