



Tina Winther to Serenade Ladies Day



The Chicago Torske Klub is again pleased to have Ms. Tina Winther as our entertainment for the annual ladies day. Recall that she was our entertainment in September 2007, and obviously, we enjoyed the program and asked her back. Tina is the daughter of our good member Thorkil Winther.

This is our annual ladies day. Note that it is also Valentine's Day, so bring your valentine(s) that day and reserve early. Due to the expected volume, we request this day that you form your tables of ten early and send a representative before 12:00 to reserve your tables of 10. No other table reservations

will be allowed before 12:00.

Recall that we also serve an optional steak dinner this day, instead of fish. When you make your reservation, please indicate your steak and fish counts.

Friends of Vesterheim

The Chicago Friends of Vesterheim cordially invites you to join us Saturday, March 28, 2009 at Park Ridge Country Club for our annual Nordic Marketplace and Luncheon. Shopping and festivities start at 9:30 a.m. Luncheon tickets are \$50 per person and includes a \$15.00 tax deductible donation to Vesterheim. Bunads and other Norwegian attire are encouraged. For more information, call 563.382.9681, or visit vesterheim.org.

We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you!

Calendar of Events for 2009

- **March 14, 2009:** Adolf "Bud" Herseth – Former Principal Trumpet of the Chicago Symphony
- **April 11, 2009:** Father, Son, Daughter day – John Lund, President of the Sons of Norway International
- **May 9, 2009:** 49th Anniversary Celebration – Torske Klub History by Dave Cornwell

February Birthdays

This month, we toast the Valentine birthdays of February: Paul Amundsen, Neil Andersen, Thor Jondahl, George Tarnow, Ed Grendahl, Cedric Syrdahl, David Svendsen, David Grevstad, Edward Ekstrom, and our Program Chairman and charter member Dr. Ray Newgard.



The monthly luncheon will be held on February 14, 2009 at the Des Plaines Elks Club, 495 Lee Street, Des Plaines, IL. Cocktail hour begins at noon; dinner starts promptly at 1:00 P.M. when, according to our tradition, our BOSS, Robert Alsaker, rings the bell to seat us for dinner.

Reservations due by:
Tuesday, Feb 10
NOON

Make Your Regular Dinner Reservation by TUESDAY Noon, February 10, 2009.

ALL MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS ARE REQUIRED TO MAKE A RESERVATION FOR DINNER. The Elks Club needs time to order the fresh fish. Timely reservations insure that an adequate portion and a table space can be reserved for you. Noon means noon. ANY reservation made after noon on Tuesday will have a \$5.00 late fee imposed, making your dinner charge \$25.

Call 630-445-1263 at any time day or night to leave a reservation; only call 630-406-0148 if you can't get through. As usual, please leave your MEMBERSHIP NUMBER, NAME, and the TOTAL number of people in your party. The same information is required when you reserve for other members. It will ring a few times before answering.

We have reservations from the following members: 3, 13C, 22, 47, 51, 55, 73C, 85, 98, 114, 115, 126, 141, 147.

We also the email reservations if you choose. Please send to secretary@torskeklub.org with your number of reservations, including guests. We will respond with a confirmation email.

****TIP** – Don't know or remember your membership number? Check the mailing label. It is the number or number/letter by your name.

NEW! Dinner Reservation Phone: ☎ (630) 445 1263

January Luncheon Well Attended Despite the Weather

Thanks to Gary Skoien for his program of insights about “Cook County and Chicago” and also to Randy Truckenbrodt who stepped in as Torskemaster for the day. In spite of the inclement snowy weather, the luncheon was relatively well attended. This was sweater month which we frankly forgot to mention in the letter by the time it was printed. Word got out by email and the reservation line.

You may have noted that the fish was different that day. The same storm that filled us with snow and iced out the east coast that week canceled the flight that would have brought us fresh torsk. ... and so there was none to be had. Randy, the Elks facility manager, tapped into his cache of frozen fillets to provide our dinner that day. Sorry for the inconvenience, but that is only the second time in about a dozen years that this has happened.

Sunken WW2 submarine to be raised

The Norwegian Government has decided that the wreck of the WW2 German submarine U-864 which contains 65 tons of mercury, is to be raised, and that the contaminated seabed be covered with clean sand. The wreck, which is located off the Norwegian west coast, near Fedje, north of Bergen, has long been considered an environmental hazard by the local population and environmental groups.

However, experts have long disagreed on whether or not the wreck should be raised or if it would be better to build a sarcophagus which would isolate the mercury from the marine environment, thereby eliminating the pollution hazard. However, the head of the Marine Safety Directorate, Magne Roedland, disagrees. In his opinion the wreck should be raised. He believes that the strong currents around the wreck will undermine the sarcophagus, and result in emissions of mercury. The local population agree, and have said the wreck must be removed.

On Thursday Fisheries and Coastal Minister Helga Pedersen announced that she had decided that the wreck be raised.

“I have given highest consideration to the insecurity felt by the local population, as well as the concern by the fisheries industry over possible contamination of the waters, if the wreck would just be entombed,” Pedersen told the the NRK. *(via Norway Post)*



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