



January Sweater Day

January has become traditional sweater month, as we leave the coat and tie at home in favor of the favorite sweater, whether that is Dale, seasonal, or “school” sweater. The latter is appropriate as we host Mr. James Ascot of the Ascot Realty group and Lane Tech High School Alumni Association.



James Ascot

Lane Tech is typical and atypical of the Chicago Public School system. Mr. Ascot has been involved with Lane over the last 50 years, as has Fred Glure, our Torske-master this month. As with many schools in Chicago, Lane has found itself representing the interests of the community and nation through education and has evolved over the 100+ years of its existence. It was notable as an all-male school until 1971, with extensive shop programs, technical, engineering, music, art and architecture.



Lane Tech—Chicago Public School System

A number of our members are graduates of Lane Tech, and many more graduates of other schools in Chicago. Use this day to remember those days, and to recognize the extensive history and school pride that we carry for our own schools.

We plan to take a photo of the whole Torske Klub for 2020 at about 12:45, so plan to join us.

Christmas

Many thanks to our good friend and board member, Pastor David Langseth as the host and leader of our annual Christmas party on December 14. He was accompanied by Kathleen West on piano, and a few of Santa's helpers.

Torske Klub Luncheon - January 11, 2020

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 Jan 6 for the luncheon. Timely reservations insure that fish and a table space can be reserved for you. The fish order is called in after the deadline, and the klub practice is to penalize late reservations by a \$5 fee.

**Reservations
Due
January 6**

Call **(847)886-4841** at any time day or night to leave a reservation. 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, 42A, 47, 51, 55, 84, 97, 98, 115, 120, 135, 149.** Board members note that they have a reservation automatically and must call or prearrange to cancel or add guest 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 2019/2020 season, excluding father/son/daughter day in April and excluding ladies day in February.

Luncheon Reservation Phone: ☎(847)886-4841

We may as well get on that bandwagon; everyone else is. Here are some noteworthy predictions and scheduled events for 2020 (MMXX), in no particular order:

- US Elections on November 4.
- April 21 – Elizabeth II will celebrate her 94th birthday.
- July 17 – Planned launch of NASA's Mars 2020 mission to study the habitability of Mars in preparation for future human mission
- November – Earliest date for planned launch of NASA's Artemis 1 mission to the Moon to test the Space Launch System rocket
- All that said for space travel, Bloomberg publishing projects for the second year in a row, the final appropriation for NASA will be insufficient to allow any significant progress on its goal of returning to the Moon by 2024. Rather than surrender the dream, proponents will push the realization a couple of years further down the road.
- Liberia will become the first nation of the world to completely stop cutting down its trees in return for development aid – Norway will pay the impoverished country \$150 million to stop deforestation by 2020
- July 24 – August 9 – The 2020 Summer Olympics will be held in Tokyo, Japan
- October 31 – The Berlin Brandenburg Airport in Germany is scheduled to finally open after nine years of delays due to malfunctions of the fire protection system

Related to that, what about the past predictions for 2020? USA Today kept a scorecard for those predictions:

- Life Expectancy will be >100yr—Nope. U.S. is up 78.6 yr tho.
- Computers will be invisible. Built into stuff—Huh? Nope.
- Books will be dead—Nope. Decreased sales but still \$26B in 2018
- Every move will be tracked– Not really...but if your TV is watching you now...hmmm, maybe.
- World Population will be 8 Billion.– Almost. Should happen in 2020
- China will be largest economy and move to democracy– Nope and nope. Now predicted for 2030
- We'll have self driving cars– not there, but seems to be coming.
- It will be normal to retire at 70.—No. It is still 65 in the US, but rising as full social security benefits increase to 66 and 67.
- Americans will vote from home– Not yet
- Nuclear will replace fossil (from 1968)—Wrong. Fossil is 79%. Nuclear is 9%., Renewalbe is 12%
- Americans will work 26 hrs/week.(from 1968—Nope.We work an average of 35 hr/week. Down from 37 in 1968.

2020 Norge Ski Jump

Jan. 25-26, 2020

Fox River Grove IL

As in previous years, the Chicago Torske Klub is invited to attend the International Ski Jump. Any details of discounts or entry badges should be available at the luncheon. Also check:

<http://www.norgeskiclub.com/>

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January Birthdays and News

This month we celebrate the birthdays of January and the New Year: Ralph Gilbertsen, Gregg LeDuc, Ron Hpoee Jr., Dan Betz, Rich Weilock, Tom Maxson, Jon Knudsen. Norman Roland, Howard Skoien, Rick Nelson, Larry Ekstrom and Gary Skoien. Skål!

Thanks to all for your dues. Membership cards are enclosed.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of our good friend and member Ed Grendahl in December. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.