



September : Judge Gulbrandsen Holds Court

We are pleased to welcome our own good member, the Hon. Perry J. Gulbrandsen, as our first speaker for the 2013/2014 Chicago Torske Klub season. He changes themes from his past, serious venues in the courtroom; offering a glimpse of "Humor in the Courtroom" this month.



The Hon. Perry Gulbrandsen, sailing Lake Michigan

Judge Gulbrandsen is "retired" from the bench, but continues to practice law and still holds court in Forest Park, IL as adjudicator, among many of his services to northern Illinois and the nation. He served our country in Vietnam as a Marine Corps captain. As he attended college, he graduated from Lake Forest College and DePaul University Law School. He was a circuit court judge for 11 years.

He enjoys a second career officiating at civil weddings, at which he writes unique wedding vows based on the personal "love stories" of prospective brides and grooms. He also runs a Viking-themed college scholarship and has helped the "Friends of the Viking Ship" to acquire the Viking ship replica displayed at the 1893 Chicago World's Fair. It is now in Geneva, IL.

Continuing our legal theme is our selection of Torskemaster for the day: Mr. David Hardy, an attorney and himself a past speaker at the Torske Klub. Join us for this opening luncheon.

Member News from the Summer Months

We lost two good people these last months. In May, as we were closing our last season, we lost Richard Bentsen, son of our good board member Ron Bentsen. On August 8, we lost Andreas "Andy" Andersen, a long-time member and father of Roy Andersen. Andy's story is noted in the Torske Klub letter of [January 2007](#). Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of these men.



Andy Andersen displays his ski jumping trophies, including a winning jump from Soldier Field in the 1950s— photo by Rob Alsaker, 2007

Among other events this summer, we received a postcard from Bob Newgard, who visited the Grand Tetons in June.

Torske Klub Luncheon - September 14, 2013

The 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. 9, 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.

Reservations
by
Sept 9

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, 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 reservations@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 2013/2014 season, excluding father/son/ daughter day in March and excluding ladies day in February.

Luncheon Reservation Phone: ☎(312) 233-2887

Birthdays for June, July, August & September

We here recognize the birthdays of our members born in June, July, August, and September.

For June, Vince Field, our speaker: Judge Perry Gulbrandsen, Jimmy Sorensen, Preben Hammer, Stu Bentley, Ken Vesterli, Roy Jensen, Carl Eglund, Corresponding Secretary Ken Larson and Board Member Ron Bentsen.

For July, Norris Harstad, Bill Scheiderich, Hank Solberg, Randy Truckenbrodt, Bob Newgard, Paul Johnson, Erik Carlson, and our Boss, Lowell Olberg.

For August, Dr. Victor Carnelli (aka Karnalberg), Julian Ronning, Tom Bendicsen, Stan Nelson, Bill Sexton, Dr. Marshall Pedersen, John Hardy, Royal Norwegian Order of Merit recipient Don Hognson, Roy Andersen, Chris Betz, Clarence Peterson, Aquavit Chairman Robert Frost II, our Honorary Norwegian Consul General Paul Andersen and Boss emeritus Robert Alsaker.

For September, John Teppen, Sam Cory, Kurt Gustafson, Petter Berntzen, Jostein Bakken, Kjell Larsen, Jerry Andersen and Board Member Fred Glure.

Our belated birthday wishes to these men. Join us for a toast to their day on September 14.

Vasa Park—September 8

The Chicago Torske Klub sponsors a table at this yearly event; using it to solicit new members, and to enjoy the day with the community. Feel free to join us, and wear your Torske shirt or cap to advertise our presence.

Mark these Luncheon Dates for 2013 / 2014 Season

- September 14, 2013
- October 12, 2013
- November 9, 2013 (normal 2nd Saturday this year)
- December 14, 2013-Christmas Party
- January 11, 2014– Sweater Day
- February 8, 2014—Ladies Day
- March 8, 2014– Father, Son, Daughter
- April 12, 2014
- May 10, 2014– Anniversary

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34th Annual Scandinavian Day Festival Celebrating Vasa Park's 60th Anniversary



Scandinavian Day at Vasa Park is a late summer festival held the Sunday after Labor Day each year. This year the festival celebrates Vasa Park's 60th Anniversary—including food, crafts, games, gifts and entertainment.

The festival offers quality Scandinavian entertainment and fun activities for all ages.

SHOP for arts and crafts, gifts and specialty items that are unique to Scandinavia. Look for information on travel opportunities to Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden.

VISIT Chicagoland organizations representing the Nordic cultures who will be on hand to introduce you to their special ethnic interests.



LEARN something about Scandinavian countries and people, past and present.



*Presented by the
Scandinavian Day Festival Committee*

Sorry. . .No pets permitted on the grounds.
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SAVE THE DATE

DINE on a taste of Scandinavia from the traditional food vendors that will be on hand and enjoy a variety of beverages to accompany your favorite dish.

COME ENJOY THESE SCANDINAVIAN FOODS

- Viking Fried Herring Plate
- Swedish Pancake Plate
- Swedish Meatball Dinner
- Norwegian Lefse/Polse Wrap
- Danish Hot Dogs
- Danish Aebleskiver
- Rabarbergrod
- Foods of Finland
- Icelandic Delicacies

AND MORE...

FEATURED SCANDINAVIAN AND AMERICAN ENTERTAINMENT



SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT FOR 2013:

- ABBA Salute
- Swedish American Children's Choir
- The Nordic Folk Dancers of Chicago
- Leikarringen Heimhug Norwegian Folk Dancers of Chicago
- Bjornson Male Chorus

RAIN OR SHINE
Vasa Park Hotline: 847-695-6720
www.scandinaviandayil.com
Website: www.vasaparkil.com

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2013 • 9 A.M.–6 P.M.
Vasa Park, Route 31, South Elgin, IL
DONATION: Adults \$10 • Children 12 & under FREE • FREE parking