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**Torske Klub**  
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# Newsletter



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October 2010

## October 16, 2010 – 50th Anniversary Dinner

The official celebration of Torske Klub's 50th Anniversary will be held at the Park Ridge Country Club October 16, 2010. Dinner for our Torske Klub members, their wives, significant others and guests will enjoy a Gala Dinner and Celebration. Black Tie and Bunads are invited.

Dinner Celebration  
Saturday, October 16, 2010  
6pm Cocktails  
7pm Dinner  
Park Ridge CC  
636 N. Prospect Ave.  
Park Ridge IL  
RSVP Required by Oct. 1  
**Now Extended to Oct. 9**

H.E. Wegger Chr. Strommen, Ambassador of Norway to the United States serves as the Honorary Chairman for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Our special Keynote Speaker and honored guest, Svein Ludvigsen, will fly to Chicago from Tromsø, Norway. Svein is the current Fylkesmann (Governor) of Troms County in Norway and the former Norwegian Minister of Fisheries and Coastal Affairs. Chicago's own Dick Johnson of NBC News will be our Master of Ceremonies and will lead us through this memorable evening. Each attendee will receive a special commemorative remembrance. Invitations have been sent. At



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the time of this mailing, all RSVPs were due but the boss has extended this to Oct. 9. Please remember that there will be **NO Torske Klub Luncheon the second Saturday of October**, October 9. Our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration replaces our regular meeting in October.

## October Events in the Nordic Community in Chicago

Certainly the Chicago Torske Klub has a premier event scheduled for October. Since we have invited a number of other Nordic organizations to join us for our celebration, we are taking a bit of our letter's 'real estate' this month to highlight a number of area events in October. Here are a few to consider.

### Vinland Seminar—Oct.15-17



North Park University is hosting a weekend event concurrent to our dinner, but, it ends on Saturday in plenty of time to change into your bunad and attend our event. We enclose a brochure of this event in this mailing.

For complete program and seminar registration, please visit: [www.vinlandseminar.com](http://www.vinlandseminar.com) or call the Center for Scandinavian Studies at (773) 244-5592

**LOCATION:** Hamming Hall at North Park University, 3225 West Foster Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60625-4895

### The Viking Boat—Oct 9



The historic Viking boat is a replica of the Norse Gokstad ship. In 1893, under Captain Magnus Andersen, she sailed across the Atlantic (from Bergen, Norway to New York) and on to the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago (via the Erie Canal and Great Lakes).

On October 9, the last tour of the year is held in Good Templar Park, in Geneva IL. The cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for teens, under 12 free. As we are not meeting that day, we are invited to tour this endangered relic of our Norwegian-American culture

### Leif Erikson Day—Oct 10



Gather at the Leif Erikson Statue in Humboldt at 1pm on October 10 to honor the man that discovered America 1000 years ago. This is sponsored by the Norwegian National League.

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### Normennenes Singing Society 140th Anniversary Concert & Dinner—Oct.30 ...

...at the Wellington of Arlington, Arlington Heights, IL call Hazel Peterson 847-675-2086, Janet Wold 847-669-3797 for details. See <http://www.norwaysings.org> .

### **No Torske Klub Luncheon on October 9**

Please do not call the reservation line this month. Your reservations for the Formal dinner on October 16 must be prepaid and reserved to Ken Nordan.

# Start of the Annual Dues Collection for the 2011 Season

October has been the official time of the year that we start the dues collection for the 2011 year. Enclosed is a membership form for the 2010-2011 season with your member information that you have supplied previously. If it is incorrect, please enter your corrections or omissions. We get a fair number of questions about the dues and form. Here are some frequently asked questions:

- Why do we collect dues at all? In the past decades, the Torske Klub collected a few dollars for the mailing reminder, some stationary and on the month of your birthday you paid a fee for the aquavit. That was a collection nightmare at the check-in, so we bundled the fees together, now \$40 per year.
- Can I pay at the luncheon? Of course. Either provide a separate check, or bundle your dues payment with your meal. Many members save on the postage and bring their dues and form to the check-in table. [Don't do this at the October Formal dinner, however, we won't be collecting money that day]
- Do I need to send back the form? If the dues are paid and the information is correct, don't go to extraordinary effort to return the form.
- I have never paid dues, why am I getting a letter and dues request? There are two reasons. First, we send out a number of complimentary letters to friends of the Torske Klub and leaders of other organizations. Your slip of paper is to correct our records if needed. Second, we have a number of people identified as potential members who signed up at Vasa Park or other places. You are welcome to use the addressed envelope to join us. Please also complete the information you wish to supply.
- How much information do you need? Minimally, we need your name, address and birth month for our mailing and birthday recognition. Those with email supplied will get an email reminder of the meetings and additional Klub news between letters. Phone numbers are rarely needed, but occasionally we need to call to clarify a reservation or membership question.
- I forgot to pay! Am I dropped as a member? - No problem, we collect dues in October, November and December and all are members in good standing until December 31. In January, we send a friendly reminder. We usually keep the mailing going for awhile more, but eventually the mail will stop.
- Why do you need my birth date? - We only need the month to acknowledge your birthday but when the meeting date falls on your birthday or if you have a special decade to celebrate, we can sometimes have fun with your special day in the letter or the meeting.
- Do you distribute this information to others? Not outside the Klub. The membership information is entrusted to the board of directors. If you check the box to "not publish" your information we will hold your information to all others, including other members. Otherwise, if a member requests a phone number or other member contact we will provide it. We have published a directory of Torske Klub to our members occasionally.
- When do you issue 2011 membership cards? We do this typically in January for paid members.

Please submit your dues early during this generous collection period by the enclosed envelope or send to Ken Larson, Chicago Torske Klub Secretary, 520 N. Batavia, Batavia IL 60510.

## Did You Know?

The cost of the stamp in our first Klub reminder postcard in 1960 was 3¢. A letter would have been 4¢. We currently pay 46¢ for each letter.

## October Birthdays

We honor the following birthdays of our members: Max Stokes, Eivind Torske, Peter Hastings, Kristian Ronning, nonagenarian Kaare Nevdal, Thorkil Winther, Sam Smith, and Trygve Lonnebotn, Boss Emeritus of the Madison Torske Klub and Norwegian Consul General emeritus in Wisconsin.

Greetings to Einar Cannelin, who has relocated to a new assisted residence at The Birches, Apt 310 215-55th St. Clarendon Hills IL. New Phone number is 630-570-6310.

## Future Programs

- **October 16, 2010**—6pm -50th Anniversary black tie optional Dinner. See front page
- **Nov. 13, 2010** -Marc G. Pomerance, Forensic Firearm specialist
- **Dec. 11, 2010**— Annual Christmas Celebration led by Pastor David Langseth.

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