



## November Luncheon on Taliesin Preservation

The luncheon series continues in November with a talk from Carrie Rodamaker, Executive Director from the Taliesin Preservation organization in Spring Green WI. Taliesin was the last of noted architect Frank Lloyd Wright's homes. It's studio, and garden sanctuary was a laboratory for architecture and design and became a base for much of his notable work.



Taliesin in Spring Green Wisconsin—  
Photo by Taliesin Preservation, Inc.

Involved with Taliesin Preservation for 17 years, Carrie has worked within multiple departments, gaining a full understanding of the intricate operations within the organization. In December of 2015, she began her role as Executive Director. Taliesin Preservation's dual mission is to preserve the cultural, built and natural environments that comprise the Taliesin property and to conduct public educational and cultural programming that provides a greater understanding of Frank Lloyd Wright's architecture and ideas. Taliesin Preservation works in partnership with the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation, based in Scottsdale, AZ, to preserve Wright's 800-acre personal estate.

Wright's architecture needs no introduction, as it surrounds us in the Chicago Area; some for over 100 years. Join us for an interesting review of this topic. The reservation line is open.

**Paid your dues last month?  
Tusen Takk!  
Is the Dues slip sitting on  
your desk?  
Uff Da!**

## October Luncheon Featured Mt. Rushmore

We had a light attendance for October, but those who came were entertained with a unique perspective on the artist and sculptor Gutzon Borglum and his contributions and controversies. Thanks to Jim Weren or Naperville, who led the talk. Thanks also to Sam Smith, who led the meeting as Torskemaster.

### **Torske Klub Luncheon - November 10, 2018**

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 Oct 5 for the luncheon. 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

**Reservations  
by  
November 5**

Call **(847)886-4841** at any time day or night to leave a reservation. 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, 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 or add guest to the count. 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 2018/2019 season, excluding father/son/daughter day in March and excluding ladies day in February.

**Luncheon Reservation Phone: ☎(847)886-4841**

Things, from the Old Norse þing, are the early assemblies found throughout Northern Europe as a result of our shared Norse heritage.



Gulatinget Millennium Park in Norway is a symbolic thing site opened in 2005 to commemorate the annual parliamentary assembly which took place in Gulen from approximately 900-1300 AD.

They have been described as the Viking cradle of democracy because their establishment was an early attempt to introduce a representative system, allowing disputes to be settled in a neutral forum rather than by blood feud and violence alone.

The importance and success of the system led to it being transported from the Scandinavian homelands to Viking colonies throughout Northern Europe. We can identify many sites by their thing, ting, ding or fing place names. Some examples include Gulating (Norway), Tingwalla (Sweden), Þingvellir (Iceland), Tinganes (Faroe Islands), Tingwall (Shetland and Orkney), Dingwall (Scotland), Tynwald (Isle of Man) and Fingay Hill (England).

When the Vikings and early Norse settlers arrived in a new place they brought with them their customs and legal systems. Political decisions were made at the thing, laws upheld and disputes settled. Proceedings were overseen by the local ruler and the law-speaker (judge), whose job was to memorize and recite the law. At some things, known as

Althings, any free man was entitled to vote. At others - Lawthings - the crown and local communities acted together to interpret the law.

The thing was also a focus for religious activity, as well as trade and exchange. At Thingvellir in Iceland you can still see the remains of the booths, or huts, where traders came to do business with people attending the meeting.

The thing system for sharing and legislating power can still be recognized today. Several things continue to be active. The Icelandic parliament is still known as the Althing, the Norwegian parliament is called the Storting and the Faroese parliament goes by the name of Løgting. The Manx parliament, known as Tynwald, still holds a midsummer court on the thing mound at Tynwald Hill every year.

Today, at a time of increasing internationalization and globalization, the thing story is a reminder of an age-old need for robust legal systems and open debate, and the importance of trying to resolve conflicts without resorting to violence.—from “What is a Thing?” at [www.thingsites.com](http://www.thingsites.com)

## Future Events for 2018/19

- ◇ **Nov. 10**— Torske Klub Luncheon— Taliesin Program
- ◇ **Dec. 8**— Torske Klub Luncheon-Christmas Party
- ◇ **Jan. 12, 2019**—Sweater Day
- ◇ **Feb. 9**— Ladies Day
- ◇ **Mar. 9**—Father/son/Daughter Day

See <http://www.torskeklub.org> for more info

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## November 22—Happy Bird Day



## Birthdays and News

As you recall, part of our annual dues is reserved for the skål to the birthdays of the month. This month we celebrate Jorgen Laursen, Bruce Carlson, Chuck Enge, Robert Olberg, and Ron Betz. Skål !

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Arlene Bentley, wife of Stu Bentley and grandmother of Dan and David Cord. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.