



Come Celebrate the Season with Us!

This year our annual Christmas luncheon entertainment is being managed by our good board member Tom Maxon who volunteered his wife Lynn to lead us in song. Cristi Verity will accompany on the piano. The chorus and refrain is provided by (you guessed it) the members seated at their tables.

While Tom and Lynn keep the singing organized Cristi will work to keep us in tune. The ladies assure us this will improve the results. You are invited to make musical requests of Cristi during happy hour before the meeting. Happy hour starts at noon or whenever you get to the bar, and ends when Ken Larson (BOSS) rings the bell.



The Pastor Langseth Carolers from Christmas 2022

Last Month Luncheon

We had an excellent torsk plate and engaging presentation by Tom Asp who told the story about a dream his father, Robert had to build and sail a Viking ship to Norway. Over a period of 8 years, Robert Asp cut and milled over 100 oak trees and constructed the ship. But he never got to sail it to Norway because he passed away before he had a chance. His son Tom organized a crew, sailed to Norway and realized his father's dream.

Torske Klub Luncheon - Dec 14, 2024—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 Sunday evening before 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 2024/2025 season, excluding father/son/daughter day in March, Christmas and ladies day in February.

**Reservations
by Sunday
December 8**

Reservation Line: 847-886-4841

This month we recognize the kids that got their Christmas presents combined with their birthday presents: Dr. Egil Fosslie, Michael Mogil, Harold Bendicsen, Dave Hall, Daniel Betz, our corresponding secretary Garry Grube, and our past treasurer Milt Gustafson. Gratulerer med dagen, God Jul and Skål !

Members of the Chicago Torske Klub

As we are halfway through the period of collecting dues, we find ourselves with about half our members paid. We hope that is just procrastination but we have seen a marked drop off of attendance this year also.

We note that some have concerns about the quality of the food, the stairs or the price. I can report that the facility has a new fish vendor and the fish has been outstanding. The "Bingo stairs" shortcut has been opened for our event providing 8 steps instead of 20. Price is still dictated by market but is now more aligned to many restaurant prices.

It's a good time to reflect on the luncheons and good fellowship we have. To be honest it is difficult and even embarrassing to invite speakers, only to have 15 show up for a luncheon.

As your boss this year I challenge each member to bring a guest in 2025. Let's build our ranks and tradition a bit. If you have questions or concerns, contact me or a board member.

To you and all your families

God jul og godt nyttår.

Ken Larson

Ladies and friends Invited this Month!

Your wife, special friends and family are invited this year to our celebration. Be sure to call in the reservation by Dec. 8 to ensure a portion of torsk. If beef is preferred, note that in your reservation. **If you wish to reserve a table of 10, send a representative before noon to hold it.**



Reminders

- 1) Please make checks out to **"Tom Peterson"** otherwise your check will be returned.
- 2) The price of our meal is \$35, excluding cocktails and raffle.
- 3) The dues for the Klub are \$40 yearly, which covers the cost of the mailings and Linie Aquavit in honor of your birthday.

Future 2024-2025 Events

Dec. 14 Christmas Party

Jan. 11 Sweater Day

Feb. 8 Ladies Day

Chicago Torske Klub Board of Directors

Boss: Ken Larson
 Asst. Boss: Lowell Olberg
 Boss Emeritus: Robert Alsaker
 Treasurer: Tom Peterson
 Founder, and Advisor: Dr. Ray Newgard
 Program Chair: Open
 Recording Secretary: Tom Peterson
 Corresponding Secretary: Garry Grube
 Aquavit Chair: Fred Olk
 Raffle Chair: Sam Smith
 Board Member: Larry Ekstrom
 Board Member: Fred Glure
 Board Member: Milt Gustafson
 Board Member: Tom Maxson
 Board Member: John Van Alstin



Looking for a coordinator for our group to plan and contact speakers or programs.

Most programs are suggested by members,

Usually an hour or so per month.

Inquire to the boss



Wanted: Program Chairman

Vikings at work