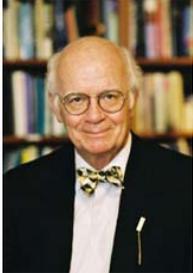




Dr. Martin Marty Speaks at Ladies Day



Dr. Martin Marty

The Chicago Torske Klub is honored to have the internationally known theologian and religious scholar, Dr. Martin Marty, to speak at the annual ladies day luncheon on February 12, 2011.

Dr. Marty is a Lutheran minister who served various congregations in the 1950s and 60s, he received his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago in 1956 and has taught at the University of Chicago Divinity School over 4 decades, held an endowed chair and now holds emeritus status. The Martin Marty Center for the Advanced Study of Religion was named for him as a founding director. His honors and achievements fill multiple lifetimes; we can only name a few here: Fairfax M. Cone Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus of the History of Modern Christianity in the Divinity School. He is the author of over 50 books, 5000 articles and a columnist for the Christian Century since 1956. His many books include *Righteous Empire: The Protestant Experience in America* (1970), for which he won the National Book Award, the encyclopedic five-volume *Fundamentalism Project*, co-edited with historian R. Scott Appleby, and the biography, *Martin Luther* (2004). He has appeared as a guest at numerous seminars and broadcasts, including Bill Moyer of PBS. Dr. Marty is also the father of Minnesota State Senator John Marty, and of the Rev. Peter Marty who is currently the host of the ELCA radio ministry *Grace Matters*. He has served on two presidential commissions. He serves on the Board of St. Olaf college, now as Senior Regent. His life after retirement is sufficiently complex enough to warrant a web site to track it at <http://www.illuminos.com>.

This is ladies day at which open our luncheon to all people interested in attending. Invite your spouse, friends and neighbors. It need not be said that this will be a packed house for the luncheon, and the Chicago Torske Klub operates under some special rules noted in the box to the right.

Our raffle chairman, Ron Bentsen, has announced that the a special raffle prize of the Mario Tricoci Salon and Day Spa package will be offered.

Call in your reservations, as always, and note the total guests in your party. If you can make a table of ten with others, those table groups will be allowed to reserve the table before 12pm, all others can reserve their seats at a first come, first serve basis after 12pm. Tables of 10 need not reserve together, but need to identify all at the table at check-in.

Either strip steak or torsk will be offered, please indicate choice at reservation time or fish will be assumed.

This is the weekend to celebrate Valentine's Day, so reserve early with your Valentine.

Ladies Day Considerations

- Table of 10 Rule—Send a representative to reserve the preformed table of 10 before 12pm
- Less-than-10 reserves after 12pm
- Dinner Ticket purchase at door
- Tickets collected at meal time
- All are invited, men and women, member or not
- Reservations needed for all. Specify fish or strip steak.

Torske Klub September Luncheon - February 12, 2011

The next luncheon will be held at the Des Plaines Elks Club, 495 Lee Street, Des Plaines, IL (847-824-1556 for directions that day). 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, February 8, 2011.

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 fish order is called in directly after noon.

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. We have reservations from the following members and guests in (): **3(2), 13C(2), 40(4), 47, 51, 55, 98(1 + 1s), 102A(2), 114(8), 115(2), 153(2)**. "s" means steak. Board members note that they have a reservation automatically and must call or prearrange to cancel. If you are not a member and wish to attend, call the same number and leave your name according to the principle "Once a guest, twice a friend, three times a member!" If you prefer email reservations, please send to **secretary@torskeklub.org** with your total number of reservations, including yourself and 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 2010/2011 season, excluding father/son/ daughter day in March and excluding ladies day in February.

**Reservations
Required by
12:00 Noon on
February 8**

Dinner Reservation Phone: ☎(630) 445-1263

Vesterheim Spring Luncheon

Save-the-Date and join the group on **Saturday, March 26, 2011** for the Chicago Area Friends of Vesterheim Nordic Marketplace and Luncheon. The event will be held at the Park Ridge Country Club beginning at 9:30 a.m. and ending at 3:00 p.m. This year there will be a traditional Norwegian folk costume (bunad) show in addition to the Nordic marketplace, luncheon, raffle and more! This is a fund raising activity for the Vesterheim Museum in Decorah IA.

If you wish to participate in the "Bunad Show", please contact Laurie Kosky at norge30@aol.com or 847.832.1805.

Tickets to the event are \$50.00 per person with a \$15.00 tax deductible portion. This year we will offer a special menu for school age children 12 and under at a cost of \$25 each with \$10 being deductible. For more information about this event, please contact Evy Alsaker at 847.446.0714. Invitations will be mailed early February.

Our Sweater Day at the January Luncheon

Our January 2011 luncheon was festive and enjoyed again by over 70 members and guests, most in their favorite Nordic sweaters. We honored Don Hoganson as he steps off the board of directors and welcomed Sam Smith to the board. Thanks to speaker Benjamin Klein of the Okman/Klein/Bjornstrup Group for his financial insights.



Boss Rob Alsaker thanks Don Hoganson in January for years of service on the Board of Directors, Assistant Boss and past Program Chairman—*photo by Ken Nordan*

Birthdays and Member News

We are delighted to celebrate the birthdays for the month of February. These members include Paul Amundsen, Ed Grendahl, Neil Andersen, Thor Jondahl, George Tarnow, Cedric Syrdahl, David Svendsen, Edward Ekstrom, and our program chairman and charter member Dr. Ray Newgard. Happy Birthday to all! We are also pleased to welcome a new member, Jim Priest of Chicago, who joined us in time for the January luncheon. Welcome Jim! We were also saddened to hear of the death of three of our members this last month.

Peter Olberg—Visitation for Peter A. Olberg was Thursday, Jan. 6, at Friedrichs Funeral Home, Mount Prospect. Funeral services on Friday, with a viewing from at the Lutheran Church of Martha and Mary, Mount Prospect. Interment in Randhill Park Cemetery, Arlington Heights. Born July 12, 1933, in Chicago, he passed away suddenly on Saturday Jan. 1, 2011, at Northwest Community Hospital. Mr. Olberg entered the Army May 7, 1953, and served as a wheeled vehicle mechanic in both the 6th Infantry Division and the 76th Field Artillery Battalion and was honorably discharged May 6, 1955. He was an active member of the American Legion Post #525 and a longtime and active member at Lutheran Church of Martha and Mary. He was an avid Cubs fan and enjoyed traveling with his wife, woodworking and loved his family. Peter is survived by his loving wife, Arlene; beloved children, Barb (Bob) Johnson, Alan Olberg, Cindy (Dan) Rose and Cori (Mark) Hubbard; brothers, Rob (Gwen), Lowell (Helen) and Mel (Bonnie) Olberg; and cherished grandchildren, Jessica Snyder, Dylan, Kayla, Brooke, Bailey Johnson, Devin, Ashley and Emily Hubbard. He was preceded in death by his parents, Thor and Ruth Olberg. - *From Daily-Herald* Pete's brothers Lowell and Robert Olberg are also members of the Torske Klub.



Ray Nilsen- *You should remember Ray as our frequent accordion player at many Torske Klub events.* Ray M. Nilsen, age 74, dear husband of the late Dorothy Mae; beloved father of Lynette (Paul) Wagner, Leandra (Ned) Trifunovich, Laudine (Rocky) Eshghy and Ray Jr. (Sonja); loving grandfather of Bob, Steve, David, Mark, Grace, Dianna, Curtis, Nick and Audrey; also survived by two sisters in Norway. Active member of the Norwegian Lutheran Memorial Church, member of Normennes Male Chorus, Bjornson Male Chorus, Sons of Norway, Torske Klub and King Oscar #855 A.F. and A.M. Visitation at **Nelson Funeral Home**, Park Ridge. In state at Norwegian Lutheran Memorial Church. Interment Irving Park Cemetery. Memorials to the church would be appreciated.—*From Chicago Tribune*

Dr. Robert Anderson, *Dr. Anderson is the father of our Honorary Norwegian Consul General Paul Anderson and also a member of the Torske Klub.* Dr. Anderson, 84, of Waukesha, WI; passed away on January 17, 2011. He was born on July 16, 1926 in Pyongyang, Korea to A. Garfield Anderson, M.D., and Hattie Florence Anderson (Peterson) while they were serving as Methodist medical missionaries in Korea. He served in the U.S. Navy in 1944 and 1946, received his B.S. from Northern Illinois University, M.D. from Northwestern University Medical School in 1952, Internship at Wesley (Northwestern) Memorial Hospital in Chicago, IL and Residency at Hines Veterans Hospital in Maywood, IL. He was distinguished by election as a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons in 1968, served as Head of the Department of Ophthalmology at Swedish Covenant Hospital in Chicago, IL. He also practiced in the Chicago area (Glenview, IL) specializing in ophthalmology for 20 years and later practiced in Racine, WI for 24 years.. He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Ruth Helen (Hjorth); sons, Paul (Lindy), Mark (Laura), and John (Bev); daughters, Katherine and Christine (Hernan); 13 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. A Memorial Service honoring Dr. Anderson's life to be held on January 30th at Elmbrook Church, Brookfield, WI. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests consideration of a donation to the Angels Grace Hospice, W359N7430 Brown St., Oconomowoc, WI 53066 (920-474-7800).—*From Churchandchapel.com*

From the Chicago Torske Klub we offer our sympathy and prayers for all these good members and their families.

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