



## Ladies Day on February 13

We are pleased to welcome Kimberly Kenny to our annual Ladies Day luncheon. Ms. Kenny teaches beginning and intermediate Norwegian language, as well as Norwegian literature. Trained as a comparatist at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, she teaches courses which seek to integrate Germanic literatures: "Reconnecting Two Germanic Literatures", which examines connections between Hamsun and Kafka, Mann and Kielland, and Ibsen and Hauptmann. This includes "Comparative Fairy Tale" which encompasses Norwegian, Danish (H.C. Andersen), and German (Bros. Grimm) fairy tales, and "Scandinavian Women's Literature". In a strictly Norwegian vein, she offers a course on Ibsen, as well as one dealing with the Nazi Occupation of Norway called, "Literature of the Occupation". In addition, she teaches in the Core curriculum every year, "Readings in World Literature: Epic".



Henrik Ibsen (1828-1906)–  
Norwegian Playwright and Poet

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Gayle and Sandy model their new Norwegian Sweaters to our cod, Barney

## Lost Airports Remain Lost

Tusen Takk to our Boss, Lowell Olberg, for stepping in to present travel to Iceland in January. Our planned speaker for the book "Lost Airports of Chicago" had a medical issue on the date of the luncheon, but we'll plan to re-engage him again.

This was sweater day, and we thank all for attending. Thanks to Garry Grube for his double duty as torskemaster and to Gayle and Sandy, our servers, for honoring the day with Norwegian sweaters.

### **Torske Klub Luncheon - February 13, 2016**

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 February 8, 2016. ALL MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS ARE REQUIRED TO MAKE A RESERVATION FOR DINNER—this month indicating preference for Steak or Fish. 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 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, 38, 40(+1), 42A, 47, 51(+1S), 55, 84, 97, 98 (+1S), 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](mailto: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 2015/2016 season, excluding father/son/daughter day in March and **excluding ladies day** in February.

Reservations  
by  
February 8

**Luncheon Reservation Phone: ☎(312) 233-2887**

For this day she will offer a talk about Ibsen and marriage, in honor of the Valentine's day celebration. Our Norwegian Honorary Counsel General Paul Anderson will be torskemaster.

This special day will double our attendance and special rules will apply. As in past years for ladies day, diners have the choice of traditional torsk, or steak for dinner. Indicate the number and type of dinners when you call in reservations. This day tends to be well attended and as such the "Table of Ten" rule will apply. All parties of ten people should send a representative before 11:45 am to reserve the table for their party. No seating for individuals or couples are allowed before this time. After this, all seating is open for self reservation as usual.

## St. Valentine and His Day

Who is this romantic rabble rouser and purveyor of pink hearts this time of year? We investigated this further, and it ends up that nobody really knows for sure. Even the Catholic Church, the original authority on all people saintly, only acknowledges St. Valentine as some Roman in the 3rd century that was martyred north of Rome on July 23. He was killed for helping Christians wed. He may in fact be a blending of two or more people of the same name. February 14 was designated in the Vatican as the day for his "liturgical veneration in places where other obligatory celebrations are not taking place", which I read as "go ahead and celebrate if you have nothing better to do".

The middle ages associated this day with high courtly love. Many of the current legends that characterize Saint Valentine were invented in the fourteenth century in England, notably by Geoffrey Chaucer and his circle, when the feast day of February 14 first became associated with romantic love.

There are some other facts:

- St. Valentine is the patron saint of beekeepers and epilepsy.
- Bits and pieces of him may be found all over Europe; venerated as relics in Rome, Czech Republic, Ireland, Scotland, England and France.
- The day is also the anniversary of statehood for Oregon (1859) and Arizona (1912), Telephone patent applied for (1876), James Cook (1779) and William Tecumseh Sherman (1891) died, along with 8 people in a garage in Chicago (1929). - kol



St. Valentine Kneeling—by David Teniers III (1636-1685)

**Mark your calendar for this Torske Klub 2016 season:**

**Feb. 13, 2015**— Ladies Day

**Mar. 12, 2015** Father, Son, Daughter day

**April 9, 2016**— Luncheon

**May 14, 2015**— Anniversary Luncheon

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## Member Birthdays and News

This month we celebrate the birthdays of the February: Perry Straw, Ed Grendahl, Neil Andersen, Cedric Syrdahl, Phil Waters, Dave Svendsen, Ed Ekstrom, our Program Chairman Thor Jondahl and our charter member Dr. Ray Newgard. On this month, we will raise our glass to celebrate the birthdays of the men who bought the aquavit.