



Judge James Washer: Our Jury System, its Facets and Problems

The Torske Klub is pleased to welcome James Wascher to speak about our jury system.

Mr. Wascher joined the law firm of Friedman & Holtz, P.C. in February, 1991. The Illinois Supreme Court appointed Mr. Wascher as a Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County, where he served from June 2001 until his appointment expired in December 2002. He then rejoined Friedman & Holtz, P.C., and continues to concentrate his practice in representation of park districts and in civil litigation and appeals. Mr. Wascher also has authored two "friend of the court" briefs for the Illinois Supreme Court in support of successful appeals by the Chicago Park District and the Chicago Board of Education.



Judge James Washer

Mr. Wascher has been admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit and the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, where he is a member of the Trial Bar. We look forward to his insight and welcome our members to sign up early for this dinner, and bring a guest.

Birthdays and New Member for April!

This month, we honor the Easter lambs of April: Richard Fjeldheim, Ivar Ranvik, Peter Nielsen, Jim Severson, Steinar Stein, David Hardy, Morton Solum and Richard Nelson Jr. We welcome as a new member Mr. Rick Nelson of Winnetka (not to be confused with our birthday boy, Richard Nelson, Jr.). Velkommen! Happy Birthday, members!

March Father/Son/Daughter Day

We enjoyed the speaking talents of Dr. Lisbet Ronning, wife of our board member Kristian Ronning and daughter of Rev. David Langseth, as our featured speaker for the March luncheon. She discussed American and Norwegian health care. Father-in-law Julian Ronning did a superb job with his 2nd stint as Torskemaster, and the first as a member of the Klub.



Our monthly luncheon will be held on April 14, 2007 at the Des Plaines Elks Club, 495 Lee Street, Des Plaines, IL. 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, April 10
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 ensure that an adequate portion and a table space can be reserved for you. **ANY reservation made after noon on Tuesday will have a \$5.00 late fee imposed, making your dinner charge \$25.**

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.

We have reservations from the following members: 3, 13C, 22, 44, 47, 51, 55, 56A, 73C, 85, 98, 101A, 114, 115, 126, 141, 167, 168, 171, 179A. Board members note that they have a reservation automatically and must call cancellations.

We also accept **email reservations**, if you choose. Please send to secretary@torskeklub.org with your number of reservations, including 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 or number/letter by your name.

FREE Raffle Ticket to each member that brings one or more guests to the dinner this 2006/2007 season, excluding father/son/daughter in March and ladies day in May.

Dinner Reservation Phone: ☎ (630) 443 6839

Meeting Note: I-294 Construction Delays

The I-294 Construction has caused repeated delays to our members traveling to the lunch. The Boss noted this month that the ramps at Dempster are closed until July.

Torske Klub Shirts

Don Hoganson and Rob Alsaker are taking orders for navy golf shirts with the handsome Torske Klub Logo embroidered.

The orders were taken at the last meeting, but some members were not present.

See the enclosed sheet for an order form and instructions. Don negotiated a great buy for these shirts.

Mange Takk Don!



Torske Klub Raffle Chairman Ron Bentsen, pining for the fjords in Geirangerfjord, September 2006

Torske Klub Well-Represented at Vesterheim Day

The Torske Klub was well represented at the recent Vesterheim Market Day and Luncheon, with over 34 members plus spouses attending. Although not an official Torske Klub event, those that attended saw participation by our members and spouses including: Hon. Consul General Paul Anderson and Lindy, Rob and Evy Alsaker as co-chairs, Ken and Julie Nordan, and of course, Don Hoganson as auctioneer. You know you are watching a master at auction when one lady actually outbid herself in the frenzy of the moment, to our amusement. Jan Stenerud, the noted Kansas City Chiefs hall of fame kicker, who coincidentally hails from Norway, was the M.C.

Mark Your Calendar For May Dinner and Parade

The May 12th Luncheon this year celebrates our Torske Klub Anniversary and Ladies Day with a special scheduled speaker, Mary Ann Childers, News Anchor from CBS Channel 2 and a long-time TV personality in Chicago. Remember that ladies day does NOT mean that ONLY your wife is invited, but invite your male and/or female neighbors, friends, relatives or anyone that would enjoy the meal and the day.

Also, we enclose a sheet with an invitation to the parade and the dinner sponsored by the Norwegian National League. Note that the Torske Klub will be marching in the Syttende Mai parade. *Join us!*

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