

NCC Members Newsletter

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President Ivan Svasand opened the meeting and welcomed our members and guests.

OUR GUEST

Lori Ann Reinhall from The Norwegian American newspaper joined us with exciting news. This year marks the 200th anniversary of organized immigration from Norway to the United States. 200 years ago, Cleng Peerson and 52 fellow immigrants sailed here on a ship called the Restauration across the Atlantic in an effort to avoid religious persecution. A replica of that boat is going to sail from Stavanger to New York with the goal of bringing awareness to the original journey and to the 200 year celebration. Educational programs for kids have been established, a special line of jewelry is being designed in Voss to commemorate the year, a celebration to welcome the ship in New York is being planned and a tall ship from Bergen will sail to Seattle via the Northwest passage. Since that first voyage, over 900,000 people have followed, leaving their homes in search of opportunities and a better life. Today nearly five million people in North America claim Norwegian ancestry.

Please check out the Crossings website for more information about the various celebration events happening in the US and Norway this year.

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NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our newest members who were inducted this evening – Geir Vik, Trond Ringstad, Timothy Woldt, Joan Rice & Sean Hendricks.

KAFFESTUA

The Leif Erikson Kaffestua is open Wednesdays and Fridays from 1030am-1pm. For only \$7, you get unlimited coffee and really good food. Best deal in Seattle and it helps to support the lodge. Hope to see you there soon.

WINNERS

Our raffle had lots of winners this week. Kyle Trader won a free dinner and Anne Lise Berger won a bottle of spirits. An NCC hat went to Bjorn, Andrea & Anne Lise.

Next Meeting

Thursday, February 13th

Join us for our Valentine's Day Soiree

