



# The Danish Soldiers Club

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## THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Greetings.

I hope this message finds you and your loved ones well and comfortably sheltering in place. This is a difficult time, but it too will pass, and we will gather together again when conditions permit us to enjoy the comradery and beautiful setting of our club.

Speaking of the setting of the club, I was there today (4/6) to see how the trimming of the trees that were threatening to engulf the Lansoldaten statue and the flag poles had gone. Our caretaker, Romel, removed most of the bushy limbs and exposed the view through the creek. There are considerable trimmings to be chipped, but we will address that when we are able.

I wish you all the best until we are together again

**Keith Brians**  
President



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### 2020 Danish Soldiers Club Schedule

May 2nd	BBQ/Meeting	Cancelled
June 6th	Luncheon/Meeting	
July 4th	Luncheon/Meeting	
August 1st	Luncheon/Meeting	
September 5th	BBQ/Meeting	Board Nominations
October 3rd	Luncheon/Meeting	Board Elections
November 7th	Luncheon/Meeting	
December 20th	Julefest	Sonoma Vets Hall

On March 2, 2020, Sonoma County declared a Local Emergency and a Local Public Health Emergency, and have mobilized staff throughout the County to assist in keeping our community safe from the spread of coronavirus. On March 17, 2020, the [Health Officer issued a shelter in place order](#) limiting all but essential business and government operations to mitigate the spread of the disease. Due to this and to ensure the health and well-being of our membership The Governing Board decided to cancel our April 4th meeting.

Sonoma County Health officials are coordinating with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to monitor local coronavirus cases. Officials are also working closely with local schools, health care providers, and other partners to share guidance and tools to keep people safe.

The County maintains official emergency information for the public at [SoCoEmergency.org](http://SoCoEmergency.org) and is working with local jurisdictions to ensure consistent, accurate, messaging for the community.

If you already have paid your dues for 2020 you can relax. If not, please send a check for \$40 to:  
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On a sad note I recently received this email on March 22nd from Club Member Søren Bloch of Saint Helena:

*With sadness that I must announce that former long-time member Søren Walther quietly slept last Friday in Yuma, Arizona, after two weeks valiant battle. His wife, Barbara, called me this morning with this sad news. Søren and I were good friends from 1964 in San Francisco when we were four brave young Danes who shared a small apartment on Carl Street close to Kezar Stadium and Hippie neighborhood. With many greetings;*

## IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE MAY 2nd BBQ and MEETING AND THE CORONA VIRUS, COVID-19

**To ensure the health and well-being of our membership, the board has regretfully made the decision to cancel the May 2nd BBQ and meeting on the recommendations of health authorities regarding the corona virus, Covid-19. We will revisit the meeting schedule when the situation becomes clearer and then will provide more information on the upcoming meetings**

### Fellow Members,

As you know the dues for 2020 have been raised to \$40. The website is updated so that new accounts are \$40, but we cannot control people's **OLD recurring charges** from our end. The account holder has to do that by logging in to [PayPal.com](https://www.paypal.com).

You need to log into your PayPal account and cancel the \$30 recurring payment, and then go to our website and use the new link to approve a new \$40 recurring payment, which works just fine.

But I'm afraid we're going to have to ask every "recurring payment" member to do the same, for security reasons; it's PayPal, not us.

If your recurring dues has already been processed for \$30 this month, we ask that you please get to us at your convenience a check for \$10.00 to Margrethe to cover the balance.

Then next year do the above to reset your account.

Again, sorry for any inconvenience this causes you.

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## CORONA VIRUS, COVID-19 Information

I thought we should use this month's newsletter to reiterate information that I am sure we have seen this past month. This information is from the two sites I have been using that deal with COVID-19; The World Health Organization (WHO) <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019> and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

## Common questions from their FAQ sections

### How can you prevent the spread of the coronavirus disease?

⇒ There are simple things you can do to help keep yourself and others healthy.

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing; going to the bathroom; and before eating or preparing food.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Shelter in Place and Stay home when possible.

- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash or cough or sneeze in sleeve covered elbow.

### What are the symptoms of the coronavirus disease?

- ⇒ The most common symptoms are fever, cough, shortness of breath, and breathing difficulties.
- ⇒ In more severe cases infection can cause pneumonia, severe acute respiratory syndrome, and even death.
- ⇒ The period within which the symptoms would appear is 2-14 days.

### What is the recovery time for the coronavirus disease?

- ⇒ Using available preliminary data, the median time from onset to clinical recovery for mild cases is approximately 2 weeks and is 3-6 weeks for patients with severe or critical disease.

### Who should be tested for the coronavirus disease?

- ⇒ Your doctor will determine if you have signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and whether you should be tested.
  - In the early stages of infection, it is possible the virus will not be detected.
  - For COVID-19, a negative test result for a sample collected while a person has symptoms likely means that the COVID-19 virus is not causing their current illness.

### Can you contract the coronavirus disease by touching a surface?

- People could catch COVID-19 by touching contaminated surfaces or objects – and then touching their eyes, nose or mouth.

### Who is most at risk for the coronavirus disease?

- ⇒ People of all ages can be infected by the new coronavirus (2019-nCoV).
  - Older people, and people with pre-existing medical conditions (such as asthma, diabetes, heart disease) appear to be more vulnerable to becoming severely ill with the virus.
- ⇒ World Health Organization advises people of all ages to take steps to protect themselves from the virus, for example by following good hand hygiene and good respiratory hygiene.



### Can the coronavirus disease spread through drinking water?

- ⇒ The COVID-19 virus has not been detected in drinking water.
- Conventional water treatment methods that use filtration and disinfection, such as those in most municipal drinking water systems, should remove or inactivate the virus that causes COVID-19.

### Can the coronavirus disease spread through food?

- ⇒ Current evidence on other coronavirus strains shows that while coronaviruses appear to be stable at low and freezing temperatures for a certain period, food hygiene and good food safety practices can prevent their transmission through food.

### Should I go to the hospital if I am sick?

- ⇒ People who are mildly ill with COVID-19 are able to isolate at home during their illness.
- You should restrict activities outside your home, except for getting medical care. Do not go to work, school, or public areas. Avoid using public transportation, ridesharing, or taxis.

Therefore the main thing is for all of you to stay safe and stay healthy so when the time comes where we can again enjoy each others company it will be a time of joy and celebration again at beautiful Kastania Faelled.

## Kastania Faelled Cleanup.

While we are all doing our part by Sheltering in Place to flatten that COVID-19 Curve our grounds care keeper Romel has been using this solitary time to cleanup our Kastania Faelled site. He has been pressure washing concrete and the buildings so when we do return our beautiful Kastania Faelled will be ready for us.

Another one of Romel's task has been to trim the many picturesque trees we have around the site. As you can see in the following pictures he has been hard at work.



When the time comes and it is considered safe to stop our Sheltering In Place condition we will organize a work party to clean up the debris including the stuff under the redwood trees. All this will make the site more visually attractive and safer during the next fire season.

