



## April Luncheon- Norway House

We welcome to the podium this month Mr. Jon Pederson, who travels here to discuss the construction of Norway House in Minneapolis, Minnesota.



Norway House

<https://www.norwayhouse.org>

Norway House is a destination for the community with over 40,000 visitors annually. The big, blue Albert Quie Education Center opened its doors at 913 Franklin Ave, Minneapolis in May of 2015, strategically adjacent to Mindekirken, the Norwegian Lutheran Memorial Church in the Ventura Village neighborhood. The location boasts a rich and diverse residential history. Through its programs—which include

the Galleri at Norway House, Minnesota Peace Initiative, and the Edvard Grieg Society of Minnesota—you can experience contemporary art, design, and music. Visitors can engage in discussion about important topics that share links to Norway and the global community. And, they have a Kaffebar.

Mr. Pedersen is on the board of directors. He will be introduced by our Torskemaster Don Hogsanson after a greeting by a special guest. See p.2.

### Commemorating April Fools Day

One Sunday morning, the Lutheran pastor noticed Ole standing in the foyer of the church staring up at a large plaque. It was covered with names and small American flags mounted on either side of it. The old Norwegian had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the pastor walked up, stood beside Ole, and said quietly, 'Good morning Ole'. 'Good morning Pastor,' he replied, still focused on the plaque. 'Pastor, vat is dis?' The pastor said, 'Well, it's a memorial to all the men and women who died in the service. Soberly, they just stood together, staring at the large plaque. Finally, Ole's voice, barely audible and trembling with fear asked, 'Vich service, da 8:30 or da 10:45?'

## March Luncheon Recap

We enjoyed the Father, Son, Daughter day as we had over 75 in attendance. Our speaker was Kathy Glasder, who is the mother of USA Olympic Ski Jumper Mike Glasder. Her talk and display of artifacts were enjoyable, as was the meal and fellowship. *Thanks to all who assisted and attended.*

### **Torske Klub Luncheon - April 13, 2019**

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 April 8 for the luncheon. 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

**Reservations  
by  
April 8**

Call **(847)886-4841** at any time day or night to leave a reservation. 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, 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 *or add guest to the count*. 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](mailto: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 2018/2019 season, excluding father/son/daughter day in April and excluding ladies day in February.

**Luncheon Reservation Phone: ☎(847)886-4841**

Our boss, Lowell Olberg, and his wife Helen are host this month to a special visitor from Norway, Lodve Solholm. Lodve will join us for our luncheon in April and greet old friends and new.

He was introduced to many of this group in 2005 as the Norwegian American Chamber of Commerce (NACC) including a dozen or so from the Chicago Torske Klub traveled to Oslo and toured the Storting Building. Lodve was President of the *Lagting*, one of the houses of the *Storting* parliament from 2001–2005.



Members of the Chicago Torske Klub in Geirangerfjord 2006

He invited NACC to tour his land of Ålesund Norway in the fylke (county) of Møre Og Romsdal in 2006. He worked with Don Hoganson to plan an outstanding series of events and tours, including the UNESCO world heritage site Geirangerfjord. In 2007, he met the group in Tromsø along with that governor and another honorary Torske Klub member, Svein Ludvigsen, past fylkesmann of Troms county. If you join us for cocktails in April,

we'll run the slides from that trip.

Lodve was appointed by the king as the *fylkesmann* (governor) of Møre Og Romsdal in 2009, a position he still holds.

He joined a similar trip by NACC in 2011 to the Lofoten Islands. As he passes through Chicago periodically, he has joined us for a meal and greeting, as he will here. *Velkommen Lodve!*

## Birthdays and News

This month we celebrate the spring birthdays of Lars Ohrstrom, Peter Nielsen, Richard Elmer (CPD Ret.), Richard Fjeldheim, Carl Graf, Jr., David Hardy, Douglas Conte, Richard Nelson Jr., John Eisenmann, Rolf Larson, Pvt. Chris Gruener, and Fred Olk.

We congratulate our good friend and member Judge Perry Gulbrandsen for his pending trip to a certain golf event in Augusta GA, earned as a frequent flyer of an auto dealership. We hear the trip is for two, and wonder what he is giving his friend and business partner Carl Graf for his birthday.

We also congratulate Pvt. Chris Gruener for his forthcoming graduation from basic training at Ft. Sill OK.

We are saddened to report the passing our good friend Jerry Andersen. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends, including his son and good member Neil Andersen. Services are on April 6 at Edison Pk. Lutheran in Chicago.

Additionally, we received a note from Linda Larson, wife of our good member Rolf Larson that he passed away at their winter home in Florida. Our condolences are to his family as well.

We also wish speedy recovery to the boss' wife, Helen Olberg as she recovers from a fall. They ask no visits or phone calls.



Lodve Solholm introduced NACC to the dried cod based dish bacalao in 2006 while they toured Ålesund

### Future Events for 2019

- ◇ **April 13**— Luncheon—Norway House
- ◇ **May 11**—Torske Klub Anniversary Day
- ◇ **May 17**—Norwegian Constitution Day. Concert, Norwegian Memorial Lutheran Church, Chicago, IL, 7:30 PM
- ◇ **May 19** -NNL Norwegian Constitution Day Parade, Park Ridge, IL. Torske Klub Marches!

See <http://www.torskeklub.org> for more info

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