



Akvavit Theatre Presents on Sweater Day

Happy New Year! Welcome to 2015! This month has evolved appropriately into Norwegian Sweater Day. Dress down this day and wear your favorite sweater in place of the sport jacket, Nordic or not. Our speaker this day is Bergen Anderson, co-founder of Chicago's Akvavit Theatre. Bergen was raised in Iowa, lived in Sweden, was schooled in Minnesota, and now calls Chicago home. She is a theatre artist and actor, and has worked with a number of theatres in Chicago including: Black Sheep Productions, Steep Theatre, Griffin Theatre, Stage Left, Raven Theatre, Tin-Fish, Xunesis Productions, and Steppenwolf. Bergen co-founded Akvavit Theatre in 2010 and works as its Managing Artistic Director. She enjoys playing guitar and drinking Kopparberg's pear cider. [We'll see how she enjoys our Linne Aquavit]. She'll speak about the Akvavit theater and contemporary Nordic theater and aesthetic, as well as the future plans.



AKVAVIT THEATRE
Nordic Theatre!



Sweater month in January

See <http://www.akvavittheatre.org/> for more info about theater events. Tom Maxson is the Torskemaster this day.

Christmas Cheer

Tusen Takk once again to Pastor David Langseth and to Ken Spengler for their lead in the Christmas Celebration held in December. Thanks to all members that attended. In case you were not there, a gift was provided to all members who have paid their dues to date. This is the official Chicago Torske Klub coffee mug (which coincidentally works well as an aquavit mug if you are so inclined). If you paid dues but didn't get a mug, check in at the next luncheon. Thanks to all for the wonderful celebration.



Rev. David Langseth and Ken Spengler—
photo provided by Lowell Olberg

Torske Klub Luncheon - January 10, 2015

The 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 5, 2015. 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. \$5 surcharge for late reservations

Call **312-233-2887** at any time day or night to leave a reservation. If there is voicemail difficulties, call Gary 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, 38, 40, 42A, 47, 51, 55, 84, 97, 98, 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 reservations@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 2014/2015 season, excluding father/son/daughter day in March and excluding ladies day in February.



Reservations
by
January 5

Luncheon Reservation Phone: ☎(312) 233-2887

110th Annual Norge Ski Jump Offer

For 110 years, the [Norge Ski Club](http://www.norgeskiclub.com/) has hosted the annual ski jump. This year, it is on January 24 & 25, 2015 in Fox River Grove. Gates open 11am. This year along with our jumpers from across the US they will have international jumpers from Norway, Finland and Slovenia. As in previous years the members of the Chicago Torske Klub are invited to attend as VIPs at a discounted rate of \$5. See the enclosed flyer to preregister, else \$15 at the gate. See also <http://www.norgeskiclub.com/> for details. . Many of our members will and have attend-



Don Hoganson greets the Norway jumpers during a break.

ed this event as visitors, opening ceremony singers and a select few as jumpers. It you've never gone to this event, it is a winter celebration that has grown to rival a pre-football tailgating party followed by a few hours of the sporting event and of course the food and drink that warms the body and soul. It is a national and international event, perhaps witness to a future Olympic champion as well.

We'll see you there.

Member Birthdays and News

This month we celebrate the birthdays of the January: Ralph Gilbertsen, John Rose, Gregg LeDuc, Ron Hoppe Sr., Rich Wielock, Tom Maxson, Jon Knudsen, Norman Roland, Howard Skoien, Gary Skoien, Rick Nelson (110A), and our board member Larry Ekstrom.

If we have missed your birthday this year, let us know. A few have not provided a birth month to us.

We are told that our good member and past Director of Sons of Norway, Jostein Bakken is in a care facility. Our best wishes to Jostein for his health. Talk to Lowell about details.

We also send to our best regards to Rich Wielock who has been recuperating from infirmities. We hope to see him back soon.

A special welcome to four new members who joined us in December. John Van Alstin of Batavia, John Eisenmann of Prospect Heights, Bruce Carlson of Northbrook, and Karl Pearson of Park Ridge. Welcome to our group gentlemen! We hope you enjoy it as much as we do.

Lastly, a final note about dues. We have collected the yearly stipend from most of our members; a few remain. For those who we missed, a final letter is enclosed. For those who signed up, a membership card will be provided at the next meeting, likely attached to your badge, and as mentioned earlier, a coffee/aquavit mug will be awarded at your next visit. Extra mugs available at \$5 each.

Future Events

January 10, 2015— Scheduled Luncheon. Sweater Day.

January 17, 2015 - Board Meeting- 10:15am

February 14, 2015— Scheduled Luncheon— Ladies Day

March 14, 2015—Scheduled Luncheon— Father, Son, Daughter day

April 11, 2015—Scheduled Luncheon

May 9, 2015—Scheduled Luncheon. 55th Anniversary Celebration

Check for updates on our website <http://www.torskeklub.org>

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