 CRONE BULLETIN

May 2019/Volume 4

From the Board:
**Synopsis of the Annual March Membership Meeting**
The annual Crone of Puget Sound March Membership Meeting was held March 9, 2019 at Sunset West with 23 members (of 65 paid members) in attendance. This meeting takes place for the sole purpose of reviewing current and past business items and for setting forth business recommendations for the next fiscal year.

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CURRENT AFFAIRS

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| * Crone of Puget Sound enthusiastically welcomes our newest members: Helen Zimmerman; Maggie Dunagan; Carol Robbins; Jessie Strauss, Carol deLima; Jeannette Murphy and Catherine Dovey. A new member tea to welcome these women to the organization will be held on May 11, 2019 at 2:00 PM at the home of Mel McConnell.
* ASK Reminder: the annual North Seattle College Scholarship Fund Drive ends on June 1, 2019. Please consider donating generously to this annual scholarship fund that helps a woman complete her education goals. Make checks payable to **Crone of Puget Sound** (note Scholarship Fund on memo line) and mail to: ***Barbara Stilson, 6535 Seaview NW, #510B, Seattle, WA 98117.***
* Timely and informative communication is vital for growing and maintaining our nonprofit organization. At present, we have four electronic vehicles for distributing critical information.
* **Crone Bulletin**, published and emailed quarterly. Content provided by the Crone Board plus group & committee chairs and is limited to announcing events, upcoming membership activities, group information, noteworthy news items, and yearly calendar offerings.
* **Updates** concerning membership activities emailed as necessary.

Emailed information is sent out by Susan Forhan, paid staff member. Those members who do not use email may receive snail mailed copies of the **Crone Bulletin** mailed by Susan. When necessary, Mary Cowger will telephone electronic opt-outs with critical **Updates** information.*Mary Cowger, Scholarship Committee Chair* |
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Board members present: Hallie Olson, Mary Cowger, Nina Pruneda, Nancy Curtis, Marcia Sill and Donita Payne. Hallie Olson presided. Mary Cowger introduced new board member Marcia Sill and presented her bio. Myrtle Bishop was recognized for her several months of board service. Thanks to Myrtle we continue to meet at her residence, Foundation House. We wish Myrtle healthy, happy days and thank her for her generosity and wonderful spirit.

Marcia reminded the members that she is transportation coordinator should anyone need a ride to Crone events. She asked that members contact her a few days prior to an event so arrangements can be made.

CURRENT AFFAIRS CONT’D **From the Board Cont’d**:

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| * **Flyers** announcing upcoming monthly calendar activities emailed prior to the activity
* **Crone of Puget Sound website:** [www.croneofpugetsound.org](http://www.croneofpugetsound.org)

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 Highlights of the meeting included:

* A review of upcoming programs for the remaining year was presented.
* Mel McConnell reported on groups and reminded members that pertinent information is in the crone Bulletin.
* Sonja Larson, Recruitment Chair, announced the availability of a brochure explaining Crone to potential new members plus a business for the same purpose. Sonja also surveying new members to discover areas of interest.

Several one-time events were mentioned for consideration of special ceremonies. These include the Crone 35th anniversary in 3 years, an Elder ceremony to recognize members over 80 years of age, and a Croning ceremony acknowledging and celebrating older women. Marilyn Thompson volunteered to help with the Croning ceremony if interest is there.

The annual NW College Scholarship Award Fund drive was reviewed by Mary Cowger. Hallie Olson distributed an ASK letter which presented the needs for contribution to the fund and outlined the time frame for action. The fund drive ends June 1, 2019. Other ideas for fund raising will be considered if and when a member steps forward to coordinate the project.

* Under the leadership of Sonja Larson, much needed changes to the website administration are pending.
* New Business:
	+ A change to the bylaws was voted on and passed. Section VI, Subsection C, Sentence #3 was amended from, “Directors shall serve a three-year term and may serve another successive three-year term if re-elected” to read, “Directors shall serve a two-year term and may serve successive one-year terms if re-elected.”
	+ Sentence #4 which reads, “After two successive terms Directors must go off the Board for at least one year before serving again” was removed by membership vote.
	+ A motion was made to renew Board members Mary Cowger, Nancy Curtis, Nina Pruneda and Donita Payne. The motion passed along with a hearty thank you to those women for being willing to continue to work for the organization.

**2019 ACTIVITY CALENDAR**

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

Wedgewood Church Road work update: 35th has ongoing repair work from 75th northward. To get to the church go east on 75th St over to 39th Ave NE. Turn left (north) and continue 2 blocks to 80th. Turn left again and go 3 blocks. The church will be on your right.

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

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August 18th, Sunday **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**

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

Memoirs and \*More = Writers and would-be writers meet monthly to share their original work---memoirs poetry, essays, fiction.

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, Sue McNeil Program Committee - Mary Cowger Recruitment – Sonja Larson

Finance/Treasurer - Donita Payne Membership - Nancy Curtis

Nominating – Nina Pruneda Website – Sonja Larson
Volunteers – Sonja Larson
Hospitality – Betsy Page (assisted as needed by board members)

Additional Resources:
Assistant Treasurer - Barbara Stilson
Archives Storage – Helga Forhan
Directory/Mailings - Susan Forhan
Packets – Marta Creswell