



# The Danish Soldiers Club



**November—December 2018**

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NEWSLETTER FOR THE DANISH SOLDIERS CLUB OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA, INC. POST OFFICE BOX 41, PETALUMA  
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## THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

### Greetings -

The last outdoor event of the year was a great success. The weather could not have been better. Clearly everyone had a great time.

We completed the election of officers for 2019 without a hitch, beyond the usual deliberations. The composition of the board is gradually changing. One of these changes is the desire to involve female members in the activities of the club. Accordingly the board now includes 3 ladies which is a change in the right direction.

The next event is the usual winterization, which will take place when the maintenance team fix a date.

And of course the annual Christmas party is coming up the 16th December. Everything will be according to our tradition, but do not forget the change in venue.

See you in December.

Poul



**Date to remember:**  
**Christmas Party**  
**Sunday December 16th**  
**Change in venue**

**The Petaluma Veterans Hall is not available**

**Therefore this years Party will be at the Sonoma Veterans Hall**

**126 First Street West  
Sonoma CA 95476**

**Map and Directions on Page 3 of the newsletter**

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## The Governing Board for 2018

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Thanks to the donors of the raffle: Poul Poulsen, Ken Fultz, Per Madsen, Birthe & Margrethe Baekgaard, Rick & Lisa Santarini, Kirsten Pedersen, Erik Larsen, Sheryl Hoy, Gudrun Solomon, Adam Byer. Thanks again to Birthe Baekgaard, who made the Tosca cake for desert.

November 3 was the last regular meeting of 2018. 43 members attended on a beautiful Saturday with good food, drink and music. We also had three new members join our club: Heidi Brians, Peg Saragina & Dan Plumley who were welcomed with our traditional song of "Dengang jeg drog afsted"

Election of officers was held with Adam Byer, Michael Stecher, Leo Pedersen, Dennis Wimple & Peg Saragina being elected. Poul Poulsen, Per Madsen & John Johansen stepping down.

The next event is our Christmas Party on December 16. **Again please take note that due to a schedule conflict with the Petaluma Vets Hall this years event will be at the Sonoma Veterans Hall at 126 First Street West in the Town of Sonoma.** A lot of preparation is going on by Per Madsen and all his volunteers. Come and join us for a delightful party.

If you feel you want to help in any way please call Per Madsen (415) 928-4509 or email him at [permads@comcast.net](mailto:permads@comcast.net)

*Keith Brians will coordinate donations to the raffle. We hope like last year a lot of people will bring gifts. If you want to donate an item to our raffle please email Keith at: [kastaniakeith@gmail.com](mailto:kastaniakeith@gmail.com) or call him at (707) 789-9953.*

### **Order form for the JULEFEST at Sonoma Veterans Memorial Hall, 126 First Street West, Sonoma CA 95476 Sunday December 16.**

*We will gather around 11:30 AM, when the Veteran's Hall bar opens. (Drink Tickets only). There will be ample time to socialize, buy raffle tickets and find your tables. First course will be served at the Tables at 1:00 PM, main course will be served around 1:30 PM. MC will be Per Madsen.*

#### **Adult Members & Guests.**

Smoked Salmon or Bay Shrimp over Napa Cabbage & Iceberg tossed in house pesto dressing.

Oven roasted Danish style Pork loin roast with crisp skin. Served with pickled red cabbage, boiled white potatoes, sugar browned potatoes and a savory sauce.

Ris A la Mande with warm cherry sauce.

Red or white wine plus coffee.

**\$55.00** Total Count\_\_\_\_\_

#### **Young Folks 16 and under have two selections :**

##### **Choice # 1**

The same traditional Danish Pork Roast with red cabbage & all the trimmings plus Ris A la Mande.

Soft drinks are included.

**\$40.00** Total Count\_\_\_\_\_

##### **Choice # 2**

Courtesy of DSC we have a special Hot Dog dinner which includes soft drinks.

**FREE** Total  
Count\_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Check amount** \_\_\_\_\_

**Secretary Rick Santarini must have your order no later than Thursday Dec. 6th.**

**PayPal:** [www.danishsoldiersclub.com](http://www.danishsoldiersclub.com)

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[ricksantarini@danishsoldiersclub.com](mailto:ricksantarini@danishsoldiersclub.com)

**(Email orders are binding).**

**Or mail your order  
with your check to:**

**Rick Santarini  
DSC Secretary  
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**Final deadline for ordering is  
Thursday December 6th NOON.**

*Ordering after that time will be charged an extra \$5 per person/order, and with regret we cannot guarantee that such orders will be met. This is due to catering complications with late orders, so please get your orders in on time.*



**2019 Membership fee of \$30 is now due.** You can pay for the Christmas Dinner and the dues with PayPal on our website. [www.danishsoldiersclub.com](http://www.danishsoldiersclub.com)

You may also pay for both Christmas Party and 2019 Membership dues by check.

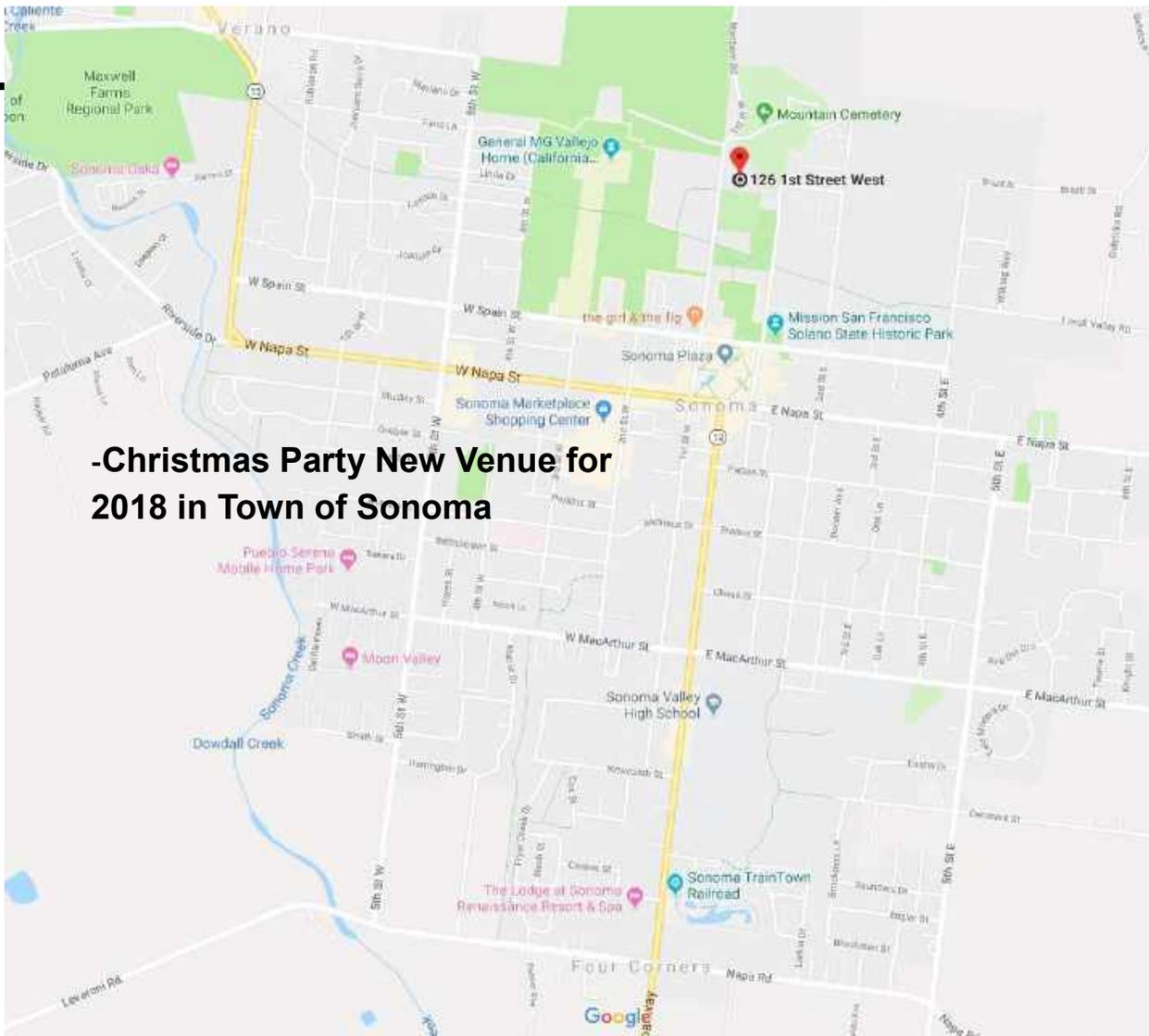
When you write the check for the Christmas Party, it is easy to include \$30 for your 2019 membership.

**-Yes, it is still only \$30 for membership.**

We will appreciate to receive ALL dues no later than Feb 1, 2018. It will save time and money, if we do not have to send out reminders and call members.



**-I hate sending reminders**



**-Christmas Party New Venue for 2018 in Town of Sonoma**

**Directions from East:** Highway 80 to Highway 12 to Sonoma. Once in Sonoma on Hwy12/ Broadway turn **Left** on W. Napa Street, then turn **Right** on First Street West and Vets Hall will be on the **Right**.

**Direction from the South:** Highway 101 to Petaluma, take Highway 116 towards Sonoma. Turn **Left** onto Watmaugh Rd., **Left** onto Highway 12/Broadway. **Left** on W. Napa Street, then turn **Right** on First Street West and Vets Hall will be on the **Right**.

**Directions from North and West:** Take Highway 12 in Santa Rosa to Sonoma. Once in Sonoma turn **Left** on W. Spain St continue and turn **Left** on First Street West and Vets Hall will be on the **Right**

## Christmas: The highlight of the long Danish Winter

(Written for our American Born Danish Members)

Denmark's long winter is at its darkest in mid-December, when the weak sunlight lasts only about seven hours per day. Ever since the Viking Age, and even earlier, people living in the Scandinavian region have held winter celebrations to bring light and joy to the darkness, and after Christianity was introduced into Denmark around the year 958 AD, that festival has been called Christmas.

Christmas dominates December and much of November in Denmark. Shopping streets and homes are decorated with colorful Christmas lights, and local bakeries are full of Christmas delicacies like *klejner* and *pebernødder* (ginger cookies). There are even special Christmas beers and *gløgg*. Danish Christmas is celebrated in the evening on December 24, and the country virtually shuts down. Even the city buses stop running between 17.30-22.00 so that everyone can enjoy dinner with their families. Denmark's electrical and gas utilities can measure a spike in usage when people across the country turn on their ovens to cook the traditional roast duck, **flæskesteg with crispy pork rinds**, or roast goose. The traditional side dishes are boiled potatoes, caramelized brown potatoes, brown gravy and pickled red cabbage .

After dinner, the whole family joins hands and dances around the Christmas tree while singing traditional Christmas carols. When you dance around the Christmas tree, you hold hands with the person on either side of you and you dance clockwise around the tree as you sing the song. When you sing the next song, you change directions. Sometimes you will walk, sometimes you sort of skip, beware of stepping on gifts or knocking off delicate ornaments on the tree. This can be awfully difficult if you have had a bit to drink during Dinner.

Finally, it is time to unwrap the gifts, and sometimes to attend a midnight service at the local church.

On December 25 and 26, many Danes visit relatives or friends they were not able to be with on Christmas Eve. A

traditional Christmas lunch with *karrysild* and *æbleflæsk* is often followed by a group nature walk. Most shops and restaurants in

Denmark are closed on December 24, 25, and 26.

## The Christmas Tree

The Christmas tree is central to the Danish way of celebrating the festive season.

Traditionally the Danish Christmas tree is the common spruce type, also known as Norwegian spruce. In more recent time, the common spruce has made way for the Norman or Noble firs as they last a bit longer and results in fewer scattered needles on your living room floor by New Year's Eve



### Glade jul, dejlige jul

LYRICS BY: B.S. Ingemann (1850)

Glade jul, dejlige jul,  
engle daler ned i skjul!  
Hid de flyver med paradis grønt,  
hvor de ser, hvad for Gud er kønt,  
lønlig iblandt os de gaar.



Julefryd, evige fryd,  
hellig sang med himmelsk  
lyd!  
Det er englene, hyrderne så,  
dengang Herren i krybben  
lå,  
evig er englenes sang.

Fred på jord, fryd på jord,  
Jesusbarnet blandt os bor!  
Engle sjunger om barnet så  
smukt,  
han har Himmerigs dør  
oplukt,  
salig er englenes sang.

Salig fred, himmelsk fred,  
toner julenat herved!  
Engle bringer til store og små  
bud om ham, som i krybben lå;  
fryd dig, hver sjæl, han har frelst!

