



Ladies Day- If Statues could Talk

The Annual Ladies Day Luncheon invites the ladies in the lives of our members, their friends and guests to February gathering. Our speaker for that day is Beth Sair, who has agreed to speak and share her passion and presentation “ If Statues Could Talk, What Stories Would They Tell?”

Travel virtually with Beth Sair throughout the Chicagoland area to hear “Talking Statues” tell their own compelling stories. The “Talking Statues” of Chicago share their stories as written by Chicagoans, voiced by Chicago actors, and co-produced by Chicago theaters. You’ll be introduced to Leif Ericson, who claims he actually discovered America 500 years before Columbus. George Washington thanks Haym Salomon, an important financier of the American Revolution. Aaron Montgomery Ward, voiced by Bill Kurtis, recounts the story of his famous department store, but more importantly his love for the environment. Amy Morton brings to life the sculpture “Helping Hands,” which commemorates Jane Addams. “Cloud Gate” (more familiarly known as “The Bean”) comes alive thanks to David Schwimmer’s monologue, and Bob Newhart represents himself.



Norwegian National League at the Leif Erikson Statue in Humboldt Park

Beth Sair’s passion for the city of Chicago has led her to document the “Talking Statues” located throughout Chicago. Enjoy this fascinating 50 minute PowerPoint presentation. We are also joined by Normnennes, who is the oldest continuously performing Norwegian Singing society of North America. They will start our luncheon with music.

Order Fish or Beef when you reserve this month

This has historically been extremely well attended, and the **table of ten rule applies**. For those parties of ten requiring a table to sit together, *one of party* should reserve the table before 11:45am on the day of the luncheon. No individual seating will be reserved before that time, but all seating will be open after 11:45am to reserve by each diner. Cocktails are at noon, luncheon at 1pm.

Torske Klub Luncheon - February 10, 2018

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 February 5 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 **(847)886-4841** 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 *plus note FISH or BEEF*. 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 *or add spouse to the count*. 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 2017/2018 season, excluding father/son/daughter day in March and **excluding ladies day in February**.



Luncheon Reservation Phone: (847)886-4841

January 2018 Review

Our thanks our torskemaster Dr. Ray Newgard, and to our speaker, Vernon Squires for his presentation on the Edmund Fitzgerald. It was sweater day, and as it ended up, photo day.



Chicago Torske Klub members and guests—January 2018

Member Birthdays and News

This month we celebrate the birthdays of the February: Perry Straw, Ed Grendahl, Neil Andersen, Thor Jondahl, Fred Durler, Cedric Syrdahl, Dr. Ray Newgard, Phil Waters, David Svendsen and our newly minted nonagenarian, Edward Ekstrom. We note that Ed was born on a leap year day, Feb. 29. Does that mean you are really 23, Ed?



Carl Eglund 1931-2018

We were saddened to hear this month that we lost a long time member, Carl Eglund. Carl has quietly provided out group with a number of art pieces over the years, including this commemorative plate for our 50th anniversary in 2010, and we'll remember him at every raffle as he is the one that decorated that old Norwegian army helmet that we draw tickets from.



From his obituary: "He was a highly skilled and proud union painter for 45 years. Carl was a member of the Scandinavian Club, Chicago Torske Klub and the Viking AA where he excelled as a goalie for their soccer teams. As a coach for both the Viking AA and Norwegian American AA, he had a strong and positive influence on many young soccer players. He also served the National Soccer League as its head of officiating for several years. He remained an avid soccer fan and loved to follow his local sports teams. Carl loved to paint canvas art, plaques, and just about anything else his friends would ask him to paint for them. Carl was well known for his Swedish Rosmåling style, and has had several works of art put on display at the Swedish American Museum on Clark Street in Chicago. " Our prayers for Carl and his family.

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