



Arctic Explorer John Huston Speaks at Ladies Day



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February is the month that the ladies of our lives are invited to join us at the Chicago Torske Klub for the luncheon. This promises to be a fascinating event as our program chairman Thor Jondahl announces the speaker, Polar Explorer and author John Huston. Mr. Huston and his expedition partner are the first Americans to reach the North Pole unsupported. John also has completed major expeditions to the South Pole and on Greenland. A native of Evanston, Illinois, he is a speaker, writer, consultant, and guide. John will use his expedition stories to talk about taking on big challenges with an expedition mentality, an approach he defines as "setting you and your team up for success in a hostile, changing environment." The event includes a display of equipment from the North Pole expedition. John's award winning book, *Forward*, will be available at the event. In April of 2009

John and his expedition partner, Tyler Fish, became the first and only Americans to travel "unsupported" from land to the North Pole. This 55-day, 475-mile journey has been accomplished by only 13 expeditions and has been called the "toughest expedition on the planet." To travel unsupported means to travel under one's own power without resupply. John's book will be available for sale at the event. Our Torskemaster is Jon Knudsen.



Ladies Day Raffle

As in past years, the Torske Klub is offering a raffle prize of \$100 gift certificate to the Mario Tricoci Salon and Day Spa.

Thanks to Ron Bentsen and Mario Tricoci for the donation

As in past years for ladies day, diners have the choice of traditional torsk, or steak for dinner. Indicate the number of dinners when you call in reservations. This day tends to be well attended and as such the "Table of Ten" rule will apply. All parties of ten people should send a representative before 11:45 am to reserve the table for their party. No seating for individuals or couples are allowed before this time. After this, all seating is open for self reservation as usual.

See you there, and bring your valentine & friends; men or women this month.

Torske Klub Luncheon - February 9, 2013

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 February 7, 2013. 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. The fish order is called in after the deadline.

Call **312-233-2887** 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(2), 55, 84, 98(2), 114(2) 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.

Luncheon Reservation Phone: ☎(312) 233-2887



Vesterheim Sponsor

You may have noticed that the Chicago Torske Klub has sponsored advertising in various venues in the past years for things like the 17th of May parade and the Vasa Park Scandinavian Day celebration. This serves to expose our group to the community and to encourage the men of the Norwegian Community, and those who enjoy a good fellowship and torsk dinner to join us. This year, we received an opportunity to advertise as a sponsor of the Chicago Friends of Vesterheim Nordic Luncheon and Marketplace. After consideration, a majority of the board was contacted and agreed to this new venue this year.

Save the Date

April 6, 2013 is the annual Friends of Vesterheim Luncheon at the Park Ridge Country Club. Contact Stephanie Johnson at snjohnson@vesterheim.org, or 563-382-9681 for reservations

Torske Klub Members Spotted at the Norge Ski Jump

A number of members of the Chicago Torske Klub braved the threat of freezing rain to attend the 108th Annual Norge Ski Jump event in Fox River Grove IL on January 26-27, 2013. Lowell Olberg, Ken Nordan, Ken Larson were seen, while Clarence Petersen and Dick Feldheim were among the Normennenes Singing Society starting the Opening Ceremony with "Ja, vi elsker". The day was filled with skiers from various countries and states, along with the 4 Norwegian jumpers in the photo below. Sorry if we missed acknowledging you in the crowd of hundreds that attended. We'll catch you next time.



Normennenes sings from the lodge balcony above. 4 Norwegian ski jumpers stop for a photo below.

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Birthdays & News for February

We honor the birthdays of the members born in three month of February: Ed Grendahl, Neil Andersen, George Tarnow, Cedric Syrdahl, Sigurd Grindheim, Phil Waters, David Svendsen, Ed Ekstrom, our Program Chairman Thor Jondahl, and our charter member and board member Dr. Ray Newgard.

We also were told of the hospitalization of our good member Jim Severson, who noted that he looks forward to greeting us in February. See you then Jim.