



February is Ladies Day - "Women on the Prairie"

The annual ladies day luncheon opens the door to anyone that wants to attend our torsk Luncheon. Friends, family, neighbors, and other organizations have been invited. Fish or beef are options.

Our program highlights "Women on the Prairie". Our early Norwegian pioneers were brave, heroic and influential. The stories of the female pioneers have often been obscured by history. Join us to hear about the influence of women on the development of one of the largest Norwegian settlements in the Midwest from Dana Kelly and Connie



Karen Gyland was an immigrant to the Koshkonong Prairie. Here she is shown spinning about 1918.—From "Norwegian Textile Letter" V4, No.1 Nov.1997

Weimer. Dana Kelly currently serves as Executive Director of the Norwegian American Genealogical Center & Naeseth Library in Madison WI. Constance (Connie) Lounds Weimer is a retired AT&T executive. Both are on the Board of Directors of the Koshkonong Prairie Historical Society in addition to their work on a dozen other organizations.

Fred Glure is scheduled to be the Torskemaster.

Table of 8 Rule in Effect

Due to the number of people expected, we will once again ask you to form a table of 8 if you wish to sit together. Send a representative to reserve your table before NOON, No single table reservations will be allowed before then.

Thanks !

January Luncheon in Antarctica

Our first luncheon of 2023 was well attended and our torskemaster Tom Maxson kept a good control of the ship while Gary Skoien reviewed his amazing trip to Antarctica. Thanks to all that made this day enjoyable!

Torske Klub Luncheon - February 11, 2023—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 Feb. 5** 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. **Please indicate Fish or Beef for each**

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~~, 58, 97, 98, 120, 124, 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 2022/2023 season, excluding December, father/son/daughter day in March and **excluding ladies day in February**.

Reservation Line: 847-886-4841

Reminders:

- 1) The price of our meal remains at \$35.
- 2) Checks may be made out to "Chicago Torske Klub" once again.

On January 5, 2023, an event was held at the Drake Hotel in Oakbrook that celebrated Christmas and New Year by the Norwegian American Chamber of Commerce—Midwest Region Chicago, NACC-Chicago. At this event, our good member **Don Hoganson** was recognized with the Distinguished Norwegian Service Award by that organization, and additionally recognized by Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum for his contributions. Many of our members were in attendance and are members of NACC.



Don Hoganson receives his Distinguished Norwegian Service Award from NACC Presidents— current and past

L-R: Current President, Bjorn Rektorli, Dr. Charles Peterson, past Hon. Norwegian Consul Paul Anderson, Don Hoganson, Kari Johnson Donahue, current Hon. Norwegian Consul Susan Meyer, Myrna Petersen, and Mette Bowen. Photo by Arthur Anderson

The purposes of the NACC Chicago chapter are to promote trade and goodwill and to foster business, financial and professional interests between Norway and the United States of America, to advance the common purposes of its members and to facilitate contacts among its members.

NACC has a long history in the US. The Chicago Chapter of NACC was first formed in October, 1959, but was officially incorporated on December 18, 1992. It is one of 8 regional chap-

ters in the United States, along with founder NACC-New York. Together the chambers form a nationwide Norwegian American business network that has served as a forum for Norwegian American business people for over 100 years. The Norwegian American Chamber of Commerce was founded in New York on September 13th, 1915.

Membership is open to interested individuals and corporate membership offers additional benefits. Young Professional and Student discounts are available. See <https://naccchicago.org>.

NACC offers business and social events approximately monthly, some in person, some online. Last year blended events with the Swedish American CC and others. They additionally sponsored Norway trips in past decades, many arranged by Don Hoganson.

NACC members have been invited to our February luncheon; an additional opportunity to meet and greet.

Member Birthdays

This month we recognize the February birthdays of these members: master knife maker Perry Straw, our good Recording Secretary Tom Peterson, Neil Andersen, Thor Johdahl, Fred Durler, our second oldest member Cedric Syrdahl, our good program chairman Dr. Ray Newgard, Phil Waters and David Svendsen.

Gratulerer med dagen og Skål !

Future Events

Feb. 11—Ladies Day/Koshkonong

Mar. 11— Father/Son/Daughter Day

Apr. 8—Civilian Conservation Corps

May 6 (not 13!) - Luncheon Date change so to not coincide with May 17 events

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