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**50 Years!**

# Newsletter

September 2010

## Chicago Torske Klub Begins the 50th Season at September 11 Luncheon

This first meeting of the new Torske Klub season leads off with a presentation by Author & World Traveler Sara Drower, who will present **"The Story of Salt"**.

Make your reservation early for this opening day and bring a guest as well. Guests become friends, and friends become members for the next fifty years.

This day also coincides with anniversary of the September 11 attacks on America, in which we remember the 2976 people that died that day, including the 411 who perished in the attempts to save the others.



## October 16, 2010 – 50th Anniversary Dinner

The official celebration of Torske Klub's 50th Anniversary will be held at the Park Ridge Country Club October 16, 2010. Dinner for our Torske Klub members, their wives, significant others and guests will enjoy a Gala Dinner and Celebration. Black Tie and Bunads are invited.

H.E. Wegger Chr. Strommen, Ambassador of Norway to the United States will serve as the Honorary Chairman for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Our special Keynote Speaker and honored guest, Svein Ludvigsen, will fly to Chicago from Tromsø, Norway. Svein is the current Fylkesmann (Governor) of Troms County in Norway and the former Norwegian Minister of Fisheries and Coastal Affairs. Chicago's own Dick Johnson of NBC News, will be our Master of Ceremonies and will lead us through this memorable evening.

Invitations have been sent. Please respond early and no later than October 1st to Ken Nordan, 931 Campbell, Batavia IL 60510-3274 with response and a check for the dinner(s). The cost is \$50.00 per person. Cash Bar. RSVP and moneys can be given at the September meeting as well. Please write a separate check for the 30th dinner and the Sept. 11. No money or reservations will be accepted at the door for this event. Takk.

Please remember that there will be **NO Torske Klub Luncheon the second Saturday of October**, October 9. Our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration replaces our regular meeting in October.

## May Celebrated 50th Anniversary with Member Memories

The Chicago Torske Klub celebrated the actual 50th Anniversary event in May with the traditional luncheon and a special program consisting of memories from various members, as well as a few ad-hoc memories from the audience. Tusen Takk to all who shared that history. Much of it brought a laugh and a bit of it brought a tear. Thanks to all that attended and especially to the excellent speakers of the day, our own members.

### ***Torske Klub September Luncheon - Sept. 11***

The start of our season be held on September 11, 2010 at the Des Plaines Elks Club, 495 Lee Street, Des Plaines, IL (847-824-1556 for directions that day). 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. Make your regular dinner reservation by TUESDAY Noon, September 7, 2010.

**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 fish and a table space can be reserved for you. Noon deadline means noon. The reservation is called in directly after noon and the fish is ordered.

Call **630-445-1263** at any time day or night to leave a reservation. If there is voicemail difficulties, call Ken L. at 630-336-6723. 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. The phone usually will ring 4 times or less before answering.

We have reservations from the following members: **3, 13C, 40, 47, 51, 55, 73C, 98, 103, 114, 115**. Board members note that they have a reservation automatically and must call or prearrange to cancel. If you are not a member and wish to attend, call the same number and leave your name according to the principle "Once a guest, twice a friend, three times a member!" If you prefer email reservations, 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 by your name. **FREE Raffle Ticket** to each member that brings one or more guests to the dinner this 2010/2011 season, excluding father/son/ daughter day in March and excluding ladies day in February.

Reservations  
Required by  
12:00 Noon on  
**Sept. 7**

**Dinner Reservation Phone: ( 630) 445-1263**

# June, July, August, September Birthdays and Member News

This month, we toast the monthly birthdays for the summer months:

**June:** Vincent Field, Tom Muldoon, Haakon Andreassen, Ed Gutmann, Stu Bentley, Jimmy Sorensen, Preben Hammer, Roy Jensen, Ken Vesterli, master artist Carl Eglund, the Hon. Perry Gulbrandsen, Tom Muldoon, Torske Klub Secretary Ken Larson and our Raffle Chairman Ron Bentsen.

**July:** Bill Scheiderich, Lowell Olberg, Peter Olberg, Sverre Overland, Hank Solberg, Randy Truckenbrodt, Paul Johnson, Norris Harstad, Robert Newgard, Robert Anderson and Einar Cannelin, who is our testament to clean living and the benefits of torske and aquavit as our most senior member at age 97.

**August:** Tom Bendicsen, Christopher Betz, Dr. Marshall Pedersen, Dr. Victor Carnelli, Julian Ronning, Robert Cornwell, Allan Alsaker (also 97 år!), Knut Sjurseth, Stan Nelson, John Hardy, John Lund, Clarence Peterson, Roy Andersen, Membership Chairman and Board member Robert Frost II, Norwegian Hon. Consul General Paul Anderson, our Assistant Boss Don Hoganson and of course, our Boss, Robert Alsaker.

**September:** Sam Cory, John Teppen, Kurt Gustafson, Petter Berntzen, Charles Truckenbrodt, SofN International Director Jostein Bakken, Jim Andersen, Jerry Andersen, Kjell Larsen, Finn Braathen and board member Fred Glure.

We raise a glass to you all with a Bloody Viking... No, not that kind of bloody



Our BOSS represented The Chicago Torske Klub in this year's Nordic Fest Parade held in Decorah, Iowa.

Viking, the one that the Elk's Club makes with Linne Aquavit and tomato juice.

Although we don't note anniversaries very often, we have to make mention of the 70th Wedding Anniversary of Allan and Mildred Alsaker. For those who keep track of such things, that is the Platinum Anniversary. For their son Robert Alsaker, our boss, that reminder should provide a good gift idea.

In addition, we would like to welcome our latest members. Norris Harstad of Palatine, who was a frequent guest of Ron Bentsen; now a member in his own right. We also received Richard (Rick) Elmer of Chicago, who is a leader in the Chicago Police Dept., in our May anniversary meeting. You all know Rick as son of our late member Roger Elmer and brother of our good board member Roger (Rusty) Elmer. Welcome Norris and Rick!

## Commemorative Plate Raffle

A special multi-month raffle is in progress for the 50th anniversary plate created by Carl Eglund for the Chicago Torske Klub. Special Raffle Tickets will be \$5 a piece, or 2 for \$10! The drawing for the plate will be at the October dinner. Winner need not be present to win. See Ken Larson or Ken Nordan at the check-in table as you arrive for the luncheon; look for the ticket jar.



### This Month! Vasa Park!

The Chicago Torske Klub has again sponsored a booth at the annual Scandinavian Day Festival at Vasa Park located in South Elgin, 5 miles north of St. Charles on Rt. 31. Hours from 9 to 5. Join us and wear your Torske Klub shirt that day. Adults \$10, children 12 & under free.

## Future Programs

- **Sept. 11, 2010**– Sara Drower, Author & World Traveler –“**The Story of Salt**”
- **October 16, 2010**—6pm -50th Anniversary black tie optional Dinner. Note that we will not have a noon Torske Dinner at the Elks that 2nd Saturday of October. MC is Dick Johnson of NBC. Speaker is Norwegian Governor Svein Ludvigsen.
- **Nov. 13, 2010** -Marc G. Pomerance, Forensic Firearm specialist  
Watch the website, <http://www.torskeklub.org> [Yes, we have a website!] and future letters for announcements of upcoming programs.

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