



Ladies Day Program: Normennenes Singing Society

We are pleased to open our luncheon this month to all our guests, including the ladies in our lives. Our entertainment is one of the oldest, continuously performing, men's choral groups in America; Normennenes Singing Society of Chicago. This group was founded on October 30, 1870 and is a proud member of the



Norwegian Singers Association of America. It is directed by Charles Kessell, Accompanist is Una Stroda. Details of the group are at the Web site: www.norwaysings.org. Our raffle chairman, Ron Bentsen, has arranged a special raffle prize once again. The first raffle ticket pulled on Ladies day wins a \$100 gift certificate to the Mario Tricoli Salon & Day Spa. Trioci has multiple locations in the Chicago area,

and this prize has been received with great excitement the last two years. This in addition to many other wonderful raffle prizes. In addition, a surprise gift is planned for dinner attendees. Gentlemen, this event has a very large attendance so reserve early and plan ahead. Be there or be square. As thanks to our Normennenes singers, each singer will be offered our Torske Meal for \$10 a plate, plus each Normennenes singer can bring one guest for that rate. Torske Klub members who are performing as Normennenes members are offered that same rate as our thanks.

This annual event is extremely well attended and requires some special considerations:

- The "table of ten rule" will apply. Please form your table of ten before the meal and send a person to reserve the table before 12:00 on the dinner day.
- No Table Reservations will be allowed before 12 for less than ten people. All diners may reserve seats after 12.
- Meal tickets will be used and will be collected during the meal. Check in early to get your ticket. The badge is not a meal ticket this month.
- A \$5 penalty will have to be added for late reservations after NOON SHARP on 2/5/08
- A Steak dinner will be available in place of the regular fish, if you choose. Please indicate fish or steak in your reservations.
- There is no free raffle ticket for bringing guests this month, but all guests are welcome of course.
- The Elks parking may be insufficient for the group. There is additional parking in the city lot a block south.



Our annual ladies day luncheon will be held on February 9, 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, Feb 5
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 (the New Number) at any time day or night to leave a reservation; 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. PLEASE INDICATE THE NUMBER OF STEAK OR FISH DINNERS. 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(2), 13C, 22, 39(2), 40(2), 47(2), 51, 55, 73C, 85(3), 98(2+1S), 114(3), 115, 126, 141, 145(2), 158(3), 171.

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.

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

January Meeting

We thank the Bill Helmuth, world traveler, for his presentation on Australia. The dinner and program were excellent. Thanks to Ray Newgard for arranging this.

Norway Leaders in Medicine

February marks the anniversary of the death of a notable Norwegian physician, Gerhard Henrik Armauer Hansen (7/29/1841 – 2/12/1912). He lived in Oslo and was known for isolating the cause of the biblical scourge, leprosy, as a bacterium in 1873. Before that time, it was thought to be hereditary or a noxious air. Although his life was filled with controversy, the discovery of leprosy as a disease was attributed to him and it is now even referred to as “Hansen’s Disease”. A Bergen, Norway trip may warrant a visit to the leprosy museum in his honor.

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February Birthdays and Member Announcements

This month, we honor the birthdays of February: Paul Amundsen, Ed Grendahl, Neil Andersen, Thor Jondahl, George Tarnow, Cedric Syrdahl, David Svendsen, David Grevstad, Edward Ekstrom, Honorary Member and Minnekirken pastor, the Rev. Bjarne Saltveit and our Program Chairman and charter member Dr. Ray Newgard.

We are also pleased to announce the birth of a daughter Linnea Carol on 1/12/08 to our board member Kristian Ronning and his good wife Dr. Lizbeth Ronning. Congratulations also to grandparents Julian & Eileen Ronning, David & Carol Langseth, and big sister Julia Sigrid. Julian and David are also Torske Klub members. All are doing well.

Quick recovery to Board Member Ken Nordan, who had tendon surgery.

Finally, a hearty welcome to the four new members that joined our group this last month: Emil Ulstrup from Glenview, Jim Anderson of Kennilworth, Roy Jensen and Dr. Robert Anderson of Waukesha WI. Dr. Anderson is the father of our Norwegian Hon. Consul General Paul Anderson. Members, please welcome our new associates. One note, we received Roy Jensen as a new member last month, but did not get his address, please pass this letter along to him.

Message from the Board of Directors

The board met at Rob and Evy Alsaker’s house to review the programs and dinners. We are pleased to report that our Torske Klub is healthy and growing.

No substantial changes are planned, however, the board voted to purchase an overhead projector for computer presentations, video and similar use. We have begged, borrowed in the past but now find that

they are costly to rent and will pay off with a few uses. Future presentations will require it multiple times per year. Also the board is investigating hosting a special dinner of Norwegian bacalao in place of torsk one time.

Our aquavit researcher, Don Hogansen, reported that the local “North Shore Aquavit” is not yet up to Linie standards; perhaps needing a few trips to Ludington MI in the hold of a ship. Linie remains our aquavit of choice. Dave Cornwell presented a number of artifacts and photos as our history; we look forward to sharing this with members. The board is arranging a number of excellent programs for the next year. Stay tuned.



Evy served a wonderful brunch. *Thanks to her and Rob.*