



Dangerous substances: Commander of Bomb and Arson Unit of CPD to visit Torske Klub



The speaker for October will be Edward J. O'Donnell, Commander of the Bomb and Arson Section of the Chicago Police Department. He will talk about fires, arsons, explosions, bombing, dangerous fire works and related topics. Our Torskemaster will be Roger (Rusty) Elmer Jr., another of Chicago's finest, who works also in Bomb and Arson. Reserve early for this interesting day and toast Leif Erikson Day.

Torske Klub Dues

It is time to collect Torske Klub yearly dues again. By motion of the Board of Directors, we have increased the dues to \$40 this year, to cover the costs of increased mailing this fine newsletter and also the Linie Aquavit toast for your birthday. The Torske Klub is still a bargain; consider that such a klub would cost you over 200 kroner in Norway!

A slip of paper is enclosed with your recorded information.

Please change anything that is incorrect or add anything that is omitted. Send the slip back with a check for \$40 in the enclosed envelope or bring it to the meeting. If you have paid already, the slip will be marked "PAID" and you have nothing to do unless a correction to information is needed. Membership cards will be issued in January to those in good standing.

Honorary Members

Earlier this year, the Board of Directors elected to provide an honorary membership to those members who have made a significant contribution to the Norwegian Community, both in this colony and across the pond. This month, we honor those people and acknowledge their membership in the Chicago Torske Klub. These men are:

- Paul Andersen – *Honorary Norwegian Consul General*
- Per Ohrstrom – *Past Honorary Consul General*
- Svein Ludvigsen – *Past Norwegian Minister of Fisheries and Governor of Troms*
- Lodve Solholm – *Past Vice President of Norwegian Storting and past President of the Lagting*
- Bjarne Saltveit – *Current Pastor of Minnekirken*

Birthdays

This month, we honor the birthdays of the following members: Truman Eddy, Max Stokes, Peter Hastings, Kaare Nevdal, Kristian Ronning, Sam Smith, Max D. Strokes, Eivind Torske and Thorkil Winther. Gentlemen, we raise our Linie Aquavit glass to you on this Leif Erikson Day!



Our October luncheon will be held on October 13, 2007 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, Oct 9
NOON**

Make Your Regular Dinner Reservation by **TUESDAY Noon, October 9, 2007**
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 (New Number) 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 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, 149.

We also honor 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.**

Note that Father-son/daughter day as well as Ladies day are excluded from receiving a free raffle ticket for bringing guests.

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

Passing of Don Nowicki Vasa Park, September 2007

Donald W. Nowicki, 79 of Chicago, IL died 10:25 p.m. Aug. 23, 2007. Born May 4, 1928 in Chicago, IL, son of Mr. & Mrs. John and Anna, nee Drose, Nowicki. Married to the former Vivian L. Sorensen in Chicago, IL July 18, 1953. Owned and operated Duo Tool & Manufacturing, Inc. for 40 years. Veteran of Korean War serving in the U.S. Army. Member VFW Post #8322 in Chicago, IL, Torske Klub. Survivors include: Vivian Nowicki formerly of Chicago; Mark (Patricia Nelli) Nowicki of Chicago; Gregg (Carmella) Nowicki of Palatine; Lynn (Daniel) Barbee of Rockford, IL; Grandchildren: Jacklyn & Danielle Barbee, Christina Nowicki. Predeceased by parents, two brothers, John and Mark. Memorial ceremonies 11 a.m. Aug. 30, at Edison Park Lutheran Church, 6626 N Oliphant Ave., Chicago, IL. Cremation rites to be accorded. Memorials may be sent to Edison Park Lutheran Church.

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The Torske Klub extends our condolences to Don's family and friends. We will miss him.

Tina Winther serenades the Torske Klub

If you attended the September meeting, you were delighted with the musical program from Tina Winther. The soft jazz with Nordic flavors was like a smooth aperitif after a delightful meal. Tina is the daughter of our longtime Torske Klub member Thorkil Winther. Ken Nordan stepped in as Torskemaster. Mange Takk to all.

More Leif Erikson ...

Leif Erikson Lodge is sponsoring a Leif Erikson day dinner at the White Eagle Banquet hall in Niles IL on October 21, 2007 2pm-7pm. Call Roz Eckardt at (847)297-3236 for info.

Vasa Park was awash in blue Torske Klub shirts on a gorgeous September 9th day where a number of our members gathered with family and friends to celebrate the Scandinavian culture in Chicago. The event has grown quite large, but the blue shirts were evident and the subject of discussions like "That Torske Klub is quite a group" and "I think they are one of the fastest growing Scandinavian group in Chicagoland".



The Torske Klub set up an information booth manned by Events Chairman Ken Nordan, Secretary Ken Larson and Torske Klub Boss Rob Alsaker during the day. Our booth sported the banner and enough info to convince visitors that we are not a fishing club. Ken Nordan prepared a placard, and Kathy Larson scrapbooked a Torske Klub book of letters and pictures. Many of our members stopped by to say hello and many other visitors were invited to join. During the day, we visited other booths manned by other friends and relatives. Next door was the Fjordland SofN lodge, where Barney Jacobsen (our late master chef) cooked torsk often. We learned that they inherited Barney's torsk cooking pots, but they learned that we had one of Barney's "students" cooking for us at the Elk's Club in Des Plaines. Which has the better legacy?

The day's entertainment included a visit from Sven and Ole (Phil Dybdahl and Dave Nelson), our entertainment last year for ladies day. They were invited back. Hide the aquavit.

October 9 – Leif Erikson Day- Save the Viking Ship!

Ahhh, got your attention, didn't we?

The date of October 9th was set aside by Congress as Leif Erikson Day to denote his travel to the North American continent, the first European to do so. It seems appropriate to focus our attention to one of the historic events that illustrated this discovery, which was not well accepted 100 years ago. The Viking ship, the "Raven" was sailed from Norway, up the St. Lawrence river to Lake Michigan and to the 1893 Columbian Exposition in Chicago. That Norwegian historical artifact is now in disrepair and sitting in Good Templar Park in Geneva. American Express has sponsored an effort to fund repairing local artifacts, by voting for the ones to focus attention. Go to <http://www.partnersinpreservation.com> between September 6 and October 10, and vote for the Viking Ship as your favorite Chicago area cultural landmark. You can vote for it once per day, so vote early and often. As of this writing, it is in 3rd place in a field of 25 with 10% of the vote. See the Torske Klub Website for pictures and background.