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Newsletter

November 2008

Franklin Delano Roosevelt visits Torske Klub



We are pleased to have an outstanding and historically significant speaker at the Torske Klub for November: the 32nd President of the United States, Franklin Delano Roosevelt. If you don't believe us, check out his web site at <http://rjlindsey.com>. Mr. Lindsey has presented his impersonation of FDR throughout America, including the Democratic National Convention, to great acclaim. Due to this outstanding program and after a long discussion at the moderately attended October meeting, the Torske Klub Board of directors (or at least the consensus of those polled at the meeting) decided to extend an invitation to the *wives and girlfriends* of our members as guests for November. This does not replace ladies day, but augments the audience for this November day only.

Dues Reminder

In the last mailing, we sent a membership form and return envelope, prefilled with your contact information, along with the request for dues.

Thanks to all of those who have paid their dues thus far, it makes our volunteer jobs easier and keeps our organization solvent.

The deadline for submitted dues seems far off, December 31. But like Christmas, it tends to come rather quickly.

You can send your dues either by mail or simply hand them to us at the Torske Klub luncheon.

Wedding Bells for David Bentsen

It's not often that the Chicago Torske Klub celebrates the marriage of one of its members.

Our Texas Torske Klub member, David Bentsen (brother of Raffle Chairman, Ron Bentsen) will be married on Saturday, November 15th to Janet Godsey. The ceremony will take place at Trinity Lutheran Church in Sherman, Texas. So here's a hearty "Gratulerer og Lykke Til" to Dave and Jan as they begin their new life together. - R. Bentsen

November Birthdays

This month, we toast the monthly birthdays for November: Seth Howard, Vern Bengtson, Jorgen Laursen, Gary Ruud, Bob Olberg, Richard Fredrickson, and Ron Betz. Gentlemen, for this month of Thanksgiving, we all wish you all a happy 'bird-day'.

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



Our monthly luncheon of the Torske Klub season will be held on November 8, 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, Nov 4
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.

As of 10/21/08, We have reservations from the following members: 3, 6(2) 13C, 22, 47, 51, 55, 73C, 85, 98, 114, 114B, 115, 126, 141. () denotes more than one reservation

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.

October Luncheon speaks of Nursing Home Abuse

Our program for October was provided by Attorney Steven Levin on the subject of "Nursing Home Abuse". See <http://www.nursinghomelaw.com> for background.

Passing of Richard L. Nelson Sr.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of our good member, Richard Nelson, Sr.

He joined the Torske Klub in January 2005 with his son, Richard Nelson, Jr. The two have been frequent attendees of our luncheons since that month.

His obituary:

FOX LAKE - Richard L. Nelson Sr., 72, a 29-year resident of Fox Lake, died Saturday, Oct. 4, 2008, at his home.

He was born March 30, 1936, in Chicago. He was the proud father of four Eagle Scouts and scoutmaster for Troop 128 for many years. He was a member of IBEW Local 134 and Sons of Norway.

Relatives include his wife, Patricia nee Douglas; his sons, Richard Jr. (Anna), Robert, Randy (Cindy) and Russell (Allison); his grandchildren, Katherina, Ross, Kristina, Michael, Shelby and Shannin; his sisters, the late Joan (Gene) Phillips, Susan Nelson and Linda (Mick) Coleman; and his brother, Leonard (Phyllis). He also was an uncle to many nieces and nephews.

The visitation [was] from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 6, at Spring Grove Funeral Chapel, 8103 Wilmot (a mile north of Route 12). He will lie in state from 10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7, until the funeral at 11 a.m. at All Saints Lutheran Church, 5800 State Park Road, Fox Lake, IL. Burial [was] private.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Rainbow Hospice, 444 N. Northwest Highway, Suite 145, Park Ridge, IL 60068 – NW Herald

On behalf of the Chicago Torske Klub, we extend our prayers and sympathy to our good member Richard Jr., and the family.

Veterans Day - November 11

As the USA is now engaged in a war, we are reminded again about this day that we set aside to honor those who have ensured our freedoms. Recall that we honored our member Kaare Nevdal in our April 2008 letter by reprinting the article about his service in the 330th Squadron of Coastal Command in the Royal Norwegian Air Force. That story prompted another longtime Torske Klub member, Finn Braathen to share his similar story with us. 60 years after they trained at "Little Norway" in Toronto Canada, Kaare and Finn met at the Chicago Torske Klub.

We have many more stories of our heroes in the service of their country. Some of them stood up to be photographed with Tuskegee Airman Lt. Col. David James in our January 2007 meeting.



Tuskegee Airman Lt. Col. David James poses with military veterans of the Chicago Torske Klub Members

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