



## A Visit from the Fylkesmann in November

Our November meeting will host our good friend and honorary member, Lodve Solholm, who is the Governor (fylkesmannen) of Møre og Romsdal in Norway. Lodve has attended our luncheons a few times. One of the last visits was during a massive snowstorm that closed O'Hare Aiport as he tried to



Fylkesmann  
Lodve Solholm



Scenic Ålesund in Møre og Romsdal county in Norway. Home to Lodve Solholm.

fly out with his wife, Torild. He met many of our Torske members as the Norwegian American Chamber of Commerce (NACC) traveled to Oslo in 2003 while he served as the President of the Norwegian Lagting (parliament). He met us again in his city of Ålesund Norway in 2006, in 2007 in Tromsø, and in Svolve in 2011.

Our scheduled torskemaster is our own Paul Anderson, Honorary Norwegian Consul General in Chicago.

## October Meeting Was Quite a Buzz

We were treated to the October presentation of our Recording Secretary, Garry Grube. His urban bee-keeping presentation filled us in more than one way. Tusen takk to Garry for his talk about the pleasures and challenges of his hobby, as well as the raw honey on each table that treated the diners to a honey and lefse appetizer. The remaining treat was offered a table prize, although at most tables the remainder was well consumed.

Many thanks to Thor Fjell for chairing the meeting as Torskemaster.

### **Torske Klub Luncheon - November 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 November 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 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, 38, 40, 42A, 47, 51, 55, 84, 97, 98, 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 2014/2015 season, excluding father/son/daughter day in March and excluding ladies day in February.



**Luncheon Reservation Phone: ☎(312) 233-2887**

## What does the Fylkesmann Do?

Lodve Solholm, our good friend Svein Ludvigsen, and 16 other Norwegians have been appointed to the role of “Fylkesmannen” or County (fylke) Governor for each of the 18 counties that make up Norway. This office is an executive branch posting which is formally appointed by the King of Norway in a cabinet meeting. Essentially, these people are representatives of the King and they connect the state and municipalities.

They are responsible for civil matters such as marriage and divorce, and they regulate agriculture, forestry and environmental matters among other duties. Occasionally they need to intervene in financial matters of municipalities. A Fylkesmann is appointed for one six year term and he can serve a second six year term, but he must retire at the age of 70. Our friend Svein has recently stepped down from his position after about 13 years. Although it sounds like a political office, and many fylkesmann are former politicians, they do not participate in partisan politics. Ref: Wikipedia.org & Lowell Olberg



## Member Birthdays and News

This month we celebrate the birthdays of November:

Vern Bengtson, Jorgen Laursen, Chuck Enge, Robert Olberg, and Ron Betz.

We were saddened to learn of the passing of our good and long time member, Stan Nelson on September 20, 2014. We got news from his son and our member, Richard Nelson. The Chicago Torske Klub honored the memory of Stan with a prayer and moment of silence at the October luncheon. We send our condolences and prayers to Rich and his brothers and family.



If this picture is familiar, it is likely one of the most photographed, painted or modeled scenes of Norway. This is Geirangerfjord from the Union Hotel in the center of Møre of Romsdal fylke with the “Seven Sisters” Waterfall. Photo by K. Larson

### Future Events

December 13, 2014— Scheduled Luncheon—Christmas celebration

December 31, 2014—Last Day to Pay Dues

January 10, 2015— Scheduled Luncheon— Norwegian Sweater Day

February 14, 2015— Scheduled Luncheon— Ladies Day

March 14, 2015—Scheduled Luncheon— Father, Son, Daughter day

April 11, 2015—Scheduled Luncheon

May 9, 2015—Scheduled Luncheon

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