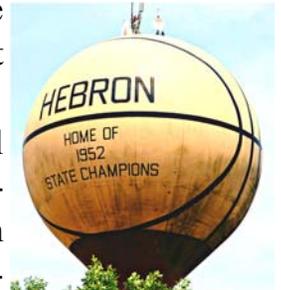




Basketball Memories in April

We are pleased to welcome Mr. Phil Judson to our speaker's podium in April. He was part of the 1952 Illinois State Basketball Championship team. Why is that unique? Read on.

Alden-Hebron High School is the smallest school to win the Illinois High School Boys Basketball Championship. In 1952, with a high school enrollment of 98 students out of a town population of 650, the boys team won the state title with an overtime victory over Quincy. At the time, all Illinois schools competed for a single championship, regardless of enrollment. The town's water tower is painted to look like a basketball in commemoration of the event.



For those in the area who had never heard of the Sweet Sixteen Tournament or didn't know the difference between a grapefruit and a basketball, little Hebron was put on the map by a high school basketball team that wore green and white and called themselves the Green Giants. On March 22, 1952 the Green Giants headed downstate to the University of Illinois at Urbana-
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Father, Son, Daughter Day with Flateyjarbok

Tusen Takk to speaker, Baard Titlestad, who spoke on his publishing and history of the first translation of the *Flateyjarbok*, a translation of the largest and most enigmatic saga manuscript created in Iceland. The day was well attended by fathers, sons and daughters, as we have traditionally done in March.

Thanks to our competent torskemaster, Ken Nordan. Thanks also to all the board members who pull this monthly meeting together every month. Ken Nordan as Treasurer, Rusty Elmer as his backup this day, Garry Grube for the reservations and check-in, Sam Smith as Raffle Chairman, Bob Frost for raffle tickets and aquavit pour, as well as his assistants for the day. Thanks to Thor Jondahl for the difficult task of collecting speakers. Thanks of course to Lowell Olberg, who mans the podium each month and all the members for your attendance, participation and fellowship.

Torske Klub Luncheon - April 9, 2016

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 April 4, 2016. ALL MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS ARE REQUIRED TO MAKE A RESERVATION FOR DINNER—this month indicating preference for Steak or Fish. 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 (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 2015/2016 season, excluding father/son/daughter day in March and excluding ladies day in February.

**Reservations
by
April 4**

Luncheon Reservation Phone: ☎(312) 233-2887

na-Champaign to play in the championship game against Quincy High School, which hailed from a town of 44,000 people. That day, Phil Judson, his twin brother Paul, Bill Schulz, Ken Spooner and the late Don Wilbrandt started to play against Quincy. The starting lineup was never relieved and played the entire game. On that day, Coach Ahearn's team edged Quincy 64-59 in overtime, bringing the state title, and the beginning of a legend, to the smallest school in the 45 years of the tournament. The victory was watched on television and listened to on radio by more than a million fans.

Please join us for this interesting topic. It is a good day to bring a guest for this interesting topic. The reservation line is open.

Norway in Netflix

Our boss, Lowell Olberg, made note last month of a couple of online shows that may be interesting to our members. The first is "Occupied" a 10 part fictional story about Russia occupying Norway because of Norway's plan to curb oil drilling. This occupation is bloodless but there is some terrorism on the part of Norwegian Citizens. The

second show is a 6 part series titled "The Heavy Water War" about the WWII Norwegian Resistance movement in Rjukan stopping the heavy water production. These are both in Norwegian with English subtitles, but easy to watch; both a quality modern production. A fee to Netflix is required to view.



Member Birthdays and News

This month we celebrate the birthdays of April, Peter Nielsen, Jim Severson, Richard Elmer, Richard Fjeldheim, Carl Graf, Jr., David Hardy, Doug Conte, Richard Nelson Jr., John Eisenmann, Rolf, Larson, Tore Bakk-Hansen and Fredrick Olk. Skal to all!

We received news last month of a birth to one of our members. Sgt. Dan Cord and his good wife Sheila are new parents of Theresa Jane, born February 19, 2016. 6 pounds and 20 inches long.

Dan is still stationed at Fort Bragg, NC. Congratulations to Dan, Sheila and Great Grandparent Stu Bentley.

Congratulations!



2016 Nordic Marketplace and Luncheon

The Chicago Area Friends of Vesterheim are pleased to invite you to the 2016 luncheon held at the Park Ridge Country Club, 636 N. Prospect, Park Ridge, IL.

Saturday April 23, 2016

Contact Stephanie Johnson at snjohnson@vesterheim.org or (563)382-9681 for info or to request an invitation. Cost is \$57.50 for Vesterheim members and \$75 for non-members. School age children under 12 are \$25.

Reservations by 4/18/16.

The Nordic Marketplace offers dozens of vendors, in addition to the luncheon.

Mark your calendar for this Torske Klub 2016 season:

April 9, 2016— Luncheon

May 14, 2015— Anniversary Luncheon

May 15, 2015— Syttende Mai Parade in Park Ridge

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

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