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THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Greetings and Happy New Year.

This is my last newsletter as President of the Danish Soldiers Club, but I will continue my role as the newsletter editor. Therefore still feel free to send me suggestions for newsletter items.

A review of the year sees that 2019 went well for our club. Once the rain ended the weather for the most part cooperated for us to have some great events. The Christmas Party in Sonoma went well with our caterer having an actual kitchen to use this year. Due to a dedicated effort of the club and our great volunteers the Sonoma event became a resounding success with good weather to boot.

We are now embarking on a New Year with the hope, that we shall have some enjoyable and fun filled events in 2020.

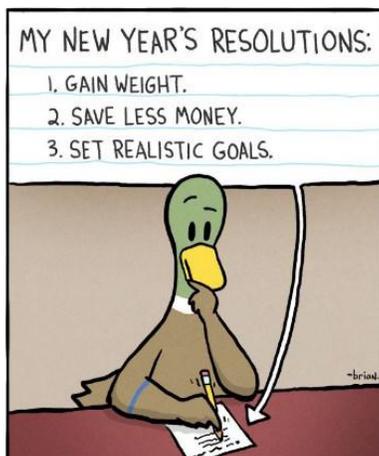
Best wishes for a successful 2020 to our new board. We welcome **Viking Henrik Olsgaard** on board but we are still looking for someone to fill our recent vacancy (2 years left on that Term). With a great board, we will continue to develop our club.

Rick



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With Rick Santarini leaving the Board at the end of 2019 the position of President will be decided by the incoming Board at our February Governing Board Meeting

Happy New Year, and welcome to 2020. The Christmas Party was very successful with close to 130 people celebrating Julefest. The food was excellent, the second year in our new location in Sonoma worked out well. Drew Robinson did a great job as Santa. Thanks to Peter Schakow for leading the singing around the Christmas tree and the children participating in the Children's Choir. Also thanks to our Board and volunteers, especially to the Nielsen Family for all the work they did to ensure a successful party. Also thank you to those that donated prizes for the raffle. The funds raised from the raffle help to defer some the cost that is required to put on the Party.

Remember that the 2020 dues are now due. If you already have paid your dues for 2020 you can relax. If not, please send a check for \$40 to:

Margrethe Baekgaard
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Email: margrethebaekgaard@danishsoldiersclub.com
Also remember that you can pay online thru PayPal at www.danishsoldiersclub.com

On a sad note long time member Morse Byer passed away on November 26th at the age of 90, he loved the Danish Soldiers Club and always looked forward to the meetings and luncheons, especially the kringle, and often remarked that the members are "such a good group of people." According to his son - Board Director Adam Byer he died peacefully without any pain, and his family were able to say their goodbyes during his last days.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Byer Family.



Order form for Smørrebrød at \$20.00 each

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

Four pieces of Smørrebrød of which one is <u>SALMON</u> Total plates with Salmon _____	Four pieces of Smørrebrød of which one is <u>SHRIMP</u> Total plates with Shrimp _____	Four pieces of Smørrebrød of which one is <u>HERRING</u> Total plates with Herring _____	Four pieces of "non-seafood" Smørrebrød <u>REGULAR</u> Total plates Regular _____
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Email or mail this order no later than Tuesday prior to the lunch to:
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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 _____

2019 Julefest in Sonoma



Things to Do in Denmark During the Winter

If there is one country that knows how to make the most of winter, it's Denmark. Despite its infamously chilly climate and long winter nights, the country comes alive between the months of December and February with holiday celebrations, cultural events.

With so many things to do in Denmark during the winter, it's almost impossible to choose. From its royal palaces, fairytale Christmas villages, innovative museums, and annual music and design events, there's something magical about visiting Denmark in the winter. So keep warm and explore a few of the best to do in Denmark during the winter.

- **Go Ice-Skating in Frederiksberg.** Each winter, the entrance to Copenhagen's Frederiksberg Gardens is covered in ice and opened to the public as a festive outdoor skating rink. During the day, families and friends can be seen bundled up in their best winter gear, bracing the cold for a fun round of skating.

- **See the Decorations at Tivoli.** Tivoli Gardens is one of the most magical amusement parks to visit year-round, but it is especially enjoyable during the winter months. Between November and December, more than half a million lights are used throughout the park to transform Tivoli into an enchanting winter wonderland. The trees are draped in twinkling Christmas lights, glittering decorations are hung from the roofs, and there's even a picturesque Christmas Village set up where all kinds of traditional treats and drinks are sold.



- **Try Winter Bathing.** For many Danes, winter bathing is a cherished tradition. It's said to come with many health benefits and even improve the quality of life. While jumping into a frozen canal might not seem like a pleasant idea at first, it's certainly an experience worth adding to the bucket list.



- **Take a Trip to Kronborg Castle.** Known around the world as Hamlet's Castle, Kronborg Castle sits in the northern city of Helsingør and is less than one hour away by public transport from the city of Copenhagen. Built



in the 1400s as a Danish fortress and later an important royal residence, Kronborg is a stunning renaissance castle and UNESCO World Heritage Site. During the first two weekends of December, the castle's courtyard and beautiful ballrooms are transformed into a traditional Christmas Market, filled with traditional Christmas treats and plenty of activities for children and adults.

- **Wander Around the Old Town in Aarhus.** In addition to being a cultural hub and Denmark's up-and-coming second largest city, Aarhus is home to one of Denmark's most unique attractions—Den Gamle By. Meaning "Old Town," Den Gamle By is a popular open-air museum that showcases the living history of Denmark throughout the years. Centuries old original buildings have been brought from all over Denmark and re-erected on the museum grounds, and visitors can walk around the old houses, shops, workshops and gardens for a truly authentic experience. Starting around November, the entire museum is covered in Christmas decorations from different time periods. There is also a special Danish Christmas Throughout Time exhibit which shows the history and different ways Danes typically celebrated the holidays from the 1600s to 1970s.



- **Enjoy the Frost Festival.** Just because winter is the coldest and darkest time of the year in Denmark doesn't mean it has to be boring. The Frost Festival seeks to push the boundaries of live music experiences by combining music, light and alternative spaces. A series of curated concerts and events, the Frost Festival happens every February in venues all around Copenhagen. Previous concerts have been held in museums, churches, historical buildings and even empty swimming pools, so don't miss out on this unique experience .