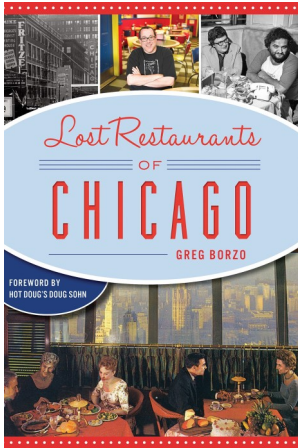




Ladies Day with Author and Normennenes

The February 8th luncheon is our annual ladies day, which means that essentially everyone is invited. We will also welcome noted author and Chicagoan Greg Borzo to discuss his book “*Lost Restaurants of Chicago*”.

Many of Chicago’s greatest or most unusual restaurants are “no longer taking reservations,” i.e., closed—but they’re definitely not forgotten. Greg will revisit these restaurants through vivid descriptions of their style and service; dishes and décor; history and hilarity; mojo and menus.



Mr. Borzo dishes out course after course of memories about the Windy City’s most beloved bygone restaurants, from steakhouses to tiki bars and diners to delis; from Maxim’s to Charlie Trotter’s and Trader Vic’s to the Blackhawk.

Relive the experiences of hundreds of diners who ate out to celebrate an anniversary, impress a date, taste the latest food fad or just take the night off from cooking. Savor the stories of Chicago’s favorite eateries that over almost two centuries have been inspired by two world’s fairs, built by waves of immigrants, dreamt up by creative entrepreneurs, opened by world-class chefs and enjoyed by locals and tourists.

Greg Borzo is an award-winning journalist who has worked for Traffic World Weekly, the Field Museum, the American Medical Association, and the University of Chicago. Born in Chicago, Borzo has written several books about The Windy City, including The Chicago “L” and Chicago Cable Cars and Chicago’s Fabulous Fountains. His newest and most popular book is The Lost Restaurants of Chicago. Borzo

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All are Invited this month

This event has historically been extremely well attended, and the **table of ten rule applies**. For those parties of ten requiring a table to sit together, *one of the party* should reserve the table before 11:45am on the day of the luncheon. No individual seating will be reserved before that time, but all seating will be open after 11:45am to reserve by each diner, pair or group. Cocktails are at noon, luncheon at 1pm.

Meal Choices: Fresh Cod or Beef

Torske Klub Luncheon - February 8, 2020

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 Feb 3 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, and the klub practice is to penalize late reservations by a \$5 fee.

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 choosing **BEEF** or **FISH**. The same information is required when you reserve for other members or as a non-member. We have reservations from the following members: **3, 38, 42A, 47, 51, 55, 84, 97, 98, 115, 120, 135, 149**. Board members note that they have a reservation automatically and must call or prearrange to cancel *or add guests 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 (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 2019/2020 season, excluding father/son/daughter day in March and excluding ladies day in February.

Luncheon Reservation Phone: ☎(847)886-4841

Reservations
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Luncheon (continued)

lives in the South Loop and gives tours about the “L,” and Chicago's fountains for the Chicago History Museum, Chicago Cycling Club, Forgotten Chicago, and other organizations.

In addition to our speaker, we welcome the Normennenes Singing Society of Chicago. Normemmenes is one of the oldest, continuously performing, men's choral groups in America and a member of the Norwegian Singers Association of America. We will help them celebrate their 150th Anniversary this year. They will sing during the cocktail hour at the start of the meal. And there's more! Kaere Vidar has agreed to serenade us with the hardanger fiddle before and during the meal. Make your reservation now; fish or beef.



Normennenes Singing Society—Founded October 30, 2870



January Sweater Day

The Chicago Torske Klub
January 2020

Many thanks to James Ascot for his presentation of Lane Tech, and to Fred Glure as Torskemaster. Thanks also to our good member Perry Straw for composing our group photo. Our other photos are posted on Facebook and our website.

February Birthdays and News

This month we celebrate the birthdays of February master knife-maker and photographer Perry Straw, Jim Beyris, our recording Secretary Tom Peterson, Neil Andersen, Thor Jondahl, Fred Durler, Cedric Syrdahl, Dr. Ray Newgard, Phil Waters, David Svendsen, and Ed Ekstrom. Skål!

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