



NCC Newsletter

*What you missed at our last meeting
and what's coming up!*

From October 12th, 2017

After dinner guests were introduced.

Deane Motis then introduced our speaker Dave Stockert from the Seattle Seafarer's Center. The Mission to Seafarer organization was started in 1856 in the UK and provided support during the war for families. There are more than 200 centers worldwide.



The Seattle Seafarer's Center was created to help meet the needs of the seamen visiting the port of Seattle, mainly communication and transportation. They are a vital lifeline in ports to help provide rest and relaxation, transportation ship to shore and repatriation for those who are injured or are returning home. They also provide counselling and mediation in a crisis or day to day. Many of the workers are away from home for 9 months or more so communication from their port connections is essential, which is a great service that is provided. Many are not able to leave the ships due to lack of proper paperwork, so there are ship visitors that include Catholic, Lutheran, and Episcopal Deacons.

Over 2000 ditty bags are made and are given to the seafarers including a knitted stocking cap in each hand-sewn bag. These bags are known throughout the world to be the highest quality.

They have 35 volunteers here and they transport more than 16,000 seafarers from the Port to downtown in a year by van. Seattle Seafarer's Center is looking for more volunteers so if you are interested please contact them at office.mts.seattle@gmail.com or call 206-935-3439.

Minutes were approved. (Minutes submitted by Debbi Larson of Skagit Bank)

Committee Reports-

Fishermen's Night Committee- The agenda was updated at their meeting. Ticket will be sold starting next meeting for the same amount of \$60 and the same number of tickets. They will also be sold at Pacific Fishermen's Shipyard, Ballard Oil, and 4 local banks, Banner Bank, Mountain Pacific Bank, People's Bank, and Skagit Bank.

Announcements-

Seattle-Bergen Sister City Association are having a fashion show luncheon featuring Oleana. It will be held at Washington Athletic Club on November 4th and tickets are \$38.

Viking Dinner is this Sunday October 15th at Leif Erikson Hall at 5pm, tickets are \$25

No Old/New Business-

Dinner Winner -Robert Loe

Membership Cash Drawing -No Winner, will be up to \$60 next time

Raffle winner – Bjorn Gjolmesli

There are do's and there are don'ts. There are also dues and don'ts. And, if you don't pay your dues, you're in the second category. So we don't have to remind you again, please pay your dues at the next meeting (we take credit cards now; and we eventually give them back) Last year, the club had spend over \$100 in postage for reminders that could have gone to scholarships instead of the postal service. Not that we don't think the postal service is doing an excellent job, we'd just rather have the money go towards students.

Thank you.

OUR NEXT MEETING is Thursday, October 26th! Mark your calendars!

SPEAKER: Brewer's Night--Foggy Noggin and the Fremont Brewing Company will be in the house!

MENU: Sauerbraten, Rødkål, Mashed Potatoes, Salad AND dessert.

- Members, \$25 IF you pre-register
- \$30 for drop in members
- \$30 for guests or non-paid members
- \$10 for students (with valid ID)

Please call the office by the Wednesday before the meeting and leave a message to guarantee your spot:

(206) 783-1274.

See you then! Deane Motis Vice-President
Norwegian Commercial Club/Seattle



NORDIC CALENDAR

Upcoming Events

Leif Erikson Lodge Fall Bazaar--Yes, this weekend is the 111th edition. You know the place! Stop by Saturday or Sunday for some early Christmas shopping, a delicious lunch and maybe a Norwegian conversation or two.

