

Flemming Elikofer: Speech to members of the American Club – Riviera 4th of July 2013

Dear members of the American Club Riviera.

I'm here today because one of the members of Club Danois – André Poulsen – one day asked me why the Danish club didn't contact the American club at the Riviera. He was sure that there might be several events we could make together.

I told André – perhaps a little bit short - "If you and the American Club think we could do something together the American Club just had to contact me".

Few days later I received a mail from Burton GINTELL (your President) who suggested that we should get together just to see if something could or would happen.

And so we did. It ended up in a way that both clubs have said yes to that members of the two clubs can participate in arrangements at the same price as members of our clubs. And that is today an agreement which both boards have accepted.

What is in it for you? – You could ask. Club Danois have 60 or more arrangements per year. You could argue that we must be a club where many events are held in Danish. And that is correct – but we have many events walking in the mountains in the Riviera Area and the fact that almost all Danes speak English should make a possibility for you to get in contact with our members. We also have some arrangements at different chateaus in Provence where most of the instruction is in English. Once a year we have an arrangement at Chateau Les Crostes where the main item of course is getting together and hear about the wine production, but we also do the noble art of sabling champagne, and this event is mostly in English because the winemaker speaks English. We also have some Boule events and once a year also CD Golf open. And members of ACR are all welcome to these events at the same price as our members.

As a benefit the two clubs needs to discuss whether The American Club Riviera have any interest in participating in a collective insurance covering help in regard to French insurance company, public authority etc.

Mona and I went to USA last year where we first went to Washington. Earlier years we have been in different parts of United States. And what we realize by living in France and visit USA is that these two counties are much more aware of the meaningfulness of being secure that the future generations knows all about our background. In Washington DC in National Archives and Records we saw the original document of the American Constitution. A collection of documents that correspond with – what I Danish is named Grundloven. The difference between seeing the documents in USA is that you as Americans are so proud of your constitution that average Americans line up to see the documents. One never sees that in Denmark

You must be proud of your country and what you have reached through the years.

I hope we will see much more to each other in future than we have done till now.

Have a nice 4th of July.

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President

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