



Honoring Leif Erikson Day

The luncheon for October will celebrate the discovery of America. We are pleased to welcome Dr. Charles Peterson to our podium to discuss Leif Erikson on this month; timely as October 9 is Leif Erikson day.

Dr. Peterson received his BA in music from North Park College in 1973; his MA in communications from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 1980; and his PhD in Radio-Television-Film from Northwestern University in 1992. His dissertation was entitled *The Political Economy of Television in Sweden*. In 1988, Mr. Peterson became Academic Dean and Professor of International Mass Media at Danvik Folkehøgskole International Media Center in Drammen, Norway, where he served until 1993.



He returned to North Park University to become the Executive Director, Center for Scandinavian Studies and Professor of Communication Arts. Dr. Peterson also served as Dean of the College at North Park University, Chicago.

He is a frequent consultant on Scandinavian culture for corporations and individuals. He serves on the boards of several Scandinavian-American organizations including the Swedish Council of America, the Finnish-American Chamber of Commerce, and the Norwegian-American Chamber of Commerce. His current research projects include Sámi and Eskimo Media, Culture, and Language.

He is a co-founder of Nordic Studies Press.

This is a good month to bring a friend and enjoy the cocktails, torsk, lefse, and comradery. Make your reservation today.

Torske Klub Luncheon - October 8, 2022—Reserve today!

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 Sunday Oct. 2** 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. There is \$5 surcharge for late reservations.

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: **38, 54, 55, 58, 97, 98, 120, 124, 135, 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** (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 2022/2023 season, excluding father/son/daughter day in March and excluding ladies day in February.

Reservation Line: 847-886-4841

Birthdays

This month we recognize the birthdays of October. Glenn Lyse, Darryl Bengtson, Walter Lorentsen, and our Raffle Chairman Sam Smith. Finally, we send special greetings to Eivind Torske, who is our latest nonagenarian.

Skål and gratulerer med dagen!

New Member

We welcomed a new member last month, Mr. David Hall of Des Plaines, IL. He was a guest of Fred Glure last season, and we got to meet him as a member in September. Say hello when you see him.

Vasa Park



The Boss, Lowell Olberg, and Corresponding Secretary, Ken Larson, toughed out the rain at Vasa Park this year under a canopy that initially kept us dry, but later collected gallons of downpour awaiting the next breeze to empty it on an unsuspecting visitor. We saw dozens of our own members, friends and then intrigued dozens of potential members as well.

Military

Chris Gruener has not attended many luncheons these last couple years as he has been in National Guard activities and deployments. He was promoted and attended training last month.



Sgt. Chris Gruener (right) with instructor at training camp for National Guard in Mississippi.

Yearly Dues

The month of October is the time we traditionally reach out to our membership for the yearly dues. It remains at \$40 to pay for mailing, lefse, aquavit, and miscellaneous items such as speaker honorariums.

We enclose in this month's letter a self-addressed-UNstamped- envelope with a slip of prefilled member information. Please verify the info, correct if needed, include \$40 and return it to our treasurer, Milt Gustafson either by mail or at the check-in table.

We are still missing birth months on about 10% of our members. This is what we use to honor your birthday in the letter.

We'll also remind you that if you are not getting monthly luncheon emails from larsonk@sbcglobal.net, it is either in your spam folder, or we do not have a valid email address from you.

We request this ASAP, but will close the books on dues December 31, 2022.

Reminders:

- 1) The price of our meal is now \$35.
- 2) Checks may be made out to "Chicago Torske Klub" once again.

Future 2022 Events

Oct. 8 – Luncheon—Dr. Petersen on Leif Ericson

Nov. 12—Luncheon –Prof. Gary Midkiff on 104th Armistice Day, ending WW1.

Dec. 10—Christmas Party

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