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# Newsletter



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November 2009

## The November Luncheon will be a "Honey" of a Day



Our November Luncheon will feature a presentation by a local beekeeper, Harry Patterson of Batavia, Illinois. We are told that he will be bringing some of his wares, his tools for display, as well as a bit of interesting information about the beekeeping craft to our primarily urban audience. Carl Eglund will be Torskemaster. Thanks to Ken Nordan and Ray Newgard for arranging this unique program.

Make your reservations early for the November 14th luncheon.



## 50th Anniversary News



As we approach our 50th anniversary of the Chicago Torske Klub, it must have inspired Carl Eglund. As many of you may recall, Carl has become the defacto resident artist of our little group. His donations of raffle items have been crafted and painted in the style of Scandinavian art, including rose-

maling or rose painting. He has once again excelled in his art and has crafted a magnificent commemorative wall plate. This will be awarded to one of our members next year through a special raffle. The time, date and method of award will be announced at a future time.

## October saw a Presentation by Bill Helmuth about Russia

We were pleased to have a great turnout for the talk and slideshow by Bill Helmuth. Bill is a world traveler who presented his recent trips to the former Soviet Republic, including Russia, St. Petersburg and the city of Moscow. Thanks to Dr. Ray Newgard for stepping in as the Torskemaster this month.

## Dues Reminder

You will recall that we sent you the dues mailing this last month. It is halfway to our deadline: December 31, 2009 for the return by mail, or by handing to us at the check-in table as you arrive. Thanks to all that have returned their dues promptly. It makes our tasks easier.

## **Torske Klub Luncheon November 14**

Our monthly dinner meeting will be held on November 14, 2009 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. Make Your Regular Dinner Reservation by TUESDAY Noon, November 10, 2009

**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 fish and a table space can be reserved for you. Noon deadline means noon. The reservation is called in directly after.

Call **630-445-1263** at any time day or night to leave a reservation. If there is voicemail difficulties, call Ken at 630-336-6723. 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. The phone usually will ring 4 times before answering.

We have reservations from the following members: 3, 13C, 22, 47, 51, 73C, 85, 98, 114, 115, 126, 141. Board members note that they have a reservation automatically and must call to cancel.

If you prefer email reservations, please send to [secretary@torskeklub.org](mailto: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 by your name.

**FREE Raffle Ticket** to each member that brings one or more guests to the dinner this 2009/2010 season, excluding father/son/ daughter day in March and ladies day in February.

**Dinner Reservation Phone: ( 630) 445-1263**

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# Royal Norwegian Order of Merit to be Awarded to Don Hoganson

The Chicago Torske Klub is pleased to relay the announcement from Norway and from our good member Paul Anderson, the Norwegian Honorary Consul General, that our own Assistant Boss Don Hoganson has been selected to receive the Royal Norwegian Order of Merit from King Harald of Norway.



Royal Norwegian Order of Merit Medal

The Royal Norwegian Order of Merit was founded by King Olav V in 1985. It is conferred on foreign and Norwegian nationals as a reward for their outstanding service in the interest of Norway. For more info, Ken Nordan edited a story at <http://sagapublishers.wordpress.com/>

This is well deserved, Don. Congratulations from us all!

## Some Future Dates:

- 10/14/09 —Beekeeper Harry Patterson
- 12/12/09 —Christmas w/ Langseth & Ronnings
- 1/9/2010 — Sweater Day
- 2/13/2010 — Ladies Day
- 3/13/2010 —Father/Son/Daughter day
- 4/10/2010 — To be Announced
- 5/8/2010 — Anniversary Luncheon
- Oct. 2010—50th Anniversary Black Tie Optional Dinner

## November Birthdays, New Members and News

In this month of Thanksgiving, we give our thanks to those gentlemen who have purchased the aquavit in honor of their birthdays. This includes Vern Bengtson, Seth Howard, Jorgen Laursen, Gary Ruud, Robert Olberg and Ron Betz. Skål and a sip from the horn of plenty to you all. Have a good one!

A warm welcome to new member Daniel C. of Lombard, grandson of Stu B.

Best regards to Dick Fjeldheim after a recent hospitalization.

## The Best Place in the World?

The Norwegian Fjords are ranked as the best destination in the world by a National Geographic Traveler expert panel saying the fjord regions reflect the "well-preserved Norwegian rural life" and calling the fjords "as good as can be done."  
- from Norway.org. No dispute here.



Geirangerfjord—  
A UNESCO World Heritage Site



Don Hoganson co-pilots the ocean tour ship during the 2007 Norwegian American Chamber of Commerce tour, which he organized.

## Treasurer's Corner

Gentlemen. I wanted to send everyone a quick note as we start our new season, our 50<sup>th</sup> season.

First, I want to say mange takk to everyone for their concern over the condition of my arm after Rob's merciless twisting. It is much better now. Just kidding! I'm happy to do my part for this great organization, and to give Gene Kaczmarek a chance to enjoy the social hour before the meeting begins. He did a great job, I have a big pair of shoes to fill.

Second, I wanted to thank everyone for their patience in the check-in line. And a big thanks to everyone who handed me their money directly and to the high rollers with your \$50 and \$100 bills I want to especially thank you for telling me directly how many meals were coming out of your bill. That helped me to get you the right change and on your way quickly.

Going forward, I hope I can do as good of a job as Gene and the other past treasurers. After my first two months in office, I've come to appreciate their hard work even more.

—Ken Nordan, Treasurer.

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