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HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM NACC-MA!

Dear members, partners and friends of NACC-MA,

As we approach the end of the year, I would like to take the opportunity to express my sincere gratitude for everyone's participation and contribution to making 2018 incredibly special.

This has been a year with some notable 'firsts', such as the visit by *Draken Harald Hårfagre* Viking ship at The Wharf in Washington, DC. It was very well received by our members and beyond, as 22,000 people visited this remarkable 108-footer. The 22nd annual Norwegian Christmas Tree lighting ceremony at Union Station was a tremendous success, breaking all kinds of records with 5,000 in attendance, and incredible attention and response on social media. Our new partner, the Washington Performing Arts Society, offered a superb and varied musical backdrop to this special event, and our Ambassador issued an inspired challenge for everyone to personally help in keeping our oceans healthy and clean!

As an organization, we added a record number of nine new corporate members during the year. Please help me welcome L3 Techonlgies, Kitron AS, Axnes, Anchor, Arcus, Enterprise Holdings, Insitu Inc., Venable LLP, and Chef Mikko to our Norwegian-American family.

I would like to extend a special thanks to our generous sponsors and our exceptional staff for making the events throughout the year possible. Our members, partners, leadership, and friends are most appreciative of your dedication. I look forward to continuing this cooperation of bringing value to our Chamber-members in the years to come.

The approaching holidays are a time for reflection, relaxation, and enjoying special food and drink with family and friends.

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Kind regards,
Idar G. Voldnes

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mikko Christmas Market and Bazaar

Tuesday December 11th 2-10pm

Sunday December 16th 4-8pm

- 6440, 1636 R St NW, Washington DC -

Chef Mikko is hosting their first Christmas Bazaar on December 11th and 16th. They will be selling all your favorite Nordic delicacies, house baked breads, savory pastries, Moomin products, chocolate, cookies, Glögg and more!



PAST EVENTS



Annual Norwegian Christmas Tree Lighting at Union Station

This year, the NACC-MA and the Royal Norwegian Embassy collaborated with the Washington Performing Arts Society for the 22nd annual Norwegian Christmas tree lighting at Union Station. The ceremony was the largest organized to date, with approximately 5,000 attending guests. The evening included musical performances arranged by the WPA and a live simulcast of the YoYo-Ma holiday concert at the Washington National Cathedral. The theme for the tree this year was ocean health and sustainability. Local Norwegian artist Liliane Blom created marine pollution-themed Christmas ornaments from recycled plastic. As the host for the ceremony, H.E. Ambassador Kåre R. Aas presented the tree to the city, represented by the Secretary of the District of Columbia Lauren C. Vaughan, and invited Radha Muthiah, President and CEO of the Capital Area Food Bank to light the tree. The tree will be on display in the Main Hall of Union Station until it is taken down on January 4th.

View more pictures from the event [here](#)



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Young Associates on the Hill

Nordic Chambers on the Hill: Last week, our Young Associates were invited to the world's premier policy-making arena for a visit to the office of Representative Randy Hultgren on Capitol Hill. The Nordic young professionals enjoyed an extensive tour of the Capitol, along with an immersive talk with Rep. Hultgren's Deputy Chief of Staff, Mr. Doug Thomas, about his decades-long experience working on the Hill. Thank you to the Swedish-American Chamber of Commerce and the American-Danish Business Council for the collaboration!



IN THE NEWS

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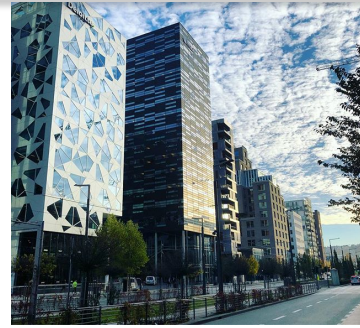
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workers, including quality of life, taxes, and living costs; and its ability to create new job opportunities and training of employees."



UPDATES

Thank you, Maggie



We are sad to inform that our Associate Maggie Skjelbred is leaving us this month, as she is on to new adventures in her career. Maggie has been a wonderful addition to our team. With her talent, can-do attitude and cheerful spirit, she has lifted both the team and the organization during her time here. NACC-MA wishes her good luck on her future endeavours!

Intern, Spring 2019



The NACC-MA is looking for a communications intern for the spring semester! Are you or anyone you know interested in working with promoting Norwegian business and companies in the United States? As a small team, NACC-MA offers a variety of tasks in a great work environment. Contact us at office@naccma.org for more information.

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