



EPA Speaks of Greenhouse Gases and Climate Change for Father/Son/Daughter Day

The next Chicago Torske Klub luncheon is arriving quickly on March 12, 2011. This is our annual Father, Son, Daughter Day. Our children and grandchildren and great grandchildren are invited, as well as fathers, grandfathers and great grandfathers. Of course, you may invite your usual guests as well.



Our featured speaker is Melissa Hulting, Chicago Regional Coordinator, Environmental Protection Agency. She will be speaking about "Greenhouse Gases and Climate Change".



Make your reservations early for this interesting day.

February Luncheon Well Attended for Ladies Day



Dr. Martin Marty greets Torske Klub member Wally Ellertson and Esther

The February Luncheon was attended by 140 people who welcomed our esteemed guest speaker, Dr. Martin Marty. The attendance was augmented by the ladies, who joined us for this annual event. Our thanks to Pastor David Langseth, who masterfully led the meeting as Torskmaster. Thanks to Don Hoganson, who arranged the speaker, and to Bill and Jorun Scheiderich, who provided transportation. Thanks to Ron Bentsen for acquiring the Mario Tricoci Day Spa package for the raffle. Thanks to whoever put that extra big aquavit glass on the table, if it was March we would have blamed the leprechauns.

Finally, thanks to all the ladies and guests who joined us on this day.

Torske Klub Luncheon - March 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, March 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: **3, 13C, 40, 47, 51, 55, 98, 114, 149**. 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 ladies day in February.



Dinner Reservation Phone: ☎(630) 445-1263



Pictured is our new Torske Klub Cap in Dark Blue. We will be taking orders for this new cap at the March meeting (Father/ Son/ Daughter/ Day). The cost is \$16.00 per cap payable in advance at the meeting March 12th. If you want a cap but can not attend the meeting contact the Boss at 847.446.0714 by March 15th.

Notes from the Front Desk

We are well into this Torske Klub season. Dues are collected, we pulled off the anniversary year successfully, and all is well with our group. It is a good time for some housekeeping duties. Enclosed are some notes and topics to consider and to assist your Torske Klub officers.

Email—Many of our members use email, many do not. If you do not, read no further. This letter is still our primary means of communication, but we have also sent abbreviated reminders and news by email to those who choose to sign up. This usually involves a couple messages per month. The email is purely optional and if you choose to receive it and have not been getting it, send a note to secretary@torskeklub.org. The email forwards to the personal email at larsonk@sbcglobal.net where we collect all the messaging right now. In fact, outgoing letters to the membership are sent from that account.



Many of the email addresses we have do not accept email. That could be for many reasons: your email account is full and won't accept more, the "spam" filter won't allow our mass mailing, or we have an incorrect address. In any of these cases, you are not receiving email. If you received nothing in the past week, and expected email, contact us and we can figure out why. It may be leprechauns, it may be simpler.

Reservations— Thanks to the 98% of you who make timely reservations. There is a bit of clarification needed based on some recent conversations. We do need the reservation count by Tuesday noon; that is when we turn in our count. If you need to cancel, get sick, or otherwise cannot come, please call the same line and cancel anytime before the dinner or call Ken's cell phone on Saturday. We generally check the voice message on Friday before, and we adjust the reservation count. As such, we can usually accommodate a few who need to call late as an exception. We penalize the late call with a \$5 surcharge, but have waived it when it fills a vacancy. It is fair.

Badges—We purchased new badge holders for about \$60 and refreshed our badges this year. Be reminded that we do collect and reuse the badge every month. If you take it home, no worries, just bring it back the next month. —Ken L.

Birthdays and Member News

We are delighted to celebrate the birthdays for the St. Paddy's month of March. These members include Scott Solberg, Rodney Lee, John Halversen, Thor Torger, Hugo Lanesskog, Roald Harr, Richard Peterson, and David Bentsen Sr. in Texas. "Breithlá shona duit" in Irish, or as we say in English "Happy Birthday to You"!

We received three new members in February, Ragnar Lund of Park Ridge, Ray Syverson of Lake Zurich and Phil Waters of Buffalo Grove. We also have a special welcome to Rev. Sigurd Grindheim, for whom the Chicago Torske Klub extends an honorary membership as the new pastor of Minnekirken in Chicago. Welcome Gentlemen! Finally, congratulations to Kristian and Lizbet Ronning, who are parents of a new baby, Tor Ronning. Also to the Julian Ronning and David Langseth families as grandparents.

Vesterheim Luncheon—March 26

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.

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