



January is Norwegian Sweater Day; featuring Manor Health Services

The first Torske Klub luncheon of the new year, in fact, of the new decade will be a slide presentation by Rudy Valbunker, admissions director of Manor Health Care Services, serving all of Illinois with 25 locations for short-term Rehab, stroke recovery, & Hospice services.

This is our annual Norwegian Sweater Day. We forgo the usual business formal dress tradition in favor of your favorite sweater. Hello Dale!

Make your reservations early for the January 9th luncheon as noted at the bottom of this page.



Sweater Day in January 2003

January Birthdays

January birthdays include Ralph Gilbertsen, John Rose, Greg LeDuc, Ron Hoppe, Sr., Rich Wielock, Tom Maxson, Mats Stenander, Ted Torgersen, Norman Roland, Howard Skoien, Rick Nelson, Otto Eik, Larry Ekstrom, Gary Skoien, and C.E. "Doc" Kallem.

A New Year's Champagne Toast to all ! Congratulations.

Christmas Party Enjoyed by All in December

Our December 12th luncheon featured a Christmas program led by the Rev. Dave Langseth and featuring solo's by our good members Julian Ronning, Kristian Ronning and music by Melissa Grant & her husband Brook. We enjoyed singing carols, the special music and stories of the Christmas season. Kristian also served as Torske-master this month. Tusen takk to all.

Membership Cards for 2010

For those that paid their yearly Chicago Torske Klub dues as of the due date of December 31, 2009, your 50th anniversary membership card is enclosed in this mailing. For the few others that have not yet rejoined us this year, please consider the benefits of membership, including this letter. We will stop the letter shortly for those whose dues we have not received.

If you have not received your membership card, please contact Ken Larson at 630-336-6723 or Ken Nordan at 630-406-8155.

Torske Klub Luncheon January 9

Our monthly dinner meeting will be held on January 9, 2010 at the Des Plaines Elks Club, 495 Lee Street, Des Plaines, IL (847-824-1556). 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. Make your regular dinner reservation by **TUESDAY Noon, January 5, 2010.**

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 fish and a table space can be reserved for you. Noon deadline means noon. The reservation is called in directly after noon and the fish is ordered.

Call **630-445-1263** at any time day or night to leave a reservation. If there is voicemail difficulties, call Ken L. at 630-336-6723. 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. The phone usually will ring 4 times before answering.

We have reservations from the following members: 3, 13C, 22, 47, 51, 55, 73C, 85, 98, 114, 115, 126, 141. Board members note that they have a reservation automatically and must call to cancel. If you are not a member and wish to attend, call the same number and leave your name. If you prefer email reservations, 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 by your name.

FREE Raffle Ticket to each member that brings one or more guests to the dinner this 2009/2010 season, excluding father/son/ daughter day in March and ladies day in February.

Dinner Reservation Phone: (630) 445-1263

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January 5

Godt Nyttår–Happy New Year

The earth orbits the sun, the calendar turns another page. For us that use the Gregorian calendar, once again we celebrate the New Year with herring, champagne and celebration with family and close friends, either at home, public events or celebrations with fireworks.

Norway celebrates similarly, frequently substituting lutefisk, although that tradition slowly loses popularity. Many seek His Blessings at church services for the year's journey, as many of us do. As Norway becomes more prosperous, many now also seek the warmth of southern climates for the celebration.

It wasn't always this way, of course. Scandinavian countries didn't celebrate New Year's day until the 16th century, although they beat the British in this fact by over 200 years!

[The Original] Auld Lang Syne by Robert Burns—1788

Should auld acquaintance be forgot, and never brought to mind ?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot, and auld lang syne ?

CHORUS:

For auld lang syne, my jo, for auld lang syne, we'll tak a cup o'
kindness yet, for auld lang syne.

And surely ye'll be your pint-stowp ! and surely I'll be mine !
And we'll tak a cup o' kindness yet, for auld lang syne.

CHORUS

We twa hae run about the braes, and pu'd the gowans fine ;
But we've wander'd mony a weary foot, sin auld lang syne.

CHORUS

We twa hae paidl'd i' the burn, frae morning sun till dine ;
But seas between us braid hae roar'd sin auld lang syne.

CHORUS

And there's a hand, my trusty fiere ! and gie's a hand o' thine !
And we'll tak a right gude-willy waught, for auld lang syne.

CHORUS



Notice: Save-the-Date!

The **Chicago Friends of Vesterheim Committee** is pleased to announce that our next event will take place on **Saturday, March 20, 2010** at the Park Ridge Country Club in Park Ridge, IL. Our Nordic Marketplace will be held from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. when our Luncheon and Program will begin.

Invitations will be in the mail early February 2010. Please plan to join us and we look forward to seeing you there!

For more information, please contact Evy Alsaker at 847.446.0714 or at evy_alsaker@hotmail.com. Tusen Takk!

— Rob Alsaker

Programs for the Upcoming Months

The following programs are in place for the coming months:

- **Feb. 13, 2010 - Ladies Day** - A program of Music and Song featuring the combined singing of Normennes and Bjornson Male Choruses.
- **March 13, 2010** - A slide presentation by Douglas Meyer, who is the son of our member Marv Meyer; and National Director of the Alliance Defense Fund. This is father/son/daughter day.
- **April** programs will be announced in the near future.
- **May** is the actual anniversary of the Torske Klub. Wear your favorite golf shirt or Torske Klub shirt

- **October 9, 2010** is the Chicago Torske Klub 50th Anniversary Black Tie Optional Dinner.

—Dr. Ray Newgard, Program Chairman

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