



# NCC Newsletter

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

Notes from our May 9th meeting

After dinner the guests were introduced by Victoria and Tim Hunter.

**Donations of \$1,000 each were presented** from the Norwegian Commercial Club to the following organizations:

Ballard NW Senior Center, the National Nordic Museum, the Ballard Food Bank, the Ballard Maritime Academy, Norse Home, and LEBA.



**The Annual Scholarships were presented** to four individuals for \$5,000 each.

- Arne Grette will be going to Valdres Folkhogskole.
- Hannah Doyle will be interning in Oslo at the US Embassy.
- Allison Cutting will be studying Fisheries in Nicaragua for his Masters in Science.
- Noah Ratcliffe will be studying at the Maritime Academy.



**Viggo Forde** was our speaker of the evening. He gave us an update on what is happening in Norway and a few points from King Harald's 2018 speech. In summary, no matter what the differences of the people of Norway, they have been founded on an ability to compromise and find common ground through climate change, saving nature and in everyday life. Viggo showed us many statistics including the fact that more women have higher education than men, Norway has more Olympic medals by a large margin, there has been a large increase in immigration in Norway, and the fact that it is every Norwegian's God-given right to own a cabin.

**SPECIAL NOTE: On Wednesday night, May 15th (yes, last night), it was announced that Viggo has been appointed the new Honorary Consul in Seattle for the states of Washington and Idaho! Congrats, Viggo!**



Meeting minutes by **Debbi Larson of Key Bank** were approved and seconded.

## Announcements

The Leif Erikson Lodge named their Sons of Norway Man and Woman of the year as Peter Nessigant and Ellen Beck. Both were in attendance.

Al Jacobson passed away, and his memorial service will be June 13<sup>th</sup> at Leif Erikson Hall.

The flags and vimple have been replaced at Bergen Place Park in time for Syttende Mai.

The Norwegian/Swedish putt-putt tournament will be June 13<sup>th</sup>.

Daniel Nye is the new President of the Intiman Theater and told us about one of the upcoming plays called "The Events."

There will be a Norwegian Meet Up the first Wednesday of the month at [Skal Beer Hall](#), beginning at 4:30pm.

**Slate of Nominees for next year's board was presented and approved unanimously**

President-Scott Jacobson

VP-Debbi Larson

Secretary-Daniel and Linda Nye (shared)

Treasurer-Cory Nelson

Membership Secretary-Brian Westerman

Trustees---Victoria Hunter, Knut Landboe, Robert Loe, Jake Dixon, Ozzie Kvithammer, Aaron Overland, and Ivan Svasand

**Winners of the drawings for the meeting:**

Diane Baines-Winner of the free dinner

Ernie Templin-Winner of the membership cash drawing at \$20

Diane Baines-Winner of the liquor raffle



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Hope you had a lot of fun at Syttende Mai  
and see you in September!