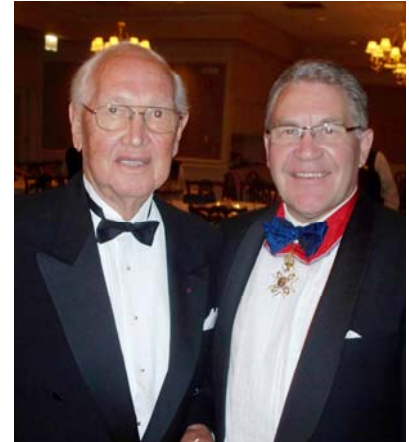




Remembering Per Bye Ohrstrom

The New Year kicks off with our annual Norwegian sweater day at the Chicago Torske Klub. This is an appropriate tradition for the season, but also in honor of our late senior statesman, Per Bye Ohrstrom. The program was modified this month to share some stories and remembrances of his life and contributions to the Norwegian-American Community. Who else to run this program but our own Don Hogan, who is no stranger to services to the Norwegian-American community and recipient of the Norwegian Order of Merit.



Per Bye Ohrstrom with our good friend Svein Ludvigsen, Fylkesmann from Troms, Norway at the Chicago Torske Klub 50th Anniversary Dinner in 2010

Our torskemaster this day is our own board member and past speaker, Fred Glure. The reservation line is open. It's a good day to renew acquaintances with old friends, and brings new ones.



Greetings from Dan Cord, club member currently in the service.

Godt Nyttår !

Happy New year to all our good members. It's been a busy Christmas season for most of us, and it started in early December with our Christmas party led by David Langseth with accompany from Ken Spengler. Thanks to all.

We received a note from Ken Nordan: "If members have interesting stories, memories, photos or objects regarding the "Chicago Norske Klub" on Kedzie I will start collecting this information via either email, recorded interview or photo reproduction over the next few months." This information will be used at Vesterheim for an upcoming exhibit regarding the klub. [sounds like a good future program for us too]

Torske Klub Luncheon - January 12, 2013

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 January 7, 2013. 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.

**Reservations
Required by
evening of
Jan. 7**

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, 98, 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.

Luncheon Reservation Phone: ☎(312) 233-2887

Membership Cards Enclosed

We added a card in your envelope this month that acknowledges that you have paid your dues and are a member of good standing. If you didn't get a card, you received a form letter asking you to reconsider the benefits of membership. It is possible that clerical mistakes happened as well, so if you've paid and we missed it, please call us on the reservation line and we'll get back to you. Your card is acknowledged payment.

We do also provide honorary memberships to a select few who serve the interests of the Norwegian American community. This includes the Fylkesmans (Governors) from Norway, Svein Ludvigsen, and Lodve Solholm, the Norwegian Ambassador to the United States, Wegger Strommen, various Norwegian Consul Generals in the Midwest, and the boss in Madison Torske Klubben. This serves to communicate our existence and to welcome those who they may introduce to us in Chicago. In any case, we value your membership. In case we have not said it recently, thanks again for joining us.

Have you received Odd Emails Lately?

As noted sarcastically in the insurance ad on TV, "If it's on the internet, it must be true". As most of us are from the Chicago area, we like to think that we are streetwise to fraud and con-men. In spite of this, the internet, email, and world wide web is a relatively new concept, with new frauds for the new millennium available. Since about 2/3 of our members use email and internet, we hope this story will interest you.

One of members was traveling last month, and his email was "compromised", meaning that his security credentials were obtained by others. His contact list of people was used to form a message indicating he was in a dire situation without money, cell phone or passport; needing urgent help; please send a credit card money wire to _____. Luckily none of our members were known to respond, but we do know that this does lure many trusting souls into wiring thousands to help a stranded comrade or family.

We do send emails from the Torske Klub frequently, and we hereby advise our members to look at ours and all emails carefully for these types of suspicions:

- ◇ **Phishing** (pronounced 'fishing') - Attempting to get valid names, password, account numbers, etc. by misrepresenting a valid entity with links to criminal software (malware) or other means. For example, [Click Here to Pay your Dues for 2013](#) would not do as advertised, in this case, it points to <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Phishing> without harm. [In fact, read this link if you can.] It could just as easily pointed to a criminal site in a foreign country. Our members should know we do not collect dues that way.
- ◇ **Spoofing** is the example above also, getting an email from someone identified as someone you know. If you reply them with information that is personal, you have given a con-man a tool to fraud you elsewhere. NEVER click on a bank email to open your accounts.

In this holiday time of phone solicitors; many are also looking for a quick credit card transaction. It may be compelling, but a good charity will send postal mail for your examination.

Birthdays & News for January

This month, we toast the birthdays of our "New Year" members: Ralph Gilbertsen, John Rose, Greg LeDuc, Ron Hoppe Sr., Rich Wielock, Tom Maxson, Jon Knudsen, Norman Roland, Howard Skoien, Rick Nelson, Larry Nelson, our board member Larry Ekstrom, and Gary Skoien. Happy Birthday Gentlemen, and skål with a fine champagne.

Greetings to our good friend Gene Kaczmarek, who is recovering from surgery last month. We have hopes he will be joining us this month.

We also were told of the passing of Ruth H. Anderson, the mother of Honorary Consul General Paul S. Anderson. She passed away on December 1, 2012. Our thoughts and prayers are with Paul, Lindy and their extended family.

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