



NCC Newsletter

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

Notes from our April 26th meeting

After dinner, our guests were introduced. Then, Deane introduced our speaker Viggo Forde of Microsoft who spoke about "Norway and the Pacific Northwest with a Lense on Business".

He walked us through the Emigration Story from Norway including where they came from and where they settled and the comparison of triggers for the emigration between the 1800's and the 1900's. By 1920 every 20th person in Seattle was Norwegian American. Today more than 480,000 people in Washington State claim Norwegian background. Reasons were the similarity of environment, the fishing industry and the marine industry.

Viggo pointed out the Norwegian Innovations through time that spans all aspects of our life, including the paperclip, athletes, fishing and much more. Since Norwegians are seafarers by birth and pioneers by necessity, it's in their blood go out to find things. It is said that beauty triggers creativity and Norway certainly is beautiful.

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

Committee Reports

Ozzie shared that we have 14 applicants for scholarships. We will be giving out \$28,000 in scholarships and \$5,000 to various charities at the next meeting.

Kris Templin presented the slate of nominees.

President-Deane Motis

Vice President-Scott Jacobsen

Past President-Monica Langfeldt

Secretary-Debbi Larson

Treasurer-Cory Nelson

Membership Secretary-Ozzie Kvithammer

Trustees-Aaron Overland, Victoria Hunter, Jake Dixon, Robert Loe, Brian Westerman and Knut Landboe.

To be voted in are Dean, Scott, Victoria, Jake, Brian and Knut.

Announcements

Syttende Mai Open House at Leif Erikson Lodge Thursday May 17th from Noon-5pm

Give Big for All – Join the Leif Erikson Lodge Educational Foundation on May 9th

Dedication of the Nordic Immigrants names at Leif Erikson Plaza was April 29th at 3pm

Julie Albright asked to give her any updates you have for the 17th of May parade

There will be a drawing at the next meeting for 8 individual spots at the table NCC has at the 17th of May luncheon at the Nordic Museum.

Three new members were inducted.

Adam McQueen, Viggo Forde and Paul Van Hollebeke

Tim Hunter has created a slide power point of member business advertisements that will rotate during happy hour and dinner. Please contact Tim if you would like to be included.

OUR NEXT MEETING is **THURSDAY, May 10th**

SCHOLARSHIP NIGHT

At our final meeting of the 2017-2018 season, we'll announce the winners of this year's scholarships and the results of our members poll, regarding our meetings. Have you filled out the survey yet?

MENU: Crab Stuffed Cod, parslie potatoes, roasted brussel sprouts, salad AND dessert.

Members \$27 (if you pre-register) \$30 for drop in members

\$27 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



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Are you walking with Norwegian Commercial Club in the Syttende Mai parade? Make sure you visit 17thofMay.org and download and fill out a "hold harmless" form. That allows you into the parade.

Also, one more reminder—at our next meeting, we'll have a drawing for 8 spots at the NCC table at the Syttende Mai luncheon at the Nordic Heritage Museum. Must be present to win!