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Your monthly update for December is here!



## ***RECENT EVENTS***

### **Norwegian Christmas at Union Station**

On Wednesday evening, hundreds gathered to Union Station to welcome



The Annual Norwegian Christmas Tree Lighting event, hosted by the Norwegian American Chamber of Commerce (NACC).

Robert Davis, the official MC for the event, introduced special guest speakers The Ambassador of Norway to the U.S. H.E. Kåre R. Aas and President of NACCMA, Idar G. Voldnes. The reception included performances from The Carolers of Greater Washington, who caroled several Christmas classics, and a special performance by Jardar Johansen. The speakers celebrated the history of the annual event, the relationship between the United States and Norway, as well as “Norway Creates Jobs, “ the official theme of this year’s lighting. As the Ambassador of Norway, Kåre R. Aas presented the tree as a gift to the city of Washington, and with the assistance of little helpers, Kaja and Odin, the Norwegian Christmas Tree was lit.

To conclude the event, Jardar Johansen performed several classic Christmas songs and to the joy of the kids attending, we had a special visitor from the North Pole. The kids were greeted and welcomed for pictures and chocolate with Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus.

The event was a great success and continues to serve relations between The U.S. and Norway. We give our warmest thanks to all those who supported this event and could be in attendance!



Norwegian Embassy



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### Scandinavian YA Happy Hour

We co-hosted our last Young Associate Happy hour of the fall with the Swedish American Chamber of Commerce DC and The Danish Business Council. We are looking forward to the future YA events!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Be sure to visit The Norwegian Christmas Tree at Union Station during the month of December!

**MAKE MERRY.  
UNION STATION  
A HOLIDAY DESTINATION.**

**MAIN HALL  
NORWEGIAN TREE**

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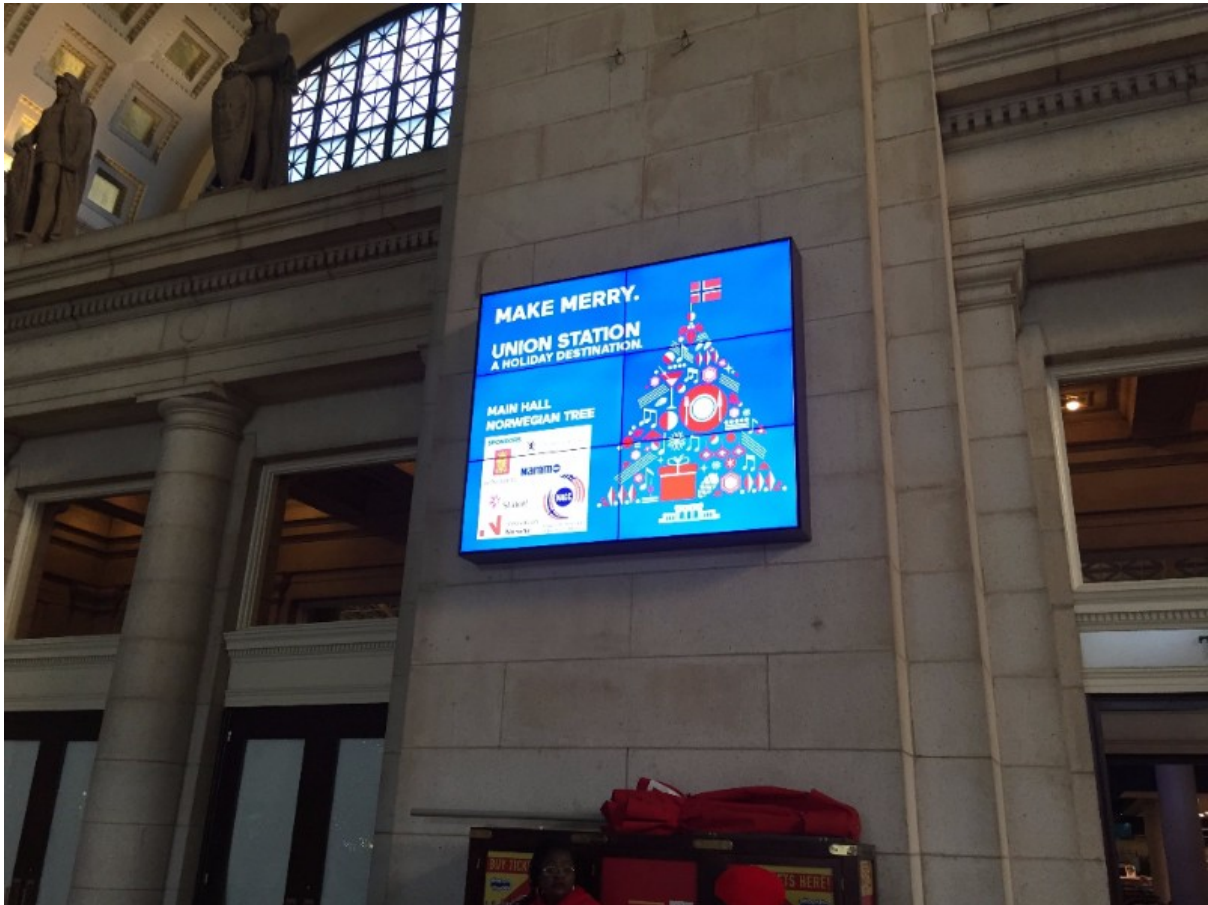


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The Swedish Lutheran Church of Washington DC  
 The Norwegian Church Service in Washington DC  
 The Finnish Lutheran Church Washington DC  
 The Icelandic Church Abroad  
 The Danish Church Abroad



Invite you to join with us to

## Celebrate a Nordic Christmas ... 10th annual!

Sunday, December 24, 2017 at 2:30 pm  
 in Augustana Lutheran Church  
 2100 New Hampshire Ave NW and V St NW

- ✦ The Sunday school children will light the Advent wreath.
- ✦ We will hear the familiar texts from Isaiah and St Luke.
- ✦ We will sing lots of hymns and carols, sometimes in Swedish, Norwegian, Finnish, Icelandic, *and* Danish!
- ✦ Musicians, both singers and instrumentalists, from the local Nordic community will enhance the service with their talents.
- ✦ **Swedish Church:** Elin Hofverberg 202.210.9913, [elin.hofverberg@svenskakyrkan.se](mailto:elin.hofverberg@svenskakyrkan.se)
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## COME AND ENJOY!



**Metro:** Green Line to Cardoza.

**Parking:** V St, Vermont Ave, Florida Ave, and 16<sup>th</sup> St

**PARKING (free, covered)** is also available in the Frank D. Reeves Municipal Center (DC Gov) on U St NW midway between 14th and 15th Sts

*(Bring this flyer for entry to free parking or mention Swedish Church to attendant)*

***Parking support graciously provided by U Street Parking***

**Collect to benefit Martha's Table and Augustana Church**  
*(Please make checks to Swedish Church)*

Enjoy the live webcast of the service as seen by members of this Nordic church family from Hawaii to Scandinavia and members in the Armed Forces "downrange"

Friend <https://www.facebook.com/AugustanaLutheranBroadcast/> for webcast video

**NEWS**



## **World's happiest country is becoming a startup mecca**

*by Vanessa Yurkevich, 11.06.2017, CNN tech*

One city known for the maritime industry is emerging as one of the fast-growing tech scenes outside the U.S. Oslo.



## **Norway's Medieval Wooden Churches Look Plucked From a Fairy Tale**

*by Jennifer Billock, Smithsonian, 11.14.2017*

These historic churches feature elaborate carvings that mix Christian and Viking symbols.



## **Agreement on Arctic Ocean reached in Washington D.C.**

*by Ambassador H.E Kåre R. Aas, Huffingtonpost, 12.06.2017*

The world's oceans offer a unique source of food, one that continues to give. Provided we manage them responsibly.

# **INTERNS FALL 2017**

Bezawit Tadele and Alexis Fisher want to thank NACC-MA for the opportunity to intern the fall of



2017. Both have enjoyed their internship experience and have learned a lot. They especially enjoyed the opportunity to take part in networking events and trade shows, where they were able to meet the members of NACC-MA. This internship experience has definitely been outstanding, and they would like to continue with similar work in the future. To finish off the internship, they both created this newsletter!

NACC-MA wish you the best for the future!

## MEMBERSHIP SPOTLIGHT



NorHouse is a “Superstore” that offer products from all the Scandinavian countries with unique quality and excellent taste. The combination of innovation and tradition will make NorHouse one of your favorite shopping experiences. Also, in addition to being an Internet store, they bring information on the Nordic influence, such as Nordic specialties and Nordic lifestyle. Some of the most popular items of NorHouse are Arctic caviar, Norwegian chocolate, fish, cheese and other gift items. They also have special offers to companies that buy large quantities of food for exhibitions and special events such as marinated and smoked salmon.

The history behind NorHouse all started back in 1997 in Forskningsparken, Oslo, in close cooperation with Microsoft. During that time, the large number of Scandinavians and Americans with Scandinavian decent living in the United States, inspired NorHouse to create a Virtual Mall to reach the American market. Over time, NorHouse became a “department store”. This year NorHouse celebrates 20 years of catering to Norwegian and Scandinavian needs in the U.S. By sponsoring their new web site, NorHouse is thanking all their loyal customers in the Norwegian community.

**In the following months, NorHouse has a special offer: NACCMA will receive a 15% discount for all orders of \$25 or more this season – just enter coupon code NACC17 when you check out.**



Take look at their website for all the products they currently offer: <http://www.norhouse.com/>



## MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

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*2017 Corporate Membership overview:*

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