

# Chicago Sons of Norway



## Newsletter



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May 2006

#### **46th Anniversary and Ladies Day with Sven and Ole!**

The final dinner of this Torske Klub season will be a celebration of our anniversary with the ladies in our lives. Our entertainment will be singing and stories from the renown team of Sven and Ole, direct from Madison, Wisconsin and now on their world tour, which is beginning



and ending at the Torske Klub dinner! They have entertained us at the Madison Torske Klubben, where they are members, by singing, telling jokes and stories; spoofing their Norwegian Heritage. Uff da. There will be special food and drink, our raffle, and an auction (see below).

### **April 8, 2006 - Federal Aviation Administration Discusses O'Hare Expansion and Plans for Peotone Airport**

Our speaker for this lunch was Mr. Barry Cooper who serves as the manager of the FAA's Chicago Area Modernization Program Office located at the FAA's Great Lakes Regional Office in Des Plaines. He spoke of the O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP) being undertaken by the City of Chicago and of a new airport in Peotone, IL serving Chicago's south suburbs. Thanks to him, to Marv Meyer as the Torskemaster and Ken Nordan for substituting as treasurer this month.

#### **Special Auction!**

A special auction item has been donated to the Torske Klub by our good member Carl Eglund, as he has done in previous years. His unique craftsmanship and artwork talent has produced a beautiful jewelry box. This will be auctioned during the May dinner. Thanks Carl!



**Dinner Reservation Phone:** 

**(630)** 443 6839



Our 46th Anniversary Dinner and Ladies Day will be held on May 13, 2006 at the Des Plaines Elks Club, 495 Lee Street, Des Plaines, IL (847-824-1556). Cocktail hour begins at noon; dinner starts promptly at 1:00 P.M. when, according to our tradition, our BOSS, Robert Alsaker, rings the bell to seat us for dinner.

#### Reservations due by: Tuesday, May 9 NOON

ALL MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS ARE REQUIRED TO MAKE A RESERVATION FOR DIN-NER. The Elks Club needs time to order the fresh fish. Timely reservations insure that an adequate portion and a table space can be reserved for you. Noon means noon. A call at 12:30 on Tuesday is no better than a call on Friday evening; the fish order is made.

Call 630-443-6839 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. It will ring 4 times before answering. PLEASE NOTE IF THE DINNER IS FISH OR STEAK. FISH WILL BE ASSUMED IF NOT SPECIFIED.

For those with email, feel free to send a note to secretary@torskeklub.org with the same information and the message title "Torske Klub Reservation". We will reply to that with a confirmation of receipt. We have reservations (and guests) from 2, 3(2), 13C, 22, 23(3), 47(2), 51(2), 55, 64A, 73C, 78(2), 85(2), 98(2), 114(2), 115(2) 126(2), 150(2), 158(3).

\*\*TIP - Don't know or remember your membership number? Check the mailing label. It is the number by your name.

#### **Norwegian Constitution Day**

Norwegian Constitution Day is celebrated on May 21 with a parade in Park Ridge, Illinois, sponsored by the Norwegian National League. The Torske Klub supports this parade and members are invited to walk with our group, carry our banner or ride the mile in Fred Glure's little red truck. We will meet near Roosevelt School at Talcott and Prospect Ave. in Park Ridge at 12:30 pm.

Our boss, Robert Alsaker, and his wife Evy Alsaker, are the Grand Marshalls of the parade this year. Congratulations!

#### .... Upcoming Events

Our program chairman, Dr. Ray Newgard, has announced the following coming events for this year:

- ▶ May 21, 2006 Norwegian Constitution Day Parade in Park Ridge, IL hosted by the Norwegian National League. Meet at Roosevelt School at 12:30.
- ▶ June, July, August NO TORSKE KLUB dinners. Enjoy the sum-
- ► **September 22, 2006** Note date change. The scheduled speaker is Linda S. Kimball - Director of Oasis - Chicago Area Chapter. Oasis is a nonprofit, national education organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for mature adults through challenging programs in the arts, humanities, wellness and volunteer service.
- ▶ October 14, 2006 Rev. Henry Soles, Baptist Minister from Wheaton/ Hinsdale area; chaplain for the Chicago Bulls.

#### **News from the Boss**

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Kristian Ronning to Torske Klub's Board of Directors. Kristian has been a member of Torske Klub for a number of years and is the proud new father of a baby girl, Julia.

He is the son of our long time member Julian Ronning and Kristian's fatherin-law is our own newly retired Pastor David Langseth. Welcome to the Board Kristian!

Kristian replaces our Board Member and past Raffle Chairman, Dick Fjeldheim. Dick asked to be relieved of his Board duties but will NOT be leaving Torske Klub! Dick has served our Klub with distinction and has spent years on our Board and many hours buying and collecting our raffle items. Dick has been great to have on our Board and has always been a pleasure to work with. Thank you Richard Fjeldheim for your service to our Torske Klub!

#### **Chicago Torske Klub Board of Directors**

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#### **Birthdays for May**

This month we promulgate the conviviality for the following members:

Our Norwegian consul general emeritus Per Ohrstrom, Pastor Robert Furreboe, Nels Nelson, Don Nowicki, Ken Nordan - our talented substitute treasurer last month - recently retired Pastor David Langseth, April Torskemaster Marvin Meyer, Paul Solberg, Leonard Zielinski of Nelson Funeral Homes, Steve Klos, recent member Ron Jacobsen, newly minted septuagenarian and master accordeon player Ray Nilsen, novice octogenarian Carl Hansen, Henry Hansen, Thor Fjell, Christian von Kirchbach, Andy Andersen, Fred Gilbertsen, and a special greeting to Bob Jaeger who joins us monthly at the age of 94.

We won't divulge any more ages, but there is an estimated total of 1350 years represented here. Uff da!

Gentlemen, we raise our Linie Aquavit glasses and wish you a Happy Birthday, and lets add another 20 years to that total every year.

Treasurer: Gene Kaczmarek Secretary: Ken Larson Historian: David Cornwell Program Chair: Dr. Ray Newgard Aquavit Chair: Garry Grube