



April Luncheon Presents “The Shetland Bus”

For this first luncheon of spring, we welcome Jon Satrum to our speaker’s podium. He will be speaking about “The Shetland Bus”. This was the nickname of a clandestine special operations group providing a permanent link between Shetland, Scotland, and German-occupied Norway from 1941-1945.

A key part of this group were the volunteer Norwegian fishermen sailing in the worst weather, at the worst time of year (winter), in the dark, to avoid being spotted by the German defenses. The missions were mainly to supply the Norwegian resistance movement and rescue those who needed to escape from the Nazis.

In retirement, Jon Satrum focuses on a variety of personal interests and all things Norwegian. A member of multiple Norwegian heritage organizations, he is active in his Sons of Norway lodge, and on the Board of Directors of Trønderlag of America. This organization has participated in events at Nidaros Cathedral in Norway, set up a fund to repair Nidaros Cathedral’s Steinmeyer organ and much more. Recall that Jon spoke to us in 2013 about Roald Amundsen, and has spoken at many nordic events in the Chicago area. Our torskemaster will be Greg LeDuc.



"Shetland bus monument in Ålesund" by SinSpinadas - Own work. Licensed under Public Domain via Wikimedia

March Father/Son/Daughter/Pi Day Recognized

We had a moderate number of attendees this year for our father/son/daughter event, but a good day none the less. We were pleased and interested to have Egil Juliussen speak to the group about self-driving cars while we ate banana cream pie. The latter was appropriate because that day was “Pi Day”, 3/14/15 [The math constant pi = 3.1415...].

Thanks to all the members who contributed to bringing guests, raffle, set-up, pouring, and cleanup tasks. Special thanks to Garry Grube with dual duties as Torskemaster and Secretary. Tusen takk!

Torske Klub Luncheon - April 11, 2015

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 April 6, 2015. ALL MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS ARE REQUIRED TO MAKE A RESERVATION FOR DINNER *noting dinner preference of steak or fish*. 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, as well as NUMBER OF STEAK or FISH DINNERS. 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, 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 2014/2015 season, excluding father/son/daughter day in March and excluding ladies day in February.**

**Reservations
by
April 6**

Luncheon Reservation Phone: ☎(312) 233-2887

Norske Klub Exhibit at Vesterheim



We have highlighted the annual fund raiser for the Chicago Friends of Vesterheim (CFoV) in the note at the right. It

should be emphasized that a number of our members are directly associated with Vesterheim and the event. Our Boss emeritus Rob Alsaker and his wife Evy have taken it even further. Besides Evy's services as board member and work in fund raising, the Alsaker's, along with the CFoV, have sponsored a current



The High Seat in the Dining Room, the head table for Torske Klub

special exhibition of the Chicago Norske Klub. This has a special significance to many of us in the Torske Klub as it was the original home and meeting place for this group on Fullerton and Kedzie Ave in Chicago until the early 1980s.



Art Exhibit at the Norsk Club in 1920s

The exhibit hosts many of the art works in the clubhouse, and many of the furniture pieces. Most of these were made by the member craftsman as was the original building itself. See <http://vesterheim.org/exhibitions/special/chicago-norske-klub/> for more information. The exhibit is in Decorah IA and runs from December 2014 until November 15, 2015.



Member Birthdays and News

This month we celebrate the birthdays of the April: Per Rykhus, Peter Nielsen, Jim Severson, Richard Elmer, Dick Fjeldheim, Wollert Ellertson, Carl Graf Jr. , David Hardy, Doug Conte, Richard Nelson Jr., Rolf Larson, John Eisenmann, Tore Bakk-Hansen & Fredrick Olk. Skål to all and may you enjoy many more.



Fred Glure recently returned from his vacation and reported "It was good to get away from everything for some peace and quiet". Uff da.

HAPPY APRIL FOOL'S DAY



The Elks Club in Des Plaines, where we meet, got a parking lot refresh. We understand that our Boss volunteered to letter the signage. Nice one, Lowell. - Photo by K. Nordan

2015 Vesterheim Benefit Luncheon by CFoV

Saturday, April 25th, 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. at Park Ridge CC. Nordic Marketplace open from 9:30-12:30, followed by luncheon, raffle, silent auction, entertainment & more. Reservations required. Reservations include entrance to the marketplace, luncheon and program. Call Stephanie at Vesterheim at 563-382-9681 Ext. 103 for information or an invitation. See also <http://vesterheim.org/events/away/chicago/>

Future Torske Events

April 11, 2015—Scheduled Luncheon with Jon Satrum— "The Shetland Bus"

May 9, 2015—Scheduled Luncheon. 55th Anniversary Celebration— Bob Levi presents on Victor Borge.

May 17, 2015—Constitution Day Parade in Park Ridge

June, July, August—Golf, Rest, Fish...in any order.

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