



God Jul og Godt Nytt År

Our annual Christmas luncheon is scheduled for December 12, 2015. Our good board member, Pastor David Langseth, accompanied by talented pianist Ken Spengler, has agreed to host the program again this year. This traditionally well attended luncheon will feature our usual torsk meal, followed by stories and song.



David Langseth and Ken Spengler

This has been a traditional time to bring friends and relatives to the Torske Klub and the luncheon tends to be well attended. An extra appetizer is generally ordered for this month, and in the past we have ordered double portions to ensure that all members get a taste. The reservation line is open. Call early for you and your guests.



Our Klub treasurer, Ken Nordan, lit up the room in November with his lighted, horned helmet—photo by G. Grube

November Constitutional

Our November luncheon was highlighted by Dr. Charles Peterson. He presented a brief presentation about an introduction to the Norwegian Constitution, its comparisons to the U.S. Constitution and some changes that have occurred.

Thanks to Roger Elmer, who was our torskemaster, and to all who attended and contributed to the day.

Torske Klub Luncheon - December 12, 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 December 7, 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

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This month we celebrate the birthdays of the Christmas season in December, including Charles Norton, Henry Sanderson, Ragnar Lund, Milt Gustafson, our secretary emeritus David Cornwell, Oystein Borsheim, our current Recording Secretary Garry Grube, Emil Ulstrup, treasurer emeritus Richard Biehl, Harold Bendicsen, Dr. Egil Fosslie, and Palmer Larsen. God Jul and Skol!

We received a note from Clarence Peterson that our good friend and member Wollert "Wolly" Ellertson is infirmed and living at the Brookdale in Prospect Heights at this time. We wish you the best Wolly.

Finally, we would like to thank a majority of members for swiftly responding to the dues request for 2016. For the remainder, a reminder that the last day for your dues is December 31.

Events in the Scandnavian Community—December 2015

The Christmas Season is upon us, and many organizations in which our members are involved have events this next month. Here is a list of a few that are known to us in the Chicago area:

- **December 4— Normenneses Singing Society Christmas Dinner and Concert**— Allgauers's Restaurant Northbrook Hilton, 2855 Milwaukee Ave, Northbrook, IL. We'll assume that Thor Fjell or Clarence Peterson can provide detail.
- **December 5— Christmas Around the World**— Norwegian National League— Museum of Science and Industry. 2pm. A Norwegian Christmas Program. The Museum highlights Christmas of different cultures in December.
- **December 5-6 Julmarknad Annual Christmas Bazaar**, Swedish American Museum, Chicago, Saturday 10:00-AM—5:00 PM, Sunday 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM—\$2.00
- **December 5- Danish American Athletic Club Family Christmas Dinner**, Knights of Columbus Hall, Arlington Heights, IL
- **December 6— Christmas Concert**—Minnekirken, 2614 N. Kedzie Blvd, Chicago IL. 6:30 PM by multiple choirs. Refreshments after.
- **December 13— Skjold Lodge SofN Christmas Party-** AUYA Ukrainian Center, Palatine, IL, 3:00 PM—5:00 PM
- **December 13—Lucia Celebration**, Andersonville Chicago, 4:45 PM, procession through Andersonville and returns at 5:00 PM
- **December 13- Scandinavian Jam**, 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM Swedish American Museum, Chicago, IL All ages invited to bring any instrument regardless of level.
- **December 18—Bjornson Chorus Christmas Evening of Music-** Avalon Banquets, Elk Grove Village, IL Cocktails 6:30 PM Dinner 7:30 PM, John Lee 847-741-4210



Mark your calendar for this Torske Klub 2016 season:

- Dec. 12, 2016— Christmas Luncheon**
- Jan. 9, 2016— Sweater day**
- 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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Merry Christmas to all.