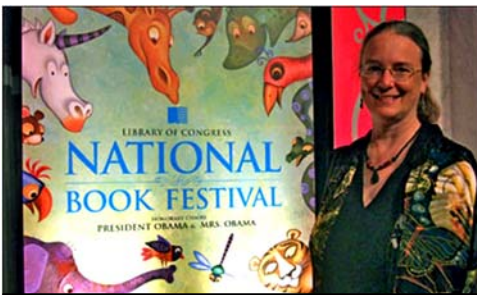




Author Kathleen Ernst speaks on Ladies Day

February is the annual Ladies Day luncheon. Our featured speaker is the noted author Kathleen Ernst. She will speak on the Chloe Ellefson Historic Sites Mysteries: Stories Behind The Stories. Meet Chloe Ellefson, a Norwegian-American sleuth, and discover the Norwegian artifacts, folklore, and traditions that have influenced the series.



Kathleen Ernst
2016 Notable Author
- Wisconsin Library Association

Kathleen Ernst is a social historian, educator, and author. The award-winning Chloe Ellefson mysteries reflect the decade she spent as a curator at Old World Wisconsin, operated by the Wisconsin Historical Society. Her latest nonfiction title is *A Settler's Year: Pioneer Life Through The Seasons*, which was featured by the Library of Congress Center for the Book and the National Archives. She has also written many historical novels for young readers, including twenty titles for American Girl.

Reserving Tables on Feb 11
Our ladies day event tends to be well attended, and the "Table of ten" rule applies as in past years. For all parties of ten, please send a representative before noon to save a whole table. No individual seat reserves will be allowed until after noon. Make your seating groups early.

Visit <http://kathleenernst.com> for more information.

In addition to our speaker, we will have music from our friends at the **Normenennes Singing Society**.

Steak <or> cod dinner will be offered this month. Board members: please remember to extend your permanent reservation for your wives also. Please specify when you make your reservation. Note that the meals are now \$25 per plate.

January 2017 Sweater Day

Our thanks to Mr. Gary Johnson of the Chicago Historical Museum for his talk and family recollections of the Norwegian Immigration to Chicago. Thanks to Fred Glure as Torskemaster.

A photo of the men at the event was taken and put on the web site, if you want to download a copy.

Torske Klub Luncheon - February 11, 2017

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 February 6 2017. 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 Gary 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(1f+1s), 115, 120, 149**. Board members note that they have a reservation automatically **and must call for spouses** 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 2016/2017 season, excluding father/son/daughter day in March and **excluding ladies day in February**.

**Reservations
by
February 6**

Luncheon Reservation Phone: ☎(312) 233-2887

The Cost of Absent Reservations

On January 21, the Chicago Torske Klub board met for a meeting and a few decisions. Although we remain healthy and viable with finances stable and membership well over 100, we see some trends that have caused us to change the rules for meal reservations.

As you are aware, we must collect reservations by Monday, for the Elks Club to order fish. We pay for what we order by agreement

Luncheon	Reservations	Absent
Sep.'16	42	5 (11%)
Oct.'16	47	5 (11%)
Nov.'16	40	4 (9%)
Dec. '16	41	5 (11%)
Jan. '17	54	11 (17%)
Feb.'17	120 (expected)	12 ???

with the Elks. It is fair.

There has always been a policy to forgive the cost of a reservation "no-show".

There is usually a good reason for absence; illness of member or spouse, funerals, etc. It has been our practice to handle the absences and bear the cost of the meal.

Absentees are 5-10% of the reservations in the past.

We have recently seen that absentee count rise. As that cost goes up, our small reserve is depleted to pay for reserved absences, but this cannot continue. At this time, we have decided to just reduce our reservations by 5%, but that means a few things:

- Late reservations will be less likely to get a fish dinner. We may periodically ask for volunteers to take a non-fish dinner.
- Rather than offer the extra meals to the raffle table (sometimes a less desirable prize), the boss will offer the meals to willing recipients.
- We ask every member to be a good steward of their reservation. IF you reserve Monday and expect to not attend, a call or email to the secretary before Saturday is requested and expected.

Member Birthdays and News

This month we celebrate the birthdays of the February: Perry Straw, Ed Grendahl, Neil Andersen, Cedric Syrdahl, Phil Waters, Dave Svendsen, Fred Durler, Ed Ekstrom, our Program Chairman Thor Jondahl and our charter member Dr. Ray Newgard.

We wish Thor Fjell a speedy recovery from his surgery and hope he can join us soon.

We have neglected in the last couple months to acknowledge our new members: Fred Durler of Mt. Prospect, and Lars Ohrstrom, son of our late friend and past Consul General Per Ohrstrom. Welcome Gentlemen! It's good to have you dining with us.

Regarding dues, we have a few members unaccounted for. If you have not paid dues, please contact us regarding your dues.

Norge Ski Club's 112th International Winter Tournament—Postponed Now Feb 11, 12, 2017

We published our klub invite last month, but mother nature forced the postponement for the first time in 111 years!

If you purchased VIP buttons for the postponed date of Jan. 22, they will be honored. .

Mark your calendar for this Torske Klub 2017 season:

Feb. 11, 2015— Ladies Day

Mar. 11, 2015—Father, Son, Daughter day

April 8, 2017— Luncheon

May 13, 2015— Anniversary Luncheon

May 21, 2015— Syttende Mai Parade—Park Ridge

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

Remember that the cost of meal is now \$25 per plate

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