

Norwegian Commercial Club of Seattle



From our meeting on January 29th, 2017



President Kris Templin & Jason Michaelson

What You Missed At Our Last Meeting

- President Kris Templin introduced our speaker Jason Michaelson from All-Star Marine Services

Veteran captain and second-generation Norwegian/American fisherman, Jason started his company in 2015. This was after 20 years of working for companies like; Trident Seafood's, Icicle Seafoods, Crowley Marine Services and Dunlap Towing. Since launching his company with two employees, the company has experienced phenomenal growth. Today, Jason and his team manage the BEST, most state of the art platform in Alaska. The company also gives back to the community in which it does business through a wide range of philanthropic endeavors.

Jason is passionate about his kids, his family, fishing, and being a sailor. Seeing the homelessness around us, he has become passionate about helping the veterans who have come back and are being ignored, so has created a business called "The Welcome Home Project", a ministry to help United States Veterans. Jason believes it is our duty to help our community; it's the right thing to do to help a veteran who fought a war for us and has no skill set now, and needs our help. He wants to pass on his God-given talent of being the best boat captain, and can teach anyone to be a boat captain. He trains vets in 275 days at sea within the Coast Guard Rules, and in association with Trident Seafoods and Icicle Seafoods, and Westward Seafoods he is helping them get into jobs paying \$50,000 or more annually. By partnering with organizations like Seattle's Union Gospel Mission, The VFW, The VA, he is identifying candidates to be enrolled in their ministry.

Jason is also opening a school to provide the education also needed for the veterans to become captains. He will have 20 students, 10 of them being kids. He wants to create scholarships for kids to be in this program. Jason is passionate about helping the community by passing on his Scandinavian heritage, knowledge and skills of fishing by teaching kids how to drive a boat.

Minutes were accepted

Reports -

17th of May Committee is selling pins for \$5

They need to know as soon as possible about vehicles in the parade

Announcements -

There is an event on March 24th for LEBA fundraising at Leif Erikson Lodge, Music Happy Hour

Please continue to use the Go Fund Me on the NCC website to make donations to LEBA. There have been rumors that the building is being fixed up to be sold. This is NOT true. It is being fixed up for groups to be able to continue using it for activities.

Initiation of new member – Josh Dohring, Commercial Real Estate broker for Ewing and Clark Inc. He is married to Andrea and they have a 5-year-old daughter. His qualification for joining is loving the area and the history. He wants to join for the history and character.

No Old or New Business Dinner Winner - Scott Jacobsen
Membership Cash Drawing \$60-Ozzie Kvithammer (*who donated it to the scholarship fund*)
Raffle winners -(2 liters since we did not have any available last meeting)
Mark Peterson, Doug Warne

OUR NEXT MEETING is Thursday, February 9th, and instead of a speaker, we'll be featuring a performance by Joe Carolus. Come enjoy a delicious dinner of Seafood Chowder, Shrimp Louis Salad & Dessert, plus Champagne & Chocolates!
This would be a great night to bring your sweetheart or to introduce a potential new member to the club.

- 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!

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Vice-President

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