



Logan Square Neighborhood of Chicago on Sweater Day

This new year kicks off with our sweater day. Our podium this month features Andrew Schneider of the Logan Square Preservation Group discussing the new book about Logan Square. This neighborhood was a landing point for Norwegian immigrants 100 years ago, including notables such as Knute Rockne. In fact, Logan Square was the origin of our own Chicago Torske Klub in the elegant site of the Norske Klubben at Kedzie and Fullerton.



The Illinois Centennial Monument anchors Logan Square

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The Norwegian Memorial Church—Minnekirken

The reservation line is open. Bring a friend, and wear your favorite sweater for a group photo.

December Luncheon

Our December Christmas luncheon was a celebration of the season, once again led in music and prose by our good board member Pastor David Langseth and accompanied by Kathleen West on the piano and our waitress Gail on vocals. A smoked salmon was served in memory of Ron Bentsen, with thanks to Stu Bentley and Chris Betz for the memorial. *Tusen takk* to all for a great day.

Torske Klub Luncheon - January 8, 2022—Reserve today!

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 Sunday January 2** 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. There is \$5 surcharge for late reservations.

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: **38, 51, 55, 84, 97, 98, 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 2021/2022 season, excluding father/son/daughter day in April and excluding ladies day in February.

Reservation Line: 847-886-4841

Birthdays for January include Ralph Gilbertsen, Gregg LeDuc, Daniel Betz, Tom Maxson, Jon Knudsen, Norman Roland, Rick Nelson, our good board member Larry Ekstrom, and Gary Skoien, Happy birthday, happy new year and skål !

We enclose the coveted membership card in this letter for all who have paid yearly dues. If we have not received your dues, we sent a final reminder. One note about this: we have three people involved in this dues collection, two secretaries and our treasurer. Passing around records is error prone, so be patient with us if we mis-record your dues.

Norge Ski Jump Invitation

One of highlights of January has been the annual Norge Ski Jump at the end of January. This year the 117th Norge Annual Winter Ski Jump Tournament will be held on January 29 – 30, 2022 from noon to 4pm with gates open at 11am. Admission at the gate is \$15.



NORGE SKI CLUB

Norway will be sending a Team to compete at Norge this year! Also, this is an Olympic Year, and Norge has 2 athletes that have a "really good shot" at making the Olympic Team....AGAIN! Casey Larson and Kevin Bichner! The

Olympic Trials for Ski Jumping were held on Christmas Eve and Day 2021 in Lake Placid NY.



As in years before, the Chicago Torske Klub is invited to the VIP section of the meet, enabling the view from the warmth of the clubhouse and with food and drink. This is a fundraiser for this unique view of the ski jumping and the donation is \$100 to reserve an entry button. Only 100 buttons will be sold and the offer expires January 7, 2022. That button is REQUIRED for entry to the VIP section. You all received an email with this offer and details, but if you need clarification or another copy, contact secretary@torskeklub.com and we'll send details again.

The World's Largest Sovereign Fund

Many still think of the oil rich middle east or Asia as the source of the world's largest sovereign fund. It is true that UAE (\$649B) and Saudi Arabia (\$430B) and Kuwait(\$693B) have substantial wealth. In Asia, Singapore (totaling \$1.0T) and China (\$1.2T) have invested wisely and grown.

But these are dwarfed by Norway's Government Pension Fund (In Norwegian: *Statens pensjonsfond Utland*, SPU) at over \$1.4 Trillion. It is invested in over 9,000 companies, including being one of the largest shareholders of Apple. In December 2021, it was worth about \$250,000 per Norwegian citizen.

Having wealth has challenges. How much to draw from this and when? Exposure to risk, estimated at 65% of investment. Investment by ethical guidelines: human rights, tobacco, and a move toward green energy. The paradox remains, as a fund derived from oil, moves away from investment in oil, coal and other fossil fuels.

Future 2022 Events

- Jan. 8—Logan Square on Sweater Day
- Feb. 12.—Ladies Day—Honorary Consul Gen. Susan Meyer
- Mar.12- Father, Son Daughter Day
- Apr. 9— Luncheon
- May 14— 62nd Anniversary Luncheon

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