



Vasa Park and Scandinavian Days

Wait? Didn't we attend Scandinavian Days in September? Yes we did. This month in November, however, we will hear from our good member Bruce Carlson, who volunteers and represents Vasa Park along the Fox River in South Elgin IL. Vasa Park was founded by the Swedish community in the 1950s and by 2003 incorporated with participation from groups representing 5 Nordic countries: Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Iceland and Finland.



Make your reservation today, see notes below. The order for fresh fish is now due Monday morning.



October Luncheon

October featured our own board member and corresponding secretary Ken Larson as he spoke about the nature and controversies of Cryptocurrency; as a primer and about the technology supporting it. Recall that Ken retired in 2020 from Hewlett Packard Enterprise, an Information Technology company specializing in servers, storage, network and services.

Torske Klub Luncheon - November 13, 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 Sunday November 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: **38, 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: 847-886-4841

Birthdays for November include our speaker Bruce Carlson, “the coach” Chuck Enge, Robert Olberg, Ed Waters, and Jorgen Laursen. Happy birthday and Skål !

Our greetings to Robert Olberg as he recovers from a recent hospitalization.

Last month as we mailed our letter, we found that our good board member Tom Field, had passed away on October 3rd, 3 days before his 55th birthday. A memorial service was held in Park Ridge on October 16. Our thoughts and prayers are with his good wife Rennie, and his brothers and sisters and family.



Tom Field

Our Membership

Our first two luncheons of this post COVID year have seen minimal attendance of about 20-30 men. This is down about 1/3 from previous years, due to many factors. We observe that we lost almost a dozen friends these last 15 months, and the people that would normally replace them from guests and events the last 15 months did not happen.

We have been asked what our membership is. As of this month we mail to 90 members, plus 8 complimentary mailings to other people and organization in the community. This is down from a high point of about 120 five years ago, but still more than the 80 or so members we had in the mid 1990s. We have 4 new members in the last two years, in spite of COVID. We have a few members that fail to pay dues one year, then rejoin us later too.

Our point is that membership goes up and down. During some of these lean times, we will find that our meals will be served upstairs in the dining room since the attendance does not warrant extra staff for the Elks.

What can you do to change this? Bring a friend to lunch. Many find this an enjoyable afternoon and join us. Pay your dues and support our group.

Also take note of the Chicago Torske Klub Board of Directors below and to the right. We have a couple openings as some of the board has moved or passed away. Duties include a meeting to review our situation a couple times per year. The coveted position of Aquavit Chairman is open’ pouring the Linie every month, then sit down and enjoy the luncheon....that’s it. If you still have a steady hand and good aim, step up!

CHANGE IN RESERVATION DUE DATE

We have discussed the inconsistency of the cod dinners served. Meals have been delightfully flakey and fresh, others like a piece of rubber. The Elks have noted that they had to make-do when we have failed to provide reservations. Reservations are key to them ordering fresh fish. They also noted that the fish order needs to be made by Monday morning, meaning we need ***All RESERVATIONS BY SUNDAY NIGHT*** before the luncheon.

Board Members are pre-reserved and must cancel if not attending

Remember to send in Dues

The dues notices were sent in October for 2022. Call us if you did not get one.

Moving forward, all checks must be written to “**Milt Gustafson**” as our treasurer.

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