



NCC Newsletter

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

Notes from our September 24th, 2019 meeting



Vice-President Debbi Larson, surrounded by our speakers, Raymond Eriksen & Doug Dixon

Minutes of the Norwegian Commercial Club
October 10th, 2014 Submitted by Dan Nye, Co-Secretary

Jake Dixon and Kjell Jacobson introduced guests after dinner.

Vice President Debbi Larson introduced NCC luminaries, Doug Dixon and Raymond Eriksen, as our co-speakers for the evening. They spoke with humor of their experiences this year, and in years past, attending Hostfest, clearly the largest Nordic festival in the entire Universe. We learned that Hostfest takes place in Minot, North Dakota, accessible by car, train or plane. Not by boat. Not yet.

"Missile Silos to Stave Churches, it's all in Minot" is Minot's motto and we also learned the area sits atop one of the largest oil fields in the nation, the Bakken Formation. Bakken was found by a Swedish geologist, named after a lucky Norwegian farmer who owned the land, and fracking is everywhere. So alongside oil, farming, tourism, religion and defense, Minot's principal products include Hostfest, held at the North Dakota State Fairgrounds. Hostfest began in 1978, attracts over 60-70 thousand visitors a year, and features a 90-100-piece accordion orchestra that gathers to play all together twice a day. Not only that but, per Doug and Raymond, you can't escape accordions! They play all over the Hostfest's Viking Village and its five different National Halls (named Oslo, Stockholm, Copenhagen, Reykjavik and Helsinki Halls, respectively). As Raymond memorably put it, "the accordions are everywhere and play on and on, you can't kill 'em"! Sign me up, Raymond!

In addition to ubiquitous accordions, there ample other entertainments, including many well-known entertainers, stars like Bjoro Haaland from Vigeland and many others.

Food is another big attraction at Hostfest, according to Doug and Raymond, with visiting Nordic chefs and culinary highlights like the Lefse Mezzanine, Ole/Sven, 123 Restaurant, Artesian Village (or is it "Artisan"?) and Lutefisk Lip Balm. And as if that weren't enough, there are also Trolls walking around all over Hostfest, say Raymond and Doug, who described trolls memorably in their presentation as "guys with long noses and other stuff like that'). A great and memorable talk, truly, in best NCC tradition and very worthy of the Tusen Takk Trolls Doug and Raymond received. .

Business Meeting and Announcements:

The minutes of the September 26th meeting were approved as read. There were no committee reports or other business.

Announcements:

Leif Erikson Hall holds its 113th annual Holiday Bazaar on October 26th and 27th, 10 am-4 p.m., and 11 a.m.-4 pm, respectively.

Leif Erikson Lodge will hold its annual Julebord on December 14th.

The Winners from our October 10th meeting

Membership Pot of \$20 went to John Congalton.

The FREE dinner went to Julie Svendsen.

The Jug of Brown went to Dave Lunde.



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Don't miss our next meeting:

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24th

It's Brewers Night, with Foggy Noggin', Bad Jimmy's and Fremont Brewing showing off their stuff and discussing beer!

- Members \$27 (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.