



As we Begin our 50th year...



It's a good time to be a Chicago Torske Klub member. The Klub has planned a series of special events, speakers, and other surprises for this banner year of the klub.

The Board of Directors elected to celebrate in May with our traditional anniversary dinner, but we won't finish there. In October 2010, we will celebrate the anniversary in a more formal fashion with a black tie optional dinner. This will be opened to friends and others in the Norwegian community. A committee has been formed to develop this event over the next year. Notice the Torske Klub logo too...we gave it a facelift this year for the 50th.

So we will start this anniversary year with an excellent author, and will end it with a celebratory special dinner for members, spouses and guests, plus our annual anniversary event! The torsk is fresh from the Atlantic, the lefse is freshly rolled, the Linne Aquavit is frozen cold. The excellent programs and your friends await you this year.

Be sure to join us this year, bring your friends and relatives to join us too. This will be a good year to be a Torske Klub member.

September Program: Chicago's Biggest "Mover & Shaker"- 10 things you need to know about the "L."

The "L" has been running 24/7 for 116 years. Come see how it came to be and why it needs to be preserved. The rich historical presentation will be lavishly illustrated with almost 100 images. Mass transit never looked so good!

Our speaker is Greg Borzo, author of *The Chicago "L"*. Greg has a Masters Degree from Northwestern University and is an award-winning journalist. He was editor of *Modern Railroads Magazine* and has been a health and/or science writer for the *American Medical Association*, *Harcourt Brace*, *Field Museum* and, most recently, *University of Chicago*. He conducts private public tours of the "L" and public tours of the "L" for the *Chicago History Museum*.



Cover of the Chicago "L" book.

Join us on September 12th for this special presentation.

Torske Klub Luncheon Sept. 12

Our first monthly dinner meeting of the year will be held on September 12, 2009 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, September 8, 2009

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.

Call **630-445-1263** at any time day or night to leave a reservation. If there is voicemail difficulties, call Ken at 630-336-6723. 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. The phone usually will ring 4 times before answering.

We have reservations from the following members: 3, 13C, 22, 47, 51, 73C, 85, 98, 114, 115, 126, 141. Board members note that they have a reservation automatically and must call to cancel.

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 ladies day in February.

Dinner Reservation Phone: (630) 445-1263

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New Treasurer– Ken Nordan

After serving the Chicago Torske Klub for a couple of decades, Gene Kaczmarek has asked to step down as our treasurer. By unanimous vote of the Board of Directors, Ken Nordan was appointed to fill that position. The Torske Klub thanks both of these gentlemen for their commitment to our group, and we encourage all members to thank them for their past and present service. Tusen Takk!

Board of Director's Notes

The Board met in August to plan events and confirm our direction. This includes:

- Revise the logo for the 50th Anniversary year
- Appoint Ken Nordan as Treasurer (see story above)
- Accept proposal to divide the Secretary role into two: Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary. This will be defined in the future.
- Various anniversary events
- Executive and Chairman reports

Summary: The Chicago Torske Klub is in good shape financially, structurally and it has an excellent plans in place for the anniversary. We'll not spoil the surprises here, but Ray Newgard's programs to the right are a hint of what's to come. If you have comments or suggestions, praise or complaints, talk to the board members at the meetings.

Note that the board had originally published April 10, 2010 as the anniversary dinner, but have since been told that the Sons of Norway Skjold Lodge has their 100th anniversary moved to that date for good reasons. We yielded to our seniors and are rescheduling to October 2010. Exact date is to be determined.

Catching Up on Birthdays

This month, we toast the monthly birthdays for September, as well as those who had been previously omitted during our sabbatical summer:

June: Vincent Field, Tom Muldoon, Haakon Andreasen, Ed Gutmann, Stu Bentley, Jimmy Sorensen, Preben Hammer, Roy Jensen, Ken Vesterli, Carl Eglund, the Hon. Perry Gulbrandsen, Tom Muldoon, Torske Klub Secretary Ken Larson and our Raffle Chairman Ron Bentsen.

July: Bill Scheiderich, Lowell Olberg, Peter Olberg, Sverre Overland, Hank Solberg, Randy Truckenbrodt, Paul Johnson, Robert Newgard, Robert Anderson and Einar Cannelin, who is our 2nd oldest member at 96.

August: Tom Bendicsen, Dr. Marshall Pedersen, Dr. Victor Carnelli, Julian Ronning, Robert Cornwell, Allan Alsaker, Walt Winney, Knut Sjurseth, Stan Nelson, John Hardy, John Lund, Clarence Peterson, Roy Andersen, Membership Chairman and Board member Robert Frost II, Norwegian Hon. Consul General Paul Anderson, our Assistant Boss Don Hoganson and of course, our Boss, Robert Alsaker.

September: Sam Cory, John Teppen, Kurt Gustafson, Petter Berntzen, Charles Truckenbrodt, SofN International Director Jostein Bakken, Ken Andersen, Jim Andersen, Jerry Andersen, Kjell Larsen, Finn Braathen and board member Fred Glure.

Congratulations to all. We'll celebrate with an aquavit toast in September.

Vasa Park Scandinavian Day– September 13, 2009

Each year, the Torske Klub has staffed a membership booth at Vasa Park, South Elgin from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. featuring traditional food, crafts, games, gifts & entertainment. Adults \$10.00, Children 12 & Under are free. Free parking; event is held rain or shine. Fried Herring, Breakfast, Scandinavian Variety Plate, Norwegian Lapkaus, Aebleskivers, Danish or Norwegian Polser, Specialty Pastries & Baked Goods, Swedish Pancakes, Foods of Finland, Icelandic Hangikjot, Swedish Glass, Vafflor, Beverages at the beer garden, inside bar and more. There will be over 50 Nordic vendors.

Last year, a few dozen Torske Klub members wore their shirts and caps, making us one of the most obvious groups present. Let's do it again!

Join us for an excellent day in the park.

Some Future Dates:

- 9/12/09 —Chicago "L"
- 10/10/09 —Bill Helmut's Moscow travels
- 10/14/09 —Beekeeper Harry Patterson
- 12/12/09 —Christmas w/ Langseth & Ronnings
- 2/13/2010 —Ladies Day
- 3/13/2010 —Father/Son/ Daughter day
- 5/8/2010 —Anniversary
- Oct. 2010 —50th Anniversary Black Tie Optional Dinner

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