



“It’s Time for a Cod Fish Dinner Fix”



Please join us for the first Cod Fish meal of the season as we welcome Matt Nygaard, President of The Norwegian American Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Nygaard is responsible for networking events, member relations, promotion/social media, and budgeting/financial operations of the Midwest – Chicago Chapter. He also meets with business leaders, diplomats, and government representatives to promote Norwegian–American business in the Chicago region.



Mr. Nygaard is an Independent Derivatives Trader focusing on US futures and options, and he publishes market research for a small group of traders and for his own use. He received his bachelor’s degree from the University of Chicago in 1991 and M.B.A. from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business in 1994. He holds the Chartered Market Technician (CMT) designation, and he is Co-Chair of the CMT Association Chicago Chapter. He and his wife, Erika, live in the Ravenswood neighborhood of Chicago.



[The Geneva History Museum](#) is hosting a new exhibition, “Viking’s Voyage,” a 19th century ship’s journey from Norway to Illinois, which will be on display through Dec. 23, 2023. The exhibition features the 9-foot dragon head and tail of the largest surviving display artifact of the replica of the Gokstad, a 9th-century Viking ship discovered in a burial mound near Sandefjord, Norway in AD 900.

Learn all about the process of restoring a century-old Viking Ship's dragon head and tail, now named Freya, on September 12 @ 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm. Presented by Third Coast Conservation who performed Freya's recent restoration. Visit the [Geneva History Museum](#) web site for details

Torske Klub Luncheon - Sept. 9, 2023—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 Sep. 3** 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, 58, 97, 98, 102, 120, 124, 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 2023/2024 season, excluding father/son/daughter day in March and excluding ladies day in February.

Reservation Line: 847-886-4841

We have some catching up to do to celebrate the summer birthdays of many of our members, ranging in age from 19 to 97.

June: The Hon. Perry Gubrandsen, Boss Ken Larson, Stuart Bentley

July: Our Assistant Boss Lowell Olberg, Norris Harstad, William Scheiderich, Hank Solberg, Paul Johnson

August: Royal Norwegian Order of Merit recipient Don Hoganson, Tom Bendicsen, William Sexton, Dr. Marshall Petersen, past Hon. Norwegian Consul Paul Anderson, Christopher Betz, Clarence Peterson, Boss Emeritus Robert Alsaker, Thor Davidson, and David Petersen.

September: John Teppen, Fred Glure, Sam Cory, Kurt Gustafson, Alex Gruener, Matt Gustafson, Kjell Larsen, John Van Alstin.

Our new Boss Ken Larson will be handing over his duties to our old Boss, Lowell Olberg. However, Lowell has extensive experience and volunteered to step in. But only for this month. Ken is attending an important wedding and can not attend our first meeting.

Dr. Ray Newgard was hospitalized three times this summer for complications related to his pacemaker. We all wish him well during his recovery.

Reminders:

- 1) **The price of our meal is now \$35.**
- 2) **Checks may be made out to "Chicago Torske Klub" once again.**

Vasa Park on Sept. 10

The day after the Torske Luncheon is the 43rd annual Scandinavian Day Festival at Vasa Park in South Elgin IL, located at 35W217 Route 31, South Elgin, IL 10:00am—5:00pm

As in past years, the Chicago Torske Klub will man an information table and solicit members. Join us if you can.



Future 2023 Events

Sep. 9—Luncheon

Sep.10— Vasa Park

Oct. 14 – Luncheon.

Nov.11—Luncheon

Dec. 9—Christmas Party

The program celebrates modern and traditional music and ethnic foods. Tickets are \$10, under 12 free. See more at:

<http://www.scandinaviandayil.com/>

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Looking for a coordinator for our group to plan and contact speakers or programs.

Most programs are suggested by members, Usually an hour or so per month.

Inquire to the boss



Vikings at work

Wanted: Program Chairman