

Norwegian Commercial Club of Seattle



NCC/NACC JOINT MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

March 9th, 2023

Norwegian Commercial Club (NCC) held its March meeting, reviving its traditional **Sweater Night**. This brought out a great gathering of older and newer members, the largest turnout of the year, most of us clad in Norwegian, and other, traditional sweaters of various colors and patterns and styles. Our shared and diverse culture was on display!



Following a spirited cocktail hour, Vice Presidents Ivan and Katrina Svasand invited us to sit down to a terrific baked chicken dinner with sides. Long time member **Magne Erga** was asked to stand so we all could sing in his 93rd Birthday. Congratulations Magne, and here's to many, many more!

Victoria Hunter and Debbi Larson then introduced guests and there were many. In addition to sundry spouses and family members including my own dear daughter Ellen who was visiting from Bend, Oregon, we had several prospective new members in attendance and several guests visiting from Norway! Also attending in the company of our speaker for the evening, was long time member Professor Terje Leiren of the UW, and also Kim Kittilsby, daughter of long time member Jim Kittilsby. Welcome all!

Vice Presidents Svasand then introduced our speaker, Amy Boxrud, of the Norwegian American Historical Association (NAHA), headquartered in Northfield, Minnesota, on the campus of St. Olaf's College. Amy was a delightful speaker, here to update us on the history of NAHA, which works to preserve and promote the study of the history of Norwegian immigration to North America. NAHA has over 1000 members we learned, and maintains and provides access to an extensive collection of historic materials. Ms. Boxrud was also here to inform us that NAHA will be leading and promoting the celebration of the 200 Year Anniversary of the arrival of the first Norwegian immigrants to the USA.

The Svasands presented Boxrud with the traditional "Tusen Takk" troll, that clearly brought delight to its grateful recipient, who intends to add it to an extensive collection of trolls that are already resident in her office.

A brief business meeting followed, where David Rice made a presentation about the new program being developed to permit members of Norwegian Commercial Club to reach visitors to the NCC website, through advertising on the website. Members were invited to commit to these advertising spots now, and in the future. Several members jumped on the chance that very evening, more ad slots are available, interested members should contact David Rice or any Officer or Board member for more details. Work is also underway to update and streamline the NCC website. Potential advertisers will want to note that in addition to promoting their business, by buying advertising, members will also be supporting the important work to constantly improve and modernize our website. Many thanks to David, Anne-Lise, Tim, Victoria and all who are helping to support this worthy effort, and members are encouraged to volunteer in these efforts and to give feedback about the website and to promote its availability to friends and neighbors and fans of the NCC.

Announcements followed and members were encouraged to remember to attend and support Kaffestue, \$7 donation, at the Lodge, every Wednesday and Friday, and Doug Warne encouraged members to join the Happy Hour gatherings at the Lodge, \$5 donation, every Saturday from 5-8 p.m. Members were also asked to keep long time member Robert Johnston in their thoughts as he faces a serious health challenge. Get well soon, Bob! You are missed.

Respectfully submitted, DANIEL NYE Co-Secretary

Don't miss our next meeting, Thursday, April 13th when our guest speaker will be **Scott Sandvig**, Vice-President of the Value Added team of [Alaskan Leader Seafood](#), who also serves on the board of the [Northwest Fisheries Association](#). Scott will discuss our past and present relationship with food and the sea.



And check out the menu!

Garden Salad Poached Codfish (*Thanks to Alaska Leader for donating the cod*)

Potatoes Carrots & Peas and Bløtkake for dessert!

RSVP BY Tuesday, April 11th (206) 783-1274 or on our website, www.norwegiancommercialclub.org



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