



Father/Son/Daughter Day with Peter Wilt

The March 14th luncheon is our annual Father/Son/Daughter Day. As in many March meetings, our program has a sports theme, with a presentation by veteran American soccer executive Peter Wilt.

His presentation will be on the history of professional soccer in Chicago covering more than 50 years of the sport predating the Chicago Sting through today's Chicago Fire and Chicago Red Stars. Wilt will talk about the men's and women's World Cup matches played in Chicago, the four pro soccer teams he personally ran in Chicago and the players, coaches and owners who helped grow the game in the city. He'll also highlight some of the great Norwegian players who have made their mark in Europe and one who played professionally right here in Chicago.

Peter Wilt has launched more professional soccer teams than anyone else.



Among his seven start-ups are the Chicago Fire Major League Soccer team and the Chicago Red Stars professional women's soccer team.

He has earned record business growth as well as six championship rings for teams in four professional American soccer leagues. Peter is a member of four Halls of Fame including the Illinois Soccer Hall of Fame and the Chicago Fire's Ring of Fire.

Kurt Gustafson is our scheduled Torskemaster.

Ladies Day

Many thanks to all who presented and attended the Ladies Day celebration: author Greg Borzo, Normennenes Singing Society, and Hardanger fiddler Kaere Vidar.

Torske Klub Luncheon - March 13, 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 Mar 9 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.

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 choosing **BEEF** or **FISH**. The same information is required when you reserve for other members or as a non-member. 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 guests 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 March and excluding ladies day in February.

Luncheon Reservation Phone: ☎(847)886-4841

Father/Son/Daughter Day

About 40 years ago, the Torske Klub established a father and son day to set aside that day to celebrate our members fathers and sons. Spouses and significant others has their ladies day. So our daughter's asked "What about us?" and thus we appropriately added them to the father/son day.

Fathers, sons and daughters of any age are invited

Meal Choices: Fresh Cod or Beef



Job Posting: Treasurer

Last month, the Chicago Torske Klub announced the retirement of Ken Nordan and the opening for a new treasurer last month. Ken and wife Julie have purchased a home in Arizona and will be transitioning there over the next months. As such, we are re-emphasizing the request for one of our 100+ members to step up and volunteer as treasurer. We don't ask much of our members, in fact, one of the benefits is to 'just come and enjoy'. That said, a few of us need to plan and participate and work a bit to make the luncheon a success. Most of those folks are listed at the bottom right of this page. It may discourage you that most of the board have been doing this for so long, but in fact, the effort is relatively minor and we have enjoyed it.

To that point, a treasurer does not mean a long term commitment by you. We have asked most officers to do the job for one Torske season (9 luncheons) and step down if they wish. Most have not. You may think you are committed to be at every luncheon; in fact, we step in and substitute for each other frequently as other commitments arise. As treasurer, you will be appointed to the board of directors, which is a one or two meetings per year. A financial background is not required. We are not chartered or incorporated; just a bunch of guys getting together for dinner. Our bank balance has been stable for decades. The treasurer duties typically include:

- Before the dinner, check if you have some cash for change.
- Sit at the entry table from about 11:45am-1pm to receive payments and make change; the secretary handles reservations and checks in people.
- Write a check for the dinner, the incidentals (secretary mailing, raffle prizes) at the dinner.
- Make a deposit into the checking account after the dinner
- Optionally, receive the yearly dues to your address and add to the monthly deposit. This could be apportioned to another member if needed.
- Report on financials to the board at meeting: you don't need to be a CPA, this is essentially the checking account register.

Benefit: Your monthly dinner is paid, and you usually have drinks purchased for you by others. The money box is provided. Any costs are paid by the Torske Klub.

Call the boss, if you are interested, or talk to another board member.



Our thanks to Ken and Julie Nordan as they enter a new phase of their lives. Tusen takk, Ken, for the years of service as treasurer.

March Birthdays and News

This month we celebrate the birthdays of March: Ray Syverson, Rdney Lee, Eric Skoien, newly minted octogenarian Hugo Lanesskog, Roald Harr, and David Bensen Sr. Skål with an Irish Whiskey!

We were saddened to hear of the death of the wife of our late board member Rusty Elmer and sister in law of Rick Elmer. Karen Elmer passed away two years after Rusty. A memorial service was held on Feb. 29.

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