



September Launches a New Torske Season

The 2012-2013 Chicago Torske Klub Season launches on September 8, 2012 as we meet after the summer break. Our launch includes a talk by our own board member Larry Ekstrom speaking on "The Law of Unintended Consequences: The House of Cards that Caused the 2008 Financial Crisis". The focus is the recent economic history surrounding the 2008-2009 financial crisis and its aftermath. He will discuss the economic and regulatory factors that created the "perfect storm" in 2008 and assess the damages after that storm. Call early for reservations and note the NEW reservation phone number this year at the end of this letter. The deadline for reservations is the evening of Labor Day, so plan reservations accordingly.

From the Desk of Our Boss— Lowell Olberg

First of all I want to say that I am honored to be selected as the Boss of the Chicago Torske Klub. I'm sure there are many on the Board who are equally as qualified to be Boss, so I am especially honored and I look forward to a year of enjoyment, fellowship and Torsk. I would particularly like to thank Rob Alsaker for the fourteen years he served so ably as Boss of the Chicago Torske Klub, and the leadership he has shown to leave this position, and the Torske Klub, in such great shape. Rob has graciously agreed to remain on the Board so we can take advantage of his experience and ideas. There are many new officers of the Board this year, and we look forward to serving the Torske Klub as effectively as the previous officers have. If you have any ideas about the Torske Klub such as programs you would like to see, or other ideas, please share them with any members of the Board for consideration. I hope to see many of you at the first meeting of the Torske Klub for the new season in September.

Vasa Park Scandinavian Day

The Chicago Torske Klub has set up an information table at the Vasa Park Scandinavian Day in past years and will do so again on **September 9**. Volunteers to help man the table are needed. Adults \$10— Under 12 free.

<http://www.scandinaviandayil.com> for details. Music, food, pony rides, fellowship. Wear your Torske Klub shirt!

Changes at the Helm for the Chicago Torske Klub

The new season will be opened by a new Boss for our group, Lowell Olberg. Lowell was elected by our Board of Directors on August 2, after our long time Boss, Robert Alsaker, offered his resignation. In addition, the role of Assistant Boss was filled by our long time member, Roger Elmer. Rob remains as board member, and will be recognized as an officer in the role of "Boss Emeritus". All other officers and board members remain. Join the board in congratulating and supporting these men as they serve our group in their new positions. Tusen Takk, Gentlemen.

Torske Klub Luncheon - September 8, 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 the evening of Sept. 3, 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 **312-233-2887 (New Number)** 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. We have reservations from the following members : **3, 13C, 38, 40, 47, 51, 55, 84, 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.com** (not .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 2012/2013 season, excluding father/son/daughter day in March and excluding ladies day in February.

NEW!

**Reservations
Required by
evening of
Sept. 3**

NEW ! Luncheon Reservation Phone: ☎(312) 233-2887

Greetings from SPC Daniel C.

Greetings!

Since I left you fine folk in March last year I have been working steadily through my training as an Army Linguist. After completing Basic Training at Fort Jackson, SC in June last year I was sent to the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, CA where I am currently two months from completing the 64 week Arabic Basic Course.

The Defense Language Institute traces its roots to the dawn of World War II when the Military Intelligence Service Language School was created to train Japanese linguists. The school expanded during the Cold War years and currently trains linguists for all US military branches and some allied nations.

Recently the top ten students in my class were selected to participate in an immersion program in Morocco. We spent 30 days in the capital, Rabat, from mid-June to mid-July. Surprisingly, Africa in July was very pleasant compared with the 100 degree weather Chicago was experiencing at the time. Rabat is right on the Atlantic coast and cool breezes kept the temperature in the 70s and 80s for most of my stay.

We spent weekdays in language classes with local teachers. On weekends we traveled to different cities around the country, including Fez, Marrakesh and Casa Blanca. During the week we stayed with local host families. They were very friendly hosts and it was a great way to experience everyday life in their culture. I spent most of the evenings watching and discussing the news with my host brothers in their sitting room.

There was plenty to talk about as the Egyptian presidential election, bloody rebellion in Syria, new accusations about Yasser Arafat's cause of death, and the Euro Cup soccer tournament were all going on while I was there.



It was a very comfortable stay and at the end of the trip we exchanged gifts. I gave one of the brothers a Chicago Cubs hat so that even if he never figures out American baseball he will at least know which team to support. The other brother is studying English so I gave him a copy of the first Harry Potter book and *The Great Gatsby*. I also gave the family a painted tablet which I had had inscribed with a verse about friendship from the Koran and a message of my gratitude for their hospitality. In return they gave me my very own jelljaba (man dress), a richly embroidered prayer rug, a copy of the Koran in English, and nice ring for my fiancé.

It was a slight readjustment coming back to Monterey and military discipline but I am looking forward to graduation at the end of October and

moving closer to the end of training. After language training there is another 4-6 months of training in what they actually want me to do with the language. After that, after more than two years and at least quarter million dollars worth of training, the Army is going to throw all that work out the back of an airplane at the US Army Airborne School.

I'm not sure when I will have the opportunity to be home on the second Saturday of the month, but until then, Skal to the Torske! Or في صحة السمك! (fiseha ahsamak; To the health of the Fish!) -SPC Daniel C.

Birthdays for June, July, Aug. & Sept.

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

June: Vincent Field, Stuart Bentley, Jimmy Sorensen, Preben Hammer, Roy Jensen, Ken Vesterli, Carl Eglund, the Hon. Perry Gulbrandsen, Corresponding Secretary Ken Larson and our good Board Member Ron Bentsen. **July:** Bill Scheiderich, Our Boss Lowell Olberg, Hank Solberg, Randy Trucken-brodt, Paul Johnson, Norris Harstad, Robert Newgard, and Erik Carlson. **August:** Tom Bendicsen, Christopher Betz, Dr. Marshall Pedersen, Dr. Vic-tor Carnelli, Julian Ronning, Robert Cornwell, Stan Nelson, John Hardy, Clarence Peterson, Roy Andersen, Aquavit Chairman Robert Frost II, Nor-wegian Hon. Consul General Paul Anderson, our past Asst. boss Don Hoganson and our Boss Emeritus, Robert Alsaker. **September:** Sam Cory, John Teppen, Kurt Gustafson, Petter Berntzen, Jostein Bakken, Jerry Andersen, Kjell Larsen, Jim Priest and board member Fred Glure.

SPC Daniel C., joined the Chicago Torske Klub in October 2009 and since that time has joined the U.S. Army, making him our only member actively serving his country in that capacity. He is the grandson of Stu B. *On behalf of our group, best wishes Dan, our prayers are with you.*



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