



Chicago Sons of Norway *Torske Klub* Organized 1960

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May 2005 • 45th year



Our SPECIAL monthly dinner will be held on May 14, 2005 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. This is a special day: special occasion, special speaker, special gifts and special guests, so this will be a special event with special opportunities for members, involving special requirements as well. Read on...



45th Anniversary of the Chicago Torske Klub! Ågot Valle of the Norwegian Legislature

The Chicago Torske Klub was established in May 1960. Time flies when you're having fun, doesn't it? We celebrate this anniversary every year, but this year is a bit more special. We will have the women in our lives celebrate with us. We will prepare a special anniversary booklet commemorating the event with our current member listing, klubben history, and much more.



We are honored to announce our special guest and speaker for the day as Ågot Valle, the President of the Norwegian Odelsting, Member of the Norwegian Storting representing Hordaland Fylke (County) from the Socialist Left Party. She is the honorary Grand Marshall of the 2005 Syttende Mai parade. She will be attending our meal with her husband, Yngave Seteras.



Message from the Boss

Thanks to all of you that make the Torske Klub what it is. Our membership has increased over the last two years; growing from 89 to over 120 members. Thanks to all of you!

Our success has enabled us to travel to the Madison Torske Klubben and participate in Syttende Mai parade and the annual Scandinavian Day in Vasa Park. This year, we also contributed to the Crown-Princess Martha statue

that will be dedicated on the front lawn of the Norwegian Embassy in Washington D.C. The Torske Klub contributed \$300 to the Tsunami Fishing Boat Relief Fund. Our donation bought fishing boats for the victims of the disaster.

I want to thank our officers and Board of Directors for their dedication to the Torske Klub. They give their time and energy to keep the Klub strong.

Each of you over the summer should think who you might bring as a guest next year. Next year, at this time, let's have 135 members of the klub.

See you all at the dinner and the Syttende Mai parade!

Special Instructions for Seating at the May Dinner!

Due to the number of diners at the May meeting, the reservation of tables and spaces are subject to the following rules:

Priority seating selection will be given to tables of ten before 12:15 on the day of the dinner. Please send a representative of your party-of-10 to the sign-in table to receive reservation table slips before 12:15. The secretary cannot reserve tables for you on this busy day.

Parties of less than 10 people are free to reserve seating on a first come, first serve basis after 12:15. The Torske Klub will monitor compliance before this time. You are responsible for your own seating at the dinner; the Torske Klub cannot enforce seating arrangements outside these basic rules for the day.

Make Your May Reservation by TUESDAY Noon, May 10, 2005

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 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. If you need to speak to someone urgently, please call Ken's office at 847-781-6820 during weekday business hours.

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 from member numbers 3(2), 13C, 22, 43A, 44, 47(2), 51(2), 55, 58(2), 64A, 73C, 85, 98(2), 114, 115(2), 126, 158(3), 163(2), 167(4), 168(2), 179A(3). Remember that the guests and wives of the members must be called in as well.

Please note that the free raffle ticket for members bringing guests is suspended this month.

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

For Reservations Please Call (630) 443-6839



Thanks to Pastor Furrboe

...for the excellent and professional job as speaker and narrator for the slideshow presentation of his trip to Lima, Cusco, and Machu Picchu and Galapagos Islands. The meeting last month was well done and well attended by our own Torske Klub and by a dozen members of the Madison Torske Klubben, led by their boss and our honorary member, **Trygve Lonnebotn**. We missed the lefse last month, but will investigate that omission and correct it for next month. ■

Birthdays for May

Of all months, May has the most Torske Klub Birthdays. Here goes: **Carl Hansen**, our Norwegian consul general emeritus **Per Ohrstrom**, **Pastor Robert Furreboe**, **Nels Nelson**, **Don Nowicki**, **Ken Nordan**, **Pastor David Langseth**, **Marvin Meyer**, **Paul Solberg**, **Leonard Zielinski** of **Nelson Funeral Homes**, **Steve Klos**, **Ray Nilsen**, **Henry Hansen**, **Thor Fjell**, **Christian von Kirchbach**, **Andy Andersen**, **Fred Gilbertsen**, and a special greeting to **Bob Jaeger** who joins us monthly now at the age of 93, Gentlemen, we raise Linie Aquavit glasses and wish you a Happy Birthday, and many more. ■

Anniversary Gift to all Torske Klub Members of Record

In the April meeting, we started to distribute a 45th Anniversary Commemorative Pen. It is a quality writing instrument which is limited in distribution to one per member. We have recorded the names of those who have received their pens, and those who attend the meeting in May. These are not being distributed to guests nor are they being mailed to those who do not attend. This is an opportunity that is limited to those members who attend the April, May, or September meetings. ■

New Members!

We welcome two new members just in time to be added to the 45th anniversary roll call. **Robert Olberg** of Wheaton, brother of our good members **Lowell and Peter Olberg**. We also welcome **John Lund** of Chicago, who many of us recognized as a Lane Tech alumni among his other achievements. Both were guests last month. . Velkommen! ■

Reminder *** Special Auction in May

Carl Eglund has been busy painting again and we are the benefactors of his handiwork. He has donated a marvelously decorated jewelry box, rosemaled in the old Norwegian tradition. Per Lysne, the father of modern rosemaling in America, would be envious.



The consensus of the board members at the March meeting was that it should be held until the May celebration. It will be auctioned by our own master auctioneer, **Don Hoganson**. There will be one condition to bid, "It must be bid on by a gentleman, who will present it to a lady". Thanks in advance, Carl & Don. ■

Request for Speakers in the 2005-2006 Dinner Season

Enclosed is a letter from our Program Chairman, Dr. Ray Newgard, who has been soliciting speakers from our membership and from our professional contacts. Please consider this a way of supporting your klub. ■

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