

# Norwegian Commercial Club of Seattle



From our meeting on February 23rd, 2017



Fred Poyner IV & Monica Langfeldt

## What You Missed At Our Last Meeting

Jan Colbrese of the Nordic Heritage Museum introduced Fred Poyner IV, Collections Manager of the Nordic Heritage Museum, as our speaker. Fred gave us a great overview of the life and photos of Norwegian Photographer Anders Beer Wilse. Wilse emigrated to the

US in 1884, and married his wife Helen in 1890. He was a surveyor and engineer and decided to become a photographer. He is reported to have acquired his first camera in 1886, and opened his photography studio in 1897 with Daniel Kirk before he later went on his own. When gold was discovered, Seattle became the gateway to the Klondike. When people did not find gold they started to settle in Seattle. Wilse photographed all of this period. 537 reindeer were brought over through Jersey City and were destined to Woodland Park. 113 Sami were hired from Finmark to help coordinate this journey. Many reindeer died along the way and only 120 made it to their final destination in Alaska.

Mr. Wilse continued photographing the Sami, doing portraits of them when he returned to Norway.

Wilse's wife and 3 children moved back to Norway in the summer of 1900, and he joined them in October permanently that year. His studio in Seattle remained open until 1913 run by his assistant.

Wilse left 200,000 photographs documenting this period. He became one of Norway's most famous photographers. An exhibition of his work was at the Nordic Heritage Museum until Sunday.

Minutes were accepted

No Committee Reports

17<sup>th</sup> of May Committee has asked if we would sponsor and put an ad in the lunch program for \$1,000 again this year. The NCC board moved that we do this and it was voted on by the membership and passed.

Announcements -

100 years of Lake Washington Ship Canal is being celebrated at the locks on July 9<sup>th</sup>. Center for Wooden Boats will have up to 50 historically significant vessels through the Yacht Club for a reenactment. There will be family festivities.

March 12<sup>th</sup>-Norwegian Ladies Chorus will have their annual meatball and fishcake dinner and silent auction. Ballard Chamber Women's Chorus will sing. Arlene has tickets for the dinner.

Arlene also has 17<sup>th</sup> of May pins for 2017 for sale.

March 4<sup>th</sup> - A Norwegian sandwich-making workshop by the Lodge partnering with Bjorn

from Scandinavian Specialties as a fundraiser for the building - \$20 per person with 100% of the funds going to LEBA (Leif Erickson Building Association)

March 24<sup>th</sup> - A Jazz Festival with Overton Berry - \$10 for a couple of drinks and food

March 18<sup>th</sup> - Norwegian Heritage Day including Taste of Norway from 10 am to 3:30pm and the annual Leif to Leif Fun Run/Walk \$10 for adults with waffles afterwards.

No Old or New Business

Dinner Winner – Susan Jackson

Membership Cash Drawing \$20 – none so next time \$25

Raffle winner – Deane Motis

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**OUR NEXT MEETING is Thursday, March 9th. Yes, NEXT WEEK! Our speaker will be Tom Norwalk, the President & CEO of VISIT SEATTLE**

**MENU:** Fish Augratin, butter parsley potatoes, green beans, cauliflower soup, dessert!

- Members \$25 (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.

See you then!

Monica Langfeldt

Vice-President

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