



Father, Son, Daughter Day

Our special guests this month are the fathers, sons and daughters or our membership. This long standing tradition opens our doors to guests of any age. Whether your son or daughter is a child or adult, they are welcome to attend and see where their father runs off to every month.



King Harald of Norway unveils the statue of his mother, Crown Princess Märtha in the USA- 2005

The torsk dinner is the menu, as usual, but a menu for a younger attendee may be arranged upon special request this month. Our program this month is a special viewing of the short documentary on the life of Princess Märtha of Sweden (1901-1954), Crown Princess of Norway and wife of the late King Olav V. Her story intertwines with World War II, the occupation of Norway and her relationship with Eleanor and President Franklin Delano Roosevelt while she stayed in the USA with her family. Our

Torske Klub members made a donation to her commemorative statue at the Norwegian embassy in Washington DC and have received this short production as thanks.

Audio and Video Equipment

The Chicago Torske Klub has purchased a new video projector as an asset to support our increasing use of slides and videos in our programs. We are fortunate in the past to have relied on speakers to bring their own, but that is becoming increasingly difficult to do. Rentals can run in the hundreds of dollars and extra work, so the board has elected to purchase one. It will pay for itself this year alone. In addition, we have purchased wireless speakers to distribute to tables for this device to broadcast to those in the back.

This will be used this month.

Member Corner



*Bob Jaeger,
TV Reporter
Mary Ann
Childers*

Robert (Bob) Jaeger

Born: May 1912 in Chicago
College: Wittenberg, Springfield OH
Owned several businesses; a bowling alley in Franklin Park and Cleaners in Elmhurst.
Married for 20 years to Karin, who was born in Bergen.
Played Violin for the Prague Symphony Orchestra, Played First Violin for the Elmhurst Symphony Orchestra



Our annual father, son and daughter day luncheon will be held on March 8, 2008 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, March 4
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. ANY reservation made after noon on Tuesday will have a \$5.00 late fee imposed, making your dinner charge \$25.

Call 630-445-1263 (the New Number) at any time day or night to leave a reservation; only call 630-443-6829 if you can't get through.

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 a few times before answering.

We have reservations from the following members: **3, 13C, 22, 47, 55, 73C, 85, 98, 114, 115, 126, 141.**

We also accept email reservations if you choose. Please send to **secretary@torskeklub.org** with your number of reservations, including guests. We will respond to your reservation 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.

NEW! Dinner Reservation Phone: ☎ (630) 445 1263

Member News

This month, we honor the birthdays of the month of St. Patrick: Scott Solberg, Thor Torger, Hugo Lanneskog, Roald Harr, Richard Peterson, Richard Nelson Sr., and our favorite raffle chairman and board member David Bentsen. We also notice that John Halversen has the opportunity to spend his last day as a septuagenarian with us at the Torske Klub this month before his birthday. Best wishes of health to Board Member Fred Glure, Paul Amundsen and to our good and long time member Roger Elmer Sr., who is battling a life threatening illness in the hospital.

Finally, a hearty welcome to the new members that joined our group this last month: We are pleased to welcome Charles Norton of Winnetka, Seth Howard of Woodridge and Robert (Bob) Newgard of Hoffman Estates. Bob is the brother of our program chairman Dr. Ray Newgard and the son of our late charter member Alfred Newgard. Introduce yourselves when you meet them at dinner. Velkommen!

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February Meeting: Ladies Day

The response from our membership was thumbs up for ladies day. We shared an outstanding meal with our guests.

The Normennes Singing Society are always appreciated, even more as they are substantially populated by our own members. All those that attended received a special table prize gift, a Torske Klub logo baseball/golf cap, plus the raffle featured a special prize of a Spa Treatment provisioned by our first-class raffle chairman, Ron Bentsen.

Thanks also to our board of directors, who collectively worked behind the scenes to make the day enjoyable.

Remembering and Sharing Our Past 50 Years

The Chicago Torske Klub was officially organized on May 14th 1960. This means that the club will soon enjoy our 50th anniversary. It is hard to believe that we have been meeting as a group to enjoy the finest Atlantic cod, a little aquavit and great companionship for that long. I'm sure a lot of good stories have been told, some of them taller than others. Like any good organization, we take pride in who we are and the history that is unique to our group. A lot has happened in those 50 years, like they say "if only the walls could talk." Well, in a way they can, because in each of us are the stories and recollections of those years. We each have a little story or event tucked away in our heads that we remember from the earlier days. When I say "The earlier days" that could be last year or 50 years ago, it does not matter. I remember the bus ride up to the Madison Club and passing around the bottle of aquavit and feeling like I was in college again. I remember being told by Don Hogenson that if I really want to have a good time with members of the Norwegian Community in Chicago, I had to join the Torske Klub. You guys have not disappointed me.

As part of our celebration of 50 years of friendship and torsk, I'd like to start collecting stories, pictures and any other memorabilia that you may have so that we can share it with everyone. If you have a story, you can either write it down on paper (type it if you can) or we can have a reporter (another Torske member) take notes. If you have a photo, document or other object that you think would be good for others to see I can scan it into my computer or take a quality digital picture of the object. I'll return the original to you.

I can't do this alone. Several members of the board have already volunteered to help, but I'm also looking for more volunteers to be reporters and help collect documents. As we collect our history, we will be putting some of the information on our Torske Klub website and create other "keepsakes".

Thank you for your help.

Ken Nordan

Special Events Chair and Board Member for the Chicago Torske Klub