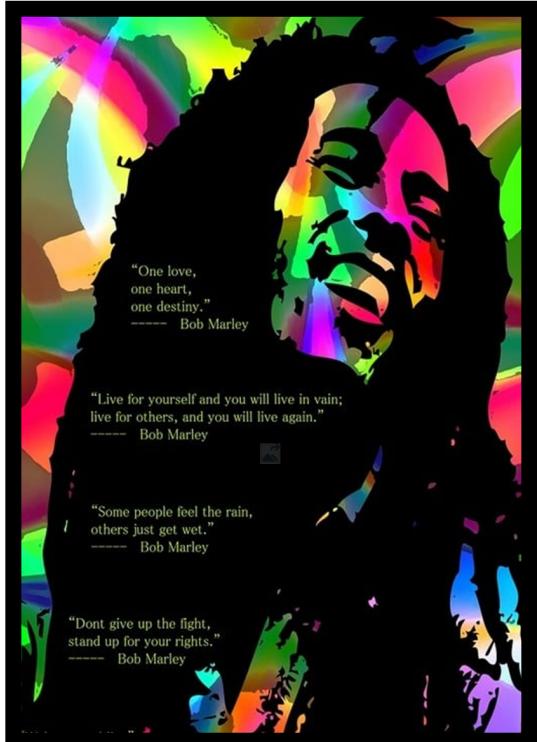




February 14th is Ladies Day



Bob Marley Poster—Public domain illustration, PICRYL.

Valentine's Day is just around the corner, and February is the month when we acknowledge the ladies in our lives. So bring that important person—young or young at heart—to learn something interesting about Jamaica and its culture.

Jamaica has made an outsized impact on the world, especially through its music, film, and sporting excellence. The island is the birthplace of reggae, ska, and dancehall—genres that reshaped global music and inspired movements for peace, resistance, and cultural pride, led by icons like Bob Marley, Peter Tosh, and Jimmy Cliff. In sports, Jamaica has become synonymous with sprinting dominance, producing legends such as Usain Bolt and Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce, whose world-record performances have elevated global track and field. Jamaican influence also extends to cinema, with films such as *The Harder They Come*, *Rockers*, *Dancehall Queen*, and the *Disney film Cool Runnings* bringing the island's rhythms, struggles, and spirit to international audiences.

We will have as our special guest and speaker Judy Malcolm, Executive Director of the [Jamaican Heritage and Reggae Museum](#), who will discuss Bob Marley and the Jamaican museum. She has special insight into reggae music and its influence on the music world, especially since she is the cousin of the late Bob Marley.



Torske Klub Luncheon - Feb 14, 2026—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 secretary@torskeklub.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 in March.

Reserve
before Midnight
Sunday
Feb 8



Group picture taken on Sweater Day, January 10, 2025 at the Des Plaines Elks Lodge.

Future 2026 Events

- Feb 14 Ladies Day**
Jamaican Heritage
and Reggae Museum
Olivene Malcolm
- Mar 14 Father/Son/Daughter Day** — Normennenes
- Apr 11 TBD**
- May 9 TBD**
- May 17 Syttende Mai Parade**



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.

Fred Durler,
Thor Johdahl,
Dr. Ray Newgard,
(our oldest member),
Perry Straw,
Cedric Syrdahl,
(our second oldest member),
and Phil Waters

Gratulerer med dagen og Skål !

Table of 8/10 Rule in Effect

Due to the number of people expected for Ladies Day we will once again ask you to form a table of 8 or 10 if you wish to sit together. Send a representative to reserve your table before NOON. The first to announce a table of 8 or 10 at check-in gets first pick of the tables. No single table reservations will be allowed before then.

A Note from the Boss

Gentlemen

Apparently the Linie Aquavit shortage has taken an international turn. The Hon. Consul General Susan Meyer announced to NorCham that the shortage reached the Madison Torske Klub and they asked her to inquire. Apparently Linie is in the process of repackaging their product from 750 ml to 700 ml bottles and it interrupted the supply chain. Binnys should be stocked soon.

Ken Larson
Boss



Meet our new Treasurer Bruce Carlson



Bruce Carlson stepped forward last month to fill the post left vacant by our past Recording Secretary and Treasurer, Tom Peterson. Bruce's first step as treasurer is to encourage everyone who can to use Zelle for paying for dues and meals.

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