

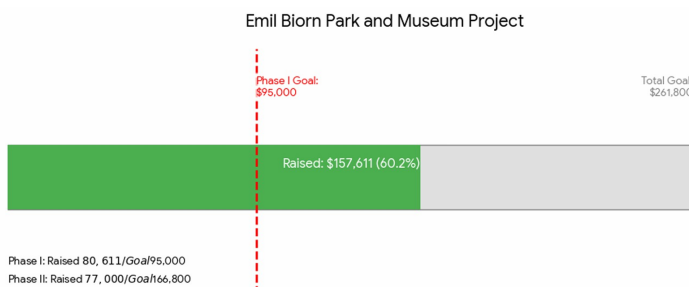


Please join us Saturday, December 13 when Tom and Lynn Maxson lead us in traditional Norwegian Christmas Carols accompanied by Christi Verity on the piano. After Tom has his tongue loosened up over a shot of Line Aquavit maybe someone can get him to tell us about his experience [decorating the Norwegian Christmas tree at the Museum of Science and Industry](#). Anonymous sources have described Tom's ability at balancing on the top step of a ladder while decorating a Christmas tree is akin to watching a performance of Cirque du Soleil



Tom and Lynn Maxson during NBC 5 Christmas interview at the Museum of Science and Industry 2019

At our November meeting Andrew Schneider gave a positive progress report of the Emil Biorn Park and Museum Project. With the assistance of volunteers the lot was cleared of overburden in preparation for landscaping. The new roof to the building structure was donated by a neighborhood roofer. As shown by the chart Andrew has surpassed his fundraising goal for Phase I of the project. However, some of the tasks for phase I have yet to be completed. He would like to begin the expensive task of installing the necessary infrastructure of water and sewer lines before performing any other work. If you would like to be a part of this worthwhile endeavor send an email to: [ebp@lspchi.org](mailto:ebp@lspchi.org) to volunteer your time or your discretionary dollars.



## Torske Klub Luncheon - Dec 13, 2025—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 Sunday evening before 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 a \$5 surcharge for late reservations.

Call **\*\*NOTE THE CHANGE\*\* (630-336-6723)** 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, 98, 102, 120, 124, 149, 170A**. 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 [larsonko54@gmail.com](mailto:larsonko54@gmail.com) 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 2025/2026 season, excluding Ladies day in February and Father/Son/Daughter day

**Reservation Line: \*\*NOTE THE CHANGE\*\* 630-336-6723**

Reserve  
before Midnight  
Sunday  
Dec 7



## In Memoriam



### Rose Marie Betz

June 27, 1932 - September 17, 2025

*Editor's note: Just as the November news-letter was dropped in the mail I received this notification from Ken Larson.*

Our deepest sympathies are extended to the Ronald Betz family. This has had an impact on our club this Fall because three members of our club were affected by this loss. Rose Marie Betz was the loving wife of Ron Betz, mother to Christopher Betz and grandmother to our youngest member of the club, Daniel Betz. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Betz family and we hope to see them at the next meeting.



### \*\*\*Notice\*\*\*

When paying for your 2026 dues make your check out to **Ken Larson** until the board installs a new treasurer.

## A Note from the Boss

### I yust go nuts at Christmas

Poem by Yogi Yorgesson



On the night before Christmas  
It's still in the house  
My family is sleeping  
So I'm quiet like a mouse

I look at my watch and midnight is near  
I think I'll sneak off for a cold glass of beer  
Down at the corner, the crowd is so merry  
I end up by drinking about 12 Tom & Yerry

I get to bed late and gee whiz how I'm sleeping  
When on to my bed those darn kids they come leaping  
They sit on my face and they yump on my belly  
And I'm quivering all over like a bowl full of yelly

They scream Merry Christmas, and my poor wife and me  
We stumble downstairs and she lights up the tree  
My head is exploding, my mouth tastes like a pickle  
I step on a skate and fall on a tricycle

Yust before Christmas dinner, I relax to a point  
Then relatives start swarming all over the yoint  
On Christmas, I hug and I kiss my wife's mother  
The rest of the year we don't speak to each other

After dinner, my Aunt and my wife's Uncle Louie  
Get into an argument; they're both awful screwy  
Then all my wife's family say Louie is right  
And my goofy relations, they yoin in the fight

Back in the corner, the radio is playing  
And over the racket Gabriel Heater is saying  
"Peace on earth everybody and good will toward men"  
And yust at that moment, someone slugs Uncle Ben

They all run outside whooping so the neighbors will hear  
Oh, I'm so glad Merry Christmas comes yust once a year

Oh, I yust go nuts at Christmas  
But I still have lots of fun  
Yust the same as you, I enjoy it too  
Merry Christmas, everyone



## Calendar

### Future 2025-2026 Events

#### Dec 13 Christmas Program

#### Jan 10 \*\*Sweater Day\*\*

A ride on the Rio  
Grande Zephyr

Fred Glure

#### Feb 14 Ladies Day

Jamaican Heritage  
and Reggae Museum

Olivene Malcolm



This month we recognize the birthdays of the following members who have contributed their dues money toward the purchase of the Line Aquavit we enjoy so much at our monthly gatherings.

Thank you for keeping our tradition alive.

Harold Bendicsen  
Daniel Betz  
Garry Grube  
Milton Gustafson  
Dave Hall  
Michael Mogil

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