



March 2012

Father/ Son/ Daughter Day for March Luncheon

We are pleased to invite fathers, sons and daughters in addition to our usual members and guests. To this annual March event. The speaker this month is Mr. Bob Lew, who will speak to us on Pop Culture. Make your reservations early for this traditionally well attended event.

Besides inviting fathers, sons and daughters of any age, you may invite your usual friends, neighbors and relatives as guests as well. We will note that this is not the open ladies day as we had last month, but the invitation of daughters this month was started to correct the omission years ago of inviting only sons to our Torske Klub dinners on this month.



February Ladies Day Luncheon Well Attended

The author of "Vikings in the Attic", Eric Dregni spoke to over 100 members and guests of the Chicago Torske Klub. This was the annual ladies day in February. Don Hoganson ran the meeting for this month with his usual mastery, and diners were treated to a choice of strip steak, or a boneless cod fillet instead of the traditional bone-in steak.

Torske Klub Luncheon - March 10, 2012

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, MARCH 6, 2012. ALL MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS ARE REQUIRED TO MAKE A RESERVATION FOR DINNER. 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 Garry at 312-497-6407. 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. As of Jan. 29, we have reservations from the following members: **3, 13C, 40, 47, 51(2), 55, 84, 98(1+18), 114, 115, 120, 149, 179A**. 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.

Reservations
Required by
12:00 Noon on
March 6

Luncheon Reservation Phone: **(630) 445-1263**

Annual Vesterheim Chicago Area Luncheon on March 31

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◊ The Chicago Area Friends of Vesterheim have invited us to attend the Nordic Marketplace and Luncheon on Saturday, March 31, 2012 to be held at the Park Ridge Country Club in Park Ridge. The Marketplace will be open from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. when the luncheon and program begins. Tickets are \$50 per person. Again this year we will feature many interesting vendors. The program will include presentations by Vesterheim's Executive Director Steve Johnson and Director of Development Steve Grinna. Chicago Spelmanslag will entertain us with Scandinavian music. Invitations will be mailed soon to Torske Klub Members and others in the Scandinavian community. Feel free to invite relatives, friends and neighbors who may be interested. For more information call Vesterheim at 563.382.9681 or visit vesterheim.org.



The Road to Bodø in Norway

March Birthdays and Member News

This month, we toast the monthly birthdays: Ray Syverson, Scott Solberg, Rodney Lee, John Halversen, Thor Torger, Hugo Lanesskog, Roald Harr, Richard Peterson, David Bentsen Sr. and a special skål to Daniel C., grandson of Stu B. who is currently on leave from the Torske Klub while serving in the U.S. Military. Happy Birthday to all our good members, and a tip of the Irish Whiskey as well.

We were saddened to hear about the death of one of our long time members and good friends, Bob Jaeger. Bob passed away on February 4th last month just before our luncheon. He would have been 100 years old in May. Our condolences to his family and good wife Karin.



Our friend Bob Jaeger in 2007 posing with our guest speaker Mary Ann Childers

Wanted

Our Torske Klub is approaching 52 years of age and our success remains based on the membership that we have maintained and the continued interest in our little group. New Members are always encouraged and welcome. We observe that most of our members join after attending a luncheon

Bring a guest or be a guest.

◊ Thanks to Bob Frost this month as he steps in as Aquavit Chairman. Garry Grube steps in as Recording Secretary at the table. Sam Smith stepped in last month as raffle chairman. Ken Larson still sends the letters as Corresponding Secretary

Future Dates

- ◊ **Mar. 2012**—Father/Son/Daughter Day- Bob Lew—Pop Culture
- ◊ **April 2012**—Fred Glure on Trains
- ◊ **May 2012**—Anniversary of Torske Klub. Presentation on Hawaii.
- ◊ June, July and August we golf, fish and rest; not necessarily in that order.

Also see <http://www.torskeklub.org> for more and updated information.

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