



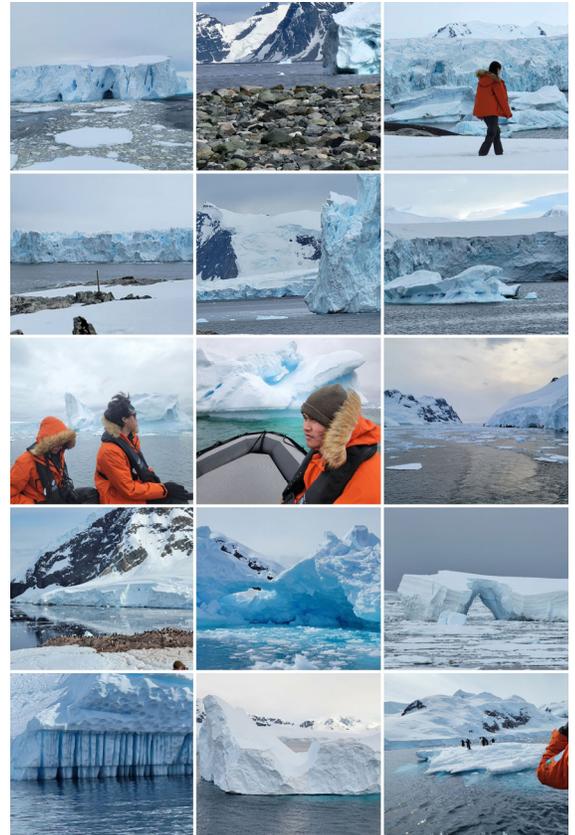
## January Luncheon/Sweater Day/Antarctica

Our first luncheon of 2023 has traditionally been a day to regroup and enjoy the bounty of the sea. Chances are it will be cold outside, so wear your favorite Dale sweater, or recycle the ugly Christmas sweater if you prefer. A little aquavit and hot plate of torsk will warm you up and remind you that you aren't in Antarctica. Well, not physically at least.

A year ago, our good longtime member Gary Skoien visited his 7th continent, Antarctica, cruising on the ship Resolution on a Lindblad National Geographic cruise. He was accompanied by his children. The ship was built in Norway along with a sister ship the Endurance. Both were commissioned in late 2021. As such, it is the most modern, stable, environmentally sound ship of any that travels to Antarctica and it travels further south than other tour ships. It is essentially an ice breaker. They spent 2 days each way crossing the Drake passage from Argentina to Antarctica and 7 days in Antarctica. It should be an interesting talk with photos, as we view the collage that Gary sent.

Gary is the Chairman and CEO of Horizon Group Properties, Inc. in Rosemont IL and has spoken to our luncheon in the past.

Tom Maxson is scheduled to be the Torskemaster.



### ***Torske Klub Luncheon - January 14, 2023—Reserve today!***

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 Sunday Jan.8** 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. There is \$5 surcharge for late reservations.

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: **38, 51, 55, 58, 97, 98, 120, 124, 135, 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** (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 2022/2023 season, excluding December, father/son/daughter day in March and excluding ladies day in February.

***Reservation Line: 847-886-4841***

This month we recognize the New Year birthdays of these members: Ralph Gilbertsen, Daniel Betz, our newest board member Thomas Maxson, Jon Knudsen, Norman Roland, Rick Nelsen, our other good board member Larry Ekstrom, and our speaker Gary Skoien.

Gratulerer med dagen, godt nytt år og Skål !

**In Memory**—We are late to announce the death of one of our more recent members. *John Eisenmann*, who passed away April 2022. Sometimes we hear these things from friends, sometimes by the post office, who returns the letter ... and we inquire. From his obituary, he graduated from Senn High School where he played football #54, for the Bulldogs. At 17, he joined the Navy and served during WW2. He graduated U of I at Navy Pier. In 1950, he married Janice Mealey Lutz. He had a successful sales career at Union Camp Corp and enjoyed playing golf with buddies, taking long walks, volunteering with the boy scouts troop 26/Northeast council, driving for the Cancer Society, traveling the world with Janice, and more. Our prayers remember John and his family.

**2023 Membership**—All paid members should receive the coveted Chicago Torske Klub membership card in your mailed letter this month. If we did not receive your payment, we'll send a final reminder. There are three of us involved in collecting dues, so we do make mistakes too, so contact us if your dues are omitted, or if your membership changes. Many people get complimentary mailings as well; for consul, embassy and related organizations.

**May Luncheon Date Change**— As has happened in previous years, the 2nd Saturday in May is also the date of many Syttende Mai events. Rather than compete with other luncheons and dinners, we are moving the torske luncheon date to MAY 6, 2023. Please change your calendars.

**Norge Ski Jump**— January 28-29, 2023— This event is open to the public with buttons to view the event at \$20 online, \$25 at the gate. The VIP area is \$125 if bought by 1/5/23 and \$150 after. See <https://norgeskiclub.org/>

## Re: December Christmas Luncheon

The consensus was that all had a great time, and having families attend to enjoy the caroling and stories made it even more so. Tusen Takk to Pastor David Langseth, pianist Kathleen West and all the families that attended. We will certainly do this again.



### Reminders:

- 1) The price of our meal remains \$35.
- 2) Checks may be made out to "Chicago Torske Klub" once again.

### Future Events

- Dec. 31, 2022— Torske Dues
- Jan. 14, 2023— Sweater Day/Gary Skoien on Antarctica
- Feb. 11— Ladies Day/Koshkonong
- Mar. 11— Father/Son/Daughter Day
- Apr. 8— Civilian Conservation Corps
- May. 6 (not 13!) - Date change to not coincide with May 17 events

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