



Investigating Nursing Home Abuse



Our program for October is provided by Attorney Steven Levin who will speak on the subject of "Nursing Home Abuse". Statistics show that elder neglect can be hidden, hard to prove and even underreported. The state's Department of Children and Families found that adults make up about 18 percent of their abuse cases. Mr. Levin has handled many such cases. Most of those involved the elderly or

people who looked senior. Please make your reservations by October 7 for this topical and timely event. See <http://www.nursinghomelaw.com> for details.

This month is also the celebration for Leif Erikson Day, when our ancestors discovered America. Besides hoisting a glass for a skål at the Torske Klub on October 11, on October 12 at 12:30 the Norwegian National League will sponsor a wreath laying ceremony at the Leif Erikson statue in Humboldt Park. This is followed by a presentation about the Viking Ship that sailed to the Chicago Columbian Exhibition 1892 in Jackson Park from Norway. It is held at Minnekirken in Logan Square. Another busy weekend for the Norse...

October Birthdays

This month, we toast the monthly birthdays for October:

Truman Eddy, Wisconsin Hon. Consul General Trygve Lonnebotn (honorary member of the Chicago Torske Klub), Max Stokes, Peter Hastings, our namesake member Evind Torske, Kristian Ronning, Kaare Nevdal, Thorkil Winther, and Sam Smith. :

Gentlemen, we hoist a Viking ram horn of aquavit in your honor this month.

Membership Forms

Gentlemen, it is that time of year to send in the dues for 2009. Collection of dues starts in October and is due by December 31, 2008. Benefits of dues include this mailing and recognition of your birthday. If any details are missing or incorrect, please correct the form. Please send in your dues as soon as possible, OR, bring them for payment to the lunch. Membership cards will be your receipt and will be sent in the January mailing. For those who have paid, or are honorary members, we send the slip to verify you details.



Our monthly luncheon of the Torske Klub season will be held on October 11, 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, Oct 7
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 630-406-0148 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 accept 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.

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

Rain was the Theme of the September Luncheon



Hon. Norwegian Consul General Paul Anderson, Norwegian Storting Rep. Lodve Solholm, his wife Torild Øvrelid at the Torske Klub Lunch

If you recall, the heavens opened on September 13 for a historic amount of rainfall which dwindled our attendance from the expected 60 to about 45, with more having to leave early to attend to flooded basements and homes. Thanks to all of you who braved the storms to attend and for those that did, there was plenty of food, lefse and raffle prizes. Many have asked if they owe money for the cancellation or other penance. Be advised that the Torske Klub has buffered ourselves financially for such occasional emergencies of mass absence, but if you wish to contribute to the general fund consider purchasing an extra couple tickets for the next raffles. The raffle is the primary source for such emergency funds when the Elks cook 60 meals and we have fewer attending.

Our speaker, FBI investigator Brian Etchell, gave us an interesting and informative look at our national agency, plus we were honored to greet the past President of the Norwegian Storting, the honorable Lodve Solholm. Lodve is also an honorary Torske Klub member who arrived to our rainy greeting from Alesund Norway the day before and landlocked in O'Hare Field on that day due to the flooding of the Des Plaines River over the roadway. He arrived with his wife, Norwegian broadcaster Torild Øvrelid, who was ad-hoc welcomed to dinner with us since she could not attend the events she was scheduled to attend. Lodve noted how much Chicago reminded him of Bergen that day, cool and wet.

Thanks also to Don Hoganson, who opened the meeting, Dr. Ray Newgard, who took over at the end, and Robert Frost, for running the raffle in September.

Norwegian Ambassador Visits Chicago

The membership of the Chicago Torske Klub was well represented at the recent Norwegian American Chamber of Commerce (NACC) dinner for the new Norwegian Ambassador to the U.S, his Excellency, Wegger Christian Strommen, his wife and daughters. The September 26 event was black tie optional at the Drake Hotel in downtown Chicago, kicked off by our good member Paul Anderson and moderated by Broadcast Hall of Famer from WGN, Orion Samuelson.

Among the attendees, were our members the Hon. Consul General Paul Anderson, Consul General emeritus Per Ohrstrom, Pastor David Langseth, who provided the invocation, Peter Nielsen, whose wife Martha is NACC president, Lowell Olberg (NACC VP), Wisconsin Hon. Consul General Trygve Lonnebottn (honorary Torske Klub member and boss emeritus of the Madison Torske Klub), Hank Solberg, Bill Scheiderich, Hugo Lanneskog, Julian Ronning, Robert Alsaker (our boss), Don Hoganson (our assistant boss), Ken Larson (our secretary) and many dignitaries from Chicago and the consulates of Denmark & Finland. Apologies if we missed greeting and recognizing other Torske Klub members who attended.

The Ambassador remarked about supplying fish to the Chicago Torske Klub during his speech, and privately commented that he looked forward to joining us for a torsk dinner next year. Our reputation in Norway precedes us apparently. In addition, our boss Rob Alsaker met with the Norwegian Ambassador, at the Alsakers' home in Winnetka on the following day. It ended up that Ambassador Strommen had spent the Summer of 1977 in Winnetka, two blocks away. The Boss has invited Ambassador Strommen to speak at our Torske Klub, so watch for future developments.

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