



A Torske Klub Christmas Celebration

As we have done in years past, December is dedicated to our Christmas celebration. We will be led by Pastor David Langseth, and his assembled team of Santa's Helpers. He has also enlisted the talents of



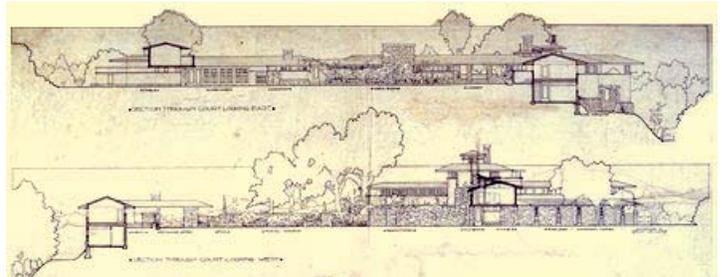
Kathleen West as accompanist.

Thanks in advance to Clarence Petersen as our torske-master and deputy elf this month.

This is always a good month to bring neighbors, friends, family to join the men's fellowship as we celebrate Christmas. An appetizer of smoked salmon is on order.

November Review of Frank Lloyd Wright's Taliesin

Our thanks to Carrie Rodamaker from the Taliesin Preservation organization in Spring Green WI for the talk and presentation on the history, current work and challenges of this historic home, studio, test site and school founded by noted architect Frank Lloyd Wright.



Torske Klub Luncheon - December 8, 2017

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 December 3, 2017. 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. No fish dinner can be promised for late reservations; an alternative meal is likely.



Reservations
Required by
December 3

Call (847) 886-4841 at any time day or night to leave a reservation. As usual, please leave your MEMBER-SHIP 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, 42A, 47, 51, 55, 84, 97, 98, 115, 120, 135, 149. Board members note that they have a reservation automatically and must call for additional guests 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. Tom Peterson will respond with a confirmation email.

FREE Raffle Ticket to each member that brings one or more guests to the dinner this 2017/2018 season excluding ladies day and father/son/daughter day.

NEW Luncheon Reservation Phone: ☎(847) 886-4841

Anticipating Advent

I grew up anticipating Advent. It was a special time on the four Sundays before Christmas; lighting candles in the house. Our time involved a reading, and a kind of coming-of-age ceremony to find matches and get one to light without burning the tips of your fingers. The flame was mesmerizing and it burned for the duration of the Sunday meal thinking of the story and the Christmas to come.

Apparently that was the idea. The first mention of Advent occurred in the 300's A.D by a group of church leaders that was called the Council of Sargossa. It gradually developed into a season that stretched across the month of December. "Advent" means "arrival" or "coming," derived from *adventus* in Latin. It gives us pause to think of the upcoming Christmas. It ends up that it does work.



The four weeks of Advent are broken down into the themes with a candle for each: First is Hope (or promise). The second week is Preparation; waiting or prophecy. The third is Joy or Peace. The last is Love and Adoration. A fifth candle is on some advent wreaths for the actual day of Christmas. This is the best of the readings: "For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11).—*Kayo L.*

Member Birthdays and News

This month we celebrate the birthdays of December:

Ragnar Lund, Secretary Emeritus David Cornwell, Milt Gustafson, Dr. Egil Fosslie, Board Member Garry Grube, Emil Ulstrup, Michael Mogil, Harold Bendicsen, Palmer Larsen and of course, Christ the Lord.

Happy Birthday and may Santa leave a gløgg to all!

We'd also like to offer a belated welcome to our new member Jim Beyreis of Prospect Heights. Walk over to Ed Grendahl's table and say hi to him.

We have not seen our good friend and board member Tom Field. He has been missing for the last couple months. He has been hospitalized and in therapy as reported by his brother and dad last month. Our greetings and best wishes are with Tom, his good wife and family this season and we hope to see you soon at our luncheon bending that elbow.

You should have received your dues notice in October. This is the last month to return the envelope by mail or drop off at the check-in table. Please return promptly if you have not done so. Next month we'll mail the highly cherished Torske Klub membership card for all paid dues, but coal in the stocking of those who didn't.

Our last note was from the friends of Henry Hansen, who passed away in early November. Many knew him for his work in the church as well as from the Torske Klub.



Howard Skoien was awarded "Member of the Month" at his health club, as reported by his daughter Heather. He is 86 years young, and apparently getting younger.

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From all your friends at the Chicago Torske Klub, may you and your family have a Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year.