



Chuck Enge Speaks on Education

Our October Luncheon launch includes a talk by our own member Chuck "Coach" Enge speaking on the topic "THE COLLEGE SEARCH, ANOTHER PERSPECTIVE". The Coach brings a unique perspective to the topic of education and will talk about the price of higher education, myths, mistakes, motives & meanings & why the college search is so difficult. He brings the experience of an educator and tennis coach at Downers Grove



North High School, as well as his experience as a Fulbright exchange teacher in Norway. Many may recall he addressed our group over a decade ago concerning those adventures. Join us on October 13 as we hear his message and also lift a glass for Leif Erikson Day.

Date Change for November!

The date of the November luncheon has been changed to **November 3** from the usual second Saturday November 10. As in previous years, a Swedish woman's group takes up the hall from a long standing reservation. Between the lack of parking and trying to crowd into the restaurant upstairs, besides mixing Norwegian men and Swedish women; we can only say *uff da*.

Larry Ekstrom charts the Financial Crisis at the September Luncheon

A few dozen members opened the torske season with own board member Larry Ekstrom speaking on "The Law of Unintended Consequences: The House of Cards that Caused the 2008 Financial Crisis". He masterfully navigated the complex and recent economic history surrounding the 2008-2009 financial crisis and its aftermath, resulting in the "perfect storm" in 2008 and the damages after that storm that we still face. Thanks to Larry and all who participated in our first meeting.



Torske Klub Luncheon - October 13, 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 October 8, 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.

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October 9, Leif Erikson Day

Stories of Leif's journey to North America had a profound effect on the identity and self-perception of later Nordic Americans and Nordic immigrants to the United States. The first statue of Leif (by Anne Whitney was erected in Boston in 1887, as many believed that Vinland could have been located at Cape Cod [although later discoveries place him at the Norse L'Anse aux Meadows on the northern tip of Newfoundland]. Not long after, another casting of Whitney's statue was erected in Milwaukee. A statue was also erected in Chicago in 1901 [at the Humboldt Park Location], having been originally commissioned for the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition to coincide with the arrival of a reconstructed Viking ship from Bergen, Norway. Another work of art



made for the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition, the painting *Leiv Eiriksson oppdager Amerika* by Christian Krohg [see left], was in the possession of a Leif Erikson Memorial Association in Chicago before being given back to the National Gallery of Norway in 1900.

For the one hundred year anniversary of the first official immigration of Norwegians to America, President Calvin Coolidge stated at the 1925 Minnesota State Fair, to a crowd of one hundred thousand people, that Leif had indeed been the first European to discover America. Further statues of Leif were erected at the Minnesota State Capitol in St. Paul in 1949, near Lake Superior in Duluth in 1956, and in downtown Seattle.

The date October 9 has been used to remember Leif Ericson in the United States. In 1929, the Wisconsin Legislature passed a bill to make October 9 "Leif Erikson Day" in the state; the bill was signed by Governor Walter J. Kohler, Sr. in May of the same year. That date was not chosen to commemorate any event in the life of the explorer. Rather, it marked the first organized immigration from Norway to the United States when the ship *Restauration*, coming from Stavanger, arrived in New York Harbor on October 9, 1825. In 1964 the United States Congress authorized and requested the president to proclaim October 9 of each year as "Leif Erikson Day". - *Derived from Wikipedia*

Birthdays for October

This month, we toast the birthdays of our members and friends: Tom Field, Eivind Torske, Peter Hastings, our past board member and Minnesota transplant Kristian Ronning, Kaare Nevdal, Walter Lorentsen, Thorkil Winther, and our own Raffle Chairman Sam Smith. Special shout-out to Trygve Lonnebotn in Wisconsin, who was the past boss of the Madison Torske Klub and past Norwegian Consul General.

Happy Birthday Gentlemen, and skål.

Dues for 2013

Enclosed in your letter is a request for 2013 dues. Please send as soon as possible so we can close these books; our deadline is Dec. 31, 2012. Dues supplement our funds for aquavit, occasional speaker fees and this letter. Some of our letters are "Complimentary" to other organizations and require no dues, but we ask that all verify the contact info.

Future Dates

Our program chairman, Thor Jondahl has announced the plans for these future dates:

- ◇ **October 13, 2012**—
Chuck Enge
- ◇ **November 3, 2012 (1st Saturday this month!)** -
Ambassador J.D. Bindenagel—
witness to the fall of the Berlin Wall.
- ◇ **December 8, 2012**—
Christmas Celebration
- ◇ **January 12, 2012**—
Norwegian Sweater Day
- ◇ **February 9, 2013**—Ladies Day

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