 CRONE BULLETIN

 Crone of Puget sound

scholarship fund report

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| **Congratulations Sabrina Springer, 2019 Awardee**Sabrina Springer, recipient of the 4th annual scholarship award, moved from Hawaii to Seattle to pursue an AA degree in Accounting at North Seattle College. Upon completion of her degree in June 2019 she plans to enter the UW in the fall as a double major in Early Childhood and Family Studies/Speech Pathology. Reference letters praise Sabrina as follows: a single parent facing severe financial pressures while creating a future for herself and her young child; combining tremendous organizational skills and positivity with a whole-hearted commitment to doing her best; the best student in my class. While working toward her AA degree, Sabrina was VP of Leadership in Phi Theta Kappa, President of the NSC Accounting Club, served as a volunteer at the Child Development Center, Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church and the Greenwood Elementary School Kindergarten. Financial support for outstanding older women students such as Sabrina clearly reflects commitment to our motto: Women Growing Older with Power, Passion and Purpose. *Mary Cowger, Scholarship Committee Chair* |
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From the Board:
Warm winter greetings to all Crones from your friendly Board of Directors! We want to review a few issues with you that we have been dealing with recently:

You should all have received a letter in the mail recently reminding you that the deadline for paying annual membership dues is fast approaching. We apologize for the delay in distributing the dues form, and to compensate we have pushed the deadline to February 14th this year.

In 2019 we wish to focus on raising funds for the Crone Scholarship. We will dedicate all proceeds collected in the Donation Basket at all our functions toward the annual scholarship. We are also discussing different ways of raising funds rather than depending solely on the Scholarship Luncheon. You'll be hearing more about this soon.

Please plan to attend the March membership meeting on Saturday, March 9th. This is an important time to vote on new or continuing board members and other issues that need members' input. If there is a subject that you plan to bring up for discussion, please inform one of the Troika members (Mary Cowger, Nina Pruneda or Hallie Olson) so that we have a chance to familiarize ourselves with the issue in advance.

We are seeking a permanent chairperson for The Bulletin, our quarterly newsletter. Hallie Olson has volunteered to be chairperson pro-tem until a Crone member steps forward to act in this liaison role with Susan Forhan, our staff person. Must have access to a computer and familiarity with Word software.

Reminder: New information regarding Groups, activity schedule and other issues may need to be shared with you between Bulletin publications and we will do so by means of “Updates” sent via email. Those not using email will be contacted by a phone call from Mary Cowger.

**NOTEWORTHY INFORMATION**

Crone of Puget Sound is pleased to welcome 7 new members: Helen Zimmerman, Maggie Dunagan, Carol Robbins, Jessie Strauss, Jeanette Murphy, and Catherine Dovey.

**NOTEWORTHY INFORMATION**

A recent AARP Bulletin reports that according to a Carnegie Mellon University study, people over the age of 50 who volunteered at least 200 hours in the past 12 months experienced mental health benefits and were also less likely to develop high blood pressure. Volunteering in Crone and other community service is good for you!

**NOTEWORTHY INFORMATION**

The New Beginnings Crone collection last December totaled $371. Thanks to all of you who contributed and helped New Beginnings continue their work ending domestic violence in our community. Check out their website for news of ongoing work. [www.newbegin.org](http://www.newbegin.org).

**NOTEWORTHY INFORMATION**

The Program Committee needs few good volunteers with exciting ideas to help us plan future (2020)  programs of interest to Crones. Fun, interesting, informative programs are at the heart of our organization's desire for meaningful interaction with members. Committee meetings are held intermittently throughout the year. Please get in touch with Myrtle Bishop or Mary Cowger***.***

**2019 ACTIVITY CALENDAR**

January 26th, SaturdayThe board-sponsored Getting to Know you Tea met

at Wedgewood Church. Members spent a delightful few hours enjoying refreshments, sharing information, and learning about Crone Groups and their varied activities. (***We were hoping to see more new members at the Getting to Know You tea. We urge you all to attend upcoming Crone events so we can get to know you!)***

February 16th, Saturday **Avoiding Scams.** 1-2:30pm.

Wedgewood Church

March 9th, Saturday **Membership Meeting**, 1-3pm.

Sunset West

April 20th, Saturday **Potluck**, 12-3pm.

Noble Firs

May 18th, Saturday **Medical Marijuana**, 1-3pm.

Wedgewood Church

June 23rd, Saturday **P-Patch Picnic**, 1-3pm.

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August 18th, Saturday **P-Patch Picnic**, 1-3pm.

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September 21st, Saturday **TBD**, 1-3pm.

Wedgewood Church

October 19th, Saturday **Potluck**, 12=3pm

Sunset West

November 16th, Saturday **Asian Art**, 1-3pm

TBD

December 14th, Saturday **Holiday Potluck**, 12-3pm

Sunset West

**CRONE GROUPS**

**For contact of each group go to the Contact page on this website and send a message.**

Happy Hour will resume in the spring of 2019 for no-host drinks/happy hour menu items and fun conversation at various Seattle restaurants. No commitment necessary. Get to know your Crone friends in a relaxed, informal setting. Bring a friend to introduce to Crone.
Memoirs and \*More = Writers and would-be writers meet monthly to share their original work---memoirs poetry, essays, fiction.

Movie Group gathers on the 4th Wed of each month at a member’s home to discuss 2 previously selected films.

Rolling Crone Singers is the official singing group of Crone of Puget Sound and is open to all Crone members. Practice is weekly with performances all over Seattle, except in summer.

Downtown Group meets monthly to explore events, exhibits, and attend lectures. All Crone members welcome.

Walking Group meets Tues, 8am by the Green Lake wading pool. New walkers (or coffee drinkers) welcome around 9am at the Urban Bakery, Green Lake Drive.

West Seattle/Burien Conversation Group meets 2nd and 4th Fridays, 12:30pm in various member’s homes..

Day Tripper’s Group - ½ day or ¾ day trips to places of interest in or near Seattle. Outings are suggested by members who plan the details. May include lunch and carpooling.

Scrabble Group – generally meets twice a month. Time and date to be determined. New members welcome. Learn words your mamma never taught you.

Current Affairs - meets 1st Tues of the month to discuss relevant topics in the news.

# CRONE COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Bulletin - Hallie Olson (pro tem) Groups – Mel McConnell

Assistant Treasurer - Barbara Stilson Program Committee - Mary Cowger

Finance/Treasurer - Donita Payne Membership - Nancy Curtis

Hospitality – Betsy Page (assisted as needed by board members)

(Additional Resources: Archives Storage – Helga Forhan, Directory/Mailings - Susan Forhan, Packets – Marta Creswell)