



## Ambassador J.D. Bindenagle Addresses November Luncheon

J.D. Bindenagle, DePaul University vice president for Community, Government and International Affairs and former US Ambassador, will speak at our November luncheon. Mr. Bindenagle has served in the U.S. Army, the State Department and in U.S. embassies in Germany in various capacities from 1972 to 2003. A former American ambassador and 28-year veteran of the U.S. diplomatic corps, Mr. Bindenagle was appointed by President Bill Clinton in 1999 as U.S. Ambassador and Special Envoy for Holocaust issues and reached agreements on World War II-era forced labor, insurance, art, property restitution, and Holocaust education, research and remembrance. From 2002-2003, Mr. Bindenagle was special U.S. negotiator for "Conflict Diamonds," leading a U.S. government negotiation, which resulted in a worldwide ban on sales of illicit, rough "conflict" diamonds from financing insurrections against legitimate governments in Africa.

### Date Change for November!

The date of the November luncheon has been changed to **November 3** from the usual second of Saturday November 10.

He was U.S. Chargé d'Affaires and deputy chief of mission in the U.S. Embassy, Bonn, Germany, from 1994 to 1997 and director for Central European Affairs in the Bureau of European and Canadian Affairs at the State Department from 1992 to 1994. He was U.S. deputy chief of mission at the U.S. Embassy in Berlin, East Germany, at the time of the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989 and helped negotiate the reunification of Germany. Other Foreign Service assignments included head of the embassy political affairs unit in Bonn in the mid-1980s, when he helped pave the way for the deployment of U.S. Pershing missiles on German soil. He also was an American Political Science Association fellow with Congressman Lee H. Hamilton

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## Chuck Enge Speaks at the October Luncheon

Chuck presented his insights and experiences to selecting colleges in the new millennium. He has been an advisor to Norwegian and American college seekers for a number of years. Thanks to Chuck for his talk, and to Lowell who filled in as Torskemaster.

### **Torske Klub Luncheon - November 3, 2012**

The next luncheon will be held at the Des Plaines Elks Club, 495 Lee Street, Des Plaines, IL (847-824-1556 for directions that day). Cocktail hour begins at noon; dinner starts promptly at 1:00 P.M. when, according to our tradition, our BOSS rings the bell to seat us for dinner. Make your regular dinner reservation by the evening of October 29, 2012. ALL MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS ARE REQUIRED TO MAKE A RESERVATION FOR DINNER. Timely reservations insure that fish and a table space can be reserved for you. The fish order is called in after the deadline.

Call **312-233-2887** at any time day or night to leave a reservation. If there is voicemail difficulties, call Garry at 312-497-6407. 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. We have reservations from the following members : **3, 13C, 38, 40, 47, 51, 55, 84, 114, 115, 120, 149.** 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 according to the principle "Once a guest, twice a friend, three times a member!" If you prefer email reservations, please send to **secretary@torskeklub.com** (not .org) with your total number of reservations, including yourself and 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 2012/2013 season, excluding father/son/ daughter day in March and excluding ladies day in February.

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(1987-1988) and was director, Business-Government Programs for Rockwell International (1991-1992). He served in the U.S. Embassy in Seoul, Korea (1975-1977). He was also the vice president of the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations (2003-2005).

Mr. Bindenagel received the State Department's Distinguished Service Award in 2001, the Commander's Cross of the Federal Order of Merit from the president of Germany in 2001, and the Presidential Meritorious Service Award from President George W. Bush in 2002. He serves on boards of the Humanitarian Aid Foundation, the International Visitors Center Chicago, the German-American Chamber of Commerce of the Midwest and the Arthur F. Burns Fellowships. He serves on numerous other boards and organizations.

Our torskemaster will be our Honorary Norwegian Consul General, Paul Anderson. Join us for what promises to be an outstanding luncheon. If you have been postponing bringing friends or family to the Chicago Torske Klub, this is a good time to introduce them. The reservation line is open. Make reservations early.

## Notes for E-Mail Reservations

Our recording secretary, Garry Grube, sent a note to our members with e-mail and specifically to those who book their reservation by email.

Gentlemen:

This month we had Torske Klub email reservations scattered across several old email addresses. In the interest of efficiency and expediency please change your email contact list to reflect our new reservation email address. This will help me respond to you with a confirmation in a timely manner.

[secretary@torskeklub.com](mailto:secretary@torskeklub.com)

## Birthdays and Member News for November

This month, we toast the birthdays of our members: Vern Bengtson, Jorgen Laursen, our October speaker Chuck "Coach" Enge, Richard Nelson (one of our three members Richard Nelson), our Boss' brother Robert Olberg, and Ron Betz. Happy Birthday Gentlemen, and skål.

Our get well wishes to Clarence Petersen who had a minor accident but plans to be with us in November.

We were also saddened to hear of the death of Liv Ohrstrom, wife of our honorary member and former Norwegian Consul General Per Bye Ohrstrom. Her memorial service is October 27, 2012, 11 am at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1234 Arlington Heights Rd., Arlington Heights IL. Our prayers and condolences to our good member Per and their family.



Liv & Per Bye Ohrstrom  
—photo by Julie Nordan

## Dues for 2013

In October we sent a request for 2013 dues. Thanks to those who responded. Please return this as soon as possible so we can close these books; our deadline is Dec. 31, 2012. Dues supplement our funds for aquavit, occasional speaker fees and this letter. Some of our letters are "Complimentary" to other organizations and require no dues, but we ask that all verify and correct the contact information, if changes are needed.

## Future Dates

Our program chairman, Thor Jondahl has announced the plans for these future dates:

- ◇ **November 3, 2012 (1st Saturday this month!)** - Ambassador J.D. Bindenagel—witness to the fall of the Berlin Wall.
- ◇ **December 8, 2012**—Christmas Celebration
- ◇ **January 12, 2012**—Norwegian Sweater Day
- ◇ **February 9, 2013**—Ladies Day
- ◇ **March 9, 2013**—Father/son/daughter day

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