

Norwegian Commercial Club of Seattle



From our meeting on November 10th, 2016



The NCC Version of "Our Favorite Things"

What You Missed At Our Last Meeting

Vice-President Monica Langfeldt introduced our speaker: Lexi, owner of Old Ballard Liquor Company, where she has continued the traditions of Scandinavian culture for 5 years in Ballard.

Lexi grew up in the Scandinavian-American farming culture of the Skagit Valley, and after a three-year residency in Sweden, she settled back into Seattle. She also runs a Nordic café and fine dining Scandinavian restaurant called Tumble Swede. She also teaches classes on contemporary Scandinavian food and drink across the U.S. She has an 8-hour master-aquavit class here that she welcomes you to sign up for.

The difference of the Aquavit she produces is that they are American style, but they must have the Scandinavian profile. Each Scandinavian country has a different profile. At its simplest aquavit is a spiced vodka. Danish aquavit is dry with dill or caraway. Other countries use caraway. Sweden varies by region, with a light, fruity, sweet profile in the south, and dryer in the north. Norway has specific laws about their aquavit, which must be made from Norwegian potatoes and must be aged in oak

barrels.

In the early 2000s, the purchase and consumption of aquavit in the U.S. had all but disappeared. The turning point was in 2012 when the Swedish-held Arcus Corporation purchased the Aalborg brand. In 2015 production was moved from Aalborg, Denmark to Trondheim Norway. This was considered catastrophic for Denmark, but was beneficial for Americans because the facility has the capacity to produce a quantity that is profitable for export.

- **Minutes were Accepted**
 - **Tickets were made available at the meeting for Fishermen's Night which is on December 8th for \$60 each, and are being sold at Ballard Oil, Pacific Fishermen- Lunde Electric, and Mountain Pacific Bank**
 - **LEBA still needs funds for building maintenance- click [here](#) if you'd like to contribute.**
 - **Initiation of our newest member: Michael Scheaffer, Financial Consultant for VCFO. He is married with 2 children, and his qualification is that he has been in the Seafood Industry.**
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Dinner Winner was Earl Ecklund

Membership Cash Drawing \$40-no winner so next time it will be \$50

Raffle Winner for the Amber-Tim Hunter (as if he needed it)

Hope to see you at our only meeting in December, Fishermen's Night, December 8th!

Thanks!

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Vice-President

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