



Illinois Department of Children and Family Services

We are pleased to have as our featured speaker, Ms. Womazette Jones. She is a supervisor of DCFS (Illinois Dept. of Children & Family services), Cook Count Division. She will discuss the child abuse hot

line, statistics of child abuse, and trends and reasons for the things we read daily in our newspapers. Thanks to our good member Harold Bendicsen who also works in this field and who introduced the speaker to us.

October 2005: Oktoberfest

We were privileged to have our good member and newsletter publisher, Mr. Wolfgang Gruener, as our speaker for the day. He described the delights and history of the Oktoberfest in Munich, Germany, his home town. Joining Wolfgang was Marcus Kastenmeier, his friend who also wore and described his authentic lederhosen attire. The attendees were treated to a beer to toast the event with a "prost!" in addition to the "skol" with the aquavit for the meal.

2006 Dues, Membership

The \$35 dues for the Torske Klub are due annually. We have enclosed a slip of paper with your address and membership information. A number of members have asked to pay their dues at the meal. We have set the due date for the dues as 12/31 of each year, but we will gladly accept your dues payment at any dinner from now on.

A few have already done this. In such a case, we have marked your dues payment slip as "PAID", but please check the address and other information for accuracy. For those without a birthday month listed, please note so we can acknowledge that.

Also, please note to the secretary if you pay your dues at the dinner so you can be credited. Dues cover the cost of this mailing, and pay for the aquavit in honor of your birthday.

Birthdays

Our birthday list for November includes Vernon Bengtson, Jorgen Laursen, Robert Olberg, Richard Fredrickson, and Ronald Betz. Gentlemen, we raise our cornucopia or aquavit and wish you all a Happy Birthday, and many more.

New Member!

We would like to welcome a new member to our group: Sam Cory of Huntley, IL. He was a guest at the last dinner and submitted his name for membership. Welcome Sam!



The regular Torske Klub dinner commences on November 12, 2005 at the Des Plaines Elks Club, 495 Lee Street, Des Plaines, IL (847-824-1556). Cocktail hour begins at noon; dinner starts promptly at 1:00 P.M. when, according to our tradition, our BOSS, Robert Alsaker, rings the bell to seat us for dinner.

Reservations due by:
Tuesday, November 8
NOON

ALL MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS ARE REQUIRED TO MAKE A RESERVATION FOR DINNER. The Elks Club needs time to order the fresh fish. Timely reservations insure that an adequate portion and a table space can be reserved for you. Noon means noon. A call at 12:30 Tuesday is no better than a call on Friday evening; the fish order is made. For those that attended the last meeting, we had 52 reservations and 61 showed up. You were lucky this month, fish was available. It is hard to predict if that luck can continue.

Call **630-443-6839** 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. It will ring 4 times before answering. For those with email, feel free to send a note to secretary@torskeklub.org with the same information and the message title "Torske Klub Reservation". We will reply to that with a confirmation of receipt. We have reservations from 3, 13C, 43A, 44, 47, 51, 55, 64A, 73C, 78, 85, 85A, 98, 101A, 114, 120, 126, 171 179A.

***TIP - Your membership number is the number next to your name on the mailing label.*

FREE Raffle Ticket to each member that brings one or more guests to the dinner this 2005/2006 season, excluding father/son/daughter and ladies day in May.

Dinner Reservation Phone: ☎ (630) 443 6839

Thanksgiving Proclamation November 25, 1623

TO ALL YE PILGRIMS

Inasmuch as the great Father has given us this year an abundant harvest of Indian corn, wheat, beans, squashes, and garden vegetables, and has made the forests to abound with game and the sea with fish and clams, and inasmuch as He has protected us from the ravages of the savages, has spared us from pestilence and disease, has granted us freedom to worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience; now, I, your magistrate, do proclaim that all ye Pilgrims, with your wives and little ones, do gather at ye meeting house, on ye hill, between the hours of 9 and 12 in the day time, on Thursday, November ye 29th of the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and twenty-three, and the third year since ye Pilgrims landed on ye Pilgrim Rock, there to listen to ye pastor, and render thanksgiving to ye Almighty God for all His blessings.

*William Bradford
Ye Governor of ye Colony*

Celebrating Thanksgiving

We will celebrate Thanksgiving at the end of this month. We all know the story of the first Thanksgiving in the early American Massachusetts colony of pilgrims. It is a uniquely American holiday...or is it? The pilgrims may have had inspiration.

According to <http://www.patriotism.org>, the Anglo-Saxons held their "harvest home" celebration, following a traditional autumn feast of the Druids. This was the high point of the year in rural districts. After the last cartload of grain was being brought in from the fields, reapers and other workers followed the wagon singing. After the ingathering, there was a hearty supper for all farm workers. There were viands, an abundance of ale and toasts to the master and mistress. Scotland, England, Russia, Poland, Lithuania and Norway all had thanksgiving celebrations in the fall.

.... Upcoming Events

Our program chairman, Dr. Ray Newgard, has announced the following coming events for this year:

- ▶ **December 10** - Prof. Toufic El Rassi, Oakton College History Dept.
- Dr. El Rassi has unique insight on the Middle East and world events today. He will be our speaker for the day.
- ▶ **January 14, 2006** - Mike Hartenstein - A defensive end for the 1985 Super Bowl winning Chicago Bears defensive end.
- ▶ **February 11** - tbd
- ▶ **March 11, 2006** - Father, son, daughter day- Sinclair and the Rovers
- Irish Music from Norway.
- ▶ **April 8**- tbd
- ▶ **May 13**- 46th Anniversary/Ladies Day - Sven & Ole - Comedy and Music from Madison WI.

Passing of Ken Duckmann and Richard Martin

We were saddened to learn of the passing of our longtime member, Ken Duckmann, Sr. in September 2006. We were notified of his passing this month by his son, Ken Duckmann, Jr. of Florida.

The Torske Klub extends our deepest sympathy to his family for the loss of this good friend and father whose company we enjoyed.

We were also notified of the passing of Richard Martin, who joined us in January 2005. We also extend our sympathy to his family and friends.

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