



## Father, Son, Daughter Day in March with Bob Hoel



Bob and Nancy Hoel

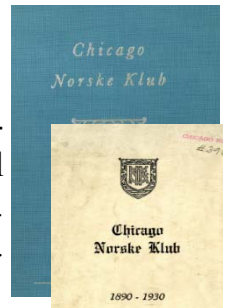
March is our annual father, son, daughter day at the Torske Klub luncheon. Feel free to invite your sons, daughters, and fathers to our luncheon. The speaker this month is Bob Hoel. Bob is a director on the boards of the League of Illinois Bicyclists and the Active Transportation Alliance, the successor to the Chicagoland Bicycle Federation. He is on the Citizen's Advisory Board for the Pace Bus system. Bob also heads up the Bike Task Force for the City of Elmhurst, which was awarded the Bike Friendly Community designation by the League of American Bicyclists. Bob's slide presentation will be about one of their trips through a region of France by bike, as they enjoy the French culture and cuisine. He is a retiree of R.R. Donnelley and alum of I.I.T.

Please make your reservations for your guests as usual, for this generally well attended event.

## Chicago Norske Klub Books

Our Boss Emeritus, Robert Alsaker, has made available electronic copies of two historical documents from the Chicago Norske Klub, which built and owned the original home of our organization until the 1970s on Kedzie Ave and Fullerton in Chicago. One is a 40th anniversary pamphlet, the other is a 38 page history from 1890 to 1949. A few pages are in Norwegian, but most in English. One passage in the book:

*A rather amusing thing happened that Christmas [1942 during WWII] : We wanted to send a Christ-*



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## Ladies Day is Well Attended in February

February saw a well attended ladies day event at the Chicago Torske Klub luncheon. The speaker was Polar Explorer and author John Huston, who presented detail of his expeditions and challenges. His book "Forward" was available and can still be purchased on the website at <https://www.octanepress.com/book/forward>. Thanks also to Jon Knudsen for mastering the torske-master duty, and to all the board of directors for pitching in to make the day successful.

### **Torske Klub Luncheon - March 8, 2014**

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 March 3, 2014. 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. \$5 surcharge for late reservations

Reservations  
by  
**March 3**

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](mailto: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**

# The Financial Action Task Force

## Save the Dates

What's that? The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) is an international, inter-governmental body established in 1989 by the Ministers of its 36 Member jurisdictions [including the U.S. and Norway]. The objectives of the FATF are to set standards and promote effective implementation of legal, regulatory and operational measures for combating money laundering, terrorist financing and other related threats to the integrity of the international financial system. The FATF is therefore a "policy-making body" which works to generate the necessary political will to bring about national legislative and regulatory reforms in these areas.



Bjørn Aamo—  
FATF President

What does this have to do with the Torske Klub?

Well, the president of this significant body is a man from Norway, Bjørn Skogstad Aamo. He is linked to our group in two ways: as the cousin of our long-time member Cedric Syrdahl, and also as his guest to our May 2010 anniversary luncheon where he provided some anniversary remarks and greeting. He has served Norway as State Secretary and Financial Supervisory Authority of Norway where he held an influential position during the economic crisis of 2008. Additionally, his office in Oslo was one that was damaged by the 2011 Oslo bombing, but he was not there.

Tusen takk and beste hilsen, Bjørn! - also to Cedric Syrdahl for the info.

## Member Birthdays and News

This month we celebrate the birthdays of these members: Scott Solberg, Ray Syverson, Rodney Lee, John Halversen, Hugo Lannesskog, Roald Harr, Richard Peterson, Dave Bentsen and our member serving active duty in Asia Minor, Dan Cord. عيد ميلاد سعيد [Happy Birthday].

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*mas Greeting to the Crown Princess, but there was a rule: No Christmas greetings could be sent by wire. The poor Executive Secretary sat down in the Western Union office, and THOUGHT HARD! Then came up with this one:*

"Regret exceedingly that telegraph companies refuse to transmit Christmas and New Years greetings.  
—Chicago Norske Klub."

That was accepted! And reply came at once:

"My best thanks for Christmas greetings. Martha."

[We] heard that the incident caused considerable amusement.

Go to our website at <http://www.torskeklub.org> under "History" or see the link on the main page for this interesting piece of Chicago history.

**April 5, 2014—Chicago Friends of Vesterheim Luncheon**—This annual fundraiser provides support to the Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum in Decorah, IA. Shops, raffle, silent auction, entertainment and a good lunch at the Park Ridge CC. Contact Stephanie Johnson at [snjohnson@vesterheim.org](mailto:snjohnson@vesterheim.org), or 563-382-9681.

**May 17, 2014— Norwegian Constitution Day Formal Banquet.** Last month we sent a letter to reserve the date for the 200th anniversary of the constitution. Svein Ludvigsen is the keynote speaker. Orion Samuelson is MC. Contact the Norwegian Consul General office at 312-377-5050 to be added to the invitation list.

### Mark these Luncheon and Other Dates for the 2013 / 2014 Season

- March 8, 2014— Father, Son, Daughter Luncheon
- April 12, 2014—Luncheon
- May 10, 2014— Anniversary Luncheon
- May 17, 2014— Syttende Mai

Check for updates on our website  
<http://www.torskeklub.org>

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