



Norsk Museum Highlights May Luncheon

We are pleased to welcome Mr. Dave Johnson as our speaker for May . He has been involved with the Norsk Museum for ten years and board president for the past six years. Three of Dave’s grandparents were 100% Norwegian, immigrating from 1847 to 1892, all settling in Norway, Illinois area. In 1967, Dave’s grandmother took a trip back to Norway, partly for genealogy reasons, tracing one line back to 1490’s. This is when Dave was hooked on genealogy, almost 50 years ago. His goal to see the Norsk Museum [former Hauge Lutheran Church] recognized for its historic value was finally realized in October 2015, by the Illinois Register of Historic Places. The next step was to be recognized on the National Register, because of the building’s connection to Cleng Peerson, the Sloopers, Rev. Elling Eielsen and Norway, Illinois [the first permanent Norwegian Settlement in America]. Dave continues to research the Sloopers and Norwegian immigration and has published a book titled “Norwegian Immigration to LaSalle County and beyond”. He also assisted with the publishing the collector’s edition of “The Sloopers” book, which came out in 2015. Dave receives calls and emails from throughout the country and Norway regarding questions about tracing their roots, our Norwegian forefathers and about visiting our museum. Norwegian history is his passion as well as sharing the story.



Dave Johnson

This is our Anniversary month and the last luncheon before the summer break. Be sure to join us. Bring a Friend.

April Basketball Memories

Tusen Takk to speaker in April, Phil Judson, who spoke on his the 1952 Basketball championship.. That moment in Illinois history was almost as exciting as the day with his video and the accompanying talk. 1953. A book on the subject can be ordered from Amazon from Scott Anderson, “Once There Were Giants: How Tiny Hebron Won the Illinois State Basketball Championship and the Hearts of Fans Forever”

Torske Klub Luncheon - May 14, 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 May 9, 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
May 9**

Luncheon Reservation Phone: ☎(312) 233-2887

Events for Syttende Mai

This time of the year is arguably busiest to those in the Chicago Norwegian American community. We are blessed with the opportunity to attend a number of dinners, musical events and of course the Norwegian Constitution Day parade. The best summary is usually in the Norwegian National League website at <http://www.nnleague.org> and the Norwegian Memorial Church (Minnekirken) at <http://www.minnekirken-chicago.org/>

A brief summary of the events:

- **Norwegian Constitution Day NACC Luncheon - Friday, May 13, 2016**—Hosted by the Norwegian American Chamber of Commerce, 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM, Metropolitan Club, Willis Tower, Chicago, IL. See <http://www.naccchicago.org>
- **Chicago Torske Klub Luncheon— Sat. May 14.** See page one.
- **NNL Celebration Banquet, Saturday May 14, 2016 - 6:00 PM** Park Ridge Country Club, 636 N Prospect, Park Ridge, IL. Call Carol Hoidahl at 847-358-1527 for information.
- **Parade - Sunday May 15, 2016 - Park Ridge, IL-** Pre-parade festivities in Hodges Park begin at 12:00 PM and include Entertainment by Kyle Elsbernd & Dave Kirkeby, activities for children, vendors, and refreshments. Note that the **Chicago Torske Klub** marches in this parade. All members and friends meet at Cumberland and Talcott Ave by 12:30pm to walk the mile, or contact us and a ride can be supplied. As in past years, you are invited to bring your family, children and grandchildren to walk with us. How many times do your children get to march in a parade?
- **Syttende Mai Celebration Concert - Tuesday, May 17, 2016**—At the Norwegian Lutheran Memorial Church, 7:30 PM, 2614 N. Kedzie Boulevard, Chicago IL. Free Will Offering. Refreshments served following concert. Information: 773-252-7335. See <http://www.minnekirken-chicago.org/>



Chicago Torske Klub on Parade in Park Ridge



Member Birthdays and News

This month we celebrate the birthdays of May, Nels Nelson, Jim Stoga, Per Loseth, Henry Hansen, Thor Fjell, Fred Gilbertsen, our good board member David Langseth, treasurer Ken Nordan, and our Assistant Boss Roger Elmer. Skål to all!

We'll catch up with the birthdays for June, July and August in September when we reconvene.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Perry Straw and his good wife Lorraine as she is dealing with illness.

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

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