



NCC Newsletter

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

Notes from our November 14th, 2019 meeting



We heard about the Seattle Metropolitans and that time they won the Stanley Cup!

Minutes of the Norwegian Commercial Club
November 14th, 2019 Submitted by Dan Nye, Co-Secretary

Lots of special guests on hand that night (including a raft of past presidents, who also happened to be present) along with Honorary Norwegian Consul, Viggo Forde and wife, Eileen. Dinner was "Nordic" meatballs and sides, which surely triggered that classic Norwegian Commercial Club Fishermen's lament: "How come we have meat all the time?!" It was delicious, Kitchen Crew! And Trish and Angela, how nice to see you again amongst our beloved servers.

Speakers: Vice President Debbi Larson introduced our favorite barkeep, Brian Westerman, who then introduced his pal, Kevin Ticen, former Anaheim Angels baseball catcher, turned sports writer and coach. Ticen has now published his first book, WHEN IT MATTERED MOST, tracing the background and history and the exciting triumph of America's first Stanley Cup Champions, Seattle's own "Metropolitans." Ticen set the scene brilliantly, describing the victory as a welcome bright spot in those grim days of March, when the Russian Revolution had just happened, clouds of war were everywhere, and the United States was poised to enter the War to End All Wars. The Metropolitans defeated the Toronto Canadiens 9-1 to win the Cup. Ticen, and did so at Seattle's spanking new Ice Arena that then shone over 5th Avenue, between University and Seneca, right here in Seattle in 1917. Six days after the Cup win, the U.S. went to war in Europe. Despite the somber times that followed, also as detailed by Ticen, the fledgling city that was post-Gold Rush Seattle was boosted greatly in its drive to prominence in the reflected glory of the Stanley Cup Victory. Ticen's talk included historic photos, detailed facts, and insights about the players and coaches that brought about Seattle's early hockey prominence. Ticen then concluded his rich history by bringing us forward through Totems and Thunderbirds to the present when Seattle's new NHL franchise will soon sprint onto the ice. Will they be Sockeyes? The Emeralds? The New Metropolitans? If Ticen knows, he wasn't telling, and as with all NCC matters there were certainly strong and varying "opinions" expressed. Whatever their name, Ticen reported the team is planning to raise Seattle's historical championship banners, including the 1917 Stanley Cup Banner, on Opening Day at the refitted Arena! Great program. Tusen takk, Kevin. And thanks, all!

Business Meeting and Announcements:

President Jacobson called for any committee reports and old and new business.

And of course on December 11th, we gathered for our 69th Annual Fishermens Night. This year's King Neptune Award Winners (yes, there were two) were our two state Senators, Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell. A representative accepted the awards for them, but the Senators have expressed interest in attending one of meetings next year.

Thanks for another great Fishermens Night and supporting our scholarship fund!



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Don't miss our next meeting: **Thursday, January 9th**

It's Maritime Night!

King County Judge David Keenan is our guest speaker. Judge Keenan grew up in Seattle, where he spent much of his youth living on welfare and a public housing subsidy. He credits caring mentors for helping him redirect his life and for his eventual path to the judiciary.

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.**