



White Sox Executive to Speak at Torske Klub

The Torske Klub is pleased to welcome Larry Monroe, Vice President of Player Operations for the 2005 World Champion Chicago White Sox. He brings 30 years of experience with the White Sox organization as player, scout, minor-league instructor and coach. He is also the author of the book "Best-Kept Secrets of Major League Pitching", published by Coaches Choice.



Larry Monroe

He was the White Sox No. 1 selection in the June 1974 free agent draft and made his major-league debut with the White Sox on August 23, 1976 in Detroit, where he pitched two scoreless, hitless innings. Our thanks to our good member Marv Meyer for assisting with arranging Larry as our speaker.

Make your reservations early for this event. And bring a guest or two!

Community News

The Chicago Friends of Vesterheim will host Vesterheim's (The Norwegian-American Museum) Market Day and Luncheon Saturday, March 17th at the Park Ridge Country Club in Park Ridge, IL. Mark the date now on your calendar. **SAVE THE DATE!**

Last Month ...

The Torske Klub welcomed Rev. Henry Soles, a Minister from the Wheaton/Hinsdale area; and chaplain for the Chicago Bulls, White Sox and Bears. We were entertained to stories of his ministry and his stories of these sports team associations. Thanks to Don Hogansen for arranging this and to Ken Nordan for filling in as secretary this month.

Birthdays

This month, we honor the birthdays of November. Vern Bengtson, Jorgen Laursen, Gary Ruud, Robert Olberg, Richard Fredrickson, and Ronald Betz.

Next Month ...

Our program chairman, Ray Newgard, has announced the following programs.

December 9, 2006 – "Sing-Sing-Sing" – a musical program by the Western Lights Chorus of Sweet Adelines International.; under the direction of Bonnie Fedyski. Thanks to Einar Cannelin & Rob Alsaker for arranging this program.



Our monthly dinner meeting will be held on the second Saturday of November; November 11, 2006 at the Des Plaines Elks Club, 495 Lee Street, Des Plaines, IL (847-824-1556). Cock-tail hour begins at noon; dinner starts promptly at 1:00 P.M. when, according to our tradition, our BOSS, Robert Alsaker, rings the bell to seat us for dinner.

Reservations due by:

**Tuesday, Nov 7
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Call 630-443-6839 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. It will ring 4 times before answering.

We have reservations from the following members: 3, 13C, 22, 47, 51, 55, 73C, 85, 98, 114, 115, 126, 141. Board members note that they have a reservation automatically and must call cancellations.

We are reactivating the email reservations if you choose. Please send to secretary@torskeklub.org with your number of reservations, including 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 2006/2007 season, excluding father/son/daughter in March and ladies day in May.

Dinner Reservation Phone: ☎ (630) 443 6839

The True Origins of Thanksgiving

Most of us have grown up with the stories of the origins of Thanksgiving. According to American tradition, the first dinner was held at the Plymouth Massachusetts settlement by the pilgrims. This is a true story, of course, and harvest festival was held in 1621 with the Wampanong native American people, who were a primary source of foods for the winter of 1620 for the struggling colony. However, that feast was a three day celebration of their survival and not looked on as a thanksgiving feast at the time, but a celebration of survival. The colony would not have a thanksgiving observance until 1623, but that was more of a religious observance than a feast.

The origins of Thanksgiving was already well established in some parts of Europe, including England, as a harvest festival tradition of thanking God for a years harvest by lighting bonfires, dancing and eating to be fit for the upcoming winter. Actually, the first known such feast in America was celebrated by Francisco Vásquez de Coronado and the native people he called "Tejas" on May 23, 1541 in what is now Texas.

There may be a few of us in the Torske Klub who remember that it was President F. D. Roosevelt who declared in 1939 that Thanksgiving would be the Thursday before the last Thursday in November. His motivations were prophetic, since he believed it would give merchants a longer period to sell goods for Christmas.

Nostalgia - Chicago Syttende Mai Parade - circa 1964

In 1964, the Norwegian colony in Chicago held the annual Syttende Mai parade along North Avenue in Chicago, as it had for many years. During that parade, Orville Larson took a 2-minute home movie of that event. That movie is available for viewing from our website at www.torskeklub.org.

You may need to set up your computer to play the Windows Movie file (.wmv). The file is about 5 MByte and may take a few minutes to download, especially on slower connections.

*Per Ohrstrom by the Ferry
at Norddalsfjorden in
Norway*

- September 2006



Member News

We wish a healthy recovery to Bob Jaeger, who was recently hospitalized and now home.

Our condolences to Dr. Marshall Pedersen, whose mother Ellen passed away in October.

2007 Dues

Thanks for all those members who have submitted their dues for next year along with any corrections to the membership info.

We have about 60% of our 133 members renewed already. Membership cards will sent after the first of the year.

Please submit dues before end of December by mail to the secretary or at the meeting.

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