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UPCOMING EVENTS

January 12, 2012: First meeting of the New Year!

SPEAKER: Eric Dregni, author of "Vikings in the Attic."

MENU: Kumla, Norwegian Sausage, Mashed Rutabagas, Garden Salad, Dessert (alternative to Kumla is Boiled Potatoes)

DINNER RSVPs: CALL THE LEL OFFICE AT: 783-1274 WEDNESDAY BEFORE MEETING: IF THERE IS NO ANSWER, LEAVE A MESSAGE WITH YOUR DINNER RESERVATION.

Social Time: 6 PM Dinner: ~ 6:30 PM



Gary Stauffer King Neptune recipient with Mark Pedersen

FISHERMEN'S NIGHT!

The 61st Fishermen's Night with the best seafood in the world was another rousing success! This event is such a wonderful event because of the excellent planning by the Fisheries Committee and the superb expertise of the Neptune Ladies, headed for the last 30 years by Marit Rockness Thomson, in preparing the food. Arne Einmo surprised Marit by presenting her with a plaque in honor of her many years of capable leadership. A special *thank you* to Warren Aakervik and his crew from Ballard Oil who barbecued the cod and the salmon for us. *Hjertelig takk!*



Marit Rockness Thomson and Arne Einmo

Brenda Bard regaled attendees with Christmas music on her lively accordion.

An insert is included listing all the seafood and other contributors as well as the names of the ladies who helped in the kitchen, the culinary staff that assisted, and the 2011 menu.

President Glenn Eriksen opened the King Neptune Award ceremony and introduced Pastor Erik Wilson-Weiberg of Ballard First Lutheran Church, who gave the invocation for the 5th year. Erik always does a great job!



*Pastor
Erik Wilson-Weiberg*

Mark Pedersen of the Fisheries Committee introduced Gary Stauffer, this year's winner of the King Neptune Award. Over his 33-year career with National Marine Fisheries Service, Dr. Gary Stauffer made great contributions to the science and management of commercial fishery resources. He was awarded the NOAA Administrator's Award in 2001 for his role in the development of a new policy on the use and issuing of scientific research exemptions. In 2005 he was awarded the Dept. of Commerce Silver Medal for advancing cooperative research with the Bering Sea Fisheries Research

Foundation to improve the assessment of Bering Sea crab stocks. Gary told us that even though he has received these prestigious awards, he is more honored to receive the King Neptune Award from the fishermen in Ballard.

The Norwegian Commercial Club Merit Award for 2011 was presented to U.S. Coast Guard Petty Officer Christopher Austin. He was aboard a MH-60 Jayhawk helicopter, stationed at the Coast Guard Air Station at Astoria, Oregon, as a Rescue Swimmer. He helped save crab fisherman Eric Petit after he was swept off his 32-foot Dungeness crab boat *Ella Ann* in an area known as "the sink" just inside the Willapa bar. Eric's long-time crewman, Luis Perez, unfortunately didn't make it.



**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year /
God Jul og Godt Nyttår!**

Respectfully submitted,
Kae Ellingsen, Secretary



*L to R: Christopher Austin,
James Cole,
Eric Petit
(James had an unfortunate
close encounter with the
sidewalk recently and is
recovering from his injuries.
God bedring!)*

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