



December Luncheon featuring Bjornson Male Chorus

The December luncheon is a treasured event for the members of our group to celebrate the holidays and the spirit of Christmas with friends and family. We are especially pleased to have the Bjornson Male Chorus provide our program for the day. As an honorarium to this group, the Torske Klub is providing the dinner to those singers for \$10. Our thanks to our member Milt Gustafson for arranging this program with Ray Newgard. Please note that we revert back to our male attendance this month. The next ladies day is in February.

Mark your calendar for December 10, 2008 and feel free to make your reservation any time early by leaving a message at the Torske Klub Hotline (630) 445-1263.

Final Dues Reminder

Thanks to all of you who have paid their dues thus far, it makes our volunteer jobs easier and keeps our organization solvent. The deadline for dues is this month, December 31, but like Christmas, it comes quickly so make your dues payment now. Dues are accepted by mail to the secretary at 520 N. Batavia Ave, Batavia IL 60510 or at the Torske Klub luncheon.

If you lost your dues slip or return envelope, forgot if you paid or otherwise have a question, call the Torske Klub answering machine at (630) 445-1263 and leave a question; we'll get back with an answer. Occasionally, we'll have a correct answer, too.

December Birthdays

This month, we toast the monthly birthdays for December:

Charles Norton, Oystein Borsheim, Milt Gustafson, Emil Ulstrup, Harold Bendicson, Roger Elmer Sr., Art Carlson, past board member Art Fitzgerald, past Treasurer and current Iowanian Dick Biehl, past Secretary David Cornwell, and Aquavit Chairman Garry Grube.

A toast of Christmas gløgg to each you; happy birthday and God Jul.

New Member in October

We correct a glaring omission from last month's letter by announcing our latest member, Ralph Gilbertsen of Barrington, IL, son of our longtime member, Fred Gilbertsen. Ralph is the epitome of the slogan used for years, "Once a guest, twice a friend, three times a member". *Velkommen!*



Our monthly luncheon of the Torske Klub season will be held on December 10, 2008 at the Des Plaines Elks Club, 495 Lee Street, Des Plaines, IL. 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, Dec 6
NOON

ALL MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS ARE REQUIRED TO MAKE A RESERVATION FOR DINNER. 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. ANY reservation made after noon on Tuesday will have a \$5.00 late fee imposed, making your dinner charge \$25.

Call **630-445-1263** at any time day or night to leave a reservation; only call 630-443-6829 if you can't get through. 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 a few times before answering.

We have reservations from the following members: 3, 13C, 22, 47, 51, 55, 73C, 85, 98, 114, 115, 126, 141. () denotes more than one reservation

We also the email reservations if you choose. Please send to secretary@torskeklub.org with your number of reservations, including 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 or number/letter by your name.

NEW! Dinner Reservation Phone: ☎ (630) 445 1263

November Luncheon – A Day Fit for the President.



We were pleased to welcome the 32nd President of the United States, Franklin Delano Roosevelt as portrayed by R. J. Lindsey (<http://rjlindsey.com>). The pomp and ceremony accorded a U.S. president was handled by our own torskemaster Haakon Andreasen and Don Hoganson as acting boss while our boss Robert Alsaker attended the Minneapolis Torske Klub anniversary dinner. Ray Newgard arranged the speaker.

Thanks to all for a magnificent day.

Passing of Steinar Steine

We were saddened to hear of the passing of our good member, Steinar Steine.

His obituary:

Steinar Steine of Deer Park since 1969. The memorial visitation for Steinar Steine, 79, will be from 1 p.m. until the time of the memorial service at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, at Ahlgrim Family Funeral Home, 201 N. Northwest Highway, Palatine. Inurnment will take place in Norway. Steinar was an avid golfer. He was a member of the Skjold Lodge Sons of Norway Club and the Carpenters Union Local #181. He is survived by his wife, June M. Steine (nee Hansen); eight brothers and sisters in Norway; and many dear friends. Memorials to Hospice of Northeastern Illinois, 410 S. Hager Ave., Barrington, IL 60010 or the Salvation Army, 5040 N. Pulaski Road, Chicago, IL 60630 appreciated. For information, 847-358-7411.

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On behalf of the Chicago Torske Klub, we extend our prayers and sympathy to our good member Steinar, and his family.



Valdres Valley near Lomen, Norway

Events for 2009

- January 10, 2009 – Gary Skoien - Program speaker. “Cook County & Chicago”
- February 14, 2009 – Ladies Day (coincidentally Valentine’s Day) – Ms. Tina Winther, will sing for Ladies Day.
- March 14, 2009 – Bud Herseth – Head Trumpeter of the Chicago Symphony
- April 11, 2009 – Father, Son, Daughter day- John Lund, President of the Sons of Norway International
- May 9, 2009 – 49th Anniversary Celebration – Torske Klub History by Dave Cornwell

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