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THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Greetings

Even with unsteady weather we had a nice gathering of members who had no problem going back to their Nordic roots to enjoy a good Danish lunch.

Happy Birthday was sung for Vibeke Jensen who provided a Princess Cake to make the day festive.

On a disappointing note we heard that Nordic House in Berkley will closing their doors. Read the article on page 3 of the newsletter for details. While time does not stand still and change is part of life some changes are harder to accept than others.

Best Wishes and see you in April

Rick



**Why did the
bicycle
collapse?**

**It was
two tired.**

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Address Correction Requested

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In spite of the weather 45 members and guests attended the March 2nd meeting.

One of the subjects for the member meeting was the 2018 Christmas Party in Sonoma. It seems that many in our group enjoyed the new location, enough to the point we are considering it for 2019. We will inquire with both the County and our Caterer to make sure that we still provide the best cost consensus option possible. We will email the membership to ask for their input on this.

We are now looking forward to a great 2019 season. The rest of the meetings will without any doubt have great Kastania Faelled picnic weather and temperatures. Remember the first BBQ is coming up in May just two months from now. Again share this with your family and friends as a way to encourage new members to join and help us celebrate our Danish Heritage. Though the club will continue to remain vibrant

Thanks to the many donations for the raffle that help support this club from Rick & Lisa Santarini, Ken Fultz, Margrethe & Birthe Bækgaard, Tove Lindberg, Finn Kjaer, Poul Poulsen, Carsten Johansen, Vibeke Jensen and Per Madsen. Thanks again to Birthe who brought her famous Tuscan cake and Vibeke for the Princess cake.

If you already have paid your dues for 2019 you can relax. If not, please send a check for \$30 to:

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Also remember that you can pay online thru

PayPal at www.danishsoldiersclub.com



Email or mail this order no later than Tuesday prior to the lunch to:

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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>	Four pieces of Smørrebrød of which one is <u>SHRIMP</u>	Four pieces of Smørrebrød of which one is <u>HERRING</u>	Four pieces of "non-seafood" Smørrebrød <u>REGULAR</u>
Total plates with Salmon _____	Total plates with Shrimp _____	Total plates with Herring _____	Total plates Regular _____

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 _____

Here is some news that many of our Danish members will sad and be the end of an era. I found the news on this website:

<https://www.berkeleyside.com/2019/02/28/shop-talk-nordic-house-lobelia-kiss-my-ring>

Nordic House Closing

By Mary Corbin February 28, 2019, 7:26 am..



The Nordic House building at 2709 San Pablo Ave. is for sale. Photo: Courtesy of Gordon Commercial Real Estate

NORDIC HOUSE Nordic House, a store specializing in imported Scandinavian goods, is closing. Owner Pia Klausen told Berkeleyside the news will likely be a huge disappointment to the Scandinavian community. "Unfortunately, our import laws are just too strict, which makes it impossible for a small store like ours to survive," Klausen said. The official closing date is dependent on the sale of the building. Nordic House sells dry goods, food products, cookware, books and more from Scandinavia. The business, originally based in Oakland, opened 57 years ago. Klausen took over from her father in 2010, moving into the current Berkeley location. The owner-user, mixed-use building includes a one-bedroom apartment and parking. *Nordic House, 2709 San Pablo Ave. (near Derby), Berkeley 94702. Tel: 510-705-1932.*

2021 Tour de France to kick off in Denmark

The Tour de France organisers announced the 2021 Tour will



start in Denmark with an opening stage in Copenhagen.

Cycling's most iconic race will open with a team trial around the Danish capital, known for its [pro-cycling policy](#). The opening stage on July 2 will be a 13-kilometer flat run around the capital.

Two other stages are scheduled to be held in Denmark, according to Europe 1: a coastal ride 190-kilometer stage between between Roskilde and Nyborg. That stage will include pedaling on the windy bridges that make up the Storebaelt rail-and-road link.

"The wind is very, very important for the race. It was important to have the finishing line close to the bridge," race director Christian Prudhomme said. "Stage 2 is for sports enthusiasts."

The last stage before heading back to France will be in the hilly Jutland peninsula between the towns of Vejle and Sønderborg.

The contract for the 90 million kroner (\$13.7 million) Danish start was signed by Prudhomme and Copenhagen



Mayor Frank Jensen. Danish Prime Minister Lars Løkke Rasmussen, himself an avid cycling fan, called the Tour de France "the most iconic cycling race of all time." Both Prudhomme and Løkke Rasmussen noted Denmark had been picked because of the country's interest in the race but also because many Danes bicycle to work and school every day. The Danish prime minister said ordinary people in Copenhagen bike "330 Tour de France races every day."

The first time the Tour went overseas was in 1954, to Amsterdam. Denmark becomes the 10th country to host the 'Grand depart' after the Netherlands, Belgium, Switzerland, Luxembourg, Germany, Britain, Spain, Ireland and Monaco.

The 2019 Tour, in July, starts in Brussels to celebrate the 50th anniversary of famed Belgian rider Eddy Merckx's first victory.



Cycling in Denmark

Cycling in Denmark is both a common and popular recreational and utilitarian activity. Bicycling infrastructure is a dominant feature of both city and countryside infrastructure with segregated dedicated bicycle paths and lanes in many places and the network of 11 Danish National Cycle Routes (along with many regional routes) extends more than 7,500 miles (12,000 kilometers) nationwide. Often bicycling and bicycle-culture in Denmark is compared to the Netherlands as a bicycle-nation.

There are an estimated 4,300 miles (7,000 kilometers) of segregated dedicated bicycle paths and lanes in Denmark and the four biggest cities alone account for more than 840 miles (1,350 kilometers) with 378 miles (609 kilometers) in Aalborg, 320 miles (510 kilometers) in Odense, 280 miles (450 kilometers) in Aarhus and 256 miles (412 kilometers) in Copenhagen.

Cycle paths are often raised above the shoulder of the road and separated by a curb, but on older roads it is more common to have a cycle lane separated by a thick white line and sometimes the lane may be marked by colored asphalt. Massive infrastructure investments are taking place to create more cycle ways and thus increase safety. At intersections, the continuation of the cycle way or lane is often highlighted by a broad blue band to increase its visibility and cyclists may find that they have their own set of traffic lights. In general both paths and lanes are designed for the more slow pace of utility cycling as opposed to more speedy designs in other countries. The Danish Roads Directorate acknowledges that the Danish cycle track system "functions best when cyclists travel at relatively low speeds".



In Copenhagen a system of interconnected green cycle routes, "greenways", is under development, with the aim of facilitating fast, safe and pleasant cycle transport across the city. The network will cover more than 62 miles (100 kilometers) and consist of 22 routes. As of 2011, there were 25 mi (40 kilometers) of greenways in Copenhagen.

Most children start bicycling to school from age 8-10 and continue to do so until at least 18 (the minimum age for acquiring a driver's license in Denmark), but in the bigger cities some people will rely on the cycle as the primary transportation throughout life. Most Danish public schools also educate 10-



12 years in traffic rules, behavior and regulations as a part of their regular curriculum. Utility bicycles which require little maintenance and are suited to load carrying are very popular. However, all other types of cycles are accommodated on the bicycle paths/ways, from racing bicycles with tri-bars through streamlined velomobiles. Two- and three-wheeled cargo bicycles are also becoming increasingly popular, with the trend starting in Copenhagen and spreading out through the country.

The common use of cycles and the growing support infrastructure for utility cycling, has encouraged Denmark to brand itself as a leading nation in everyday cycling. It has also led to the reinvention of the term *Copenhagenization* as a concept in urban planning and design relating to the implementation of better pedestrian facilities and cycling infrastructure for utility cycling in cities.

Danish postal workers have been using cycles for transport in towns and cities to deliver mail for several generations. Likewise, small shop delivery services used cycles until the mid-1960s. As a result of a move to supermarket shopping, delivery by bicycles declined, though the growth of messenger services sparked a new life for delivery by bike in the mid 80's.

Since the mid-2000s cycle rickshaws (velotaxis) have operated in the bigger cities and offer short distance journeys (usually up to 2 miles) - primarily during summer. Around the same period small enterprises started selling coffee or soup from mobile tricycle stalls around city centers.

