



## Torske Klub Board Suspends Luncheons for 2 Months

The Chicago Torske Klub Board met on August 17 and made some decisions suspending our meetings and dues for the next couple months.

**Luncheons** - Although the Elks Club in Des Plaines is operating for restaurant dinners, a poll of the board agreed that only few would or could attend a luncheon. With virus fluctuating in Illinois and Cook County, it is prudent to cancel the luncheons in September and October, for now. IF we could get a speaker anyway, it would likely have been a screen based lecture such as the world is becoming accustomed to. Let's wait.

**Dues** - The Torske Klub will suspend dues collection until a future time. The rationale is that the club is solvent and has little cash expenditure until we meet. Likely we will adjust the dues for the time we start to meet, since it pays for lefse, aquavit, speaker and mailing primarily. We can wait.

All members of record in May 2020 will continue as members.

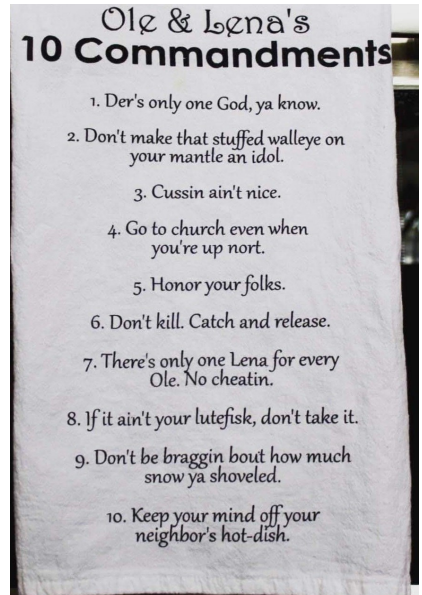
**Mailing/Letter** - Normally we mail a monthly letter during the torsk season, but will curtail these until we meet again. This letter covers September/October, and then in late October we will mail again with updated news of future plans.

The board will meet in October.

### Writing Checks to the Torske Klub

In the past, we have been able to maintain an account as the "Torske Klub", however banking regulations and the fact that our group is "a bunch of guys getting together for lunch", we cannot deposit checks as the Torske Klub. Therefore, all checks here forward will need to be written to "Milt Gustafson" as treasurer. We'll remind you when dues and dinners are re-engaged.

**Christmas** - We had a smile and took pause when Pastor David Langseth noted that we likely have to change our Christmas program, if we are able to meet by then. The Lutheran Bishop in Metropolitan Chicago has suspended singing in churches at this time. We will follow that lead. [We assume the hardy Lutheran singer drives moisture particles across the room at an accelerated pace. I suppose we need to suspend spontaneous singing of Helen Går as well until we learn to sing without spitting]



In these days of social upheaval, we are reminded of the rules of the road.

### ***Torske Klub Luncheon - Sept.12, 2020 / Oct.10,2020 \*\*\*CANCELED\*\*\****

Your Chicago Torske Klub Board of Directors has elected to **cancel the next two scheduled luncheons** for Sept.12, 2020 and Oct.10,2020 in respect for the virus situation.

Our health and safety will always precede our urge for torsk and fellowship. We will look forward to seeing you at future events. Watch the website or Facebook for updates also.

This letter catches up with the summer months acknowledging birthdays and other news by our members. We are covering 5 months this time, with June, July, August, September and October.

**June:** Ron Bentsen, Jimmy Sorensen, Stuart Bentley, Corresponding Secretary Ken Larson, and newly minted octogenarian Judge Perry Gulbrandsen.

**July:** Norris Harstad, Bill Scheiderich, Hank Solberg, Paul Johnson, and our Boss Lowell Olberg.

Watch the Web site at <http://www.torskeklub.org> for updates to current events

**August:** Tom Bendicsen, William Sexton, Dr. Marshall Pedersen, Hon. Norwegian Consul General emeritus Paul Andersen, Christopher Betz, Clarence Petersen, boss emeritus Robert Alsaker, Thor Davidson, Raffle Chairman Robert Frost II, David Petersen, and newly minted nonagenarian Don Hoganson.

**September:** John Teppen, Sam Cory, board member Fred Glure, Kurt Gustafson, Kjell Larson, Matt Gustafson, and John Van Alstin.

**October:** Peter Hastings, Eivind Torske, Darryl Bengtsen, Walter Lorensen, Raffle Chairman Sam Smith and Board Member Tom Field. Oh, one more for October! We have a special acknowledgement for **Kaare Nevdal who turns 100** in October 2020.

We were saddened to learn of the deaths of three of our good members. First, we were saddened to hear of the passing of **Dick Fjeldheim** after a long illness on May 22, 2020. He was 87 and is survived by his wife Vivian and their children.

We lost **Howard Skoien** on May 23, 2020. He passed away at age 87. Our condolences to his wife Diane, and his family, including his nephews Gary and Eric Skoien, who are members of our Torske Klub.

Shortly after, we learned of passing of **Vince Field**, father of our board member Tom Field, passed away on May 31, 2020 at 91 years.

Our thoughts and prayers are with these good friends and members.

We have some happier news. We welcome **Bob Fisk** as our newest member. Bob and his wife Trish have invited the Torske Klub to the Norge Ski Club yearly event for years, and finally has a lot more time to dine with us. By the way Bob, don't worry about the dues yet, as noted on page 1.

There was some joy in the household of **Ken Larson**. First, he took his retirement a few months earlier than planned in late June, followed by the announcement by his son Allen and his girlfriend Neyda that they decided to accelerate their marriage plans to July 18. A socially separated "Covid Wedding" was held in the Larson back yard with Judge **Perry Gulbrandson** officiating, siblings and nephews attending at a distance.



### Is your Contact Info Current?

Many of our members change addresses, phone numbers, or email and have not advised the Torske Klub. You have an opportunity to correct info during dues collection, but that is delayed. Please update us by writing to [secretary@torskeklub.com](mailto:secretary@torskeklub.com) or call the reservation line to change:

- Address
- Phones
- Email
- Birthday Month

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