



## Get the Latest Buzz at Our October Luncheon



Urban Beekeeping in Chicago—photo by [Chicago Beekeeping Meetup Group](#)

If you check out our Torske Klub website, you'll note that beekeeper Harry Patterson provided us with a talk about beekeeping in November 2009. It influenced one of our own members, our recording secretary, Garry Grube. He took it to heart and is now the Director for the Illinois Queen Initiative. Visit [www.illinoisqueeninitiative.com](http://www.illinoisqueeninitiative.com) for queen rearing workshops in Chicago. He has hives located in Chicago's Old Town, Albany Park, Pacific Garden Mission and on his family farm in north central Illinois. Gary is our honored speaker for October.



Our torsksmaster will be the ever popular Thor Fjell. Reserve early and join us for what should be a sweet day.

## September Meeting Well Attended for Aquavit

Mr. Mike McCarron of Gamle Ode joined us to kick off the 2014/15 season with a taste of the north as packaged in Minnesota. If you enjoyed the product as much as I did, see his website at <http://www.gamleode.com> or stop by a Binny's for Dill (good with gravlax, I suspect), Holiday (spiced) or Celebration (traditional) Aquavit. We had a sample of each as we chose to, and a few had to try multiple samples to evaluate successfully. Thanks to Thor Jondahl for kicking off as torsksmaster. As grandma Larson used to say, "a good time was had by all". - K.Larson

### **Torske Klub Luncheon - October 11, 2014**

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 October 6, 2014. 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. \$5 surcharge for late reservations

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, 38, 40, 42A, 47, 51, 55, 84, 97, 98, 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](mailto: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 2014/2015 season, excluding father/son/daughter day in March and excluding ladies day in February.

**Reservations  
by  
October 6**

**Luncheon Reservation Phone: ☎(312) 233-2887**

## Some Torske Klub Business...

October represents the initiation of our annual request for dues. Our dues remain a nominal \$40 per year to cover the costs of your birthday toast of aquavit every month, secretarial costs such as this letter, and the miscellaneous costs, such as those relating to obtaining speakers. The board reviews our costs and sets our dues, which ensures membership from January 1st to December 31st each year.

Enclosed in the letter is a slip of paper with the information we have. If it is not correct, please mark up any corrections or omissions needed. Essential is a valid mailing address, and Month of your birth for our monthly recognition. Phone numbers and other info is usually optional, but useful in case we need to contact you for some reason.

Deadline is 12/31/14 for dues, but early remission is encouraged. Please mail in return envelope or drop it off at the table at dinner. Thanks for your continued membership.

## Member Birthdays and News

This month we celebrate the birthdays of the October:

Our member from Tromsø, Ole Birkelund, Peter Hastings, Eivind Torske, Kaare Nevdal, Walter Lorentsen, Thorkil Winther, and board members Sam Smith & Tom Field.

We send belated greetings to the Coach, Chuck Enge as he recovers and rehabilitates from illness this summer.



[The Huffington Post listed Norway](#) as the #1 place to relax; beating Hawaii, Indonesia, UK, and all others.



Ken Larson, Ken Nordan and Lowell Olberg at Vasa— photo by Thor Fjell

We also look forward to hearing some news from the Boss, as he and Helen return from travel to Norway and Europe.

Many of us enjoyed a gorgeous day in Vasa Park in South Elgin last month as the annual Scandinavian Day event was held. Thanks to Lowell Olberg, Ken Nordan and Ken Larson for manning the info table and greeting potential members.

We have a note that Andrew and Cynthia Nelson posted photos of the Scandinavian Day Vasa Park event for those interested parties at:

<http://nelsonphotoworks.smugmug.com/Gallery/Landscapes/35th-Annual-Scandinavian-Day/> for view or purchase.

## Future Events

October 12, 2014— The Norwegian National League sponsors the annual Leif Erikson Day Celebration laying a wreath at the Leif Erikson statue in Humboldt park to commemorate the discovery of North America. This takes place this year at 1pm.

October 9—23, 2014—50th Chicago International Film Festival, including films from Norway. See the website for details at <http://www.chicagofilmfestival.com/festival/2014-schedule/films>

November 8, 2014—Regular November Torske Klub Luncheon with our scheduled guest, Lodve Solholm, the Fylkesmann (Governor) of Møre og Romsdal in Norway. He was host to many of us who visited Ålesund in 2007 and a frequent guest and honorary member of the Chicago Torske Klub.

December 13, 2014— Scheduled Luncheon—Christmas celebration

January 10, 2015— Scheduled Luncheon

February 14, 2015— Scheduled Luncheon— Ladies Day

March 14, 2015—Scheduled Luncheon— Father, Son, Daughter day

April 11, 2015—Scheduled Luncheon

May 9, 2015—Scheduled Luncheon

Check for updates on our website  
<http://www.torskeklub.org>

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