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Newsletter

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Wildlife Conservation and Public Health: Unusual Partners in a Worldwide Dilemma



Rapid and dramatic environmental changes in our world – and how we deal with them – are bringing together two unusual partners: wildlife conservation and public health. Human-induced landscape and seascape changes, world population growth, world commerce and travel, urbanization, and global climate change are but some of the factors that are contributing to the emergence and spread of new disease problems throughout the world, both in human and animal populations.

Bird flu, West Nile virus, SARS, and Ebola are products of such changes. While we focus largely on the emerging human diseases, emerging diseases are also a worldwide problem in wildlife. And in fact, half of the 1,709 known human pathogens and three-fourths of the emerging diseases involve animals (are zoonotic). In his position as chief of wildlife disease research at the U.S. Dept. of Interior National Wildlife Health Center in Madison, Wisconsin, our speaker Christopher Brand will present some of our work in understanding, detecting, and controlling diseases in wildlife; how they affect wildlife; and their connection to human disease and public health. (Internet: <http://www.fws.gov>)

Dr. Brand is the nephew of our good member Wally Ellertson. Join us all for this final luncheon of the Torske Klub season before we adjourn for the summer.

May is Torske Klub Anniversary Month - *Wear Your Shirt and Cap*

Our coat and tie dress code is suspended for this month as we celebrate our 48th anniversary of the Chicago Torske Klub. As announced last month, we will be taking a group picture of our group and request all members to wear their blue Torske Klub logo shirt (or similar) and white cap received in April. Look forward to a special celebration as we are only two years away from our 50th anniversary.



Well-dressed Torske Klub Members

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



Our final monthly luncheon of this Torske Klub season will be held on May 10, 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, May 6
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; only 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. 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, 13C, 22, 47, 51, 55, 73C, 85, 98, 114, 115, 126, 141.

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.

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

Taking up Space in April

We were delighted to have Steve Larson, a project engineer with Lockheed Space Systems, present a slide discussion about his experiences in satellite systems and space. Thanks to his brother Ken Larson for taking up duties as Torskemaster, while Dr. Ray Newgard filled in as Boss and Ken Nordan filled in as secretary. Recall that the Robert Alsaker and Don Hoganson represented us at the anniversary dinner of the Madison Torske Klub and they missed a good time.

Takk for alt!

"Thanks for Everything". This is a very common phrase in Norway and for those with some experience there you'll recall that the phrase is posted all over the country, although usually on gravestones. Even so, it is appropriate at this time to thank the officers and members of the Chicago Torske Klub for another enjoyable Torske Klub year. We will meet again on the 2nd Saturday of September. Take some time to read the list on the Board of Directors box at the end of this letter and thank those men that have worked behind the scenes for the monthly dinner. Thanks also to you, the members, who diligently attend, support the klub and make the day festive for all. Tusen Takk for Alt!

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Syttende Mai

It's springtime, when a young Norwegian's fancy turns toward food, parades and speeches, among other things. This year, the Norwegian National League (NNL), Minnekirken, NACC and other groups have assembled a series of 17th of May related Constitution Day events, including the Sunday parade with our own Assistant Boss Don Hoganson as the Grand Marshall. These include:

Norwegian Constitution Day Luncheon: Friday, May 16, 2008, 11:30 am

Norwegian American Chamber of Commerce. Aon Center, Downtown. Guest: Carl I. Hagen, Vice-President of the Storting. Call Lowell Olberg at 630-533-0246 for details.

Syttende Mai Celebration Concert: Friday, May 16, 2008, 7:00 PM

Norwegian Memorial Lutheran Church, Chicago, IL

Norwegian Constitution Day Banquet: Saturday May 17, 2008

Chevy Chase Country Club, Wheeling, IL - Social Hour 6:00 PM - Dinner 7:00 PM - Dancing to Dave Kyk Trio. Special greetings from Norway by Carl I. Hagen, Vice President of the Storting. \$45.00 per person. For reservations call Mariann at 773-631-8338

Norwegian Constitution Day Parade: Sunday, May 18, 2008

Parade Grand Marshal, Don Hoganson. 12:00 PM pre-parade entertainment and festivities. Scandinavian vendors and refreshments, Hodges Park, Park, Ridge, IL. 1:00 PM parade step-off Talcott and Cumberland, Park Ridge IL. (Torske Klub lines up at 12:30). If you wish to march or ride with the Torske Klub, call our events chairman, Ken Nordan at 630-406-8155, for details.

Birthdays and announcements

May is good month for Norwegian birth, we have more members born in May than other months. These include past Norwegian Hon. Consul General Per Ohrstrom, Carl Hansen, Nels Nelson, Board Member Ken Nordan, the Rev. David Langseth, Marv Meyer, Paul Solberg, accordionist Ray Nilsen, Steve Klos, Ron Jacobsen, Henry Hansen, Thor Fjell, Christian von Kirchbach, Andy Andersen, Chicago's finest Roger Elmer Jr., Fred Gilbertsen, and Leonard Zielinski of Nelson Funeral Homes. Special greetings to our good member Bob Jaeger who is our oldest member at 96 years. We'll celebrate the birthdays of June, July and August in September.