



New Torske Klub Season in September Opens with Minnesota Aquavit



Gamle Ode was launched a couple years ago by Mike McCarron. The Minneapolis based Aquavit is offered in three varieties, Dill, Holiday and Celebration

Gentlemen: Welcome to the 2014-2015 Chicago Torske Klub season. We will convene at the usual place with the usual suspects to open this season with a special treat from Minneapolis. Mr. Mike McCarron of Gamle Ode is scheduled to join us to kick off the season with a bang. There is much more detail of his products at the company website <http://www.gamleode.com>.

We are not abandoning our Linne for this meal, but those that join us may find an additional option. Our torsksmaster will be our own Program Chairman Thor Jondahl. Reserve early and join us for this kickoff event.

Board of Director Changes

The Chicago Torske Klub Board of Directors serves to enable this group for the last 54 years, brokering the luncheon, finding speakers, raffle, collecting and paying for the dinner and amenities and generally ensuring that we have fun. It is volunteer, and many of the hours spent are behind the scene. Two of our board members are retiring from those duties: **Dr. Ray Newgard**, and **Ron Bentsen**. Two other members have volunteered to serve those positions: **Tom Field** and the **Rev. David Langseth**.

Dr. Ray Newgard is our remaining charter member, having served on the board of directors about that long. He has served in our most recent memory as Program Director and Assistant Boss, among others. He remains in our Torske Klub of course, but we suspect he may enjoy a longer winter stay in

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Torske Klub Luncheon - September 13, 2014

The luncheon will be held 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 rings the bell to seat us for dinner. Make your regular dinner reservation by the evening of September 8, 2014. ALL MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS ARE REQUIRED TO MAKE A RESERVATION FOR DINNER. Timely reservations insure that fish and a table space can be reserved for you. The fish order is called in after the deadline. \$5 surcharge for late reservations

Call **312-233-2887** at any time day or night to leave a reservation. If there is voicemail difficulties, call Garry at 312-497-6407. 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. We have reservations from the following members : **3, 38, 40, 42A, 47, 51, 55, 84, 97, 98, 115, 120, 149**. 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 reservations@torskeklub.com (not .org) with your total number of reservations, including yourself and 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 2014/2015 season, excluding father/son/ daughter day in March and excluding ladies day in February.

**Reservations
by
September 8**

Luncheon Reservation Phone: ☎(312) 233-2887

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Florida too as he is retired from his chiropractic practice. Tusen Takk Ray, for your decades of diligent service.

We also thank Ron Bentsen, who served many years as a board member, and until recently as our Raffle Chairman. In fact, Ron is likely most instrumental in the success of raffle in the selection and quantity of prizes. As with Ray, Ron will be missed on the board, but continues to join us for luncheon. Tusen Takk as well.

Our first new board member, pastor David Langseth of Huntley, Illinois requires little introduction as our frequent defacto chaplain and leader of the dinner prayer, as well as years of service as the lead of the December Christmas program. It was an easy to recognize him as a board member, as he performed many of the duties already in service of our group.

Our 2nd new board member is Tom Field of Park Ridge, Illinois has been dining with us for many years with his friends and father Vince, also assisting with dinner duties as asked; a good choice for our board.

Gentlemen, please shake the hands of these men for their service to our group. Thanks guys.

Member Birthdays and News

This month we celebrate the birthdays of the summer months:

June: Paul Abrahamsen, Stuart Bentley, our Board Member emeritus Ron Bentsen, Carl Eglund, Vincent Field, the Hon. Perry Gulbrandsen, Ed Guttmann, Preben Hammer, Roy Jensen, Corresponding Secy. And new sexagenarian Ken Larson, Jimmy Sorensen, and our newly minted octogenarian Ken Vesterli.

July: Erik Carlson, Norris Harstad, new sexagenarian Paul Johnson, Lowell Olberg, Bill Scheiderich, Hank Solberg, and Randy Truckenbrodt.

August: Boss Emeritus Robert Alsaker, Roy Andersen, Hon. Royyal Norwegian Consul General Paul Anderson, Jostein Bakken, Chris Betz, Dr. Victor Carnelli, Aquavit Chairman and new septuagenarian Robert Frost, John Hardy, Board Member Emeritus Don Hoganson, Stan Nelson, Dr. Marshall Pedersen, Clarence Petersen, Julian Ronning, Bill Sexton.

September: Jerry Andersen, Petter Berntzen, Sam Cory, Board Member and new septuagenarian Fred Glure, Kurt Gustafsen, Kjell Larsen, Jim Priest, John Teppen.

With all these birthdays to celebrate, I hope our speaker brings enough aquavit. Skål to all!

One more news item, we are pleased to report that our Program Chair, Thor Jondahl is recovering from his illness and surgery this summer, and we're looking forward to shaking his hand at the luncheon as torskemaster.

September Events

September 7, 2014— Come join the Scandinavian community for the 35th Annual Scandinavian Day Festival at Vasa Park near South Elgin IL. It is open longer this year. NEW TIME: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Adults \$10, Children 12 and under are FREE * FREE PARKING * Rain or Shine.

Some new things this year: free pony rides, "Scandinavian Zoo", Folk Dancing class, plus special exhibits, church service (led by Pastor Langseth), and Scandinavian vendors and food for sale. The Torske Klub mans a booth, join us.

Back by popular demand is the ABBA SALUTE plus Sven and Ole, Swedish recording artist Peter Nordberg, Nordic Folk Dance., Chicago Spelmanslag, Leikarringen Heimhug. See Website: <http://www.scandinaviandayil.com/>



"Abba Salute"

Check for updates on our website
<http://www.torskeklub.org>

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