



## October Luncheon Features the Eastland Disaster

We are pleased to welcome Mr. Ted Wachholz to our podium this month to talk about the Eastland Disaster in Chicago. This has been newsworthy this year as it the 100th anniversary of this locally famous disaster. Mr. Wachholz is with the [Eastland Disaster Historical Society](#) and will be speaking with a slide presentation, along with the co-founders: Susan Decker and Barbara Decker Wachholz. These founders are the granddaughters (and only grandchildren) of brave survivor Borghild Amelia Aanstad. Borghild was nearly 14 years old when she boarded the Eastland with her sister Solveig, mother Marianne, and uncle Olaf (all of whom survived the tragedy). Thrown into the water, she was a very capable swimmer and able to keep her head



The Eastland capsized in the Chicago River on July 24, 1915 killing 844 people. It remains the largest loss of life from a single ship on the Great Lakes. - public domain photo



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above water once disaster struck.

This month promises to be well attended and is an opportunity to bring a friend or relative to the event. Call now for reservations now!

## September Meeting Launched with Sloopers

The kickoff meeting for the 2015/2016 torske season was lightly attended but enjoyed as a presentation about the Norwegian Sloopers was made. Thanks to all that contributed.

### Torske Klub Luncheon - October 10, 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 Oct 5, 2015. 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 are 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 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, 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 and Coffee Mug** to each member that brings one or more guests to the dinner this 2015/2016 season, excluding father/son/daughter day in March and excluding ladies day in February.



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

# Member Birthdays and News

This month we celebrate the autumn birthdays of October:

**October:** Ole Birkelund, Peter Hastings, Eivind Torske, Kaare Nevdal, Walter Lorentsen, Torkil Winther, and Board Members Tom Field and Sam Smith.

Skål to all!

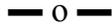


The Newgards on Oct. 15, 1955

Our hearty congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Ray (Dorothy) Newgard as they celebrate their 60th anniversary this month. Ray has been an original member since 1960, and an officer, including past Assistant Boss. Best wishes.



Ray and Dorothy today



It has been 7 years since we said goodbye to one of our longtime members, the Rev. Robert Furreboe. We were saddened to learn this week of the passing of his bride Edna. She passed away on September 26, 2015 from complications of Alzheimers. The memorial service will be at 11:30a.m. Saturday, October 3, preceded by an hour and a half of visitation at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 1234 N. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights.



Bob and Edna Furreboe touring Tromsø in 2007



On September 24, 2015, a number of our members attended a hastily assembled meeting with DIS-Norge at the Heritage Hall of Norwood Crossing in Chicago. DIS-Norge is a Norwegian Genealogy organization who is touring the US with 38 members and also speaking to Americans with Norse heritage. At the time of this writing, we know that our Boss Lowell Olberg and Treasurer Ken Nordan were among the group.

If you have other news to share, please forward to Ken Larson.

## Dues and Membership for 2016

It is during this period that the Chicago Torske Klub generally starts the collection of dues for the next year. Unfortunately, the membership slips and return envelopes are not yet prepared; we expect them to be added to the mailing in November to be paid before December. The dues remain at \$40 for the year and those dues paid since September will be considered paid for 2016. If you wish to pay your dues at the luncheon, they will be accepted at the front table.

### Leif Erikson Day— October 9, 2015

October 9 is designated as "LEIF ERIKSON DAY" by Presidential Proclamation, signed and issued by President L.B. Johnson in 1964. The annual celebration will be commemorated this year on October 4 with the Norwegian National League sponsoring a Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Leif Erikson Statue in Humboldt Park, Chicago.



October 9 is not associated with any particular event in Leif Erikson's life. The date was chosen because the ship *Restauration* coming from Stavanger, Norway, arrived in New York Harbor on October 9, 1825, at the start of the first organized immigration from Norway to the United States. [There you have it, Chris Columbus...]

Mark your calendar for this year:

**Oct. 10— Luncheon—Eastland**

**Nov. 7—CHANGED DATE—  
Luncheon on 1st Saturday of November**

**Dec. 12— Christmas Luncheon**

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