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THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Greetings -

As usual, the first meeting of the year can be a trying experience. After all, early February is still very much within the scope of winter and the rainy season. But as usual, the heavy almost tropical rain in the morning completely changed when our meeting started, and before we knew it, the sun was shining and the day was pleasant.

So indeed the day turned out to be a pleasant experience with a good turnout and lots of good cheer. We had a good meeting and we could not ask for a better start of the season.

We decided to maintain our regular schedule with 2 barbeques and fixed meeting days, so you do not have to look at the calendar. The Soldiers Club has its regular meetings, so you can plan ahead on your schedule. Again this year we encourage Soldiers to bring along friends and relatives for our meetings, and last but not least bring the children. It is always a pleasure to have a full sandbox. This is what the soldiers club is all about – a multi generational affair. If you get tired of talking to the 90 something, go and play with the kids in the sandbox.

See you all in March. **Poul**



- What do you say coming earlier to work?
- That will just mean you are coming earlier too late.

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- Stop staring.
- I am not getting any taller

Address Correction Requested



- This is a Greek Philosopher.
- Why does he stand in a box.

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Thanks to all the donors for the raffle:
Palle Thomson, Francis Claussen, Hoy, Vibeke Jensen, Joe Santarini, Tove, Kirsten Pedersen, Per Madsen, Ken Fultz, Peter Schakow, Teresa Tate, Poul Poulsen.

The prizes this month, the start of the 2017 season were extraordinary. Thank you so much.



Shown here is the front label of the DSC wine. It is offered in red and white .

The day before the meeting February 4, members were warned, that the parking field was very wet and advised to park close to the road. In spite of this 52 members and guests came to start the 2017 season.

The weather stayed nicely throughout the whole meeting, and now we are looking forward to great weather and many visitors for the rest of the season.

In the member meeting the Treasurer gave a summary of the clubs financial status for 2016. The picture was not as rosy as hoped. High maintenance cost at the park especially at the caretakers house plus insurance has also increased quite a bit. Finally the hall rent for the Christmas Party put us in the red for the year 2016 with \$3631.37.

This is not good news, and we are trying to recover in 2017. At least we do not expect a high maintenance cost this year. Insurance will not change. The Christmas Party expenses are up for negotiations. The company running the Veterans Hall in Petaluma has backed out, because they were losing money. Now we expect the city or county to take over, but we do not know, if this means prices are staying the same or going up. President Poul Poulsen will already in February contact the city to get a feel for, which way it will go.

In any case the club will have to tighten the belt in 2017. This year hopefully membership dues will come in sooner, so the Board's energy can be spend more productively.

One new thing this year will be the "DSC wine". This wine, which was served for the Christmas Party, was received very favorable, and it will be offered for sale by the:

Fifth Hill Inc., 185 Wilking Way Sonoma CA 95476.

Members will have to order directly and send check or cash to Fifth Hill Inc. The wine can be picked up at a DSC lunch or in Sonoma at 22360 Broadway by appointment. Contact Ned at 707 975 0354 or via email laprenda@comcast.net

There will also be advertising for the DSC wine on our website www.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:
vkn Nielsen@danishsoldiersclub.com

Or: **Vagn Nielsen**
DSC Treasurer
20650 Burndale Rd.
Sonoma, CA 95476

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 _____

ROTATING UNDERWEAR – and other weird stuff we do...

By Peter Steiness

I'm sure the title pulled you in. Of course I could have done: 'circulating panties', 'revolving briefs', 'juggling thongs' or something similar, but I do have a bit of class (pronounced: ethics). Not to disappoint you, I will tell you the tale of my 'unmentionables', as it's a solid substantiated basis for some of those weird things we do. A lot of those things are done without spending much brain-energy, since we do them on auto-pilot, as in totally without thinking (I wonder what kind of auto-pilot an auto-pilot has!) You'll no doubt acknowledge some of the weird things you do, after reading about **my** rotating underwear.

How you keep your underwear drawers organized, says a lot about you. Are you neat? Are you conscientious concerning rigid and systematized order? Or don't you give a crap about what anybody can read from looking into your drawers?

The level of how clean you keep your car or by how orderly your panty drawers are, tells me a lot about you. If the inside of a car looks like a smaller version of the local refuse-dump, with so much trash around that you'll need the help of a bulldozer to find the passenger seat, I immediately assume, that the car-owner's home, as well as personal hygiene, cannot be far behind.

Back in the days interviewing prospective applicants, my final 'test' in some cases would be: 'hey, let's do lunch – use your car?' So here I'd chatted away with a nicely well-suited young man, showered and shaved, precisely what I needed for the available job-opening. Of course,

most applicants were not ready for the 'your car' bit, so in many cases body language and facial expressions (as in: 'horror') quickly told me what to expect. And 'yes' I did make several decisions to-hire-or-not-to-hire, based on this measure. Having asked to see their undies drawers instead, would of course have been a tad awkward - don't you think?

But back to my drawers; I do my own laundry around here. I am the ultimate laundry folderer (not a real word...) my closet looks like perfection, if you really care about stuff like that. The solid colored T-Shirts to the left; T-Shirts with designs in the middle and the crispy white ones to the right; folded and neatly stacked with the same width, 9 inches if you really must know – looking clean and very organized.

As with my undies, I place the newly laundered ones on the bottom of the stack, as I retrieve fresh pairs from the top. By using this methodical way, I give equal wear and tear opportunity to all my unmentionables; rotating is the way to go. Makes a lot of sense, huh?

This is something I have done from I was old enough to do it, so it has become an automated habit, something my auto-pilot is in charge of. But at times I do get a giggle out of what I do, as I think that, in a way, it's silly and something I am absolutely never ever going to reveal to anybody else, at all; I mean, what would they think about me, huh? Being unfairly judgmental by the order of my secret drawers?

But we are all in many ways in the same boat of auto-pilot habits. The daily shower is a good example. If you (please don't) ask me to tell you how I shower, answering this without moving my body – at all, would be impossible for me to do; you should try it yourself. The daily movements under the spray, using soap and shampoo, the order in which we do that thing, are so in-grown,

that I can do them in my sleep and often do; but I can't tell you outside the shower-stall how I do it, without wriggling around in the chair and swinging my arms wildly.

I have a calendar on my PC that I live by. Same calendar shows up on my Kindle and my iPhone. The calendar is filled with info and 'things to do – things to remember' beyond the call of duty – way beyond. I'm not even going to tell you some of the extremes, because you will point fingers and laugh at me, and as I am a very sensitive person that bruises easily, my therapist advises against exposing too much of Peter – especially my underwear, actually.

Anyway, the extreme items on my calendar, alongside birthdays, appointments and a slew of other basic stuff, are true helpers in my daily functionality. My theory, and it proves effective in practice as well, is that the more I write down, stuff I need to recall, the less I have to deal with between my ears. All I need to remember is to look in my calendar – and I have three places where to look, as in 'seriously always available'.

But I have yet another calendar, besides the big family calendar in the kitchen. It's a 'real' calendar lying on my desk in the office - to the right, if you must know. It's a weekly calendar and I (am embarrassed telling you this – kind of) fill every bloody day with nine items – every day, every week every month. These are items that to some extent are different from what's on my digital calendars. Among the nine items, it says: writing, photo stuff, piano, fitness, read & learn, etc.

I handwrite these nine items into the calendar every Sunday, starting a new week; and I write the same nine items for every single day of the week – seriously. For the most part I don't get around doing all nine items every day, but I substantiate doing this somewhat pathetic routine

with the fact that every time I write 'writing' I remind myself the importance of doing so – writing of any kind, because I enjoy doing that. 'Fitness' explains itself and I live by it, 'read & learn' is something I do every single day of the year, etc. So though it seems redundant to anybody else but me, as well as it should, I do find a huge benefit in this auto-pilot way of planning my days – my life, actually.

We all do stuff during our daily lives that might and should make us giggle a bit, when we really think about it. Some of the stuff could be negated or improved on, totally disregarded and/or discontinued and perhaps we could actually come up with brand new ways of doing those things a lot more effectively. What I'm concerned, I seriously don't think I'll change any of my somewhat erratic ways of being organized, doesn't matter how pathetic I really think some of those things are (yeah, I'm honest, too).

I'll keep rotating my underwear in the name of equality. I'll fold T-Shirts to perfection to my very last breath and I will continue to enjoy (secretly, of course) the great satisfaction I get from ironing my clothes as well as my wife's. Perhaps, as a 70-year older person I should have an excuse for doing this without adjustments, but the fact is that I have been doing this since I can remember – I started writing stuff in calendars when I was 7 - really. The old saying: 'if it ain't broke, why fix it...' or something like that; and as far as I know, my undies have never complained. Of course, they might chat amongst themselves when I'm not around, in the shower or while I'm sleeping... that would make sense, wouldn't it? But I'm sure they like to be rotated – wear and tear equality at its very best...

PS. Now I can delete '**Submit article to DSC**' – see how darn well it works?