



OASIS: All That Life Has To Offer

Our speaker for the first meeting of the Torske year is Linda S. Kimball - Director of Oasis - Chicago Area Chapter. OASIS is a national nonprofit educational organization designed to enhance the quality of life for mature adults. Offering challenging programs in the arts, humanities, wellness, technology and volunteer service, OASIS creates opportunities for older adults to continue their personal growth and provide meaningful service to the community. See <http://www.oasisnet.org> for more information, but plan on attending to hear about an interesting program.



Note from the Secretary: Many of the Torske Klub's officers will just be coming back from Norway and the secretary will not be available for reservations. Thanks this month to Fred Glure, who will be picking up the answering machine reservations and calling in the count for final reservation on Tuesday. **PLEASE DO NOT MAKE EMAIL RESERVATIONS THIS MONTH.** There is nobody to receive them this month. Thanks also to Ken Nordan, who will be filling in for Gene Kasczmerak as treasurer.

News from our Members

> We were saddened to hear of the passing of Thorkil Winther's wife, Ingrid this summer on July 5. The Torske Klub expresses our deepest sympathy to Thorkil and his family for their loss.

> Congratulations to our Board Member Fred Glure, who retired from the Chicago Board of Education. Fred was the Head of the Guidance Department at Lane Tech when he retired in June.

> About 10 members of the Torske Klub, including a majority of your officers, are traveling to Ålesund, Norway with the Norwegian-American Chamber of Commerce (NACC). Many are extend-

ing that trip to include additional touring. Be sure that there will be photos and stories to share.

> Do you have news or special events of our members? Send a note to Ken Larson via email or the phone of the Torske Klub Secretary (630-443-6839).

> Enclosed with this letter is a copy of the newspaper article from the Stavanger Aftenblad about our Chicago Torske Klub. Thanks to Petter Berntzen for his English translation. This was sent through the email in July to those with email. If you didn't get it this way, the secretary doesn't have your email, or it is invalid.

Our Speaker for October

Look for a special speaker at our Meeting on October 14. The Torske Klub will welcome Rev. Henry Soles, Baptist Minister from Wheaton/Hinsdale area and chaplain for the Chicago Bulls.



Our first meeting of the 2006-2007 Torske season will be held on the third Saturday of September; September 16, 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 Al-saker, rings the bell to seat us for dinner.

Note the date change from the second Saturday to the third Saturday of September, THIS MONTH ONLY

**Reservations due by:
Tuesday, Sep 12
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. 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.

NO EMAIL RESERVATION THIS MONTH ONLY.

Please use the phone for reservations. The secretary is out of country and cannot respond.

****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 2006/2007 season, excluding father/son/daughter in March and ladies day in May.

Dinner Reservation Phone: ☎ (630) 443 6839

News from the Board

Ralph Haug, our good friend and long time Board Member has tendered his resignation from the Torske Klub Board. His knowledge and experience has been of great benefit to the Klub. Ralph will not be leaving Torske Klub and will remain seated in his position at the end of our head table where he will continue to offer his unique witticisms! Thank you Ralph for your service to our Klub.

Ken Nordan was unanimously elected by your Torske Klub Board to fill Ralph's vacancy. He is well qualified for this position having served a number of times as back-up and substitute for our revered Aquavit Chairman, Gary Grube as well as our esteemed Treasurer, Gene Kaczmarek. Ken is an active participant in the Norwegian Community and we welcome him to our Board. Congratulations Ken.

News from the Boss

Welcome back to a new season of the Chicago Torske Klub. Your Board has been active over the summer, participating in the Syttende Mai Parade and Scandinavian Day at Vasa Park.



- ▶ At our recent Board Meeting (picture above), we decided to skip a year visiting the Madison Torske Klubben and make this an every other year event. The bus is too expensive not to have it full and we believe a trip every other year will fill the bus.
- ▶ Dr. Ray Newgard has lined up more outstanding programs for us this year and we are fortunate to have Ray as our Program Chairman.
- ▶ Lodve Solholm, a prominent member of the Storting and a leader in the Progress Party will be joining us for Torsk at our September meeting on Saturday, September 16 (3rd Saturday). Let's come out in mass to greet our distinguished visitor.
- ▶ I am proud to be the Torske Klub Boss and I am especially thankful to have a great Board of Directors to work with. During the last three years the Klub has done an outstanding job in attracting new members. Let's all work together to keep that momentum going.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you in September. Skål to Torske Klub!

Birthdays!

This month, we honor the birthdays of the summer. You didn't think we had forgotten, did you?

June: Ron Bensen, Hon. Perry Gulbrandsen, Haakon Andreasen, Ed Gutmann, Stu Bentley, Ken Vesterli, Carl Eglund and Ken Larson

July: Peter Olberg, Lowell Olberg, Bill Scheiderich, Sverre Overland, Hank Solberg, Randy Truckenbrodt, Einar Cannelin, and Paul Johnson

August: Marshall Pedersen MD, Tom Bendicsen, Don Hoganson, Julian Ronning, Bob Cornwell, Allan Alsaker, Walt Winney, Stan Nelson, Hon. Norwegian Consul General Paul Anderson, John und, Clarence Peterson, Robert Alsaker, Roy Andersen, and Robert Frost II

September: Fred Glure, John Teppen, Robert Peterson, Kurt Gustafson, George Wade, Chuck Truckenbrodt, Petter Berntzen, Jostein Bakken, Ralph Haug, Ken Andersen, Kjell Larsen, Jerry Andersen, and Finn Braathen

Finally, we have four special people that we will honor here because we have no record of their birthday for some reason: Roger Elmer Sr., Sam Cory, Roger Elmer Jr., Madison Torske Klub president and honorary member Trygve Lonnebotn. Happy birthday all!

Chicago Torske Klub Board of Directors

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