

Norwegian Commercial Club of Seattle

January 14th, 2016



Notes from our last meeting

Speaker – Tom Malone, Nordic Heritage Museum



Tom grew up right in Ballard and attended Webster Elementary, current location of the museum. Relatives in Norway don't know Seattle, but they know of Ballard!

Many waves of immigrants came to Seattle as it offered fishing, farming, logging and boat building.

In the 60's and 70's they began trying to preserve Norwegian culture. Various sites were toured to house a museum. Schools in the 70's became surplus and Webster Elementary became the location for the current museum. It is the only Nordic museum in North America.

The mission is to preserve and share Nordic culture with people of all ages and backgrounds by exhibiting art and objects, preserving collections that have been gathered.

The Nordic Heritage Museum is an internationally recognized museum and cultural center where people of all backgrounds are welcomed to be inspired by the values, traditions, art, and spirit of the Nordic peoples.

New Facility:

- Design phase is final

- Application for permits submitted by end of March

- Groundbreaking date late spring 2016

- Grand opening slated for January 2018

- Location is the site of the old Fenpro building on Market Street

- Auditorium for presentations will hold 400 people

- Parking lot for 70 vehicles

- Café in building right on Market street

- Fjord Hall at the entrance

- 3 floors, with top floor housing executive offices

- Exhibitions – Marine Traditions, Logging etc.

- Public areas where people can gather & socialize

- 2016 public campaign to help raise the remaining funds needed for the project

The New Museum will have a powerful set of narratives and experiences to offer visitors, beginning with the history of the Nordic region as it existed thousands of years ago, and continuing to the Pacific Northwest of today. The connections between past and present, Nordic and American, are continually evolving, giving the Museum an opportunity to explore culture in both the Nordic Region and in Nordic America.



There was no cash winner in the Big Money Jackpot drawing. Congrats to Bob Johnston for winning a free dinner and the bottle of amber went home with Knut Landboe!!!

Our next meeting---THIS WEEK--Kelly Snyder/ Asst. Vice Chancellor, UW Bothell, is our guest speaker.

DINNER: Meatballs with lingonberries, vegetable, salad and dessert

Members \$25 (if you pre-register)

\$30 for drop in members

Guests \$30 for guests or non-paid members

\$10 for students (with valid ID)

Reservations are recommended.

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