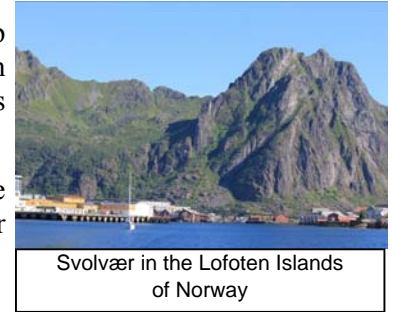




First Luncheon of the New Season

The Chicago Torske Klub is pleased to kick off the new season of torsk and fellowship with a presentation from one of past speakers, Sara Drower, who has returned from Scandinavia with photos for presentation and some insight. You may remember her as the "Salt" lady from our September 2010 meeting.

Make your reservations early for the September 10th meeting. The aquavit is icy, the lelse is ordered and the cod is being caught for shipment to your dinner plate. Our planned torskemaster for that day is our own Aquavit Chairman, Garry Grube.



Svolveær in the Lofoten Islands of Norway

Torske Klub Returns from the Arctic with a Suntan

How many times in our lives did a teacher ask us to write what we did for the summer? We have lots of stories to share, especially from the group of us that traveled in various ways to the spectacular Lofoten Islands in Norway. Our base of operations was the Rica Hotel in Svolveær, from which we individually and collectively fished, cruised, kayaked, hiked, mountain climbed, bicycled, bussed, shopped, toured, dined, drank and golfed all night. The sun never set, so we operated on the theory that we could sleep when we're gone. Pictures are distributed in various contexts in this letter but the bright blue skies should prove that we had good weather and suntans. The trip was arranged by our own



Chicago Torske Klub in Svolveær Norway. From Left: Mike Horton (future member), Ken Larson, Gov. Lodve Solholm, Lowell Olberg, Ken Nordan, Don Hoganson. Missing: Gov. Svein Ludvigsen.



Ken and Julie Nordan crew the Gokstad replica ship at the Viking Museum.

Don Hoganson, and included members of NACC as well, about 20 total.

A dozen or so pollock (saithe in Norway) were landed, including one of about 23 lbs by Ken Nordan, and one cod (torsk) by Ken Larson. The hotel prepared our catch for an appetizer. We also dined on various other fish dinners, and also smoked whale, whale sushi and whale steak on one island excursion, after visiting the magnificent Trollfjorden. Many saw the Viking Museum and also the Fishing Museum in the town of Å (yes, that is a town). Needless to say, we had a great time. We'll share some more photos in future letters.

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Torske Klub Luncheon - September 10, 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 rings the bell to seat us for dinner. Make your regular dinner reservation by TUESDAY Noon, September 6, 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, 115, 120, 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 2011/2012 season, excluding father/son/ daughter day in March and excluding ladies day in February.

Luncheon Reservation Phone: (630) 445-1263

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Summer Birthdays & Member News

This month, we toast the monthly birthdays for the summer months:

June: Vincent Field, Stu Bentley, Jimmy Sorensen, Preben Hammer, Roy Jensen, Ken Vesterli, our esteemed rosemaier Carl Eglund, the Hon. Perry Gulbrandsen, Tom Muldoon, Torske Klub Secretary Ken Larson and our Raffle Chairman Ron Bentsen. **July:** Bill Scheiderich, Lowell Olberg, Hank Solberg, Randy Truckenbrodt, Paul Johnson, Norris Harstad, Robert Newgard, and Erik Carlson. **August:** Tom Bendicsen, Christopher Betz, Dr. Marshall Pedersen, Dr. Victor Carnelli, Julian Ronning, Robert Cornwell, Stan Nelson, John Hardy, Clarence Peterson, Roy Andersen, Membership Chairman and Board member Robert Frost II, Norwegian Hon. Consul General Paul Anderson, our master Norway tour planner Don Hoganson and of course, our Boss, Robert Alsaker. **September:** Sam Cory, John Teppen, Kurt Gustafson, Petter Berntzen, Jostein Bakken, Jerry Andersen, Kjell Larsen, Jim Priest and board member Fred Glure.

Now the unhappy part, we lost four members this summer in as many weeks.

Sverre Overland passed away on June 14 after an illness. Our condolences to his wife Kjellaug (Kay), and children Inger (Ron) Tiberi, Sven (Susan). Barbara (Richard) Kohn, and 10 grandchildren and great grandchild. You'll remember that Sverre was reserved every month to attend our luncheons for years. Sverre was a master carpenter until his retirement.

Einar Cannelin passed away in late June after a series of strokes. He was our oldest member at 97. He survived his wife Salome and a daughter Suzanne. Our condolences to his daughter Margie and her husband (and our member) Randy Truckenbrodt as well as Einar's 3 grandchildren. Einar was the Band Director of Bloom Township High School from 1952—1976 before he retired.

Allan Alsaker passed away on July 7. He was our oldest member at the time of his passing and the father of our Boss, Robert Alsaker. Our condolences to Allan's wife Mildred, and to Rob and his wife Evy. Allan survived his daughter Nora. Allan was an Electrical Engineer from Northwestern University, receiving a Masters Degree from Cal Tech. He was an avid ski jumper, winning 1st place trophy in 1932. He joined the Navy's R&D team, working on the strategic proximity fuse, which was used to win WWII. He worked for many years at Delta Star, and at retirement he joined H&R Block. His memorial was Aug. 8.

Jim Anderson also passed away in early July. Our condolences to his wife Angela, and his children Frances (Bobby) Scribner, Stuart, Matthew (Laura), and his granddaughter. Jim had been a member of the Torske Klub for many years.

Our condolences also to good members Ed Ekstrom and Board Member Larry Ekstrom as they lost their wife and mother, June Ekstrom, in August.

Torske Klub Board News

The board met Aug. 8 to plan the year. In summary, we are in good financial shape, however we have lost members this year and now stand at about 121. Lowell Olberg was welcomed to the board, and elected to assistant boss. Dr. Ray Newgard announced all the programs for the 2011-2012 season. The first programs are noted in the listing "Future Dates" at the right.

Watch the November meeting date in the next months. Since the Elks have another large commitment that day, we are investigating moving the meeting up a week to November 5 due to the parking chaos and room displacement. Stay tuned.

Come to Vasa Park on Sept. 11!

The Chicago Torske Klub has manned a booth at Scandinavian Days at Vasa Park for many years.

We invite all members of the Chicago Torske Klub to come to the event and wear your shirts and hats. Entry is \$10. Children 12 and under are free. Food, crafts, games, music, entertainment, gifts and shopping.

Rain or Shine, we have fun.

Future Dates

- **Sept. 10, 2011**—Sara Drower on Scandinavia
- **Sept. 11, 2011**—Vasa Park Festival
- **Oct. 8, 2011**—Rev. Sigurd Grindheim
- **Nov. 12, 2011*** (***watch this date, we may change this to Nov. 5**)— Steve Goreham, Climate Coalition of America
- **Dec. 10, 2011**— Christmas Program by Pastor David Langseth
- **Jan. 14, 2012**—Bob Nordin—Gokstad Ship
- **Feb. 11, 2012**—Ladies Day- Eric Dregni—Author of "Vikings in the Attic" and "In Cod We Trust"

Watch <http://www.torskeklub.org> for additional news, dates and links.

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