



April Luncheon: Roald Amundsen—Polar Explorer

Our April Luncheon will feature a presentation by Jon Satrum. Some of you may recall that Jon presented to us last year on Norwegians in Hawaii. Jon is of Norwegian descent and belongs to multiple genealogy, historical, and Norwegian heritage organizations in the U.S. and Norway. He has written dozens of articles.



Roald Amundsen traveled on this ship, the *Fram*, in 1910-1912 during his quest to discover the South Pole. The *Fram* is now kept in Oslo. —photo by K.Larson

This month, he will discuss Amundsen’s polar exploration and polar explorers who influenced Amundsen including Otto Sverdrup and Fridtjof Nansen, a bit about Amundsen’s life, and talk briefly about his strategies, major accomplishments and events. He’ll discuss the ships he explored on: The *Belgica*, the *Fram*, the *Gjøa*, the *Maud*, and the air-ship *Norge*.



Roald Amundsen— photo by Wikipedia.org

Make your reservations early, and as always, guests are welcome and encouraged.

March Saw Father, Son, Daughter Day

We were pleased to welcome Garrett Wolfe to our luncheon for fathers, sons and daughters. Mr. Wolfe is a notable football player this last decade, playing for the Chicago Bears and Northern Illinois University, among others. We saw a good turnout for the day and Mr. Wolfe mastered the audience. Thanks to all for a good day. By the way, we got a note from our lefse supplier the Monday after...they forgot to mail it. We are assured by them that April will not be missed.

Torske Klub Luncheon - April 13, 2013

The next 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 April 8, 2013. ALL MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS ARE REQUIRED TO MAKE A RESERVATION FOR DINNER. Timely reservations insure that fish and a table space can be reserved for you. The fish order is called in after the deadline.



Call **312-233-2887** at any time day or night to leave a reservation. If there is voicemail difficulties, call Garry at 312-497-6407. 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 : **3, 13C, 38, 40, 47, 51, 55, 84, 98, 114, 115, 120, 149**. Board members note that they have a reservation automatically and must call or prearrange to cancel. 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 2012/2013 season, excluding father/son/ daughter day in March and excluding ladies day in February.

Luncheon Reservation Phone: ☎(312) 233-2887

Per Lysne's Legacy

If you haven't made the pilgrimage to the Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum, it is worth the time. Kathy and I finally allocated a couple days last week and made the trip. The terrain around Decorah, Iowa looks more like the hill and valley terrain of southern Norway, than what one would expect from Iowa. No wonder the Norsk immigrants found that as home. After a delightful stay at the Hotel Winneshiek down the street, we spent a few hours traversing the memories and discoveries of our ancestral history.



One section lured me: the Per Lysne folk art; highlighting his rosemaling. I grew up with Per Lysne, in a sense. His painted plate always had a place of honor in our house for all my memory. He was a neighbor of my grandmother and great aunt on Main Street in Stoughton, Wisconsin; painting plates and furniture until his death in the 1940s, after a career as a wagon painter. My mother had purchased one at the time. It was one of those simple artifacts whose simple symmetry and design of his own childhood memory influenced a new generation of rose painting. I bet he would be surprised at the influence he had.

- Ken Larson



Birthdays & News for April

We honor the birthdays of our members born in April:

Per Rykhus, Peter Nielsen, Jim Severson, Richard Elmer, Richard Fjeldheim, Wollert Ellertson, Carl Graf Jr., David Hardy, Doug Conte, Richard Nelson Jr., Tore Bakk-Hansen, Frederick Olk, and a nod to Morten Solum, who is in Norway these days. Skol to you all gentlemen. Have a great day.

We received a new member in March, Eric Grendahl of Arlington Heights. Please welcome him at our next luncheon.

We also want to extend our prayers and condolences to our boss emeritus, Robert Alsaker and his wife Evy who lost her mother, Magna Utne, on March 22 in Fredrikstad, Norway. Memorial services are being scheduled in Norway.

We also extend prayers and condolences to our Recording Secretary Garry Grube and his wife Miriam, who lost her mother, Harriett Blazowski on March 23. Services were later in that week.

Last Reminder

April 6, 2013 is the annual Friends of Vesterheim Luncheon at the Park Ridge Country Club. You should have already contacted Stephanie Johnson at snjohnson@vesterheim.org, or 563-382-9681 for reservations

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Also seen in Vesterheim...does anyone else recall where this light fixture hung before finding its way to Decorah? These were the fixtures at the old Norsk Club in Chicago on Fullerton Ave where the Torske Klub dined for its 1st 20 years.

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