

An Update For Members of Norwegian Commercial Club

# Norwegian Commercial Club of Seattle



From our meeting on March 23rd, 2017



The Nordic Museum's Eric Nelson  
& VP Monica Langfeldt

## What You Missed At Our Last Meeting

We lost one lifetime member since our last meeting - Olaf Odegaard

Vice President Monica Langfeldt introduced our speaker Eric Nelson, Executive Director of the Nordic Heritage Museum. Eric Nelson joined the Nordic Heritage Museum in January 2008. As a Napa, California native, he served as Executive Director of the Napa Valley Museum from 1999 to 2007. Prior to this role, he was Curator of Exhibits and Collections and then Executive Director of the Sonoma County Museum for eleven years. He is a graduate of the prestigious Getty Museum Leadership Institute and holds a Masters of Art degree in History from Sonoma State University and B.A. in History from California State University, Sacramento. He has served as a guest lecturer at Sonoma State University, San Francisco State University and Santa Rosa Junior College.

Eric showed us a drone video of the raising of the last piece of steel going up at the museum. The 32<sup>nd</sup> annual auction will be June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Marriott on Alaska Way.

The Nordic Heritage Museum was established in the 1970's and opened to the public in 1980.

The mission is to bring a sense of Scandinavian culture and values of the Nordic Region to the entire community, going back to the 1890's. Demographics show that there are 12% Scandinavians in the area. The NHM has 5 exhibits per year, which look at contributions of Nordics in the Northwest. The museum has been successful for the last 35 years and they want to continue to be through the new building that they plan to open in May of 2018. They have raised over \$40 million of the \$47 million needed. Currently the plaque campaign and donor wall is underway for contributions. The 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Northern Lights Auction is on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Seattle Marriott Waterfront.

Minutes were accepted (Minutes submitted by Debbi Larson of Skagit Bank)

### Committee Reports

17<sup>th</sup> of May- Please let Julie Pheasant-Albright know if you have a vehicle that will be in the parade.

Announcements -

The 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee of the Seattle-Bergen Sister City Association is on April 1<sup>st</sup> at the Seattle Yacht Club. The guest of honor is actress Jennie Eisenhower, great-granddaughter of President Dwight D Eisenhower, who founded Sister Cities International. Jennie will read from his famous 1956 White House speech that started it all.

No Old or New Business

- Dinner Winner – Bjorn Gjomesli
- Membership Cash Drawing \$40-no winner so \$50 next time
- Raffle winner – Ellen Beck

OUR NEXT MEETING IS [THURSDAY, APRIL 13th](#)

SPEAKER: Jordan Hanssen, author of "Rowing into the Son"

MENU: Crab stuffed cod, boiled potatoes, peas & carrots, 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)**

**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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