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Honorary Member 1991-

Eugene J. Nordby, M. D.
Founder and First Boss

I applaud the good members of Torske klubben who have continued to support the camaraderie of codfish lovers for these thirty years. No membership drives, no prizes, fines only when their guest speaks when being introduced, good programs and flavored with Linne Aquavit! It was pure good fortune that we established Torske klubben after the format of the Minneapolis club—and have improved some aspects. Boss Trygve Lonnebotn has done a fine job of improving the club the past ten years and undergirding the stability for the future with Torske klubben of Madison Foundation. We look forward to continuing the traditions and improving the function of Torske klubben under Boss Paul Larson. Good fortune and skoal to a fantastic group of Norwegians!

Trygve Lonnebotn
Boss 1998 - 2008

Greetings! After having had the privilege of being your Boss for ten years, it is time to hand over the gavel.

Looking back, other than having eaten 80 more servings of cod and glasses of aquavit too numerous to mention, what has changed? We have established our own charitable foundation, spearheaded by Gary Anderson, organized and archived our history, a copy of which you are holding. Many thanks to Gaylon Greenhill. We have kept in touch with our parent, the Minneapolis Club and established close ties to our sister organization in Chicago. And we have established our own web-site thanks to Jim Riordan.

Most important, I hope we have been able to maintain the spirit of good fellowship and camaraderie established by our founder and boss for the first twenty years, Gene Nordby. Limited to half a page, let me just thank my fellow officers Jan Kristiansen, Howard Martin, and Dennis Skogen and board members Gene Nordby, Rolland Day, Carl Loper, and Eldred Swingen for their guidance and support over these ten years.

Finally, I offer my very best wishes to the new Boss, Paul Larson and his team, like Allstate, the club is in good hands.

Gratulerer!

Paul O. Larson, M.D., Boss 2008 -

The Future of Torske Klubben
“Our future is in our own hands.” W. R. Inge

There is something mysterious about the future. We wonder about the future. We have hopes for the future. We make plans for the future. It's illusive. As Yogi Berra says, “It's tough to make predictions, especially about the future.”

Our Torske Klubben is a group that is firmly rooted in our common ancestry—our common culture and love of the Norwegian homeland. We enjoy the camaraderie of the present. But what is the future of Torske Klubben? With our changing lifestyles, the blending of cultures—our American melting pot, will Torske Klubben survive? Can we survive? Does it make a difference? Does it matter?

The answer to these questions must be a “yes.” The strength of our society is the diversity of our cultures. Each culture has its strengths and we are better as a whole because we preserve these strengths. Can you imagine our American culture without the Ole and Lena jokes? Can you imagine our American culture without the Norwegian gentleness, peacefulness, and uncomplaining hard work?

We must move forward and reinvigorate our cultural ties. We are not at the mercy of our future—we can shape our future. The future is in our hands. We need to step up to the plate and make it happen. Our heritage is a gift to the future.

Madison Torske Klubben: A History 1978-2008

Torske Klubben (Cod Club) is a luncheon club composed of men of Norwegian heritage who have a deep interest in Norway and Norwegian-American history and relationships. Dr. E. J. Nordby took the initiative to visit the Minneapolis Torske Klubben on March 4, 1976. He expressed his interest in founding a Torske Klubben in Madison similar to the Torske Klubben of Minneapolis. Boss Thorskov of the Minneapolis Club responded enthusiastically to Nordby's expression of interest by sharing his observations on the organizational structure and practices of the Minneapolis Torske Klubben.

On December 7, 1977, a group of dedicated Norwegians had dinner at the home of Dr. Eugene J. Nordby to discuss the formation of a luncheon club based on Torske Klubben, The Norwegian Luncheon Club of Minneapolis. Roland Day, Carl Loper, Jr., Gerhard Naeseth, E. J. Nordby, Byron Ostby, Eldred Swingen, and Ralph Thorp were in attendance. On March 4, 1978, six of them (Eldred Swingen was unable to attend) chartered an airplane for the trip to Minneapolis to attend the regular meeting of the Minneapolis Torske Klubben at the Camelot Restaurant in Bloomington, MN. It is interesting to note that the cost of the 4-Lakes seven passenger single engine plane was \$311.00 which was apportioned among the six participants for an individual cost of \$51.87. They returned with the resolve that a sister organization should be established in Madison with the first regular meeting scheduled for the fall of 1978. The above mentioned six along with Eldred Swingen became the Organizing Committee for the Madison Torske Klubben.

The Organizing Committee sent a letter dated June 30, 1978 to known Norwegians to ascertain interest in the formation of a Norwegian Luncheon Club called "Torske Klubben." The message of the letter was convincing. It read in part: "As you undoubtedly know, boiled fresh codfish with melted butter and boiled potatoes is a delicacy almost beyond description. Because of this fact, Norwegians in Chicago, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Brooklyn, and Seattle have organized Torske Clubs. Some of these clubs have existed for over 40 years with a dedicated following of men of good will and a high spirit of camaraderie." Thirty-eight men responded affirmatively.

On July 19, 1978, the Organizing Committee was called together by Dr. E. J. Nordby. The minutes of the meeting indicated that 31 persons responded "count me in," 7 expressed mild interest and only 3 indicated that they were not interested in becoming a member of the Madison Torske Klubben. Other actions of this meeting were the approval of a letter of invitation to those interested in becoming charter members, that the selection of a meeting place would depend upon the ability to obtain fresh codfish in steak style, and nominated a slate of officers.

Following the model of the Minneapolis Torske Klubben, it was decided that there would be three officers—"Boss, Secretary, and Treasurer. The committee unanimously selected E. J. Nordby as "Boss", Ralph Thorp as Secretary, and Gerhard Naeseth as Treasurer with the proviso that the nominees be presented to the full membership for ratification at a later date. The Minneapolis Torske Klubben application for membership was adopted as the application for membership of Madison Torske Klubben. The concepts of a membership small enough to develop and keep intimate friendship within

the club, a limited list of honorary memberships, and one club project were endorsed. Like the Minneapolis Club, the Madison Club would be incorporated with limited articles and would not have extensive by-laws. It was agreed that the executive committee would be anonymous and selected by the "Boss." The Treasurer was charged with appointing two members as a luncheon committee to collect the fee prior to the luncheon. Carl Loper, Jr. was selected as the chairman of the aquavit committee.

For the inaugural meeting, Robert Oelke was selected to act as toastmaster. Boss Roy Thorshov of the Minneapolis Club was selected as the speaker and was asked to bring several Minneapolis club members to demonstrate introductions. It was agreed that a souvenir program would be printed with the charter member list and the program including the Star Spangled Banner and the Norwegian national anthem. Special invitations were sent to Governor Schreiber, President Edwin Young of the UW-System, Chancellor Irv Shain of UW-Madison, Chief Justice Bruce Beilfuss of the Wisconsin Supreme Court, and Mayor Paul Soglin of city of Madison. The date of the first meeting was set for September 9, 1978 with the proviso that it might be delayed if codfish was not available. The treasurer was authorized to open a checking account and three signators (officers) were authorized with only one signature necessary. A logo and stationery design was presented by Olive Nordby. Byron Ostby was charged to register the Torske Klubben with the Secretary of State.

Gene Nordby, Gerhard Naeseth, Eldred Swingen and Roland Day met at noon on August 16, 1978 at the Madison Club to resolve the main issue of the site to hold the luncheon meetings. The key concern was the availability of cod. The only firm bid for all the proposed dates for 1978-79 came from the Concourse Hotel. It was agreed that the meetings would be held in the Normandy Room on each of the proposed dates with a cost of \$6 for lunch. An 8 ounce serving of fresh boiled cod steak was guaranteed. Norwegian beer would be available for sale. The membership unanimously ratified the selection of the Concourse at the inaugural meeting on September 9, 1978.

Other actions of the August 16th meeting included: Committee members were directed to be present no later than 11:30 a. m. In view of the festive occasion, the club decided to purchase a Norwegian beer for each attendee desiring it.

Byron Ostby indicated that he had two cases of Linie Aquavit reserved in Chicago and would pick them up on August 25th. A logo and stationery designed by Olive Nordby were approved. There was a consensus that programs should be entertaining as well as informative and Norwegian related whenever possible. Arrangements were made to entertain the Minneapolis guests and participants at the inaugural meeting.

On August 18, 1978, Dr. E. J. Nordby addressed a letter to the 31 persons who had indicated that they wished to be "counted in" for the establishment of Torske Klubben of Madison. The text of the letter was as follows:

"You have expressed a desire to be counted in on the inauguration of a new men's Norwegian luncheon club, The Torske Klubben of Madison. We hope to welcome you as a charter member!"

The group will be largely dedicated to eating the fresh codfish, lubricated with butter and aquavit, and enjoying a pleasant hour of camaraderie. A short talk of interest will follow the eating.

Obligations on becoming a member include a \$25 initiation fee as the first year's dues and \$5 annual dues thereafter to cover the cost of mailing notices and bookkeeping. Members will be apportioned to provide aquavit for each meeting.

Each member will signify attendance about one week prior to every meeting and will then be obligated for the luncheon fee to be collected at the door, or billed if he does not show. Guests of members will be allowed by similar reservations. We don't know the price of the meal until we learn the current source and price of cod.

The place of meeting has not yet been finalized, the dates of meetings will be September 9, 1978; October 28, 1978; November 18, 1978; December 16, 1978; January 13, 1979; February 10, 1979, March 10, 1979; and April 14, 1979.

Receipt of your name, address, telephone number, birth date, and a check for \$25 will constitute your acceptance as a charter member of The Torske Klubben of Madison.

Velkommen,

Sincerely,

E. J. Nordby, M. D. "For the Organizing Committee"

Application for Membership

As indicated earlier, the application for membership in the Madison Torske Klubben was modeled after that of the Minneapolis club. The application requested the following information: Name, Business and Position, Business Address, Residence Address, Phone, Date of Birth, Place of Birth, Nationality of Father, Nationality of Mother, Membership in other organizations, and endorsement by two club members. Applications are reviewed by the Executive Committee which is advisory to The Boss.

The Founders

The Founding Members of the Madison Torske Klubben were: Roland B. Day, Carl R. Loper, Jr., Gerhard B. Naeseth, Dr. Eugene J. Nordby, Byron C. Ostby, Ralph E. Thorp, Jr., and Eldred M. Swingen.

Charter Members

The thirty eight charter members were: Robert W. Aagard, Anton Arneson, Jr., Carl F. Arneson, Jr., Paul M. Berge, Allen Bringe, Leslie G. Broderson, Roland M. Day, Milo G. Flaten, Robert Furreboe, Paul H. Graven, A. Dale Hoff, Olaf Hougen, Leon Isaksen, John F. Jensvold, Gordon N. Johnsen, LeRoy A. Johnson, Martin H. Johnson, Jr., Stanley S. Klyve, Robert E. Lee, Trygve Lonnebotn, Carl R. Loper, Jr., Phillip R. Mell, Gerhard B. Naeseth, Rodney Nilsetuen, Eugene J. Nordby, David R. Ohnstad, Clarence E. Olson, Byron C. Ostby, William R. Sauey, Magnus M. Selbo, Toby E. Sherry, Robert D. Sundby, Eldred M. Swingen, O. J. Thompto, Ralph E. Thorp, Jr., Clarence Thorstad, Elmer C. Thorstad, and J. Kent Tweeten.

Inaugural Meeting

The inaugural meeting of the Madison Torske Klubben was held on September 9, 1978 at the Concourse Hotel. A delegation from the Minneapolis Torske Klubben joined the thirty eight charter members in launching the club. The meeting was called to order by Boss Nordby and Robert W. Oelke of the Minneapolis club served as the Toastmaster and Boss Roy N. Thorshov of the Minneapolis club was the speaker.

The Madison Torske Klubben adopted many of the organizational practices of the Minneapolis club. Monthly meetings were set for September through April with members whose birthday occurred during the month of a meeting called to participate in the serving of aquavit. Members with birthdays in months without meetings or where the month was over represented, were assigned an appropriate month so that they could participate in the serving of aquavit. Each month one of the members is selected to be the Toastmaster/Master of Ceremonies. Members are expected to serve as Toastmaster when called upon. It is expected that members will attend meetings regularly, and that failure to attend regularly (three consecutive meetings missed) will be cause for membership to be dropped. Members are encouraged to bring guests to the meetings and are called upon to introduce these guests to the membership. The majority of these guests are shy and reticent, but occasionally a guest is bold and responds to questions during the introduction. When this occurs, the host must respond with a suitable contribution (\$100) to the Torske Klubben philanthropy, Vesterheim. In

1988, long-time Torske Klubben member, Stuart Gullickson, wrote forwarding his check, "Here is my contribution to Vesterheim as a result of my guest's big mouth at our last meeting."

Each meeting of Torske Klubben is opened with the singing of the Norwegian National Anthem, "Ja Vi Elsker Dette Landet," and is closed by singing the "Star Spangled Banner." The regular meeting format is modified only for a limited number of occasions. Once a year, the club hosts students from Norway who are attending The University of Wisconsin-Madison. This meeting provides an excellent opportunity to meet some of Norway's youth, to respond to questions and concerns regarding the various regions of Norway from which family of club members came, and to receive an update on the present day Norwegian society. The meeting with Norwegian students has become less substantial in recent years due to the decrease in Norwegian students and the privacy legislation that prohibits the university from releasing the names of such students.

One meeting annually, typically in February near St. Valentine's Day, is set aside for members to invite their chosen lady to the Torske Klubben luncheon. No introduction of guest are made on this date, however, it has been traditional for one of the ladies to address the group on behalf of all guests. Gifts representative of Norway have especially been available for purchase to Ladies Day guests.

The Boss

Leadership of Torske Klubben resides in one man, The Boss, who meets from time to time with an anonymous group of advisors. There are no formal rules or by-laws, although standard operating procedures have developed and are regularly practiced. Boss Nordby summed up the rules succinctly: "1. The Boss is always right, 2. What if the Boss is wrong?, 3. See rule number 1."

The Executive Committee of Madison Torske Klubben from 1978-1998 was composed of the following:

Eugene J. Nordby, Boss (1978-1998)
Ralph E. Thorp, Jr., Secretary (1978-1983)
Trygve Lonnebotn, Secretary (1983-1998)
Gerhard B. Naeseth, Treasurer (1978-94)
Jan O. Kristiansen, Treasurer (1994-1998)
Roland B. Day, Board Member (1978-1998)
Carl R. Loper, Jr., Board Member (1978-1998)
Byron C. Ostby, Board Member (1978-1998)
Eldred M. Swingen, Board Member (1978-1998)

For the first twenty years of the Madison Torske Klubben, the title of "Boss" was vested in Dr. Eugene J. Nordby, a distinguished Orthopaedic Surgeon. Boss Nordby is legendary for his wit and humor. No account of the first two decades of the Madison Torske Klubben would be complete without some examples of Boss Nordby's monologues.

Speaking on behalf of the delegation from the Madison Torske Klubben to an anniversary of the Minneapolis Torske Klubben , Boss Nordby said:

“On behalf of all of us from the Madison Torske Klubben, I want to thank all of you for this weekend packed with hospitality, good food and drink, and very enjoyable camaraderie.

All of the delicious food makes me feel that I really should be concentrating on so-called health foods. The biggest problem with health foods is that they taste exactly like they look. And all this talk about too much salt, the only person I know who died of too much salt was Lot's wife!

I haven't asked, of course, but all of you ladies seem to be looking younger. Asking a woman her age is like buying a used car. You figure the odometer has been turned back, but don't know how far. All I know is that by the time you're old enough not to care what anybody says about you, nobody says anything anymore. As Pope John 23rd said: 'You never can get over being old, but you can be old for a very long time.' I hope we all can.

Boss Jim Halls has been a great host. They say he's conservative. Many of us may be but they claim if he had been Adam in the Garden of Eden, he would have had a button-down fig leaf. People may not agree with everything this man says, but that only makes him feel right at home. I'm told that he's such a hypochondriac that when someone tells him--'Laughter is the best medicine'—he worries about the side effects. But Boss Halls has always been known for his timing. Warm weather usually comes at just the moment the elastic in his thermal underwear is about to give out. That trip to Arizona may have upset the timing this year. It has been said that you never learn from things you do right—you only learn from the things you do wrong. And I've heard that Jim is known as one of the most learned men in Minneapolis. I was trying to find some suitable cuff links to give Jim but gave up when I recalled what happened when Ole was given cuff links and a short-sleeved shirt for his birthday. He had his wrists pierced! But we truly appreciate all your good work, Jim.

Thanks to Larry Molsather for arranging, John Wernes for the transportation and thanks to all of you for just good visiting.

It is an honor to us that many of you have forgone all the athletic events in town this week-end. I understand they have now invented solo wrestling for people who need to get a grip on themselves. I guess I should do just that and stop this with a sincere Mange Tusen Takk for alt.”

Vesterheim

Vesterheim, The Norwegian-American Museum, historically has been the organizational philanthropy of the Madison Torske Klubben. A major portion of the annual dues are apportioned to sustaining Vesterheim and one meeting annually is

dedicated to reporting on its activities. As a result, many members of the Torske Klubben have become Fellows or Life Members of Vesterheim and have become substantial donors to Vesterheim with additional gifts.

Begun at Luther College in 1877, the Norwegian-American Museum became an independent non-profit corporation in 1946. By depicting the immigration of Norwegians and their adapting to the New World, Vesterheim, reflects the story of an entire nation of all ethnic backgrounds as young and proud pioneers. Located in Decorah, Iowa, Vesterheim occupies most of a square block in its downtown and consists of 15 historic buildings that include a restored stone mill of 1851 that houses tools and machinery, an early 1877 hotel restored as its main building, a house and grist mill from Valdres, Norway, two log houses, a log school house, and blacksmith shop, a Norwegian stabbur (storage building), a shed for drying hops, an early Decorah house of unusual stovewood construction, an early prairie house and a Lutheran church moved from Northwood, North Dakota, a restored early factory building (now the Westby-Torgerson Educational Center), a restored 1850 general store (the Dayton House) now used as a café' and a restored stone building across from the main museum (the Amdahl-Odland Heritage Center). A farmstead and the Norwegian Methodist church 7 miles outside the city are also a part of the complex and are listed on the Historic Registry.

The Vesterheim brochure proudly reads, "Vesterheim, the Norwegian-American Museum, allows you to relive the stirring saga of building a nation from Old World roots to its New World flowering. Carved furnishings, vibrant decorative arts and traditional costumes of Old Norway are there. The perilous Atlantic crossing is captured in a breathtaking ship gallery three stories high. The Spartan trappings of early American life and the sophisticated fine arts that Norwegian-American culture eventually produced is well preserved."

"The museum is dedicated to nurturing a living folk heritage, offering over 40 courses a year in rosemaling, woodworking, weaving, and knife making as well as presenting national exhibitions in these crafts. It plays a major role in the Annual Nordic fest the last week end of July as well as a Food Festival the first Saturday in October and the Norwegian Christmas the first full week end in December. A children's parade is held on the 17th of May in celebration of Norwegian Constitution Day."

The Norwegian Genealogical Center and Naeseth Library was established in Madison in 1974 to carry on the work begun by Gerhard B. Naeseth—a founding member of the Madison Torske Klubben. The building was purchased by a major donation from the John A. Johnson Foundation of Madison and gifts from Torske Klubben members and others from around the country. The Ostby Educational Center is located within the building donated by the Ostby family to honor long-time Honorary Norwegian Counsel for Wisconsin and founding member of the Madison Torske Klubben, Byron C. Ostby.

Boss Gene Nordby served as President of the Norwegian-American Museum Board of Trustees from 1968 to 1997 and is now President Emeritus. His Majesty King Olav V of Norway served as Honorary Chairman of Vesterheim until his death in 1991 and visited Vesterheim four times. His Majesty King Harold V has served as Honorary

Chairman of Vesterheim since 1991.

1978-1988—The First Decade

The inaugural meeting of Madison Torske Klubben was held on September 9, 1978. In addition to Minneapolis Boss Roy Thorshov, the Minneapolis delegation to launch our club included Dr. A. Reuben Gornitzka, Judge Luther Sletten and James Halls. Local dignitaries attending were University of Wisconsin System President Edwin Young and University of Wisconsin-Madison Chancellor Irving Shain. Drs. Young and Shain were the first persons named as Honorary Members of Madison Torske Klubben.

As Madison is located in a county with a strong Norwegian heritage and is the site of a world class university and state government, it has ready access to a rich supply of first rate speakers. During its first decade, Madison Torske Klubben speakers featured His Excellency S. C. Sommerfelt, Norway's Ambassador to the United States and The Honorable Louis Lerner, American Ambassador to Norway. Speakers from state and municipal government included Governor Tommy Thompson, Chief Justice of the Wisconsin Supreme Court Roland Day (a founding member of Torske Klubben), Speaker of the Wisconsin Assembly Tom Loftus who later served as American Ambassador to Norway, Wisconsin First Lady Sheila Earl, and Madison Mayors Joel Skornicka and James Sensenbrenner. Speakers from the educational community included UW-System President Edwin Young (twice), Chancellor Irving Shain, Deans Glenn Pound and Howard Martin, as well as numerous distinguished faculty members at UW-Madison. The full list of speakers and their programs can be found in Appendix .

During 1978-79, Torske Klubben membership was increased eleven new members—John G. Barnes, Helge Christensen, Don En, Sanford A. Hannes, Magnus Harding, John K. Knutson, Burns Kaupanger, Theodore Nereim, Dennis Skogen, Arne Thesen, and Lowell T. Thronson. Our current Secretary, Dennis Skogen, attended the October 28th meeting and became the first new member after the Charter meeting.

In 1979, the meeting site of the Madison Torske Klubben was moved to the Madison Club. The luncheon cost increased to \$8 at the door for all members including members of the Madison Club. Annual dues of \$5 per member were due at the first meeting. The aquavit charge remained at \$15 for each of the birthday boys. The membership was admonished that "only judicious budgeting by you can hold the line on these charges."

The second year, 1979-80, produced a bumper crop of nineteen new members—Theodore Arneson, Gary Benson, Michael J. Bovre, Philip Dybdahl, Ron Halverson, Sigmund Hammer, Carl J. Jensen, Rodney Kittelsen, James A. Marks, Howard Martin, Peter Namtvedt, Allan Ness, Howard Spilde, Robert E. Stamstad, Russell Stensrud, John F. Suby, Carl W. Thompson, Richard J. Thompson, and John Weston.

On June 7, 1980, Madison Torske Klubben sponsored a tour of Vesterheim, the Norwegian-American Museum located in Decorah, Iowa. The bus left Madison at 8:00 a. m. and returned at 6:30 p. m.

The Torske Klubben Roster for 1980-81 listed 66 regular members and 2 Honorary Members (UW-Madison Chancellor Irving Shain and Norwegian Ambassador S. C. Sommerfelt). Twelve new members joined Torske Klubben in 1980-81. They were: Richie Anderson, Lawrence J. Bugge, Peter Bunn, Vernon Eid, John N. Forde, Orrin L. Helstad, Victor H. Johnson, Harold E. Kubly, Barry A. Norem, Richard Sveum, Bjorn J. Thompson, and Dick Vilstrup. The Necrology report listed the first death of a charter Torske Klubben member, Leon E. Isakson.

The Torske Klubben Roster for 1981-82 listed 70 regular members and 3 Honorary Members. Two Andersons—A. D. and Gary—became active members in 1981-82 and Madison Mayor Joel Skornicka joined Shain and Sommerfelt as Honorary Members.

The fifth year of Torske Klubben, 1982-83, was another bumper year for new members as nineteen joined—Allen Arntsen, Richard L. Cook, Charles (Bud) Erickson, Joseph M. Green, Jon Grinde, Stuart G. Gullickson, Chuck H. Hayes, James E. Helgeson, Jan O. Kristiansen, Merlin T. Lebakken, David S. Magnuson, Lloyd A. Mapes, Charles Morkri, Steven W. Musser, Jerome M. Nelson, Byrant H. Roisum, Sigurd E. Siverton, Marshall Straus, and John W. Thompson. On April 16, 1983, Minneapolis Torske Klubben Boss, James Hall, led the club in celebrating the Fifth Anniversary of the Madison Torske Klubben.

The 1983-84 Roster listed 81 regular members and 3 Honorary Members. The necrology report added two names with the passing of Peter Bunn and Dr. Theodore Nereim.

Ten new members joined in 1984-85. They were: Odin Anderson, Roy A. Berg, Larry L. Borchert, Clifford Feggstad, Kenneth E. Kringle, Arnold Kvalheim, Per Langeland, Sigurd Malvik, A. Paul Olsen, and Julian B. Solem.

In 1985-86, regular membership grew to 113 with 4 Honorary Members. New members were J. Robert Burull, Gary L. Hendrickson, Richard E. Larson, and James O. Rewey. The latest Honorary Member was His Majesty Olav V, King of Norway. The necrology report added two names: Olaf Hougen and Lloyd Mapes.

In his September 8, 1986 letter to the membership, Boss Nordby wrote. "The Norwegian-American Museum, Vesterheim, is our official philanthropic endeavor and we need to boost our gradually increasing support. This year because of a matching grant from the Federal Government, your donation will be increased by 1/3 and contribute toward the goal of 1.4 million dollars for the fund drive." The 1986-87 Roster listed 93 regular members and 4 Honorary Members. Five new members joined Torske Klubben in 1986-87. They were Les Brodersen, Sidney W. Knutson, Thomas B. Martin-Erickson, Earl H. Munson, and Richard L. Olson.

In 1987, the club undertook a project of Torske Klubben ties. Ties were available with Red or Blue backgrounds at a cost of \$25 for the first and \$15 for additional ties. The Torske Klubben Roster for 1987-88 listed 95 regular members and 5 Honorary Members. Five new members joined in 1987-88. They were: Robert E. Gunderson, Rolf T. Killingstad, Virgil O. Martinson, P. L. Sponberg, and George P. Steinmetz, Jr. The necrology report listed six names. The Tenth anniversary of the Madison Torske

Klubben was celebrated with a gala dinner party on the evening of April 16, 1988 at the Yahara Center replacing the normal luncheon meeting. A delegation of members from the Minneapolis Torske Klubben (Robert W. Oelke, Boss Emeritus Roy N. Thorshov, and Boss James A. Halls) helped to celebrate this important occasion.

The program for the Tenth Anniversary celebration on April 16, 1988 consisted of singing of the "Ja Vi Elsker Dette Landet" by members and guests; the invocation by the Reverend Stanley S. Klyve; Opening Remarks by Dr. Eugene J. Nordby; a Toast to our departed members by Eldred M. Swingen; a Toast to the Minneapolis Torske Klubben by Carl R. Loper, Jr.; a Toast to the Madison Torske Klubben by Robert W. Oelke; Introduction of the Toastmaster by Dr. Eugene J. Nordby; Toastmaster Remarks by Trygve Lonnebotn; Greetings from Torske Klubben of Minneapolis by James A. Halls and Roy N. Thorshov; A video presentation: "Ten Years in a Nutshell"; Closing Remarks by Dr. Eugene J. Nordby; and the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner" by members and guests.

His Majesty King Olav V of Norway sent a cable message. It read, "On the occasion of the celebration on 16 April 1988 of the Tenth Anniversary of Madison Torske Klubben I send my best greetings and good wishes to all Members.
Signed, Olav R

The Tenth Anniversary program listed 99 regular members, nineteen former members, six deceased members and six honorary members. Joining Shain, Sommerfelt, His Majesty Olav V, and Skornicka as honorary members were: Edwin Young, President Emeritus of the University of Wisconsin System and Lowell A. Mays, Bishop, South Central Synod of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

The Opening Remarks by Boss Nordby illustrate his wit:

"Welcome to the 10th Anniversary of the Madison Torske Klubben! It is said if you find a path with no obstacles on it, the chances are that it doesn't lead anywhere. We've had a few but have overcome obstacles to reach milestone ten.

"With this vantage point, from the looks of the husbands some of you have, I know you ladies can take a joke—so we hope to make this occasion not too serious!

"A sense of humor, of course, is what makes you laugh at something that would make you mad if it happened to you.

"Charles Kettering, the inventor, has said that if you are doing things the same way you were 10 years ago, you are probably doing them wrong. Well, Madison Torske Klubben is doing thing pretty much the way we started out 10 years ago—and the membership claims it is content. We are continuing the same officers except for Ralph Thorp and probably will indefinitely in view of the unwritten law that there is a \$100 fine for any nominations from the floor.

"We are most appreciative of the presence of 27 members of the Minneapolis

Torske Klubben who are with us tonight as testimony to their continuing interest in the well-being of the fledgling organization they sprung ten year ago. The fortitude and accomplishment of Minnesotan's is well known to all of us. A rumor you may not have heard is that Minnesota was the very first state to have a calendar. It was the only way they could tell winter from summer. Thank you for coming."

Boss Nordby's closing remarks at the Tenth Anniversary dinner:

"I had a little problem with my closing remarks. I was going to make some predictions about the future — But, I've been sitting here so long, they've all come true. I'm not afraid of the unknown, the stuff we already know is what scares me!

"On behalf of Madison Torske Klubben, I want to thank the speakers for the appropriate toasts and kind remarks. Especially do I appreciate the greeting of Emeritus Boss Roy Thorshov and Boss Jim Halls and the participation of the Minneapolis guests—men and women. To all who worked on this party, I also say thanks and to all who have honored us by their presence, Mange takk.

There has been stress but not like the real stress of a phone call on April 20th from your Aunt Sadie asking why you sent your income tax return—and a letter from the Internal Revenue Service asking who you sent the Birthday card! You've heard that you can't get something from nothing. Send nothing to the IRS & you get something!

"Emerson believed that if you would rule the world quietly, you must keep it amused. We have no such aspirations, but hope you enjoyed the evening.

"In this life, knowing the right time to stop oftentimes is more important than getting started in the first place. I think that time has come.

"We do have a volunteer group of excellent musicians to play for your dancing and listening until 12 o'clock. Their lead is our member Pastor Richard Larson on piano & flugehorn. Dick is a true musician —when he hears a lady singing in the bathtub, he puts his ear to the key hole!"

1988-1993

Membership growth moderated during the period 1988-93. 1988-89 produced three: Francis A. Hammen, David Listug, and Thomas H. Ulsvik. 1989-90 added two: Peder Moren and David L. Nelson. 1990-91 added three: Don McCloskey, David J. Ostrem, and C. R. Johnson. 1991-92 was a more fruitful year with ten: James M. Glesne, H. Gaylon Greenhill, David Marks, Donald R. Peterson, Robert Rasmus, Eric J. Rasmussen, Brian Rude, W. James Siverhus, Ronald C. Thorstad, and John M. Ulsvik. 1992-93 produced nine new members: Harvey Anderson, Edward T. Bersu, Thomas Dahl, Victor S. Falk, Jerry L. Norseman, David Peterson, Paul Quello, James R. Riordan, and Gary E. Smithback.

The fifteenth anniversary of Torske Klubben was celebrated at the regular meeting on April 17, 1993 at the Madison Club. Once again representatives of the Minneapolis Torske Klubben joined their brothers in Madison to commemorate fifteen years of

outstanding fellowship and the opportunity to strengthen their Norwegian heritage. The representatives of Minneapolis were: Harold P. Bakke, Norman Bjorness, Jr., Francis Gassedelen, James A. Halls, Sheldon M. Lagard, Lawrence Molsather, Robert W. Oelke, Donald Omodt, Jerome B. Pederson, Magne Smedvig, Duane Thorbeck, Ralph E. Thorp, Jr., and John L. Werness.

The program listed 119 current members, 29 former members, 11 deceased members and 7 honorary members

On March 23, 1994, Torske Klubben was the subject of Dave Zweifel's article entitled "Norwegian pride swells in the heart of this 'wild bunch'" in The Capital Times. John Jenswold warned Zweifel, "You've got to be able to laugh at yourself to belong to this group." The following quotations from Zweifel's article capture the essence of Torske Klubben:

"Suffice it to say that these Norwegians have infiltrated all walks of Madison life—from the ministry to insurance to the law profession. In short, you just can't get away from them."

"These guys start their meeting with a couple of bottles of Ringness that the Madison Club imports from Oslo just for their meetings. And then there's a few heart skoals to a raised drinking glass full of Aquavit, a Norwegian vodka-like drink."

"All this is followed by the singing of the Norwegian national anthem, Ja Vi Elsker. Boss Nordby pointed out that after watching the Winter Olympics everyone should now have had the words down by heart. To which one of the members replied, 'Guess what those Norwegian athletes did with all those gold medals they won. They were so happy, they had them bronzed.'"

"Seated next to me at the luncheon of cod (no it wasn't soaked in lye) and boiled potatoes was Rodney Kittelsen of Monroe, who has made a healthy living doing legal work for all those Swiss down in Green County, including a few members of the Zweifel family. 'I know you are Swiss, Dave, he told me. 'But if you keep working real hard, you might be able to overcome it.'"

"What I found so delightful was the member's ability, as Jenswold told me early on, not to take themselves so darn seriously—a trait that is so painfully lacking in our society today. So indulge me one more joke as related by Nordby, the Torske Klubben Boss himself. Ole was on his deathbed, breathing what were obviously his last breaths. Sven was at his side. 'Can I get you anything?' Sven asked. 'Oh...yes.' Ole said softly, 'I would like a piece of lefse with some sugar sprinkled on it, right here at my lips.' 'No problem,' Sven said. 'Lena is making lefse down in the kitchen right now. I smell it.' Sven left, but came back in a few moments rather dejectedly. 'Where's the lefse with the sugar sprinkled on it?' Ole painfully inquired. 'Sorry,' said Sven. 'But Lena said she needed every bit of it for the lunch after the funeral.'"

During the 1993-94 year, eleven new members were added to Torske Klubben. They

were: Thomas Asp, Michael Borge, Steven Fortney, Gene A. Gunderson, Orin Hermundstad, Herbert J. Hopen, Duane Kleven, Steven A. Rasmussen, Ken Runlee, David Skavlen, and Rick Skindrud.

No new members were reported during 1994-95. Three new members were added in 1995-96. They were George Austin, Loren T. Moen, and Hardean K. Naeseth.

Eleven new members were reported during 1996-97. They were: William Berg, David J. Flekne, Laverne Forest, William Kennedy Giswold, James Langdon, Paul O. Larson, Lewis Lebakken, Jr., Cy D. Nelson, Jason Ostrem, Philip Paulson, and Arthur E. Peterson.

Five new members joined Madison Torske Klubben in the final year of Boss Nordby's twenty year reign. They were: Kenneth Grinde, Joel Haraldson, LeRoy Holm, Robert Hall, and Larry Larrabee.

The twentieth anniversary celebration of the Madison Torske Klubben on April 11, 1998 marked the end of Dr. Eugene Nordby's outstanding leadership as "Boss." It was the ceremony shifting the mantle of leadership from "the Old Boss," Eugene Nordby, to "the New Boss, Trygve Lonnebotn. The program of the gala dinner was a roast of Boss Nordby with Carl Loper, Jr., serving as Master of Ceremonies. Boss Donald J. Omodt represented the "Mothership", the Minneapolis Club. In recognition of his outstanding service, Dr. Eugene J. Nordby was accorded the title of "Boss Emeritus."

Three new members joined Torske Klubben during 1998-99. They were: Thomas Christianson, Bruce Munson and David Olaf Smedal.

Five new members joined in 1999-2000. They were Norman A. Dahl, Michael J. Havey, Charles E. Nelson, Robert Payne, and Raymond Arnt Weihofen.

During 2000-2001, four members joined. They were: Anders W. Andren, P. Stephen Christenson, David L. DeMets, and Stephen Myrah.

Three members joined Torske Klubben during 2001-2002. They were: Peter Halvorson, Wayne A. Osterlie, and Allen E. Wahl.

The membership of Torske Klubben increased by two in 2002-2003—Art Barnard and Roger A. Loper.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of Madison Torske Klubben was celebrated at a gala dinner on April 12, 2003. The festive evening began with the singing of "Ja Vi Elsker Dette Landet", followed by an Invocation by the Reverend Robert Furreboe, Opening Remarks by Boss Trygve Lonnebotn, a toast to our departed members by Eldred Swingen, a toast to Minneapolis Torske Klubben and a toast to the Madison Torske Klubben by Ralph E. Thorp, Jr. After a dinner of salad, cod, potatoes, vegetables, Linie Akavit, red or white wine, and creamed rice, the program of the evening began. Boss Lonnebotn introduced the Toastmaster of the evening, Carl R. Loper, Jr. His remarks were followed by Gary L. Grandrud's greetings from the Minneapolis Torske Klubben and greetings from Boss Emeritus Nordby. The speaker of the evening was Professor

N. Tor Dahl speaking to the topic "For the Love of Cod." The evening concluded with a Toast on behalf of the Ladies from Nancy Thorp, closing remarks by Boss Lonnebotn, and the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner."

Four new members joined Torske Klubben during 2003-2004. They were Zane A. Anderson, Oscar Bjugstad, Nils E. Nelson, and Joseph O. Thompson.

James C. Pettersen was the only new member reported during 2004-2005. According to the 2004-2005 membership report, there were 101 active members, 2 non-active members, 2 active honorary members, and 6 non-active honorary members. During 2004-2005, there were six deletions and 2 additions yielding a net loss of four.

During 2005-2006, seven new members joined Torske Klubben. They were Robert Alsaker, Wes Christensen, Jeff Kuchenbecker, Michael Lavallo, Ronald Nybroten, Timothy Nybroten, and Ordean Torstenson.

During 2006-2007, membership increased by four. They were Dan Huebner, D. Richard Rasmussen, Jason Sederquist, and Wayne Milestone.

New members during 2007-2008 were: Brent Christiansen, Paul Eastwood, Randall Lebakken, Thomas Lebakken and John Surdyk.

Madison Torske Klubben Board of Directors/Executive Committee

The Board of Directors/Executive Committee of Madison Torske Klubben from 1998-2009 was composed of the following:

Trygve Lonnebotn, Boss
Eugene J. Nordby, Boss Emeritus
Dennis Skogen, Secretary
Jan Kristiansen, Treasurer
Roland Day, Board Member
Carl Loper, Jr., Board Member
Eldred Swingen, Board Member
Gary Anderson, Foundation
Howard Martin, Programs
James Riordan, Website
H. Gaylon Greenhill, Historian

The Madison Torske Klubben Foundation, Inc.

In 2003, Gary Anderson accepted Boss Lonnebotn's challenge to establish an endowment fund to foster interchange between Norway and the descendants of Norwegians living in North America. After several approaches, the Madison Torske Klubben Foundation, Inc. was formally registered with the State of Wisconsin and an application filed for recognition under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code in 2005. By the end of 2006, Madison Torske Klubben Foundation, Inc. received

recognition from the Internal Revenue Service to receive charitable contributions. Gifts can be made in a variety of forms including cash, gifts of property, bequests, life insurance, and Charitable Remainder Trusts. The officers and directors of The Madison Torske Klubben Foundation, Inc. are Madison Torske Klubben members Gary Anderson (Treasurer), Howard Martin (President), and Dennis Skogen (Secretary). Contributions can be sent to the Treasurer, Gary Anderson, 3721 Country Grove Drive, Madison, WI 53719. At year end 2006, the Madison Torske Klubben Foundation had assets of \$1,600,000. With the establishment of the Foundation, the long-time designation of Vesterheim as its designated charity was terminated and the Madison Torske Klubben Endowment Fund was substituted effective for the 2007-2008 year.

Criteria for grants from the Madison Torske Klubben Foundation, Inc. are:

Types of Projects favored:

- Generally, promotion, study, and furtherance of the awareness of Norwegian culture and heritage.
- Seminars, exchanges, displays, and presentations of activities such as history, food, art, housing and music
- Assistance to festivals and community activities presenting aspects of Norwegian culture and heritage.
- Scholarships for graduate study by American and Norwegian students in American and Norwegian Colleges.
- Cultural exchanges between Norway and America

Types of Expenditures Favored:

- Innovative Projects
- Start up Projects
- Scholarships
- Matching programs
- Supportive rather than controlling

Other Considerations:

- Operational expenses are generally not favored.
- Requests, except for scholarships, should benefit groups over individuals.

Madison Torske Klubben Website

At the June 1, 2005 Executive Board meeting, Carl Loper suggested that it would be helpful for Madison Torske Klubben to have a website similar to the Chicago Torske Klubben. Boss Lonnebotn agreed and Torske Klubben member, James Riordan, accepted the challenge. He and his associate demonstrated the website they created at a fall meeting of the Executive Board to great acclaim. All agreed that the Madison Torske Klubben website is attractive and well-designed. Jim Riordan continues to adapt the

website so members can access the membership list with a password. The address is:
<http://www.madisontorskeklubben.com/>

Naeseth American Genealogical Center & Naeseth Library

The Norwegian American Genealogical Center & Naeseth Library is located at 415 West Main Street, Madison, WI 53703-3116 began 2007 as a completely independent organization. After a thirty-three year association with the Vesterheim Museum, it became a newly chartered non-profit organization in the State of Wisconsin with its own corporate articles, bylaws, board of directors, and membership. The building and its library in Madison, WI will carry the name Naeseth Library in honor of the Center's founder, Gerhard B. Naeseth, and the Naeseth family's long involvement in the genealogical field. Gerhard Naeseth was a charter member of Madison Torske Klubben and its Treasurer, 1978-94.

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Torske Klubben Board of Directors

The Torske Klubben Board consists of the following:

Torske Klubben Officers

Boss	Paul Larson	444-3344	polarson@chorus.net
Secretary	Peder Moren	241-5790	peder@globaldialog.com
Treasurer	Ray Weihofen	833-3900	weihofen@tds.net
Program	Barry Norem	831-8672	bnorem1066@aol.com
Historian	Steve Fortney	873-3917	sfortney@charter.net •

Founders

Eldred Swingen	244-1231	
Carl Loper	836-1296	loper@engr.wise.edu
Roland Day	271-9286 •	Past Bosses
Gene Nordby	831-2356	ejnor@charter.net
Trygve Lonnebotn	493-3306	trygvel@merr.com

Meetings:

1. Board meeting are held twice a year---once in the fall before the first Klubben meeting, and again in about April, after the last meeting. Additional meetings may be called as needed.
2. Schedule at least 2 months in advance.
3. Officers should prepare and present a report.

Foundation Members (Foundation President invited to attend all Board of Directors meetings)

Gary Anderson-President	848-8773	gander4282@globaldialog.com
Howard Martin	262-5821	hmartin@dcs.wisc.edu
Dennis Skogen	442-7321	skogen@skogenengineering.com

Madison Torske Klubben Board Meeting Minutes of January 23, 2008

The Madison Torske Klubben Board Meeting was held Wednesday, January 23, 2008 at the Madison Club. Attending were: Trygve Lonnebotn Carl Loper Gaylon Greenhill, Gene Nordby Paul I-arson, Howard Martin, Jan Kristiansen, Eldred Swingen, Gary Anderson and Dennis Skogen

As the first order of Business, the secretary's minutes of the Torske Klubben Board Meeting for September 6, 2007 were reviewed and approved (Carl, Trygve).

Dennis reported about difficulties in e-mailing monthly meeting invitations to members. Dennis has worked with Lisa Speth in an attempt to resolve e-mail address difficulties.

Treasurer Jan Kristiansen provided the treasurer's report and a written summary of income from merchandise sales, dues, and associated fees.

The program chairman Howard Martin identified the Ladies' Day speaker as Ruth Olson whose topic was food and home remedies. The March speaker was to be Jeff Johnson who was to address Alzheimer's related topics and the April, '10'" Year Celebration speaker was to be Barbara Lawton. Howard Martin suggested that we obtain a new audio recorder to replace the cassette recorder.

The historian Gaylon Greenhill indicated that he met with the Wisconsin Historical Society and delivered Madison Torske Klubben materials to the historical museum for safe keeping. Gaylon indicated that the Wisconsin State Historical Society did not want copies of the Madison Torske Klubben financial statements and photographs.

The Madison Torske Klubben Foundation report was given by Gary Anderson. Gary provided the criteria and applications for funds from the Foundation's resources. Gary reported that the Memorial Fund's interest and principle amount was \$7, ') 90 as of December '11, 2007 and the endowment amount was \$4'),869.60. The funds are currently held in cash and will be invested in the Vanguard Managed Index Fund.

Applications for funds from the Foundation are due by April 30, 2008 and the Foundation Board will announce grants thereafter. Carl Loper agreed to provide a Foundation reminder card at the Torske Klubben lunches and to have an appeal to the members once a Year. Howard Martin suggested that the Torske Klubben letterhead be modified For use is a Foundation letterhead.

The next topic of discussion was the planning for the 30th Year anniversary dinner to be held at the Madison Club on the evening of April 12., 2008. Carl Loper will be the Master of Ceremonies and Lt. Governor Barbara to be the speaker.

Representatives from the Minneapolis Torske Klubben and from the Chicago Torske Klubben were to be invited' to our Year celebration. Formal invitations to the 30th anniversary celebration were to be sent out by February 2008 and returned by March 11, 2009. Members are to wear black ties or dark suits to the celebration. Bob Furreboe was to lead the invocation and singing. The MC was to deliver a remembrance for the Madison Torske Klubben members who have died and their names will be in the historical booklet provided at the celebration. Melany Newby was to provide a response for the lady guests. Gaylon indicated that the Madison Torske Klubben history will be included with the 30th Anniversary Celebration booklet. The cost per couple for attending the celebration is to be \$30. The new boss Paul Larson announced that Peder Moren would be the new secretary and Ray Weihofen would be the new

treasurer.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Torske Klubben lost two charter members, Retired Chief Justice Roland B. Day and Reverend Robert Furreboe, Torske *Klokker*, who led us in singing *Ja vi Elsker* and the National Anthem at the beginning and ending of every meeting. Roland died April 26th.

Obituaries

The Rev. Robert J. Furreboe, 76, died Sunday March 23, 2008, at home following a short illness from pancreatic cancer. He is survived by his wife, Edna; children, Robert L. Furreboe, Elizabeth I. (Greg Torkelson) Furreboe and James A. (Tammy) Furreboe; grandchildren, Erik and Tyler Furreboe, and Jackson and Monroe Torkelson; and numerous cousins in Norway, including Agge Lothe, Inger Olsvold, Per Roed and Einer Roed. Robert Johan Furreboe was born May 6, 1931, to Norwegian immigrant parents, Anton and Ingrid Furreboe, in Bayonne, N.J.

Chief Justice Roland B. Day Supreme Court

Day is remembered by court colleagues for fostering collegiality and working toward more prompt release of opinions. He is remembered by friends and family for his good sense of humor, commitment to public service and dedication to family.

Day served just one year as chief justice before retiring, but he used that time wisely to help improve the administration of justice and to encourage better public understanding of the courts, said Chief Justice Shirley S. Abrahamson.

"He used his sense of humor, foresight and administrative skills to move the court forward," Abrahamson said.

Day reinstated the practice of having justices eat lunch together at least once a month. He made one rule about the lunches: justices were not allowed to discuss any court business. The result was a friendly atmosphere that carried back into the conference room, where differences can become confrontational, Abrahamson said.

Day was elected in 1976 and was reelected in 1986, after first being appointed by then-Gov. Patrick J. Lucey in 1974. Day became chief justice on Aug. 1, 1995, and retired a year later, at the end of his second term.

Day began his career as a law trainee in the Office of the Attorney General in 1947 and was the first assistant district attorney for Dane County from 1949 to 1952. From 1957 to 1958, he served as legal counsel to U.S. Sen. William Proxmire in Washington, D.C. Upon returning to Madison, Day resumed law practice until 1974. He served as special counsel to Gov. John W. Reynolds in the reapportionment case before the Wisconsin Supreme Court, which became the first state court in the nation to reapportion legislative districts on the basis of one person, one vote.

Two major articles on day were written after his death. One by John Nichols and the other by Sandy Cullen.

....Day, who died at 89, was along with former Chief Justice Nathan Heffernan one of the last of the old-school justices, a man steeped in the Wisconsin progressive tradition whose thinking with regard to campaign spending developed when he served as a legal adviser to notoriously stingy former U.S. Sen. Bill Proxmire.

....Lucey always joked, "I wanted to appoint a Norwegian lawyer with a sense of humor, and he was the only one I could find".... "I think it is important that we make a similar disclosure to maintain public confidence in the judiciary," said Day, who explained that his thinking with regard to respecting jurists had been shaped by Robert M. "Fighting Bob" La Follette, the Wisconsin progressive who preached that judges should be subjected to the same scrutiny as all other elected officials.

"Full disclosure of holdings, income and debts by judges is necessary to eliminate instances and impressions of impropriety," declared Day.

....On April 7, 1976, Day won a full 10-year term on the Supreme Court by a margin of over 75,000 votes. It was his last tough race. He would be re-elected a decade later without opposition and retired in 1996 after serving a year as the court's chief justice.

The Capital Times labeled the victory a "surprise," while noting that Day's 35,000-vote margin in Dane County had provided a major boost for the popular local lawyer.

Day piled up 621,885 votes statewide to 546,721 for Foley. Day spent exactly \$53,643 -- for an average of a little over 8 cents a vote. By comparison, Michael Gableman won the bitter 2008 high court race with 419,580 votes -- more than 200,000 less than Day had received 32 years earlier. Gableman's own campaign and independent groups backing him spent around \$8 a vote. Reflecting on the 1976 election after learning of Day's death, Pat Lucey observed in what surely ranks as an epic understatement: "In those days, there wasn't a lot of money for politics. Politics were a lot different then than they are now."

John Nichols is associate editor of The Capital Times.

Roland Day, former state Supreme Court chief, dies

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Roland Day, a former chief justice of the Wisconsin Supreme Court known for his keen sense of humor, his commitment to public service and his devotion to his family, died unexpectedly Saturday.

Day was at Oakwood Village recuperating from a fractured pelvis he suffered as he was about to take a step down stairs on June 11, his 89th birthday, said his daughter, Sarah Day..... "He relished the law," she said of Day, who was the first assistant district attorney in Dane County and served as legal counsel to Sen. William Proxmire in Washington, D.C., before returning to Madison to practice law.

"He felt he was able to do good for people," she said, adding that public service was important to Day....Lucey recalled joking at a press conference about his reason for naming Day to the high court, saying, "I wanted to appoint a Norwegian lawyer with a sense of humor, and he was the only one I could find."

In 1954, when Day was supporting Proxmire and Lucey was supporting Jim Doyle Sr. in the Democratic primary for governor, the two would share rides to debate one another, then ride home together peacefully.

"In those days, there wasn't a lot of money for politics," Lucey said. "Politics were a lot different then than they are now."

A funeral service is scheduled for 1 p.m. Friday at Cress Funeral Home, 3610 Speedway Road.....

Speakers, Programs & Emcees

- 9/9/78 Speaker: Roy Thorshov, Boss,
Minneapolis Torske Klubben
Topic: Minneapolis Torske Klubben
Emcee: Robert Oelke
- 10/28/78 Speaker: Harald Naess, UW-Madison Department of Scandinavian Studies
Topic: Theodore Kittelson, Painter
Emcee: Trygve Lonnebotn
- 11/18/78 Speaker: Dr. Marion Nelson, Director, Vesterheim
Topic: The Vesterheim Mueseum
Emcee: L. Thronson
- 12/12/78 Speaker: His Excellency Ambassador S. C. Sommerfelt, Norway's
Ambassador to the United States
Topic: Travels with the King
Emcee: LeRoy Johnson
- 1/20/79 Speaker: The Honorable Shirley Abrahamson, Associate Justice of the
Wisconsin Supreme Court
Topic: Women and the Law
Emcee: Roland Day
- 2/10/79 Entertainer: Odvar Klovrud
Topic: Guitar and Singing
Emcee: Milo Flaten
- 3/10/79 Speaker: Einar Bergh,
General Manager of Sons of Norway
Topic: Sons of Norway Foundation
Emcee: Stanley Klyve
- 4/21/79 Speakers: Eric and Beth Heiden,
Olympic Skaters
Topic: Olympic Skating
Emcee: Paul Graven
- 9/29/79 Speaker: Irving Shain, Chancellor, UW-Madison
Topic: China and the UW-Madison
Emcee: Byron Ostby
- 10/20/79 Speaker: Rolf Erickson
Topic: Norse Historical Sites in the United States
Emcee: Robert Aagard
- 11/17/79 Speaker: Glenn Pound, Dean,
College of Agriculture, UW-Madison

Topic: Plants and Agriculture
Emcee: Theodore Nereim

12/15/79 Speaker: Rueben Gornitzka, D.D.
President, Extension, Inc.
Topic: Ministry Experiences
Emcee: John Barsness

1/19/80 Speaker: Gene Calhoun,
Attorney & Big Ten Referee
Topic: Experiences in Norway
Emcee: Eldred Swingen

2/16/80 Speaker: The Honorable Louis Lerner,
American Ambassador to Norway
Topic: The Norwegian-American Relationships
Emcee: Robert Furreboe

3/8/80 Speaker: Wilbur Dehmer
Topic: Albany Immigrants
Emcee: John F. Jensvold

4/12/80 Speaker: Edwin Young, President,
University of Wisconsin System
Topic: UW Experiences
Emcee: Carl Loper, Jr.

9/27/80 Speaker: The Honorable Joel Skornicka,
Mayor of Madison
Topic: Madison Politics
Emcee: Robert Lee

10/18/80 Speaker: Fred Cassidy
Topic: Words of the Dictionary
Emcee: Anton Arneson

11/15/80 Speaker: Jon Thallaug, Publisher,
A Vinland Newspaper
Topic: The Vinland Newspaper
Emcee: Carl Arneson

12/13/80 Speaker: The Honorable Carl W. Thompson, Wisconsin State Senator
Topic: Early Stoughton
Emcee: John Weston

1/17/81 Speaker: Ethylene Thompson
Topic: Stave Churches
Emcee: Lester Broderson

- 2/21/81 Speaker: Carl Forsmark
Topic: The Harp Seals
Emcee: Allan Ness
- 3/14/81 Speaker: Gordon Mork
Topic: Norwegian American Cultural Institutue
Emcee: Michael Bovre
- 4/25/81 Speaker: Jack Heiden
Topic: Bicycle Racing
Emcee: Ralph Thorp
- 9/26/81 Speaker: Howard Martin, Professor of German, UW-Madison
Topic: Viking Influence on English
Emcee: William Sauey
- 10/24/81 Speakers: Olaf Haugen & Trygve Lonnebotn
Topic: Norsk Folklore
Emcee: James Marks
- 11/11/81 Speaker: The Honorable Roland Day,
Chief Justice, Wisconsin Supreme Court
Topic: The Wisconsin Supreme Court
Emcee: Phillip Moll
- 12/12/81 Speaker: Harold Kubly, Professor Emeritus, UW-Madison
Topic: UW Vikings
Emcee: Peter Namtvedt
- 1/16/82 Speaker: Gerhard Naeseth, Retired Professor & Librarian, UW-Madison
Topic: Genealogy
Emcee: Bjorn Thompson
- 2/2/82 Speaker: Carl Loper, Jr., Professor,
Material Science and Engineering, UW-Madison
Topic: Metallurgical Experiences
Emcee: Gordon Johnson
- 3/3/82 Speaker: Stanley Ewanoski
Topic: Oslo Sister City Trip
Emcee: Allan Bringe
- 4/14/82 Speaker: John F.Jenswold, Attorney & Partner, Jenswold, Studt, Hanson,
Clark & Kaufman
Topic: Railroading in Wisconsin
Emcee: Helge Christiansen
- 9/11/82 Speaker: The Honorable Joel Skornicka,
Mayor of Madison
Topic: Oslo-Sister City

Emcee: Clarence Thorstad

- 10/2/82 Speaker: Odin Anderson, Professor Emeritus, UW-Madison
Topic: The Blair Lynching
Emcee: A. D. Anderson
- 11/13/82 Speaker: Edwin Young, President of the University of Wisconsin System
Topic: UW Experiences
Emcee: Harold Kubly
- 12/11/82 Speaker: Sigmund Hammer, Professor Emeritus, UW-Madison
Topic: Norway and Oil
Emcee: Magnus Harding
- 1/15/83 Speaker: The Honorable Angela Bartell, Judge
Topic: Legal Experiences
Emcee: Roland Day
- 2/19/83 Speaker: Rodney Kittelson, Attorney,
Kittelsen, Barry, Ross, & Wellington
Topic: Freedom of Information Act
Emcee: John Forde
- 3/19/83 Speaker: Marvin Wrolstad,
Retired University Business Manager
Topic: Norwegian Heraldry
Emcee: Martin Johnson
- 4/16/83 Speaker: James Hall, Attorney &
Minneapolis Torske Klubben Member
Topic: Fifth Anniversary Greetings
Emcee: Gerhard Naeseth
- 9/1/83 Speaker: The Honorable John Sensenbrenner, Mayor of Madison
Topic: City Government
Emcee: Ron Halverson
- 10/29/83 Speaker: Ed Garvey, NFL Players Representative & Assistant Attorney
General
Topic: NFL Players Association and Department of Justice
Emcee: Carl Jensen
- 11/12/83 Speaker: George Archibald, Co-Founder and Trustee, International Crane
Foundation
Topic: International Crane Foundation
Emcee: David Magnuson
- 12/10/83 Speaker: Michael Petrovich, Professor of History, UW-Madison
Topic: Vikings in Russia
Emcee: David Ohnstad

- 1/14/84 Speaker: Sheila Earl, Wisconsin' First Lady
Topic: The Governor's wife
Emcee: Lawrence Bugge
- 2/11/84 Speaker: All Halles
Topic: Nasco Reproductions
Emcee: Vernon Eid
- 3/10/84 Speaker: Howard Martin, Dean,
University Outreach, UW-Madison
Topic: York Viking Discoveries
Emcee: Rickie Anderson
- 4/7/84 Speaker: John R.Jenswold, son of John F. Jenswold—historian, researcher,
museum consultant, doctoral candidate
Topic: Immigrant Letters
Emcee: Barry Norem
- 9/15/84 Speaker: The Honorable Tom Loftus,
Speaker of the Wisconsin Assembly
Topic: Wisconsin Legislation
Emcee: Sigurd Sivertson
- 10/6/84 Speaker: Tass Dueland,
UW-Madison Veterinary School
Topic: University of Wisconsin Veterinary School
Emcee: John Thompson
- 11/17/84 Speaker: Robert Furreboe, Pastor,
St. Marks Lutheran Church, Mt. Prospect, IL
Topic: Trip to China
Emcee: Paul Berge
- 12/8/84 Speaker: Eric Sauey, Son of William Sauey, Chairman & CEO, Flambeau
Corporation
Topic: Yo Yo Demonstrations
Emcee: Jon Grinde
- 1/12/85 Speaker: Liv Dahl, General Manager,
Heritage Programs, Sons of Norway
Topic: Heritage Programs, Sons of Norway
Emcee: Charles Morkri
- 2/2/85 Speaker: The Honorable Robert Sundby, Appellate Judge
Topic: Court Room Happenings
Emcee: Orrin Helstad

- 3/16/85 Speaker: Chris Johansen,
Chicago Torske Klubben Member
Topic: Up the Norwegian Coast
Emcee: Arland Arnsten
- 4/20/85 Speaker: James Morgan, President,
Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance
Topic: Wisconsin Taxation
Emcee: Phil Dybdahl
- 9/28/85 Speaker: The Honorable Tommy G. Thomson, Governor of Wisconsin
Topic: Politics
Emcee: Byron Ostby
- 10/26/85 Speaker: Carl Astrup,
UW-Madison Business School
Topic: Agriculture and Norway
Emcee: Odin Anderson
- 11/16/85 Speaker: Les Rude, Development Director, Norwegian American Museum
Topic: Norwegian-American Museum
Emcee: Merle Lebakken
- 12/14/85 Speaker: Trygve Lonnebotn, Senior Vice President, Operations, Ray-O-
Vac Corporation
Topic: A Day with the Secretary
Emcee: Stuart Gullickson
- 1/11/86 Speaker: The Honorable Susan Engeleiter, Wisconsin State Senator
Topic: Politics
Emcee: Sigmund Hammer
- 2/15/86 Speaker: Gordon Johnson, Chairman,
Meriter Health Services, Inc.
Topic: Russia and China
Emcee: Dennis Skogen
- 3/15/86 Speaker: Harald Naess, Department of Scandinavian Studies, UW-
Madison
Topic: Young Maids and Medals, Ibsen
Emcee: Victor Johnson
- 4/19/86 Speaker: Gary Anderson, Senior Vice President, M & I Bank-Hilldale
Topic: Marital Property Act
Emcee: Sandford Hannes
- 9/20/86 Speaker: David Magnuson, Pastor,
Immanuel Lutheran Church, Escanaba, MI
Topic: Australia and New Zealand

Emcee: Sig Malvik

- 10/18/86 Speaker: Richard Zietlin, Director,
 Wisconsin Veterans Museum
Topic: Old Abe, the War Eagle
Emcee: Steve Musser
- 11/22/86 Speaker: Darrel Henning, Director, Vesterheim
Topic: Reconstruction of Buildings
Emcee: Gary Anderson
- 12/13/86 Speaker: David Mandel, Curator of Exhibits/Museum Operations
 Manager,
 The State Historical Museum
Topic: Photographer of Andreas Dahl
Emcee: Jan Kristiansen
- 1/17/87 Speaker: Lowell Mays, Bishop,
 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America,
 South Central Synod of Wisconsin
Topic: The Mission of the Maverick
Emcee: Dick Vistrup
- 2/14/87 Speaker: Cindy Bremer
Topic: World Class Runner
Emcee: Ronald Cook
- 3/14/87 Speaker: Odin Anderson,
 Department of Sociology, UW-Madison
Topic: Scandinavian Health Services
Emcee: Richard Larson
- 4/11/87 Speaker: Earl Thayer,
 Secretary-General Manager,
 The State Medical Society of Wisconsin
Topic: Current Medical Issues
Emcee: Bob Burrell
- 9/5/87 Speaker: The Honorable John Sensenbrenner, Mayor of Madison
Topic: Madison and the Sister City
Emcee: Byron Ostby
- 10/3/87 Speaker: The Honorable Roland Day,
 Chief Justice, Wisconsin Supreme Court
Topic: 200th Anniversary of the Constitution
Emcee: Robert Sundby
- 11/14/87 Speaker: Sidney Knutson, President,
 Knutson Associates, Inc.

- Topic: "Ja Naturaligvis"—Yes, Certainly
Emcee: Gary Hendrickson
- 12/12/87 Speaker: Edwin Young, President,
 The University of Wisconsin System
Topic: UW in the Turmoil of the 60's
Emcee: Clifford Feggestad
- 1/16/88 Speaker: Jon Udell, Professor, UW-Madison
Topic: Economic Outlook—1988 and Beyond
Emcee: Tom Martin Erickson
- 2/20/88 Speaker: Allen Dickson Quintet
Program: Musical Program
Emcee: Richard Olson
- 3/19/88 Speaker: Gordon Haga,
 Minneapolis Torske Klubben Member
Topic: The Battle of Stikkestad
Emcee: Julian Solem
- 4/16/88 Tenth Anniversary Celebration
- 9/24/88 Speaker: The Honorable James Klauser, Wisconsin Secretary of
 Administration
Topic: Wisconsin Department of Administration
Emcee: Byron Ostby
- 10/15/88 Speaker: Odin Anderson,
 Department of Sociology, UW-Madison
Topic: Sexual Customs in Rural 19th Century Norway
Emcee: Roy Berg
- 11/19/88 Speaker: Sig Malvik, Owner,
 Scandinavian Design
Topic: World Class Skiing
Emcee: Bud Erickson
- 12/10/88 Speaker: Frederick Cassidy
Topic: Dictionary of American Regional English
Emcee: Larry Borchert
- 1/14/89 Speaker: Ade Sponberg,
 UW-Madison Athletic Director
Topic: UW Athletics
Emcee: Ken Kringle
- 2/11/89 Speaker: Harald Naess, Department of Scandinavian Studies, UW-
 Madison

- Topic: New Norwegian Gentlemen
Emcee: John Jenswold
- 3/18/89 Speaker: F. C. Campbell, President,
Carthage College
Topic: The Role of Private Education
Emcee: Jerome Nelson
- 4/15/89 Speaker: James Underkoffler,
Chairman of the Board & CEO, WPL Holdings
Topic: Power of the People
Emcee: Earl Munson
- 9/23/89 Speaker: The Honorable Robert Fiedler, Wisconsin Secretary of
Transportation
Topic: Wisconsin Department of Transportation
Emcee: John Jenswold
- 10/28/89 Speaker: Robert Borgwardt, Pastor,
Bethel Lutheran Church, Madison, WI
Topic: The Church of the 21st Century
Emcee: Robert Aagard
- 11/18/89 Speaker: George Archibald, Co-Founder and Trustee, International Crane
Foundation
Topic: International Crane Foundation
Emcee: James Marks
- 12/9/89 Speaker: Jack Dewitt, Attorney
Topic: The Code of the North
Emcee: Eldred Swingen
- 1/20/90 Speaker: The Honorable Steven Bablitch, Wisconsin Secretary of
Corrections
Topic: Wisconsin Department of Corrections
Emcee: Robert Sundby
- 2/17/90 Speaker: Gretchen Schoff,
Integrated Liberal Studies, UW-Madison
Topic: Male and Female: He Created This
Emcee: Richard Olsen
- 3/17/90 Speaker: R. B. L. Murphy, Attorney,
Topic: The Irish Readhead-Viking Comes
Emcee: Milo Flaten
- 4/21/90 Speaker: Tom Dahl, Investment Representative, Edward Jones, Madison,
WI
Topic: If Aquavit Doesn't Lower Your Stress, What Will?

Emcee: George Steinmetz

- 9/8/90 Speaker: Gerhard Naeseth,
Retired Professor & Librarian, UW-Madison
Topic: A Caribbean Cruise
Emcee: Ron Halverson
- 10/13/90 Speaker: R. B. L. Murphy, Attorney,
Murphy & Desmond, S. C.
Topic: The Vikings Sail South
Emcee: LeRoy Johnson
- 11/13/90 Speaker: The Honorable Joel Skornicka,
Mayor of Madison
Topic: Shaking the Money Tree
Emcee: Frank Hammen
- 12/8/90 Speaker: Lars Loberg, Vice Consul
Topic: A Dollhouse—Norwegian Politics in the Last 15 Years
Emcee: John Weston
- 1/19/91 Speaker: Gene Calhoun, Big Ten Referee
Topic: Big Time Refereeing
Emcee: Arne Thesen
- 2/16/91 Speaker: Marv Balousek
Topic: The House of Alex
Emcee: Dennis Skogen
- 3/16/91 Speaker: Skip Johnson, Woodworker & Professor Emeritus, UW-Madison
Topic: Oddball Art
Emcee: Barry Norem
- 4/20/91 Speaker: Orrin Helstad, Dean,
UW-Madison Law School
Topic: History of the UW-Law School
Emcee: David Listug
- 9/7/91 Speaker: The Honorable Brian Rude,
Wisconsin State Senator
Topic: Current Wisconsin Politics
Emcee: Eldred Swingen
- 10/5/91 Speaker: Alfred Senn,
Department of History, UW-Madison
Topic: Lithuania Now
Emcee: Paul Berge
- 11/2/91 Speaker: Marshall Erdman,
Marshall Erdman and Associates

- Topic: Frank Lloyd Wright
Emcee: A. D. Anderson
- 12/3/91 Speaker: Toby Sherry,
 Wisconsin Commissioner of Banking
Topic: Banking in Wisconsin
Emcee: John Barsness
- 1/18/92 Speaker: Gene Nordby,
 Boss of Madison Torske Klubben
Topic: An Introduction
Emcee: Michael Bovre
- 2/15/92 Speaker: Kathleen Stokker
Topic: Jule Bukken
Emcee: Vernon Eid
- 3/14/92 Speaker: Ron Poast
Topic: Hardanger Fiddle Making
Emcee: Donald McCloskey
- 4/25/92 Program: Phil Dybdahl & Dave Nelson
Topic: The Phil and David Show
Emcee: Paul Graven
- 9/9/92 Speaker: The Honorable R. Roemisch,
 Sheriff of Dane County
Topic: Law Enforcement Problems
Emcee: Sig Siverson
- 10/10/92 Speaker: John Hunter,
 The Capital Times
Topic: The Wisconsin 15th—Civil War
Emcee: Allen Arntson
- 11/7/92 Speaker: Darrel Henning, Curator,
 Norwegian-American Museum
Topic: Vesterheim Update
Emcee: David Magnuson
- 12/12/92 Speaker: Robert Furreboe, Pastor,
 St. Marks Lutheran Church, Mt. Prospect, IL
Topic: Past, Present, and Future of Christ
Emcee: Jon Grinde
- 1/16/93 Speaker: Ted Tibbits,
 Professor of Horticulture, UW-Madison
Topic: Growing Potatoes in Space

Emcee: Roland Day

- 2/13/93 Speaker: Jim Leary, Faculty Associate,
Folklore Program, UW-Madison & Staff Folklorist, Wisconsin Folk
Museum, Mt. Horeb
Topic: Norwegian Humor
Emcee: Dave Ostrom
- 3/20/93 Speaker: Odin Anderson,
Professor Emeritus, UW-Madison
Topic: What is New in Norway Today
Emcee: John Thompson
- 4/24/93 Speaker: Don Omodt,
Minneapolis Torske Klubben
Topic: History of the Minneapolis Torske Klubben
Emcee: Robert Oelke
- 9/11/93 Speaker: David Ward, Chancellor,
UW-Madison
Topic: Update on the UW-Madison
Emcee: Byron Ostby
- 10/16/93 Speaker: Lennart Backstrom
Topic: Europe in the Summer of '93
Emcee: James Marks
- 11/13/93 Speaker: Thomas Asp, Consulting Manager, Virchow Krause & Company
Topic: Sailing in the Hjemkomst
Emcee: Martin Lebakken
- 12/5/93 Speaker: Howard Martin, Dean,
University Outreach, UW-Madison
Topic: Norse Influence in Iceland
Emcee: Thomas Ullsvik
- 1/15/94 Speaker: Terry Kelly
Topic: Pyromania and Pyromaniacs I Have Known
Emcee: Eric Rasmussen
- 2/12/94 Speaker: Richard Williams, Chief,
Madison Police Department
Topic: Madison Police Department
Emcee: Orrin Helstad
- 3/13/94 Speaker: Michael Lekrone, Director,
UW-Madison Marching Band
Topic: UW-Madison Marching Band
Emcee: Stanley Klyve

- 4/16/94 Speaker: Pat Richter,
 UW-Madison Athletic Director
 Topic: Inside UW-Madison Athletics
 Emcee: Trygve Lonnebotn
- 9/17/94 Speaker: Toby Sherry,
 Wisconsin Commissioner of Banking
 Topic: Banking in Poland
 Emcee: Rolf Killingstad
- 10/8/94 Speaker: Carl Loper, Jr., Professor,
 Material Science and Engineering, UW-Madison
 Topic: St. Vladimir the Viking, 1st Czar of Russia
 Emcee: James Riordan
- 11/5/94 Speaker: Phillip Martin
 Topic: The Folklore of Fiddling
 Emcee: John Ullsvik
- 12/10/94 Speaker: John Jenswold
 Topic: The Lutheran Church and the Civil War
 Emcee: Rodney Kittelsen
- 1/14/95 Speaker: Alan Alanen
 Topic: How Lillehammer Survived in '94 Olympics
 Emcee: H. Gaylon Greenhill
- 2/11/95 Speaker: Melany Newby, Assistant Chancellor for Legal Affairs, UW-
 Madison
 Topic: Bucky, Barry, Badgers, and the Law
 Emcee: Robert Furrboe
- 3/11/95 Speaker: Marshall Erdman,
 Marshall Erdman and Associates
 Topic: Middleton Hills Community
 Emcee: Peder Moren
- 4/8/95 Speaker: James Riordan, President and CEO, WPS
 Topic: Health Care is Still an Issue
 Emcee: James Gleane
- 9/9/95 Speaker: Roland Day, Chief Justice,
 Wisconsin Supreme Court
 Topic: The Wisconsin Supreme Court
 Emcee: Larry Bugge
- 10/7/95 Speaker: Peter Daley
 Topic: The Information Highway in Your Neighborhood

Emcee: Gene Gunderson

- 11/11/95 Speaker: Victor Falk
Topic: Overseas Medical Experiences
Emcee: Jerry Norseman
- 12/9/95 Speaker: Jon Udell, Professor of Economics, UW-Madison
Topic: Will Our Economy Survive Government?
Emcee: James Silverhus
- 1/13/96 Speaker: Paul Quello,
Area Representative, ELCA Foundation
Topic: How to Insure a Lifetime of Income & Take Care of Your Family Too
Emcee: Donald Peterson
- 2/10/96 Program: Ann Dybdahl Oddland, Kathry Dybdahl Amyotte, & Bruce
Bengsten
Topic: Noon at the Opera
Emcee: Gene Nordby
- 3/9/96 Speaker: Kim Nilsson & Niels Ingwersen, Department of Scandinavian
Studies,
UW-Madison
Topic: The Next 100 Years of UW-Madison's Scandinavian Studies ,
Achievements & Challenges
Emcee: Howard Martin
- 4/13/96 Speaker: Manucher Javid, M. D.
Topic: Chymopapain Injection Treatment for Sciatica
Emcee: Tom Martin Erickson
- 9/11/96 Speaker: Bob Wood
Topic: Political Preview
Emcee: Bill Sauey
- 10/11/96 Speaker: Dave Norby
Topic: Experiences in Olympic Ski Jumping
Emcee: Bob Aagard
- 11/16/96 Speaker: Bruce Bollerud
Topic: The Goose Island Ramblers
Emcee: Herb Hopen
- 12/7/96 Speaker: Donald Kettl, Professor,
Department of Political Science, UW-Madison
Topic: The 1996 Elections: Who Really Won and Lost and Why?
Emcee: Ed Bersu
- 1/18/97 Speaker: Neal Frist

Topic: Animal Biotechnology
Emcee: Michael Bovre

2/15/97 Speaker: Debra Amesque, Chief,
Madison Fire Department
Topic: Road Map of 1997
Emcee: David Ohnstad

3/15/97 Speaker: Roland Day, Chief Justice,
Wisconsin Supreme Court
Topic: A Viking Heritage on the Isle of Man
Emcee: Steve Rasmussen

4/12/97 Speaker: Terry Kelly
Topic: Leopold Center
Emcee: Dennis Skogen

9/13/97 Speaker: The Honorable Brian Rude,
Wisconsin State Senator
Topic: State of Politics in Wisconsin
Emcee: Bob Burull

10/18/97 Speaker: Robert Dempsey
Topic: Stroke
Emcee: George Steinmetz

11/22/97 Speaker: Ulf Christiansen
Topic: Royal Norwegian Consul General
Emcee: John Barsness

12/13/97 Speaker: Scott Jenkins
Topic: The Kohl Center
Emcee: Duane Kleven

1/10/98 Speaker: Steven Napier
Topic: Trucks and Tanks
Emcee: Steve Fortney

2/14/98 Speaker: Kathleen Falk,
Dane County Executive
Topic: Dane County Executive
Emcee: Richard Olsen

3/14/98 Speaker: Randy Jurewicz
Topic: Timber Wolf Recovery Program
Emcee: Virgil Martinson

4/18/98 The Twentieth Anniversary Celebration
Speaker: Tom Dahl

Topic: For the Love of Cod
Emcee: Carl Loper, Jr.

9/5/98 Speaker: Dean Amhaus,
Wisconsin Sesquicentennial Commission

Topic: Wisconsin's 150th Anniversary
Emcee: H. Gaylon Greenhill

10/8/98 Speaker: Dave Zweifel,
The Capital Times
Topic: Madison and the Capital Times
Emcee: Marty Johnson

11/14/98 Speaker: Don Nichols,
Professor of Economics, UW-Madison
Topic: Wisconsin and the Global Economy
Emcee: Phil Dybdahl

12/12/98 Speaker: Ken Davis
Topic: The Law School
Emcee: Stuart Gullickson

1/9/99 Speaker: Robert Morse
Topic: Amanda and the South Pole
Emcee: Joel Hendrickson

2/13/99 Speaker: Tera Johnson
Topic: Saudi Arabia—From Behind the Veil
Emcee: Bud Erickson

3/13/99 Speaker: Max Harris
Topic: Humanities Council
Emcee: Howard Martin

4/10/99 Speaker: Anders Andren, Professor of Water Chemistry & Director UW
Sea Grant Institute & Water Resources Institute Aquatic Sciences Center,
UW-Madison
Topic: Ecology of the Great Lakes
Emcee: Dave Peterson

9/18/99 Speaker: Tom Christianson
Topic: 15th Wisconsin
Emcee: William Berg

10/9/99 Speaker: Stuart Gullickson,
Retired Associate Dean & Professor Emeritus, UW-Madison Law School
Topic: Fourth Mate's Freighter Voyage
Emcee: LeRoy Lebakken

- 11/6/99 Speaker: Janet Pultz,
Executive Director of Vesterheim
Topic: Vesterheim
Emcee: Dave Nelson
- 12/11/99 Speaker: Dave Peterson
Topic: Badgers, Ballads, and Yarns
Emcee: Vern Forest
- 1/15/00 Speaker: Mark Sager, M. D.
Topic: Advances in Treating Alzheimer's
Emcee: Orrin Hermundstad
- 2/12/00 Speaker: Tanya Tresher, Assistant Professor, Department of Scandinavian
Studies,
UW-Madison
Topic: Ibsen's Women
Emcee: Dave Listig
- 3/11/00 Speaker: Jim Leary, Faculty Associate,
Folklore Program, UW-Madison & Staff Folklorist, Wisconsin Folk
Museum in Mt. Horeb
Topic: Dialects, Songs and Ethnicity
Emcee: Phil Paulsen
- 4/8/00 Speaker: Vince Sweeney
Topic: UW-Athletics
Emcee: David Skavlen
- 9/16/00 Speaker: Jim Heide
Topic: Cooperation in Business Relationships
Emcee: Allan Bringe
- 10/14/00 Speaker: Dave Canon
Topic: Polls and Politics
Emcee: Jim Langdon
- 11/18/00 Speakers: Dave Nelson, Physician & Phil Dybdahl, Investment Advisor,
Buttonwood Partners, Madison
Topic: Phil and Dave Show
Emcee: Eric Rasmussen
- 12/9/00 Speaker: Steve Johnson, Associate Director, Vesterheim—The Norwegian-
American Museum
Topic: Vesterheim 2000
Emcee: George Austin

- 1/6/01 Speaker: Tom Martin Erickson, Producer/Host, Wisconsin Public Radio
Topic: Norwegian Emigrant Songs
Emcee: Barry Norem
- 2/10/01 Speaker: Blaine Hedberg
Topic: Tracing Your Family Roots
Emcee: Robert Furreboe
- 3/10/01 Speaker: Mark Bugher, Director,
UW-Madison Research Park
Topic: UW Research Park
Emcee: Tom Ullsvik
- 4/7/01 Speaker: Jim Bakken,
UW-Madison Athletics
Topic: UW-Athletics
Emcee: Paul Larson
- 9/22/01 Speaker: David McDonald,
Professor of History, UW-Madison
Topic: Out of the Frying Pan and Into Camp Randall
Emcee: Thomas Dahl
- 10/20/01 Speaker: Steven Fortney,
High School Teacher (Retired) & Writer
Topic: How to Absolutely Avoid Understanding Any Poetry
Emcee: Tom Asp
- 11/10/01 Speaker: George Austin, Investment Manager (Retired) Thompson Plumb
& Associates
Topic: Fjords, Farms, and Finance
Emcee: Chuck Morkei
- 12/8/01 Program: Grieg Chorus
Topic: Christmas Concert
Emcee: Ed Bersu
- 1/8/02 Speaker: Michael Hamer, Vesterheim
Topic: Vesterheim Future Plans
Emcee: Ron Cook
- 2/9/02 Speaker: George Mejicano, Associate Professor, UW-Madison Medical
School
Topic: Infectious Diseases
Emcee: Gene Nordby
- 3/9/02 Speaker: Harald Naess, Department of Scandinavian Studies, UW-
Madison

- Topic: Hamsun and Daughter Victoria
Emcee: Gary Hendrickson
- 4/13/02 Speaker: Opera Quartet
Topic: Madison Opera
Emcee: Earl Munson
- 9/28/02 Speaker: Tom Dubois, Professor of Scandinavian Studies, UW-Madison
Topic: What Sami Say About Their Neighbors
Emcee: Skip Johnson
- 10/20/02 Speaker: Paul Percy, Dean,
College of Engineering, UW-Madison
Topic: Future Directions in Communications Technology
Emcee: Larry Borchert
- 11/16/03 Speaker: Jeff Wendorf,
UW-Madison Alumni Association
Topic: Badgers in Norway and Alumni Lifelong Learning
Emcee: Art Peterson
- 12/14/03 Speaker: Niels Ingwersen, Department of Scandinavian Studies, UW-
Madison
Topic: Hans Christian Andersen—Scandinavian Folklore and Christmas
Emcee: Charles Nelson
- 1/11/03 Speaker: Carol Hasvold, Professor,
UW-Madison
Topic: Painted Bowls and Country Customs: Festive Events in Traditional
Norway
Emcee: David Smedahl
- 2/8/03 Program: Opera Double Quartet
Topic: Madison Opera
Emcee: Gary Anderson
- 3/8/03 Speaker: Kent Gramm, Professor,
Wheeler College
Topic: A Perfect Tribute: Abraham Lincoln, the Gettysburg Address
Emcee: Ray Weihofen
- 4/12/03 The Twenty-fifth Anniversary Celebration
- 9/13/03 Speaker: James Riordan, President and CEO, WPS
Topic: Health Care Issues in Wisconsin
Emcee: Ron Halvorson
- 10/6/03 Speaker: Jerry Apps, Professor Emeritus,

- UW-Madison/UW Extension
Topic: Breweries in Wisconsin
Emcee: Bob Furreboe
- 11/8/03 Speaker: Dick Ringler, Professor of Scandinavian Studies and English, UW-Madison
Topic: Norse Mythology
Emcee: Steve Fortney
- 12/3/03 Program: Phil Dybdahl & Dave Nelson
Topic: The Phil and Dave Christmas Show
Emcee: Paul Berge
- 1/10/04 Program: David Wright, Vesterheim
Topic: Vesterheim Update
Emcee: Lee Johnson
- 2/14/04 Program: Barbara Lawton,
Wisconsin Lieutenant Governor
Topic: Norse Heritage
Emcee: Larry Bugge
- 3/13/04 Speaker: Skip Johnson, Woodworker & Professor Emeritus, UW-Madison
Topic: More Oddball Art
Emcee: Rolf Killingstand
- 4/17/04 Speaker: Thor S. Johanson,
Consul General, Norway
Topic: Innovation Norway-What to do When the Oil runs out?
Emcee: John Thompson
- 9/18/04 Speaker: Professor Ken Mayer, UW-Madison
Topic: A Look at the Presidential Election
Emcee: Mike Harvey
- 10/9/04 Speaker: Professor Clive Svendsen
Topic: Steven Bello and the Futurist
Emcee: Steve Gunderson
- 11/13/04 Speaker: John Hart, Vesterheim
Topic: Vesterheim
Emcee: Mike Bovre
- 12/11/04 Speaker: Dave Petersen
Topic: Bill Nye
Emcee: Phil Dybdahl
- 1/15/05 Speakers: Dave Nelson & Phil Dybdahl

Emcee: Merlin Lebakken

- 4/22/06 Speaker: Jack DeWitt, Madison Attorney
Topic: The Soldier's Perspective
Emcee: Bud Erickson
- 9/23/06 Speaker: Rolf Willy Hansen,
Norwegian Consul General
Topic: Norwegian Foreign Policy and its relationship with the United
States
Emcee: Jim Riordan
- 10/21/06 Speaker: Brigadier General Kerry G. Denson, Wisconsin National Guard
Topic: Wisconsin Army National Guard Update
Emcee: H. Gaylon Greenhill
- 11/18/06 Speaker: Steve Fortney,
Topic: The Fortney Tribe, The History of a Norwegian American Family
Emcee: Jim Riordan
- 12/16/06 Speaker: Daniel Van der Weide, Professor,
UW-Madison
Topic: How will microelectronics and molecular-scale biology converge?
Emcee: Jan Kristiansen
- 1/13/07 Speaker: Carl Gulbrandsen,
Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation
Topic: Using a Foundation to Transfer Technology
Emcee: Barry Norem
- 2/10/07 Speaker: Janet Pultz,
Executive Director of Vesterheim
Topic: Out of the trenches and into the museum
Emcee: David Listug
- 3/10/07 Speaker: John Patterson, Professor Emeritus,
Department of Geography, UW-Whitewater
Topic: "Must US Policy Change if the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict is to be
resolved"
Emcee: Jerry Norsman
- 4/14/07 Speaker: Nick Doane,
Professor of English, UW-Madison
Topic: "A trip through the Sagas of Vinland"
Emcee: Paul Larson
- 9/08/07 Speaker: Odd Lovoll

- Topic: "A Place Called Home: Norwegian Small Towns on the Western Prairie."
Emcee: Allan Bringe
- 10/08/07 Speaker: Brent McCown,
Professor of Horticulture, UW-Madison
Topic: Food Security: Where Do Local/Regional Food Systems Fit In?
Emcee: George Austin
- 11/03/07 Speaker: Richard Miller,
Director of East Asian Studies, UW-Madison
Topic: Light from the East: Korean Christian Missionaries in Iraq and Afghanistan
Emcee: Chuck Morkri
- 12/08/07 Speaker: Tom Zinnen,
Biotechnology Center, UW-Madison
Topic: Wisconsin's Biotechnology: Transforming How We Look at Life and Live our Lives
Emcee: David Peterson
- 1/12/08 Speaker: David Morgan,
Professor of History, UW-Madison
Topic: Sunni and Shiite: What's Behind the Conflict
Emcee: Eric Rasmussen
- 2/09/08 Speaker: Ruth Olson, Co-Director,
Center of Upper Midwest Cultures, UW-Madison
Topic: Foodways and Home Remedies
Emcee: Richard Olson
- 3/08/08 Speaker: Jeff Johnson,
School of Pharmacy, UW-Madison
Topic: Alzheimer's and other Neuro Degenerative Diseases: Novel Therapeutic Approaches
Emcee: Steve Christenson
- 4/12/08 Speaker: The Honorable Shirley Abramson,
Chief Justice Supreme Court of Wisconsin
Topic: 30th Anniversary of Torske Klubben
- 9/13/08 Speaker: Harley Refsal
Dalapalooza--Scandinavian Wood Carver
Topic: Carving Swedish and Norwegian Horses
Emcee: Dr. David Nelson
- 10/18/08 Prof. Marshall Onellion

- "Religion, Art and Science"
Emcee Jim Pederssen
- 11/8/08 Prof. John Greenler
"Cellulose to Ethanol Second Generation Biofuels,
Opportunities & Challenges"
Emcee
- 12 /13 /08 Jon Urness
"WWII Battles"
Emcee
- 1/ 10/09 Prof. C. Marvin Lang
"TBA"
Emcee
- 2/ 14 /09 Prof. Carrie Roy "Between the Sacred and the (Ladies' Day)
Quivering Profane: Exploring The Public and Private Spheres
Of Lutefisk"
Emcee
- 3/14.09 Larry Borchert
"Rural View of Russia"
Emcee
- 4/18/09 Prof Dan Bromley
"World Economics: Oil and the Norwegian Contribution"

Madison Torske Klubben Membership

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Robert W. Aagard*	1978	Charter Member 1978-99
Robert Alsaker	2005	Honorary Member
A. D. Anderson	1982	Member 1982-
Gary A. Anderson	1983	Member 1983-
Harvey Anderson	1994	Member 1994-1996
Odin Anderson*	1984	Member 1984-2004
Richie L. Anderson	1985	Member 1985-1998
Zane A. Anderson	2004	Member 2004-2006
Anders W. Andren	2000	Member 2000-2003
Anton S. "Sam" Arneson	1978	Charter Member 1978-
Carl Arneson*	1978	Charter Member 1978-2003
Theodore Arneson	1979	Member 1978-88
Allen Arntsen	1983	Member 1983-2001
Thomas Asp	1995	Member 1995-
George Austin	1995	Member 1995-
Art Barnard	2003	Member 2003-2005
John G. Barness	1978	Member 1978-
Gary Benson	1979	Member 1979-84
Roy A. Berg	1985	Member 1985-
William R. Berg*	1996	Member 1996-2004
Paul M. Berge	1978	Charter Member 1978-
Edward T. Bersu	1993	Member 1993-
Oscar L. Bjugstad	2003	Member 2003-
Larry L. Borchert	1985	Member 1985-
Michael Borge*	1995	Member 1995-2001
Robert G. Borgwardt*		1990 Honorary Member 1989-2003
Michael J. Bovre	1979	Member 1979-
Allan N. Bringe	1978	Charter Member 1978-
Leslie G. Broderson*		1978 Charter Member 1978-2002
Lawrence J. Bugge	1981	Member 1981-
Peter Bunn*	1981	Member 1881-1983
J. Robert Burull	1985	Member 1985-
Wes Christensen	2006	Member 2006-2007
Helge Christense	1979	Member 1979-1991
Brent Christiansen	2007	Member 2007-
Stephen Christenson	2000	Member 2000-
Thomas Christianson	1999	Member 1999-2001
Ronald L. Cook	1983	Member 1983-
Norman A. Dahl	2000	Member 2000-2001
Thomas Dahl	1992	Member 1992-
Roland B. Day*	1978	Charter Member & Executive Board Member 1978-2008

David L. DeMets	2001	Member 2001 -
Philip G. Dybdahl	1979	Member 1979 -
Paul Eastwood	2007	Member 2007-
Vernon W. Eid	1981	Member 1981-2005
Charles "Bud" Erickson	1984	Member 1984-
Victor S. Falk*	1994	Member 1994-1996
Clifford O. Feggestad	1985	Member 1985-2004
David J. Flakne	1997	Member 1997-2000
Milo O. Flaten	1978	Charter Member 1978-
John N. Forde*	1981	Member 1981-1995
Laverne B. Forest	1997	Member 1997-
Steven Fortney	1994	Member 1994- Historian 2008
Robert Furreboe*	1978	Charter Member 1978-
William Kennedy Giswold	1997	Member 1997-2001
James M. Glesne	1992	Member 1992-
Paul Graven*	1978	Charter Member 1978-1999
Joseph Green	1983	Member 1983-85
H. Gaylon Greenhill	1992	Member 1992- & Historian
Jon Grinde	1983	Member 1983-
Kenneth J. Grinde	1997	Member 1997-
Stuart G. Gullickson*	1982	Member 1982-2006
Gene A. Gunderson	1995	Member 1995-
Robert E. Gunderson*	1987	Member 1987-2004
Robert E. Hall	1997	Member 1997-2003
Peter Halvorson	2001	Member 2001-2005
Ron Halverson	1980	Member 1980-
Francis A. Hammen	1989	Member 1989-96
Michael Stuart Hamer	2002	Honorary Member 2002-2002
Sigmund Hammer*	1980	Member 1980-1990
Sanford Hannes*	1979	Member 1979-1998
H. M. King Harald, V	1991	Honorary Member 1991-
Joel Thomas Haraldson	1997	Member 1997-
Magnus Harding*	1979	Member 1979-1993
Michael J. Havey	2000	Member 2000-
Chuck H. Hayes	1984	Member 1984-87
James E. Helgeson	1984	Member 1984-1990
Orrin L. Helstad	1981	Member 1981-
Gary Hendrickson*	1986	Member 1986-2003
Orin Hermundstad	1995	Member 1995-
A.Dale Hoff	1978	Charter Member 1978-2005
Donald Hoganson	2005	Honorary Member 2005-
LeRoy Holm	1998	Member 1998-2004
Herbert J. Hopen	1994	Member 1994-
Olaf A. Hougen*	1978	Charter Member 1978-1986
Dan Huebner	2006	Member 2006-
Niels Ingwersen	2004	Honorary Member 2004-
Leon E. Isaksen*	1978	Charter Member 1978-1979
Carl J. Jensen	1980	Member 1980-1994
John Jenswold*	1978	Charter Member 1978-1999

Gordon N. Johnsen	1978	Charter Member 1978-
C. R. "Skip" Johnson	1991	Member 1991-
LeRoy A. Johnson	1978	Charter Member 1978-
Martin H. Johnson, Jr.	1978	Charter Member 1978-
Victor H. Johnson	1981	Member 1981-1990
Burns Kaupanger	1979	Member 1979-88
Rolf T. Killingstad	1988	Member 1988-
Rodney O. Kittelson*	1980	Member 1980-2007
Duane Kleven*	1995	Member 1995-2003
Stanley S. Klyve	1978	Charter Member 1978-
John K. Knutson	1980	Member 1980-81
Sidney W. Knutson	1986	Member 1986-89
Kenneth E. Kringle*	1984	Member 1984-1996
Jan O. Kristiansen	1982	Member 1982- & Treasurer 1994-2008
Harold E. Kubly*	1980	Member 1980-1996
Jeff Kuchenbecker	2006	Member 2006-
Arnold Kvalheim	1984	Member 1984-87
James B. Langdon	1996	Member 1996-
Per Langeland	1984	Member 1984-88
Larry L. Larrabee	1997	Member 1997-
Paul O. Larson	1996	Member 1996- Boss 2008-
Richard E. Larson*	1985	Member 1985-1996
Michael Lavelle	2005	Member 2005-
Lewis Lebakken Jr.	1996	Member 1996-2000.
Merlin T. Lebakken	1983	Member 1983-
Randall Lebakken	2007	Member 2007-
Thomas Lebakken	2007	Member 2007-
Robert G. Lee	1978	Charter Member 1978-1985
David L. Listug	1988	Member 1988-
Trygve Lonnebotn	1978	Charter Member 1978-, Secretary 1983-98 & Boss 1998-
Carl R. Loper, Jr.	1978	Founding Member 1978-, Assistant Treasurer 1990-93 & Board Member 1978-
Roger A. Loper	2002	Member 2002-
David S. Magnuson	1984	Member 1984-97
Sigurd Malvik	1984	Member 1984-94
Lloyd A. Mapes*	1984	Member 1984-1985
David Marks	1992	Member 1992-97
James A. Marks	1979	Member 1979-
Howard Martin	1979	Member 1979-present, Program Officer 1998-
Thomas Martin-Erickson	1987	Member 1987-
Virgil O. Martinson	1988	Member 1988-
Lowell Mays	1987	Honorary Member 1994-
Don McCloskey	1990	Member 1990-
Philip R. Mell	1978	Charter Member 1978-1994
Wayne Milestone	2006	Member 2006-
Loren T. Moen	1996	Member 1996-2000

Peder E. Moren	1990	Member 1990-
Charles Morki	1983	Member 1983-
Bruce Munson	1998	Member 1998-
Earl H. Munson	1986	Member 1986-
Steven W. Musser	1983	Member 1983-1994
Stephen Myrah	2000	Member 2000-
Gerhard B. Naeseth*	1978	Founding & Charter Member, Treasurer 1978-94
Hardean K. Naeseth	1995	Member 1995-2000
Peter Namvedt	1979	Member 1979-1984
Charles Nelson	1999	Member 1999-
Cy Nelson	1997	Member 1997-1999
David L. Nelson	1989	Member 1989-
Jerome M. Nelson	1983	Member 1983-
Nils Nelson	2003	Member 2003-2005
Theodore Nereim*	1978	Member 1978-1983
Allan Ness	1979	Member 1979-1983
Rodney Nilstuen	1978	Charter Member 1978-1981
Eugene J. Nordby	1978	Founding & Charter Member 1978-, Boss 1978-1998, Boss Emeritus 1998-
Barry A. Norem	1981	Member 1981-
Jerry L. Norseman	1993	Member 1993-
Ronald Nybrotten	2005	Member 2005-
Timothy Nybrotten	2005	Member 2005-2007
David R. Ohnstad	1978	Charter Member 1978-1998
H. M. King Olav V*	1978	Honorary Member 1978-1991
Clarence E. Olson	1978	Founding & Charter Member 1978-83
Paul A. Olsen	1985	Member 1985-1988
Richard L. Olson	1987	Member 1987-
Byron Ostby*	1978	Founding & Charter Member, Executive Board Member 1978-2003
Wayne E. Osterlie	2002	Member 2002-2004
David Ostrem	1992	Member 1992-2003
Jason Ostrem	1997	Member 2003-2003
Philip D. Paulson	1997	Member 1997-
Robert Payne	1999	Member 1999-2004
Paul S. Percy	2005	Honorary Member 2005-
Arthur E. Peterson	1997	Member 1997-
David Peterson	1993	Member 1993-
Donald R. Peterson*	1991	Member 1991-1998
James C. Pettersen	2005	Member 2005-
Paul Quello	1992	Member 1992-1997
Robert Rasmus	1991	Member 1991-1996
D. Richard Rasmussen	2006	Member 2006-
Eric J. Rasmussen	1991	Member 1991-
Steven A. Rasmussen	1995	Member 1995-
Don Reppen	1980	Member 1980-1988
James O. Rewey	1985	Member 1985-1997
James A. Riordan	1992	Member 1992- &

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Bryant H. Roisum	1984	Member 1984-1994
Brian Rude	1991	Member 1991-2000
Ken Runlee	1995	Member 1995-1997
William R. Sauey	1978	Charter Member 1978-2004
Jason Sederquist	2006	Member 2006-
Magnus E. Selbo*	1978	Charter Member 1978-1995
Don Sengbusch	1994	Honorary Member 1994-
Toby E. Sherry	1978	Charter Member 1978-1983
Irving Shain	1979	Honorary Member 1987-
W. James Siverhus	1991	Member 1991-1999
Sigurd E. Sivertson	1982	Member 1982-1995
David Skavlen	1994	Member 1994-
Rick Skinrud	1995	Member 1995-2001
Joel Skornicka	1987	Honorary Member 1987-
Dennis Skogen	1978	Member 1978-, Secretary 1998-2008
David Olaf Smedal	1999	Member 1999-
Gary E. Smithback	1992	Member 1992-2001
Julian B. Solem*	1984	Member 1984-1995
Soren Somerfelt*	1979	Honorary Member 1979-2006
Howard M. Spilde	1980	Member 1980-1983
P. L. Sponberg	1987	Member 1987-1990
Robert E. Stamstad	1980	Member 1980-1982
George P. Steinmetz	1987	Member 1987-2006
Russell Stensrud	1979	Member 1979-1988
Marshall Strauss*	1983	Member 1983-1996
John F. Suby	1980	Member 1980-1983
Robert D. Sundby	1978	Charter Member 1978-1994
John Surdyk	2007	Member 2007-
Richard Sveum	1982	Member 1982-83
Eldred Swingen	1978	Founding & Charter Member, Executive Board Member 1978 –
Arne Thesen	1979/1990	Member 1979-1994
O. J. Thompto	1978	Charter Member 1978-1983
Bjorn Thompson	1980	Member 1980-1990
Carl W. Thompson*	1979	Member 1979-1988
John W. Thompson	1982	Member 1982-
Joseph O. Thompson	2004	Member 2004-
Richard J. Thompson	1979	Member 1979-1998
Ralph E. Thorp, Jr.	1978	Founding Member & Secretary 1978-1983
Clarence J. Thorstad*	1978	Charter Member 1978-1992
Elmer Thorstad	1978	Charter Member 1978-1979
Ronald C. Thorstad	1991	Member 1991-1998
Lowell T. Thronson*	1978	Member 1978-1987
Ordean Torstenson	2005	Member 2005-
J. Kent Tweeten	1978	Charter Member 1978-2002
John Ullsvik	1992	Member 1992-2002
Thomas W. Ullsvik	1988	Member 1988-
Dick Vilstrup	1981	Member 1981-

Allen E. Wahl	2002	Member 2002-
Raymond Arnt Weihofen	1999	Member 1999- Treasurer 2008-
John C. Weston	1979	Member 1979-
Edwin Young	1979	Honorary Member 1979-