



# NCC Newsletter

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

Notes from our January 24th meeting

**After happy hour, dinner and the introduction of guests, we heard from our speaker Kirsten Smistad.** She shared pictures and her knowledge of ancient and culturally significant textiles. Her life journey about this started while knitting before bedtime. She received a scholarship from Sons of Norway to study Norwegian, so she was able to start her research of Norwegian textiles and fiber arts while there.

A very important archeological find was made of Viking Ships which were graves of men and 2 of women from an elevated lifestyle. Since belongings are placed with them to take care of them until the afterlife, they found many items made of flax, linen, silk, wool and woven textiles. The wool was 1000 years old, which was very well preserved, although can't be separated without destroying it due to the way it was packed in the ship. Textiles made of vegetable matter doesn't last. Knitting didn't show up historically until the 1500s so this weaving was ancient. Beautiful textiles are very important to the Norwegian lifestyle. Kirsten was able to visit her family home of over 600 years, in Norway. She found many interesting artifacts in the home. Kristen continues to research as patterns come from certain valleys and are the center of family life.



**Minutes were approved.**

*(Minutes submitted by Debbi Larson of Skagit Bank)*

## **Committee Reports**

Fisheries Committee gave a \$20,000 check to NCC from Fishermen's Night for the Scholarship fund

## **Announcements**

Swedish Club will be hosting a birthday party for Leif Eie's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday on July 13<sup>th</sup>. More details to follow.

The plaque on the Leif Erikson Statue is being replaced so they are taking names of immigrants for another week if you would like to add any. Contact Kristine Leander at 206-778-1081 or the Leif Erikson Lodge office for more information.

## **No New Member Inductions**

## **Old Business**

New name tags are being squared away. Please leave them in the alphabetized containers. Missing or misspelled nametags are being ordered.

The board will be working on the bylaws to include corporate memberships and to make some changes to add to the **Kim Nesselquist** scholarship to the program. These changes will be presented to the membership.

## **No New Business**

**Dinner winner - Guest Laila Sharp**

**Membership Cash Drawing \$20 – Bob Johnston**

**Raffle winner – Guest Tracy Slauson**

**Tim Hunter** has created a slide power point of member business advertisements that will rotate during happy hour and dinner. Please contact Tim if you would like to be included.

THANKS FOR BEING A DUES-PAYING MEMBER OF NORWEGIAN COMMERCIAL CLUB!

Thursday, February 14th—Valentine's Day (bring your sweetheart to dinner)

Our very own member CORY NELSON will be telling us the story about his epic coast to coast bicycle adventure this past summer.

MENU: Stuffed chicken breast, scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables, salad, black forest cake.

Happy Hour 5:45pm      Dinner at 6:30pm

Members \$27 (if you pre-register)      \$30 for drop in members      \$27 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



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