



Ladies Day Luncheon with Bjornson and Normennenes

February is Ladies Day for the Torske Klub and we are pleased to welcome the ladies in our lives to join us for the luncheon. Members are invited to bring any guests, male or female, to enjoy our festivities for the day. The joint men's chorus of the Bjornson Male Chorus and the Normennenes Singing Society will entertain us this day. We will once again be offering the \$100 gift certificate to the Mario Ttricoci Salon and Day Spa for the first raffle ticket pulled.

Bjornson Male Chorus was founded in 1924. The president is John Lee. Ed Kramer has been the director for the past 10 years and brings a wealth of experience and talent to the chorus. He is employed at Lake Forest High School as the choral accompanist and teacher. He is also the Assistant Director in Chief of the Norwegian Singers Association of America.

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Sweater Day in January a Success

January chill was warmed by an excellent torsk meal, warm sweaters and an extra skål in memory of our late member Roger Elmer. Our published speaker had to cancel due to illness and was graciously replaced by Dolores Dean, the Exalted Ruler ("boss") of the Des Plaines Elks Club where we meet. Thanks to her and all who made this an excellent day. We commemorated the day with a photo.



Chicago Torske Klub
Sweater Day - January 2010

Torske Klub Luncheon February 13

Our monthly dinner meeting will be held on February 13 2010 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. Make your regular dinner reservation by TUESDAY Noon, January 5, 2010.

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 fish and a table space can be reserved for you. Noon deadline means noon. The reservation is called in directly after noon and the fish is ordered.

Call **630-445-1263** at any time day or night to leave a reservation. If there is voicemail difficulties, call Ken L. at 630-336-6723. As usual, please leave your **MEMBERSHIP NUMBER, NAME,** and the **TOTAL** number of people in your party as well as meal choice: COD or STEAK. The same information is required when you reserve for other members. The phone usually will ring 4 times before answering.

We have reservations from the following members: **3(2), 13C, 22, 40, 47, 51(2), 55, 73C, 85(2), 97A, 98(1 +1S), 114, 115(2), 153(2), 158(2 +1S).** () are guests having torsk. (1S) is one steak. Board members note that they have a reservation automatically and must call or prearrange to cancel. If you are not a member and wish to attend, call the same number and leave your name by our principle "Once a guest, twice a friend, three times a member!" If you prefer email reservations, 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 by your name. **FREE Raffle Ticket** to each member that brings one or more guests to the dinner this 2009/2010 season, excluding father/son/ daughter day in March and

excluding ladies day in February.

Reservations
Required by
12:00 Noon on
February 9

Dinner Reservation Phone: (630) 445-1263

Normennes Singing Society will be celebrating their 140th Anniversary in October 2010. The president is Torske Klub member Thor Fjell. Charles Kessell has been their musical director for the past 5 years. Charles (Chuck) has been employed by the Chicago Archdiocese for over 30 years and is currently musical director at Old St. Mary's Parish in Chicago. Accompanist Una Stroda is currently working on her Doctorate Degree in Theology and has extensive knowledge and talent of piano performance.

The program format will be as follows:

- Bjornson Male Chorus will sing 3 selections
- Normennes Singing Society will sing 3 selections
- The combined chorus will sing 3 selections

Make your reservations early for this event. Singers will be offered the meal for \$10 as our thanks for entertainment, guests and spouses of the singers, members and all other guests pay the \$20 meal fee. \$25 for late reservations after noon on February 9. Cash bar for drinks, as usual.

This month only the Torske Klub offers the option of either strip steak or torsk (cod). Please specify preference at the reservation call otherwise a torsk selection will be assumed. We expect 150-200 attendees. The rule of ten will apply to this meal, meaning that it is your responsibility to form your tables of ten and provide a representative to reserve that table before 12 noon of the luncheon day. Only tables of ten can reserve seats before 12, but after twelve anyone can reserve. Please ensure your large party is seated early. The Torske Klub makes no seating guarantees.

Be sure to join the Chicago Torske Klub for this special Ladies Day musical event.

Passing of Roger Elmer Sr. and Ted Torgerson

We were saddened this last month to hear of the passing of two of our longtime members of the Chicago Torske Klub.

Roger Elmer Sr. died on January 7, 2010 after a long battle with cancer. He was a Torske Klub member since the 1960s and has passed that legacy to our good member Roger (Rusty) Elmer, Jr. From the Chicago Tribune:

Roger E. Elmer, age 89, WWII Army Veteran, Bronze Star, Purple Heart Recipient, 9th Infantry Division, beloved husband of Doris, nee Afdahl; loving father of Roger A. CPD (Karen), Richard CPD (Kyle) and Charles B. "Rocky" CPD (Barbara); dearest grandfather of Kyle, Kent, Kevin, Kristen and Lauren. Longtime Mason, King Oscar Lodge and member of Sons of Norway and Torske Klub. Lying-In-State 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2010 at Christ Lutheran Church, 3101 N. Parkside, Chicago for Funeral Service. Entombment Ridgewood Cemetery. Visitation at Matz Funeral Home, 3440 N. Central Ave. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Lutheran Day Nursery, 1802 N. Fairfield Ave., Chicago, IL 60647 appreciated.

Theodor "Ted" Torgerson died on January 10. Ted was also a long time member of the Torske Klub. Edited from the Daily Herald:

Theodor Torgersen of Schaumburg Visitation for Theodor Torgersen, 81, formerly of Elk Grove Village since 1960, will be ...at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, at Grove Memorial Chapel, 1199 S. Arlington Heights Road, Elk Grove Village. Interment will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery, Arlington Heights. Born Jan. 12, 1928, in Norway, he passed away Sunday, Jan. 10, 2010, at Alexian Brothers Med.Ctr. Mr. Torgersen retired from U.S. Gypsum after 42 years. He was a life member of Sons of Norway, Skjold Lodge #100, where he held many offices; a life member of Elk Grove Village V.F.W. #9284; active in the V.F.W. Color Guard; chairman at Hines Hospital for many years; a member of Elk Grove Senior Center; and captain of the Chicago Sons of Norway Drill Team for 15 years. He was the beloved husband of Judith (nee Stockdal); loving father of Steven (Vergie) Torgersen, Cynthia (Thomas) Stark, Michael (Joanne) Schmalz and Christine (Kurt) Kujawa; dear brother of Torfrid and Edith; devoted grandfather of eight and great-grandfather of 11; and fond uncle of many nieces and nephews in Norway. He was preceded in death by his father, Theodor; his mother, Nikoline; sisters, Martine, Berta, Nelly and Nora; and his brothers, Peder, Torger, Trygve, Torvald and Nils. Donations may be made to the Sons of Norway Foundation, the Norwegian Memorial Church, Christ Victor Lutheran Church or to a charity of your choice.

Notice: Save-the-Date!

The **Chicago Friends of Vesterheim Committee** is pleased to announce that our next event will take place on **Saturday, March 20, 2010** at the Park Ridge Country Club in Park Ridge, IL. Our Nordic Marketplace will be held from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. when our Luncheon and Program will begin.

Invitations will be in the mail early February 2010. Please plan to join us and we look forward to seeing you there!

For more information, please contact Evy Alsaker at 847.446.0714 or at evy_alsaker@hotmail.com. Tusen Takk!

— Rob Alsaker

March Program

The March program has been announced:

- **March 13, 2010** - A slide presentation by Douglas Meyer, who is National Director of the Alliance Defense Fund and the son of our member Marv Meyer. This is father/son/daughter day.

Watch the website, <http://www.torskeklub.org> and future letters for announcements of upcoming programs.

February Birthdays and New Member

February birthdays include Paul Amundsen, Ed Gren Dahl, Neil Andersen, Thor Jondahl, George Tarnow, Cedric Syrdahl, David Svendsen, Ed Ekstrom and our esteemed Program Chairman Dr. Ray Newgard. Happy Birthday to all !

We are also pleased to welcome Rodney Lee as a new member, joining us just in time for our 50th year.

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