



## LET'S DO IT! September Luncheon is a GO

The board of directors met on July 27 via Zoom teleconference and decided that we are ready to re-start the luncheons in September.

A speaker is lined up for October, but since we will not have met for almost a year and a half, we decided to use this meeting to pass the microphone and have each member greet the others and reintroduce ourselves with brief news.

This is the start of the new season and the restart of the Torske Klub means that we will start the dues collection in October (not yet in September) and invite you to bring friends and family as before.

Call your reservation now to reserve your spot according to the directions below.

We continue to watch the COVID-19 situation. We are obligated to follow state and local rules for separation and masking if needed, as well as any requirements of the Elks' Club on the day of the luncheon. We know that the Elks are anxious to see us, and we understand that seating may be a little more spaced for them and us. We rely on your good judgement at the luncheon.

## Member News and Birthdays

It's a good thing that we are meeting in September. We are backlogged on raising our glass to the birthday boys for over a year. Sounds like the boss will get to celebrate the whole group. We print the birthdays of June, July, August and September here, since we acknowledged the previous months in the May letter.

**June**— Judge Perry Gulbrandsen (ret.), Corresponding secretary Ken Larson, Stuart Bentley

**July**—Our boss and new octogenarian Lowell Olberg, Norris Harstad, William Scheiderich, newly minted nonagenarian Hank Solberg

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### ***Torske Klub Luncheon - September 11, 2021—Reserve today!***

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 7 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. There is \$5 surcharge for late reservations.

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, 51, 55, 84, 97, 98, 120, 135, 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** (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 2021/2022 season, excluding father/son/daughter day in April and excluding ladies day in February.

***Reservation Line: (847)824-1556***

**August**—Norwegian Royal Order of Merit recipient Don Hoganson, Tom Bendicsen, William Sexton, Dr. Marshall Pedersen, Christopher Betz, Clarence Petersen, boss Emeritus Robert Alsaker, Thor Davidson, and David Petersen

**September**—John Teppen, board member Fred Glure, Sam Cory, Kurt Gustafson, Matt Gustafson, & new member Alex Gruner who is leaving his teens in the rear view mirror.

We lost a couple more members this spring and summer. In March, we lost Kaare Nevdal, who had celebrated his 100th birthday last year.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of our good member Edward Ekstrom, father of our board member Larry Ekstrom. He passed away in July.

Ed's death was followed by our long time board member and secretary David Cornwell, who also passed away in July. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families.



Dave Cornwell      Ed Ekstrom      Kaare Nevdal

Besides these three, we will raise a glass at our luncheon to others who have passed since we last met, Howard Skoien, Dick Fjeldheim, Vince Field, Robert Frost, Thor Fjell, Rich Wielock, Rodney Lee, Ron Bentsen, David Bentsen, Peter Hastings, Oystein Borsheim, The day of our luncheon is also the 20th anniversary of 9/11. We remember those lost also.

We lost a board member to relocation. Our program chairman, Thor Jondahl, and his wife are in the midst of relocating to the Charlottesville VA. Although he will continue to visit us when he is in town, he has appropriately stepped down as program chairman. A new person is being sought, and in the meantime, the board is supplementing the need. We note that until this COVID thing is resolved, we may have to rely on the talents of our members, friends and perhaps video conference as a last resort for some speakers.

We recognize and offer our thanks to Spec. Chris Gruner, who completed 8 months of active duty in the Illinois National Guard. He was called for the three months to assist with the distribution of COVID-19 Vaccines in Illinois, but that dragged out as communities and prisons were served, He tells us however, that his future monthly Guard duty weekend is scheduled for the 2nd Saturday of the month. He will have to be represented by his brother Alex Gruner, of Batavia IL, who has joined the Torske Klub during our hiatus. Alex is in his 2nd year of Waubensee Community College studying finance.

## Writing Checks

Remember the new requirements for Torske Klub related checks. In the past we have maintained an account for the "Torske Klub," however banking regulations and the fact that our group is "a bunch of guys getting together for lunch" we can no longer deposit checks as the Torske Klub. Moving forward, all checks must be written to "**Milt Gustafson**" as our treasurer.

The same will apply to paying dues in the future. Dues will be collected starting in October

**Join us on Sept. 12, 2021 at Vasa Park in South Elgin**

The Scandinavian Festival Hours are from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm  
\$10.00 per person. 12 and under free. Children 12 and under free.  
We will have a table there, stop by and visit. Lots of food and entertainment including the popular Abba cover group.

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