



NCC Newsletter

*What you missed at our last meeting
and what's coming up!*

Notes from our May 10th meeting

After our dinner guests were introduced, Deane introduced our speaker Olivia Gunn, Assistant Professor at University of Washington.

Olivia gave us insight into how the department works, and how they continue to appeal to the students. There is now the second to the last Scandinavian Studies department in the US. There have been a lot of retirements in their department, but it is exciting that there have been a lot of new hires so their department continues.

Within the department they teach languages (including the Baltic languages), medievalism, mythology, cultural studies, etc., all which are of interest to graduate students. She gave us examples of some of their graduate students and what they are studying. In the undergraduate program Olivia teaches two classes of which one is an Introduction to Scandinavian Culture in which she has 99 students, and the other class she teaches is an upper level Norwegian language class in which she has 3 students.

They have a lot of scholarships and don't have enough students applying. They also have a program at UW called Access which is for anyone over 65 to audit classes for \$5, so there are many opportunities to learn about Scandinavia.



Scholarship recipients were introduced by Ozzie after Doug Warne talked about the background of why he set up a scholarship fund and challenged all of us to do the same if we are passionate about helping students learn.

Ozzie announced NCC donations and Cory handed out the checks for our 2018 Scholarship winners:

University of Oslo
Kayah Byrd. \$4,000
Millie Hobaish \$4,000

Fisheries Scholarship
Torleif Lester Samuelsen \$5,000

Other scholarships
Elliott Forde. \$5,000
Sara Rose Olson \$5,000
Anne Gaspers \$5,000

Plus Norse Home was awarded \$1,000, the Nordic Museum \$1,000, the Ballard Senior Center \$1,000, the Ballard Maritime Academy \$1,000, the Ballard Food Bank \$1,000 and LEBA \$1,000.

Minutes were approved. (Minutes submitted by Debbi Larson of Skagit Bank)

Slate of nominees approved and voted in.

Committee Reports

Monica gave a report on Our Members Survey:

We received 75 responses and the majority wanted to continue with 2 meetings a month. Reasons for coming are 55% for the speakers and a split between socializing and food. They also like the Norwegian themed food and learning about other members' relationships with Norway. Online registration is of high interest so the new officers will work on that for next season.

OUR NEXT MEETING is **in September! See you then!**

- May 17th- Happy Hour 3-5 at Kafe Stua
- There will be an after party at the Nordic Museum that you will need tickets for, which you can buy online.
- Songs of Norway concert by the Norwegian Male Chorus of Seattle and Norwegian Ladies Chorus of Seattle will be at Ballard Lutheran Church at 2pm on May 20th.
- Fifteenth Annual Seven Hills Walk is on June 9th from 9am-3:15pm-Walk the Seven Hills of Seattle with the Seattle-Bergen Sister City Association.

New Business

It was moved from the floor that \$1000 be donated from the club to LEBA. It was seconded and approved.

New member initiation-Greg Swanson of Mountain Pacific Bank

No dinner winner

Membership Cash Drawing – none (\$100 next time)

Raffle winner – David Lunde



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CONGRATS TO OUR TABLE WINNERS!!!

8 winners got a seat at the NCC table for this year's 17th of May luncheon

- Debbi Larson
- Doug Warne (*gave to Bjarne*)
- Erling Skaar
- Scott Jacobson
- Kevin Beauchamp Smith
- Glenn Eriksen
- Erik Pihl
- Brian Westerman