



February 8th is Ladies Day



Valentines Day is just around the corner and February is the month when we acknowledge the ladies in our life.

So bring that important person, young or young at heart to learn something interesting about Wisconsin's contribution to our understanding of the original inhabitants of North America.



Christian W. Øverland on the left observing a recent significant archaeological artifact discovered in Lake Mendota.

Please join us in welcoming Christian W. Øverland as our Ladies Day speaker. Mr. Øverland is the Ruth and Hartley Barker Director & CEO of the Wisconsin Historical Society, which is considered one of the nation's finest historical institutions. He spearheads the Society's mission to connect people to the past by collecting, preserving, and sharing stories. Under his leadership, the Society has energized public support for a world-class history center that is set to open in 2027 and currently in the design phase following recent approval from the State Building Commission.

Torske Klub Luncheon - February 8, 2025—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 Sunday evening before 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, 98, 102, 120, 124, 135, 149, 170A**. 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 2024/2025 season, excluding father/son/daughter day in March, Christmas and ladies day in February.

Reservation Line: 847-886-4841

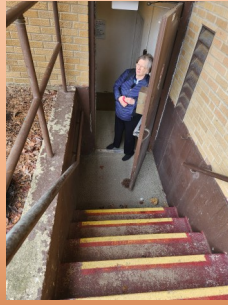


**Reservations
by Sunday
February 2**

News and Announcements

Table of 8 Rule in Effect

Due to the number of people expected for Ladies Day we will once again ask you to form a table of 8 if you wish to sit together. Send a representative to reserve your table before NOON. The first to announce a table of 8 at check-in gets first pick of the the tables. No single table reservations will be allowed before then.



Kathy Larson showing an easier way to the Torske banquet room.

Easy Access

The Elks Lodge is making available to physically challenged members access to the large banquet room via the outside stairs. If you come too early the door may still be locked and you'll still need to use the elevator inside the lobby. It should be unlocked after 11:45am. Give it a try. Coat racks are downstairs in the banquet room facilities.



January attendees showing off their sweaters for sweater month. For a better view go to www.torskeklub.com in the Current Newsletter category.



Tom Maxson (L), our January speaker Pastor Tim Johnson (Center), and Dr. Marshall Pedersen (R) stretching their legs after a fine cod fish meal.

This month we recognize the February birthdays of these members: master knife maker Perry Straw, our good Recording Secretary/Treasurer Tom Peterson, Thor Johdahl, Fred Durler, our second oldest member Cedric Syrdahl, our oldest member Dr. Ray Newgard, and Phil Waters

Gratulerer med dagen og Skål !

Future 2024-2025 Events

Feb. 8 Ladies Day

Mar. 8 Father/Son/Daughter Day

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Reminders

- 1) Please make checks out to "Tom Peterson"
- 2) The price of our meal is \$35, excluding cocktails and raffle.
- 3) The dues for the Klub are \$40 yearly, which covers the cost of the mailings and Linie Aquavit in honor of your birthday.