Ethnic Heritage Council
of the Pacific Northwest

30th Anniversary Celebration
& Awards Ceremony

1980-2010
30 Years of Celebrating Community

May 15, 2010
Nordic Heritage Museum
SaturDay, May 15, 2010

Musical Greeting
Quichua Mashis

Welcome & Silent Auction Preview
Alma Plancich, Ethnic Heritage Council Executive Director

Greeting & Introductions
Bill Stafford, Master of Ceremonies,
President of the Trade Development Alliance of Greater Seattle
Eric Nelson, Nordic Heritage Museum Executive Director

Dinner Entertainment
La Mezzanotte

2010-2011 Board of Directors Presentation
JoAnne Lee, EHC Board President

Keynote Speaker
Phyllis Takisaki Campbell
Chairman of Pacific Northwest Business, J. P. Morgan Chase Bank

Awards Presentation Introductions
Alma Plancich

Heritage Award Presentation
Introduction by JoAnne Lee
The Boeing Company
Huong T. Vu, Community Investor, Arts & Culture,
The Boeing Company, Global Corporate Citizenship, Northwest Region

Gordon Ekvall Tracie Award Presentation
Introduction by Jagdish Sharma, EHC Awards Chair
Luis Gramal

Special Performance
Quichua Mashis

Aspasia Phoutrides Pulakis Award Presentation
Introduction by JoAnne Rudo & Karl Larsson
Kristine Leander

Special Performance
Scandinavian Dancers & Musicians

Silent Auction Winner Announcement
Raffle
Closing & Adjournment
Informal Musical Closing

Special Thanks:
Honorary Co-chairs - Bill Stafford & Stephanie Pulakis Stafford
Eric Nelson and Nordic Heritage Museum
The Gordon Ekvall Tracie Award is given to an ethnic performing artist who has made significant contributions to the development and presentation of the traditional arts in our community.

This year we honor Luis Gramal, born in 1966, in the northern region of Ecuador, high in the Andes mountains. His small village was and still is a stronghold of Indigenous culture struggling to survive intact in the face of 500 years of invasion and conquest. As a young boy he was taught by his father, uncles and grandfathers about his peoples music. When Luis was 16 tragedy struck his close knit family, and as the oldest boy, he went to work to support his family of 12. Luis lived and worked in Spain, and in 1989 came to the United States, each time beginning life from scratch. He came to Seattle in 1994, where he met his wife Irva, married and they now have two children. With all his hard work and integrity he built the reputation of Quichua Mashis internationally. It is his pride in the ancient culture that motivates Luis to share his heritage with us.

The Aspasia Phoutrides Pulakis Memorial Award is given annually to an individual who has contributed significantly to a Northwest ethnic community.

This year we honor Kristine Leander, the granddaughter of Swedish immigrants. Growing up on a dairy farm in the Mt. Vernon, WA area, when she became older, she was surprised to learn that there were last names other than Olsons, Carlsons, Neilsons and Johansens. She was drawn to the culture and beauty of Norway and the Norwegian views of care taking of the land—especially conserving farm lands. She moved to Norway with her three young daughters and earned a Master’s Degree in Social Anthropology at the University of Trondheim. Kristine is dedicated to promoting pride of one’s heritage, and has focused her life’s work on Norway and Sweden – the traditions, people and culture.

The Heritage Award is presented for the first time as we honor an organization that has contributed to the mission of the Ethnic Heritage Council—to preserve and promote ethnic and cultural traditions, foster mutual understanding, enrich lives and celebrate our heritage.

In 2010 we honor and thank The Boeing Company for dedication to the arts and cultural organizations and specifically to their support of EHC over the past 30 years.
GORDAN EKVALL TRACIE MEMORIAL AWARD

The Gordon Ekvall Tracie Award is given to an ethnic performing artist who has made significant contributions to the development and presentation of the traditional arts in our community.

Ruben Sierra 1990
Patrinell Wright 1991
Prabha Rustagi 1994
Ken Jackson – Grey Eagle 1995
Allan Swensson 1997
Kofi Anang 1998
Henry Louie 1999
Sara Contreras 2000
Bruce Miller “Subiay” 2001
Mary Mariko Ohno 2002
Roger R. Del Rosario 2003
Jiyeon Cheh 2004
Arthur W. C. Nation 2005
Melody Wenying Xie 2006
Rubina Carmona 2007
Dr. Ratna Mukherjee Roy 2008
Mr. Nat V. Raman 2009
Luis Gramal 2010

ASPASIA PHOUTRIDES PULAKIS MEMORIAL AWARD

The Aspasia Phoutrides Pulakis Memorial Award is given annually to an individual who has contributed significantly to a Northwest ethnic community.

Dorothy Cordova 1983
Ali San 1984
John Kevtunovich 1985
Esther Mumford 1986
Sirkka Wilson 1987
Yuki Nakamura 1988
Rosanne Gostovich Royer 1989
Ralph Hayes 1990
Ingeborg Hansen 1991
Lucy Fueresz 1992
Maria Medina 1993
Lennie Meder 1994
John Keane 1995
Schobha Raman 1996
The Families of Jose & Norma Gomez 1997
and Juan & Marcolina Sosa
Bernard “Bernie” Whitebear 1998
Joan Rudd 1999
Sue Isely 2000
Sharon McBride Ritelis 2001
Afi Durr 2002
Richard L. Major 2003
Norman Westerberg 2004
Eduardo Mendonça 2005
Kathy Bruni 2006
Flori Montante 2007
Leo Utter 2008
Peter Pawluskiewicz and Martha Brice 2009
Kristine Leander 2010
THE SPIRIT OF LIBERTY AWARD

The Spirit of Liberty Award is presented at the Annual July 4th Naturalization Ceremony, to a naturalized citizen who has made a significant contribution to the community while successfully maintaining his/her culture and heritage.

1986 Effie Wells  Greek-American
1987 Ina Bray  Lithuanian-American
1988 Alexander Shaw  Chinese-American
1989 Henning Boe  Norwegian-American
1990 Kalle Keranen  Finnish-American
1991 Encarnacion F. Tajon  Filipino-American
1992 Carin Jacroux  German-American
1993 Henry Friedman  Polish-American
1994 Helen Mirchuk  Ukrainian-American
1995 Bronka Kohn Serebrin  Polish-American
1996 Tsering Chamatsang Yuthok  Tibetan-American
1997 Farhat J. Ziadeh  Palestinian-American
1998 Mary Shriane  Irish-American
1999 Natacha Sesko  Chinese-American
2000 Theodore Kaltounis  Greek-American
2001 Lucy Fuerez  Hungarian-American
2002 Raja H. Atallah  Arab-American
2003 Olaf Johannesen Kvamme  Norwegian-American
2004 Paull H. Shin  Korean-American
2005 Assunta Ng  Chinese-American
2006 Alma Franulovich Plancich  Croatian-American
2007 Ramesh Gangolli  Indian-American
2008 Ezra Teshome  African-American
2009 Eduardo Mendonça  Brazilian-American

THE SPIRIT OF AMERICA AWARD

The Ethnic Heritage Council’s Spirit of America Award is given individuals who were born abroad and have enriched our community.

The 2004 & 1999 Heritage Award was presented to a Native American who epitomized the Spirit of America.

2004
Cecile Hansen—Chairwoman of the Duwamish Tribe
Marianne Forssblad—Director of the Nordic Heritage Museum
Yaffa Maritz—Founder of the Stroum Jewish Community Parenting Center
Hezekiah Orji—President of the Nigerian Community Association of Washington
Son Michael Pham—Founder of Kids Without Borders

1999
Ark Chin—Chairman Emeritus of Kramer, Chin & Mayo Inc., a founder of the Kin On Nursing Home and Member of the University of Washington Board of Regents
Vi Hilbert Tahqwshublo—Upper Skagit Elder, author, teacher and a leader of the Lushootseed people, declared a Washington State Living Treasure in 1989
Dr. George E. Taylor—Founder of the University of Washington’s Far Eastern and Russian Institute, precursor to the Jackson School and Founding President of the Washington Council on International Trade
Hazel Wolf—Recipient of the National Audubon Society’s Medal of Excellence, State of Washington “Citizen of the Century” and Secretary of the Seattle Audubon Society since 1964
Looking Back… 30 Years of Celebrating Community

Phyllis Takisaki

Phyllis Takisaki Campbell is a third-generation Japanese American, born in Spokane, Washington, who became chair of the Pacific Northwest Region of JPMorgan Chase & Co. in April 2009. In former positions as President of the U.S. Bank of Washington and President/CEO of the Seattle Foundation, Campbell has received awards for corporate and community involvement, including the Women Who Make A Difference Award, and the Director of the Year from the Northwest Chapter of the National Association of Corporate Directors. She also serves on Toyota's Diversity Advisory Board, and the boards of Alaska Air, Horizon Air, the Joshua Green Corporation, Nordstrom and Seattle University's Board of Trustees.

We are honored Phyllis is joining us in celebrating 30 years!

Looking Back… Bringing People Together for 30 Years!

In 2010 EHC salutes our 30th Anniversary! May 15th we come together and acknowledge 30 years at our 30th Anniversary Celebration, at Nordic Heritage Museum.

Over the years, the Ethnic Heritage Council has assisted, encouraged and guided numerous organizations in their fledgling stages, to grow into their own. Whether an annual event launched, a cultural center established or a Féstál cultural festival sprouted out of one of the many fledglings, the Ethnic Heritage Council has accomplished what it set out to do 30 years ago and continues to do today — to preserve the unique mix of cultural traditions that enrich our Northwest communities.

As we celebrate in 2010, we look back at the beginnings and other highlights in the development of EHC—an organization many have said is “one of a kind in the nation.”

September 1978 – Sixteen enthusiastic people gathered at the home of Kristian Ingaborg and Randi Hansen to discuss an offer from the Folklife Center of the Library of Congress to help a multi-ethnic group stage a conference on preserving local histories and traditions. Drinking Ingeborg’s coffee and eating her pastries at this gathering were: Ole Brahe-Pedersen, Veronia Walker, John Kovtunovich, Rosanne Royer, Bud Bard, Julianne Kumasaka, Irene Nishimura, Sylvia Summerland, Leo Utter, Sirtka Wilson, Anne Marie Steiner, Karoline Morrison, Aspasia Pulakis, Bill Nikinovich, and Elena Bradunas of the Folklife Center of the Library of Congress.

September 1978-August 1979 - The “rolling stone” gathered increasing numbers of ethnic representatives at meetings held at different ethnic halls each month to plan a three-day conference at Seattle Center. Seattle Public Library became a major force in the effort, through an NEH grant and the creative management of Jean Coberly. Rosanne Royer, Aspasia Pulakis and Bud Bard took the lead in conducting meetings.

September 28-30, 1979 – Over 200 representatives of over forty Puget Sound ethnic organizations attended “Ethnic Heritage Workshop and Festival” at Seattle Center, coproduced by the American Folklife Center of the Library of Congress and Seattle Public Library. The enthusiastic organizers decided to stay together and form a permanent organization.

January 1980 – EHC is incorporated as a membership-based, educational, non-profit organization with a challenging mission: To advance communication among ethnic communities; facilitate documentation of local ethnic history and cultural heritage; be a clearinghouse of information about ethnic groups; sponsor educational, cultural, and other exchanges among ethnic groups; provide support organizations in their start-up phase; and organize ethnic and cultural events that inform the general public.

Fifty-seven certified representatives of ethnic organizations began participating in the meetings of the new organization. First elected officers were: Bud Bard, President; Aspasia Pulakis, Vice President; Rose Gonzalez, Secretary; Ole Brahe-Pedersen, Treasurer. Through the generosity of Bud Bard, then President of American Cultural Exchange, EHC was given a home in the ACE office for thirteen years. In 1993 EHC moved into offices at Seattle Center, where it serves many ethnic communities through Seattle Center activities.

The dedicated individuals who have served as Board President over the years include Bud Bard, Ole Brahe-Pedersen, Jeri-Marie Bennett, Karoline Morrison, Alma Plancich, Cleo Molina, Joann Nicon, Marianne Forssblad, Sue McNab, Yasemin San, Martha Cohen, Lynn Winslow, David Serra and JoAnne Lee.

A “Creative Genius” emerges. There is hardly an event or activity of EHC that has not had its origins in the creative and enterprising mind of Karoline Morrison, EHC pioneer, former Board President and Board Member. EHC blossomed with her many creations, such as “Liberty Fair” and “Spirit of Liberty” award at Seattle Center, the first of which featured an appearance by actress Carol Channing: EthnicFest (later WorldFest), the first EHC shopping center festival at Northgate Mall; “Let’s Eat Ethnic” coupon book; “Ports of Call”—a dinner that progressed through diverse ethnic foods with matching music; the Statue of Liberty fundraiser and the vision to try to get Lee Iacocca as special guest (we did!).

Karoline’s genius and the hard work of others was managed by five executive directors over the years: Name them and...
the years they served: Bud Bard (volunteer) 1984-88; Sandy Bradley (1989-90); Peter Davenport (1991-94); Fred Capestany (1995) and current Executive Director Alma Franolovich Planich (1995-Present). Their work has resulted in many noteworthy events and developments over the years.

“Spirit of ’86”—A fundraiser in 1984 for the Statue of Liberty Restoration Project. The event was headlined by the Chairman of the national campaign, Lee Iacocca, and raised $25,000 for the Statue of Liberty Fund.

Liberty Fair—A multi-ethnic festival highlighted by the Fourth of July Naturalization Ceremony. Today the Annual Fourth of July Naturalization Ceremony held at Seattle Center has become a nationally recognized event, where every year over 500 people, from more than 75 countries are sworn in as new citizens. The ceremony is produced with Seattle Center and United States Citizenship & Immigration Services by EHC Executive Director Alma Planich and Assistant Director Maria Kesovija. In 2010, EHC produces the 26th Annual Naturalization Ceremony.

Worldfest — (originally EthnicFest) brought music and dance festivals into the contemporary marketplace—the shopping center—the first taking place at Northgate Mall in 1982 and continued for 20 years. Today, EHC’s fall festivals, Cultural Crossroads, at Crossroads Bellevue and Winter Worldfest at the Seattle Center, annually feature hundreds of performers, exhibits and booths. In 2010, EHC produces the 20th Annual Cultural Crossroads and the 11th Annual Winter Worldfest. EHC is a leader in presenting ethnic performing groups in Washington State.

An “umbrella” and co-sponsorship service to other groups—Over 100 groups who are not registered non-profit organizations have used the umbrella of EHC to stage events important to their development. Over the years the Council also has offered numerous workshops to its diverse membership on such mutual concerns as fundraising, membership development, public relations, leadership development, and youth involvement.

A vital clearinghouse—On a daily basis EHC responds to phone and email requests from individuals, organizations, government agencies, and businesses seeking contact with ethnic communities. EHC has assisted schools in identifying individuals from diverse ethnic backgrounds to make classroom presentations.

Publications—The first newsletter, Ethnic Connection, was replaced in 1984 by Northwest Ethnic News, a monthly newspaper distributed region-wide. Editors included Yasemin San, Susan Auerbach, Nancy Stone-Nilsen, Allegra Berrian, Jim Walters, Mathew Mullins, Kent Chadwick, Allan Swensson, Ramona Gault, Sarah Sarai, and Mari Herreras-Zimman. Today the Council publishes the monthly EHC Newsletter and Calendar of Ethnic Events, with Maria Kesovija as Editor. CONTACT: A Directory of Ethnic and Cultural Resources in Washington State, first published in 1981, was coordinated by Seattle Public Library through a U.S. Office of Education grant, with Seattle and Bellevue School Districts and EHC contributing entries. The first CONTACT contained over 200 entries and later editions contained more than 1,000. In 2010 CONTACT will be accessible on the EHC website.

Awards—The “Spirit of Liberty” award is presented to a naturalized citizen who makes significant contributions to his or her ethnic community and to the community at large. The “Aspasia Phoutrides Pulakis Memorial” award recognizes outstanding contributions to one’s ethnic community. The “Gordon Ekwall Tracie Memorial” award is given for excellence in ethnic performing arts, and the “Spirit of America” award honors foreign born and Native American individuals who have committed their lives to service within the multicultural community.

The 25th Anniversary Celebrations—To celebrate this important milestone EHC presented, on March 11, 2005 “Telling Our Stories—Ethnic Heritage in Washington State”. The full day of workshops took place at the Port of Seattle Headquarters, Pier 69, and was co-sponsored by the Museum of History & Industry. A reception followed the conference honoring sponsors and supporters. Honorary Chairman for the event was Washington State Governor Gary Locke and Co-Chairs of the conference were Joann Georges Nicon and Rosanne Gostovich Royer.

Many significant & successful events have been produced by EHC over the years—too numerous to list! In the future months, as we continue to celebrate our 30th year, we will look back on the accomplishments of EHC and share them with our readers. The Council looks forward to continuing the 30th year celebration throughout the year!

EHC’s Annual Dinner and Awards Ceremony, traditionally held in February, will be held this year May 15th as our 30th Anniversary Celebration. We are honored to have Phyllis Campbell, Chairman of Pacific Northwest Business, J. P. Morgan Chase Bank, as our keynote speaker.
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The Ethnic Heritage Council is dedicated to preserving the unique mix of cultural traditions that enrich our Northwest communities.

EHC 2010 EVENT CALENDAR

May 15th—Saturday
30th Anniversary Celebration
Nordic Heritage Museum

July 4th—Sunday
26th Annual Naturalization Ceremony
Seattle Center

November 5-7th—Friday-Sunday
20th Annual Cultural Crossroads
Crossroads Bellevue

November 26-28th—Friday-Sunday
11th Annual Winter Worldfest
Seattle Center

Thank You:
EHC Board of Directors; IKEA; Steve Borzilleri; Aleksandra Monk; Karoline Morrison; Sally Ann Rutledge; Seattle Center; Jeff and Janet Segur; Allan Swensson; and the performers & volunteers!