



## November Luncheon- Livsreise

The November luncheon is scheduled for our usual 2nd Saturday of the month; November 8, 2019. Our scheduled speaker is Jerry Gryttenholm, from the Livsreise Heritage Center in Stoughton, WI.



Dane County WI and their Norwegian immigrants became tobacco farmers

Livsreise (pronounced lifs-rye-sa) means "Life's Journey" in Norwegian. Livsreise includes interpretations of the journey from Norway, features the cultural heritage brought to Stoughton and shares stories of individual immigrants. Also featured are changing exhibits and displays highlighting Norwegian heritage and arts organizations including the Vesterheim National Norwegian American Museum. Additionally, Livsreise is home to a genealogy center that operates in co-operation with Norwegian American Genealogi-



Karen (Fedjestad) Gyland (1863-1952) spinning wool (ca. 11918)

cal Center/Naeseth Library and a 68-seat auditorium.

Coincidentally, one of our Torske Klub officers' great grandparents are two of the featured immigrants. See if you can guess who that is.

Our scheduled Torskemaster is Jon Knutsen.

Sorry about the late letter this month. It was unavoidable. As always, the luncheon is 2nd Saturday of the month. You should have called your reservation in. If you didn't, please call now.

## A Magical October Luncheon

October featured a magic show by local magician William Pack. We haven't had a magician for awhile, and William was good. Thanks to all that attended and supported the luncheon and to Fred Olk as torskemaster.

### ***Torske Klub Luncheon - November 9, 2019***

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 Nov. 4 for the luncheon. Timely reservations insure that fish and a table space can be reserved for you. The fish order is called in after the deadline. We know the letter is late this month, but you know the routine guys...

Call **(847)886-4841** 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. We have reservations from the following members: **3, 38, 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 or add guest to the count. 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 2018/2019 season, excluding father/son/daughter day in April and excluding ladies day in February.

**Reservations  
Due Now!**



**Luncheon Reservation Phone: ☎(847)886-4841**

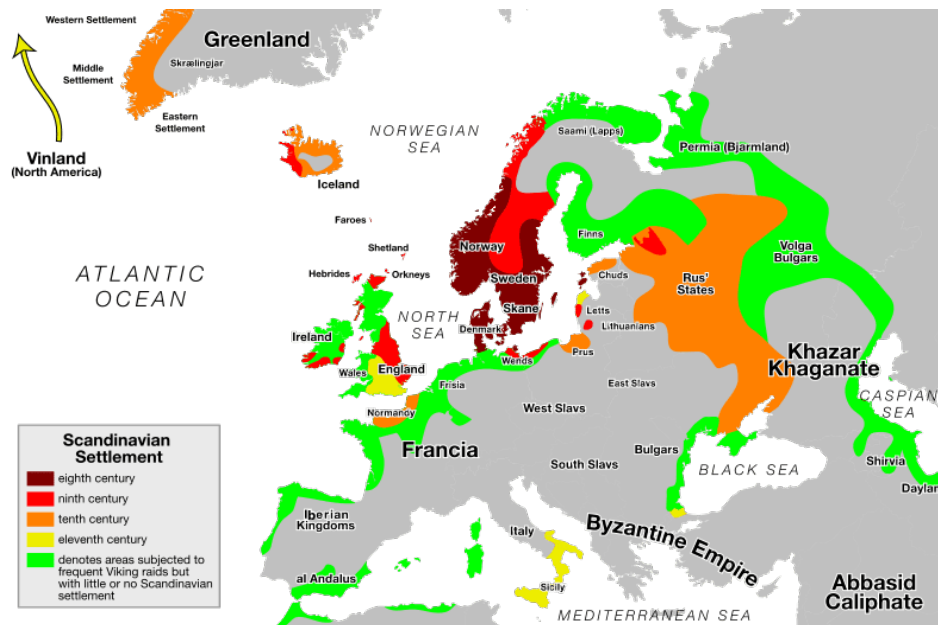
In the last 20 years as DNA analysis has matured, the borders and ethnic differences between countries have been illuminated. Many folks have claimed ancestry in one country or more as it was defined by their parents and grandparents. Many of us define ourselves as Norwegians, Swedes, Danes, Irish, Swiss, etc., but if the DNA test is taken, they report a blend of many other nationalities. Their immediate belief may be that something is wrong, but actually, the blend is more typical than not.

Scandinavian DNA is most commonly found in Norway, Sweden and Denmark, but it is also found in Great Britain, Ireland, Finland, France, Germany, Netherlands, Belgium, Baltic States (Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania). Conversely, Scandinavians may find these traits, as well as Portuguese, Sicilian, Polish and Ukrainian.

We tend to think of our ancestors as immutable, local home-bodies. Perhaps they were so in the last few hundred years but history shows many were not. Many were quite mobile. Certainly somebody in your family decided to come to America in the last 500 years to find better opportunity, and so did others

European	99.8%
Northwestern European	99.5%
Scandinavian	72.8%
British & Irish	9.8%
Finnish	2.0%
Broadly Northwestern European	14.9%
Broadly European	0.4%
South Asian	< 0.1%

Typical DNA Report



This map shows Viking settlements and travels over the centuries. Some settled, as they did in England, Ireland and with the Rus. Some "took" brides from the region, by conflict or treaty as in Portugal and Sicily - Public Domain Image from Max Naylor

1000 years ago. Look at the map at left if you think you are 100% Scandinavian and start to wonder if a great grandparent was fooling around with the neighbor. Likely they were not.

The DNA testing service itself will report the results differently and subjectively. When you think about it and look at the map to the left, they service may report some genes as British <or> Norwegian, if the British lineage has Norwegian descendants of the Viking settlers. You are either or both.

- Ken Larson

## November Birthdays and News

Known November birthdays include Jorgen Laursen, Bruce Carlson, Chuck "Coach" Enge, Robert Olberg, and Ronald Betz. Skål !

We would like to send a shout-out to Rich Wielock as he has been on the mend in the last months and unable to join us.

Welcome back to Fred Glure, who has been enjoying the autumn of Glenwood Springs CO. Welcome back to our treasurer, Ken Nordan, who has been enjoying the last couple months canoeing in Boundary Waters and woodcarving at Vesterheim.

Thanks for your dues, to those who have paid.

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