

Norwegian Commercial Club of Seattle



NCC/NACC JOINT MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

January 12th, 2023

Norwegian Commercial Club (NCC) held its first meeting of 2023 with a great turnout, a lively cocktail hour, delicious dinner and a most newsworthy speaker! Seattle's brand-new chief of police, Officer Adrian Diaz, sworn in earlier that same day, gave a lively, thoughtful and informative presentation, details follow below. What a nice coup by our on-the-ball Vice Presidents, Ivan and Katrina Svasand, to bring this speaker to us. At this meeting NCC was again joined by a welcome group of members of Seattle's Norwegian American Chamber of Commerce (NACC) under the 2022-2023 Joint Venture Agreement.



The meeting was opened by NCC President Anne-Lise Berger. Anne-Lise welcomed members and wished all a happy new year and commented on the great turnout and good energy in the hall.

A moment of silence was then observed for the recent passing of long time member and community leader, Rick Peterson. Shortly before his passing, as Anne-Lise noted, Peterson was honored with NACC's Person of the Year Award at NACC's Annual Julebord, a well-deserved award indeed. Also honored with the ringing of the Ship's Bell was the passing of the wife of long time member Bernie Johnsen.

Anne-Lise then reported on Fishermen's Night, which was a great success this year, with an excellent turnout, incredible seafood, and a new venue, Ballard Elks Lodge that suited the lively crowd very well indeed. The excellent program included a moving invocation by Pastor Eric R. Wilson Weiberg, expressing thanks for the abundance in which we were about to partake and the generosity and hard work of those who go to sea to bring it to us. The program then proceeded, surreptitiously, to catch Doug Dixon by complete surprise, rendering him almost speechless--imagine that!-- as 2022's recipient of the prestigious King Neptune Award. Anne-Lise also reported that Fishermen's Night raised over \$26,000 to support NCC's Scholarship Program and other community giving. See you all next year, and bring your friends! Fishermen's Night is one of NCC's and Seattle's finest holiday traditions.

Reviving a long-standing NCC tradition, Victoria and Tim Hunter then went round the tables for the introduction of guests, of which there were many, both family members and friends of the members in attendance. Please remember to invite others to join you at our next meeting!

Next, Seattle's newly minted Police Chief, Adrian Diaz, was introduced by VP's Ivan and Katrina Svasand. Police Chief Diaz, who then told us he had reported to duty this morning, after 125 weeks as Interim Police Chief, to be sworn in as our "for real" Police Chief. Diaz recognized the tough challenges before him as he continues and expands his work to lead the Police Department in improving its service to the public and making our community better and safer for all. Diaz acknowledged this is a task that will take many years. He reassured us that he now leads a corps that is rebuilding in the aftermath of the crises of the last few years that a wave of complaints about police tactics, assaults on police and precinct offices and calls to defund the police. As Diaz related, these tumultuous times that led to over 500 Seattle police officers leaving the force. Diaz continued, however, to reassure NCC members that a solid rebuilding and retraining of the force is now underway under his leadership. Over 100 new officers now have been added back to the force and careful recruiting and training continue.

Respectfully submitted

DANIEL NYE

Co-Secretary

Respectfully submitted, Lisa Sjong Wilson

Our next meeting will be very special. Thursday, February 9th, we're having a Valentine's Day themed "Soiree", with live music provided by Joe Carolus, specialty cocktails and more. It will be an excellent meeting for you and that special someone.

And check out the menu!

Green Salad Filet Mignon w/King Crab Mushroom Risotto

Roasted Broccolini Raspberry Tiramisu

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