



Norwegian History in Chicago on Sweater Day

Godt nytt år ! Happy New Year! Welcome to 2017! This month we are happy to welcome Mr. Gary Johnson, president of the Chicago Historical Museum, to the podium. His topic is “Norwegian Immigration to Chicago, Then and Now – A Personal View”.



Gary T. Johnson with First Lady Michelle Obama and Joyce Chiu at the IMLS Award ceremony at the White House, 2016.—photo by chicagohistory.org

Gary T. Johnson was named the eighth President of the Chicago History Museum in August 2005. Mr. Johnson is a lifelong Chicagoan, and his passion for Chicago history is evident through his leadership at the Chicago History Museum, focusing on community outreach and strengthening the institution’s financial capacity. Visiting Chicago’s grade schools to share artifacts from the Museum’s collection is a personal commitment for Johnson. He has visited more than 300 classrooms in neighborhoods throughout Chicago.

Mr. Johnson also is president of Museums in the Park, the association of eleven of Chicago’s major museums. Mr. Johnson came to the Museum after twenty-eight years as a lawyer and partner in the Chicago offices of two global law firms. He graduated from Harvard University (J.D.

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Christmas 2016

Our thanks to Pastor David Langseth and to Ken Spengler for their masterful lead of the Christmas Celebration held in December. Thanks to Clarence Petersen, Gayle and Sandy as we shared the spirit and spirits of Christmas.



Torske Klub Luncheon - January 14, 2017

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 9, 2017. 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 2016/2017 season, excluding father/son/daughter day in March and excluding ladies day in February.



Reservations
by
January 9

Luncheon Reservation Phone: ☎(312) 233-2887

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1977); Oxford University (Rhodes Scholar; M.A. Modern History 1974); Yale University (Phi Beta Kappa; A.B. summa cum laude, History and Political Science 1972). Mr. Johnson grew up in Park Ridge, Illinois, and attended Maine Township High School South.



A Photo Opportunity of the attending Chicago Torske Klub members and Barney the Codfish in January 2015 on Sweater Day

Our scheduled torskemaster is Fred Glure.

Note that this day, the Torske Klub suspends the convention of wearing a sport coat and tie to lunch, and opts for appropriate winter ware; a Norwegian Sweater, or your other favorite sweater.

Member Birthdays and News

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

Board Members: *A board meeting has been convened for Saturday, January 21, 2017 at 10am at the Elks Club. Reply to Lowell of your attendance.*

We received news in early December that Lorraine Straw, wife of our good friend and member Perry Straw has passed away after a battle with cancer. She was a fixture in the Norwegian American community and there are few organizations and services that she didn't influence or serve. Our prayers are with Perry and their children and families.



Finally, all members note that we have enclosed a membership card to members of record as our dues period has completed. If your dues are not paid, please contact us.

Norge Ski Club's 112th International Winter Tournament

January 21-22, 2017

As in past years, the Chicago Torske Klub has been invited as VIP's to the annual winter event. A separate flyer with ordering details is enclosed with a discount offered by mail. Dozens of our members attend this notable midwinter event.

Mark your calendar for this Torske Klub 2017 season:

Jan. 14, 2017— Norwegian History on Sweater day

Jan. 21, 2017—Board meeting at 10am— Elks Club

Feb. 11, 2015— Ladies Day

Mar. 11, 2015—Father, Son, Daughter day

April 8, 2017— Luncheon

May 13, 2015— Anniversary Luncheon

May 21, 2015— Syttende Mai Parade—Park Ridge

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