



Norwegian-American Chamber of Commerce – Chicago

Chamber Events

2021



Annual Meeting December 8th, 2021 Program Report

“Julefest” January 7th



Don Hoganson telling stories about growing up on a "Norwegian" farm in Norway, Illinois during the 30's and 40's.

The 30th anniversary of the Home Alone movie. A conversation with John Abendshien, who owned the featured Winnetka house when the movie was filmed.



NACC Host:
Mette Bowen



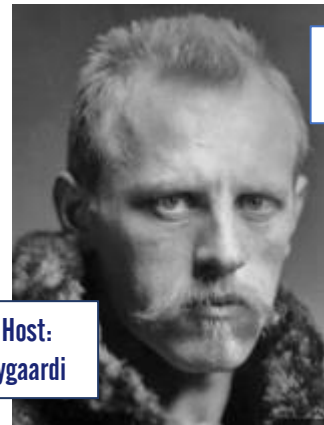


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Annual Meeting & Fridtjof Nansen January 21st



Presented by **TIMOTHY BOYCE**
Noted Historian and Author



FRIDTJOF NANSEN
Polar Explorer, Diplomat and Humanitarian

NACC Host:
Matt Nygaard

The event is free to all NACC Members
Non-Members \$10.00 per person

PLEASE JOIN US

[BY REGISTERING HERE](#)



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Entrepreneurs! Webinar February 25th



Introduction of Brian Hestad



How did it all start, why this location, financing, local grants, interior architecture

Orkenoy Brewing Opens Artisanal Market In Kimball Arts Center Along Bloomingdale Trail



Tap on the go

NACC Host:
Bjorn Rektorli



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Minnekirken Restauraton April 13th

LOGAN SQUARE, N.W.



Moderator
Matt Nygaard, Treasurer, The Norwegian Lutheran Memorial Church "Minnekirken"

Panelists
Barnaby Wauters, Restoration Architect, Wauters Design, Inc. Fundraising required for necessary restoration of tower and front

Martin Ward, General Contractor, Ward Contracting and Building Restoration.

MINNEKIRKEN WELCOMES YOU!



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Vesterheim Webinar April 22rd



The first out of state Webinar
Decorah, Iowa



NACC Members arranged for the Vesterheim Luncheon at Rolling Green Country Club in November, hosting “Chicago Friends of Vesterhime”

Moderator
Martha Gesme Nielsen, Vesterheim Board of Trustees

Speaker
Mr. Chris Johnson, President/CEO
Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum & Folk-Art School.





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Entrepreneurs! Webinar May 11th



Introducing Amy Beyer
at
SALTY PROVISIONS by
Wanderlust Sea Salt LLC

Amy with Michal
at North Sea Salt Works in
Norway



COLLECTION: FAN FAVORITES



NACC Host:
Bjorn Rektorli

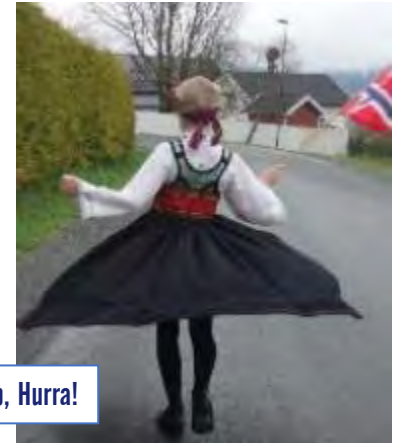


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17th May Luncheon
on May 14th



“Gratulerer med Dagen!”



Hipp, Hipp, Hurra!



Thank you to Host Don Hoganson



Recorded "17de mai hilsen" from Norway's Ambassador to the US
Anniken R. Krutnes



Special guests and speakers of the day:
Orion and Gloria Samuelson

Orion Samuelson is a retired American broadcaster, known for his agriculture broadcasts and his ability to explain agribusiness and food production in an understandable way.



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Garden Party August 29th



Buffet Menu
Mustard and Creamy Dill Pickle, Herring,
Mixed Garden Greens with Toasted Walnuts,
Danish Blue, Cheese & pears - with
Swedish Mustard Vinaigrette, Toast -
Skagen Mini Smørbrød Broiled Norwegian
Salmon, Norwegian Meatballs –
Lingonberries, Cucumber and Dill with Sour
Cream Sauce, Pickled Cucumbers. Creamy
Herb Potato Salad, Pickled Beets, Green
Beans Amandine

Sweets
Mini Lemon Tarts
Crème Brûlée with Fresh Summer Berries

Wine, Beer and Soft Drinks included





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The Vikingship & Chamber Lunch September 18th



A private guided tour of the “1893 Viking Ship” in Geneva, Illinois



1. Chicken Salad * – served with romaine lettuce and garlic aioli on pita bread
2. Grilled Salmon * – cooked to medium with creamy basil/dill sauce and lettuce on ciabatta
3. Corned Beef Hash – 8 hours braised corned beef, roasted potatoes, caramelized onions topped, scrambled eggs and horseradish sauce
4. Turkey Club * – served cold with sliced roasted turkey, aged cheddar, applewood bacon, tomato, avocado, lettuce, and roasted tomato aioli on baguette



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Program:
10:30-11:30 Private Tour of the Ship
11:30-12:00 Transit from the Ship to Nosh Restaurant
12:00-14:00 Lunch at Nosh, private room



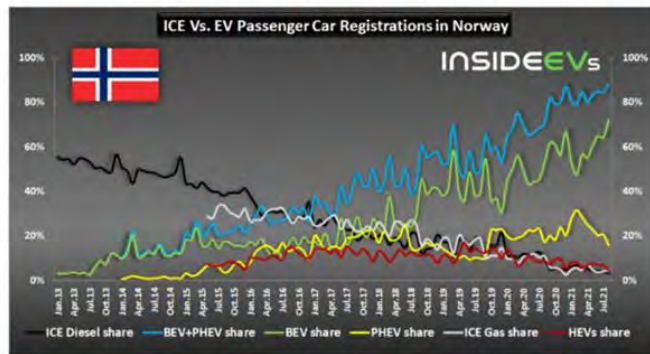
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Entrepreneurs! Webinar September 23rd



Dr. Egil Juliussen lectured on the Automotive Industry and its from combustion to electrical cars

Norway EV vs. ICE Passenger Car Registration: 2013-2021



ICE=Internal Combustion Engine; BEV=Battery Electric Vehicle; PHEV=Plug-in Hybrid EV; HEV=Hybrid EV

Source: InsideEVs



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Bjorn Rektorli

9 of 10 cars being sold in Norway
are electric or hybrid



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Leif Erikson! NACC Lunch October 9th



Business Lunch at Orkenoy with a tour of their brewery

Mr. Charles Peterson, publisher at Nordic Press and previous Professor and Dean of North Park University will give a lecture on Leif Erikson's life, the Viking saga about the settlement at L'Anse aux Meadows, the 1893 Chicago Columbian Exhibition

.Special guest, Mr. Nathan Mason, Curator of Exhibits and Public Art at Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events for the City of Chicago.



CHICAGO MONUMENTS PROJECT

MONUMENTS AND MEMORIALS HAVE BECOME A FOCAL POINT FOR CONVERSATION, PROTEST, AND ACTIVISM IN THE CITY OF CHICAGO.

IN RESPONSE THE CITY HAS CREATED A COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE CITY'S COLLECTION OF MONUMENTS AND RECOMMEND SOLUTIONS.

JOIN THE CONVERSATION

THE CHICAGO MONUMENT PROJECT WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU.

#CHICAGOMONUMENTS

NACC Host:
Bjorn Rektorli

Program for the day is as follows:

- 12:00 - Arrival at Orkenoy, social 1/2 hour
- 12:30 - Lunch served
- 13:00 - Lecture by Mr. Charles Peterson and Mr. Nathan Mason during lunch
- 13:30 - Brewery tour
- 14:00 - Leaving Orkenoy for Humboldt Park
- 14:30 - Meeting up at the Leif Erikson Monument
- 15:00 - Adjourn



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A Business Visit Webinar December 12th



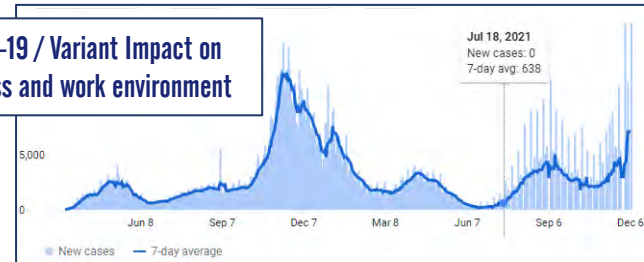
From “Norwegian Old Peoples Home” to “Norwood Crossing”

NACC Host:
Mette Bowen

Mike Toohy, CEO
and
Jennifer Sigmond,
Philanthropy Officer



COVID-19 / Variant Impact on
business and work environment





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Sustainable City! Webinar December 9th



Smart City - Stavanger
Applying new technology
to make the city a better
place to live and work



NACC Host:
Kirk H. Samson

Chicago politicians have
great aspirations for
becoming a clean and
sustainable City
with potential for
Norwegian research
companies to have a play

Gunnar Edwin Crawford from the City of Stavanger will join us to speak about their efforts to use technology, supported by public and private sector champions as well as substantial citizen involvement, to make Stavanger a more innovative livable and effective urban center.



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The Board for the 2022-2023 Term

- **Bjorn Rektorli, President**
- **Matt Nygaard, Treasurer**
- **Ingunn Lonning, Recording Secretary**
- **Eva Loseth, Vice President for Membership**
- **Charles Peterson, Vice President for Programs and Activities**
- **Elizabeth Platou, Director**
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