



November 7 Features Constitutional Comparisons

We welcome to our podium this month, Dr. Charles Peterson, the Dean of the College at North Park University in Chicago, and a good friend to many at the Chicago Torske Klub. His abstract at the college notes: “The dean maintains an active interest in many disciplines including Scandinavian studies, media and society, cultural studies, qualitative/critical methodologies, and music.” In this light, he has prepared a brief presentation about an introduction to the Norwegian Constitution, it’s comparisons to the U.S. Constitution and some changes that have occurred.



Dr. Charles Peterson

Our luncheon this month has been accelerated to the first Saturday of November, from it’s usual date to avoid the yearly chaos of Swedish women meeting at the same time as the Norwegian men.

Our own assistant boss, Roger “Rusty” Elmer will be torskemaster this month. Please call your reservations early and remember to mark the calendar.

Eastland Disaster Presented in October

We welcomed Mr. Ted Wachholz in October to talk about the Eastland Disaster in Chicago. This was newsworthy this year as it the 100th anniversary of this locally famous disaster. Mr. Wachholz is with the [Eastland Disaster Historical Society](#). Thanks again to all that make the luncheon a success.

One item to clarify from this lunch, in case you missed it. There was a bit of a noise in the back of the room when the dessert was served in October. Gayle asked if anyone wanted whipped cream, Ken Larson said “Sure”, and Garry Grube was quick on the camera. We’ll *try* to be-have next month...



Torske Klub Luncheon - November 7, 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 November 2, 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 are 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, as well as NUMBER OF FISH DINNERS. 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 and Coffee Mug** to each member that brings one or more guests to the dinner this 2015/2016 season, excluding father/son/daughter day in March and excluding ladies day in February.



Reservation Phone: ☎(312) 233-2887

Member Birthdays and News

This month we give thanks for the birthdays of November: Vern Bengtson, Jorgen Laursen, Bruce Carlson, Coach Chuck Enge, Robert Olberg, and Ronald Betz.

Skål to all and Happy Bird-day! [Sorry, couldn't resist that Thanksgiving joke]

We received a note and early dues from our good friend Ole Birkeland, who has moved with his wife Mary to North Carolina. An excerpt: *"My treatment is over and now it's waiting time. I will have a CT scan on Oct. 27 and soon after that we will know if it has been successful. I feel better every day and while I still am pretty weak, I feel the strength coming back."*

Thank you to everyone for your concerns and interests in my well being. I hope to see you all soon."

Mange Takk Ole. We hope all is well.

Dues and Membership for 2016–Redux

We had a false start last month and the address slips and return envelopes were not ready. They are enclosed this month. The dues remain at **\$40 for the year**. This pays for the costs of this letter, some of the equipment that we need to maintain for the luncheon, the guest speakers cost (usually just a dinner) and similar costs to make this work. Most importantly, it pays for the aquavit which was historically bought by the birthday celebrants when this group was founded over 55 years ago. Blending that into the dues made the collection much easier for all.

The dinner prices remain at \$20 per plate and really hasn't changed in almost 15 years. It pays the cost of the dinner and is a pay-as-you-attend fee. It is likely that the dinner cost will rise in the near future by a few dollars because of the rise in fish cost, and it is likely that this will be passed on as a surcharge when it happens. Some additional notes concerning dues and membership:

- ◆ Dues are \$40 by check if you mail them. Cash is accepted if paying in person. If you wish to pay your dues at the luncheon, they will be accepted at the front table.
- ◆ Those dues paid since September will be considered paid for 2016. If you have paid, your membership slip notes "PAID for 2016". Only return the envelope if you need to correct your information.
- ◆ If at all possible, please enclose your dues with the envelope and membership slip provided.
- ◆ The Chicago Torske Klub provides a number of complimentary letters to consulates and other organizations. Dues are not solicited from these, but we ask the favor of correcting any information on the mailing address/contact info, if needed.
- ◆ Changes/updates are requested on the membership slip:
 - ◇ **Address, phone or other contact info.** We have received a number of new or no-address returns on letters this year. It is a good time to change address with us if you haven't.
 - ◇ **Email**– About 2/3 of us use email. It has been used for an additional luncheon reminder and notices of news, illness or deaths in our families. If your email is failing; we marked (Invalid Email) if your service doesn't accept our bulk. Add larsonk@sbcglobal.net and reservation@torskeklub.com as valid senders for your service.
 - ◇ **Birthday**– The month is requested, so we can celebrate as above or at the luncheon. If you want to provide year, we can mark milestones also.

Mark your calendar for this year:

Nov. 7—CHANGED DATE—
Luncheon on 1st Saturday of November with Dr. Peterson

Dec. 12– Christmas Luncheon

Jan. 9, 2016– Sweater day

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