

Norwegian Commercial Club of Seattle



From our meeting on October 27th, 2016



VP Monica Langfeldt with Debbie & Dennis Bounds

What You Missed At Our Last Meeting

Vice President Monica Langfeldt introduced the speaker Dennis Bounds, retired KING-TV news anchor.

Dennis started his news career in WV, spent time in Fargo, ND where he met his wife, went to FL, MN, and Louisiana before coming to Seattle to work at KING. He started as the morning/noon anchor at KING in 1991, after 3 ½ years became the evening news anchor until he retired in October 2015.

Dennis says he is comfortable in front of a Scandinavian crowd because he became familiar with Scandinavians and their food, as well as the 17th of May, while in North Dakota and Minnesota.

The day in the life of the newsroom

When he did morning newscasts

Up at 3:15am, to work by 4am, lunch at 4:30am, on morning newscast from 5-7am

Meeting with editorial staff at 9:30 to decide stories, news updates throughout the morning and home by 12:30pm

When he started doing evening newscasts

Arrive at work by 2:30pm, meeting to review stories with the rest of the staff at 3

Newscasts from 5-6pm, 6:30-7pm, work on stories and again on at 11pm

In North Dakota when he started 40 years ago there they had 2 cameras, noon and 10pm newscasts.

By the time he retired from KING/KONG TV news was on from 4:30-7am on KING, 7-9am on KONG,

12-1pm on KING, 1-2 on KONG, 4-5pm, 5-6pm, and 6:30-7:30pm on KING, 9-10pm and 10-11pm on KONG, and finally 11-11:30pm on KING. The station thinks with so many news options online to choose from it's cheaper put on several broadcast options to choose from as well online options of their own to watch.

He was not forced out, when KING-TV moved they offered a voluntary retirement package, but only one anchor could leave. Lori Matsukawa had seniority but chose not to leave, so Dennis chose to retire. He is enjoying retirement very much. After morning coffee, he reads the Seattle Times and Washington Post, and then watches sports the rest of the day.

Questions from the audience

Hardest Story to cover?

Police shootings in 2009, covered the memorial services... it takes an emotional toll

Best Interview?

After 38 years in the business he got to go to the White House to interview the President in 2015.

It was regarding the trade plan, Dennis was one of 3 invited (3 trade dependent states)

Dalai Lama –one of 2 invited when he was in town (KING was one of the sponsors of his event)

What anchors did he admire?

Walter Cronkite, Harry Reasoner, David Brinkley, Frank Reynolds, Tom Brokaw

Are you happy or sad not to cover the elections this year? Happy not to cover, reads about it but doesn't listen. He used to like covering politics, when it was more off the cuff.

What organizations is he passionate about in the community after covering through the years? At KING they had a passion for doing things for organizations. Usually emceed about 20 events a year, and has done 5 or 6 since he retired. His 37 year old son is special needs so he likes to be involved with organizations that help kids with special needs.

Any memorable bloopers? Not a blooper but during snow in Fargo in 1976, he responded "wah, wah, wah" to someone on the street which played over and over.

Does he socialize with others from KING-TV? Yes, he sees, Jean, executive producer, Jeff, and Alan

It seems there is a lot of repetition of the news. He says to pick the time you want to watch because they have the news on so often that the reporters' time is limited on getting new stories.

Do they try to balance the news? Yes, they try hard, especially towards the end of his time there to get good news as well as the bad. He has been accused of being both liberal and conservative.

What did he wear on the bottom? In the past it could be shorts, but when they started moving the camera he had to wear a full suit and dress shoes.

Minutes were Accepted

No Reports

We plan to have Fishermen's Night tickets available at the next meeting for \$60 a piece

Announcements -

Alaska Cod Fish Dinner will be at Leif Erikson Hall this coming Sunday November 6th at 6pm with the Norwegian Male Chorus of Seattle - there will be prizes, and singing

LEBA still needs funds for building maintenance- go to the Go Fund Me on the NCC website to donate

Initiation of new member – Erik Pihl who has worked at the Nordic Heritage Museum since July. He is married with no children. He is joining to be a part of the community and to get to know us, as well as enjoy good food and conversation.

Old Business-Newsletters are on the website as well as a members list that you can access with a code if you are a member. Remember to pay your dues, 78 members haven't paid yet.

No New Business

Dinner Winner was Andrea Torland

Membership Cash Drawing \$30-no winner so next time it will be \$40

Raffle winner-Julie Svendsen

Thanks!

And for our next meeting-- **November 10th**

SPEAKER: Lexi from Old Ballard Liquor Company (yes, there will be samples)

MENU: Crab stuffed salmon in a lemon reduction, boiled potatoes, peas, salad & 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)

\$12 for students (with fake ID)

Reservations are recommended. Call the office by the Wednesday before the meeting and leave a message to guarantee your spot: (206) 783-1274

Hope to see you there!

Thanks!

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Vice-President

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