**Ethnic Heritage Council**

**2018 Annual Meeting Dinner & Awards Ceremony**

**Sunday, April 29, 2018 | 4 pm - 7pm | Leif Erikson Hall | 2245 NW 57th St, Seattle, WA 98107**

Complete the registration form at [www.ethnicheritagecouncil.org](http://www.ethnicheritagecouncil.org)

**Music!** Come early and dance to the captivating international medleys of Folk Voice Band, one of Seattle’s most popular and versatile bands. Music begins at 3:30 pm. [Visit www.folkvoiceband.com](http://www.folkvoiceband.com)

**Food & Refreshment!** Enjoy a delicious buffet of Norwegian specialties and no-host bar with international wines and brews!

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**Honing the 2018 Ethnic Heritage Council Awards Recipients**

**Christine Anderson:** *Aspasia Phoutrides Pulakis Memorial Award*

A librarian by profession, Christine Anderson has taken her skills of research and communication and launched them on a rocket of innate ability to promote and raise funds for Leif Erikson Lodge 2-001, Sons of Norway. She is currently Historian and Publicity Director for the lodge and has documented the lodge’s history in pictorial scrapbooks, directories and videos, including *Norway Hall and the Murals of Mack and Sonnichsen*. Seven of the 100-year-old murals have been restored and hang on the walls of the lodge hall. She continues to collect photos and research information about the “Syttende Mai” celebration (Norway’s Constitution Day) in the Puget Sound area, one of Seattle’s most popular community events that has been celebrated publicly since 1889, before Washington became a state.

**Harvey Niebulski, M.D.:** *Gordon Ekvall Tracie Memorial Award*

A flame was lit in Harvey Niebulski’s childhood when his East European parents immigrated to New York after World War II, and his mother gave him an accordion. Passion for his Yiddish heritage soon took hold and that flame has now engulfed the entire folk music and culture community in the Puget Sound region and beyond. Harvey is a radiologist by day, but otherwise he is out bringing musical joy to many, usually with the group KlezKatz. He is a regular at the Kline Galland Home, the Seattle Children’s Museum, City Hall’s annual holiday celebration, the Seattle International Film Festival, and the Northwest Folklife Festival, where he has served as a board member since 1997. “When Harvey brings out his accordion, the party begins,” they all say.

**Karoline Morrison:** *EHC Leadership and Service Award* (new award)

A founding member of the Ethnic Heritage Council in 1980 and currently an Advisory Committee member, Karoline Morrison’s deep Norwegian roots and extraordinary creativity inspired some of EHC’s most popular programs, such as the “Let’s Eat Ethnic” coupon book, festivals at shopping centers, and the annual naturalization celebration at Seattle Center. Now an author, she has published two memoirs, *Twilight of the Blondes* about her years in Hollywood; and *You Can’t Get to Heaven Wearing High Heeled Shoes* about her return to Seattle in 1962 where she established an antiques business and acquired Ballard’s landmark Carnegie Library building.

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**Reminder**

**April 14-15: International Children’s Friendship Festival (ICFF) at Fisher Pavilion, Seattle Center**

ICFF is run by children and features performances by children, highlighting their ethnic heritages through music, folk dances, visual arts, and a variety of creative activities. The children celebrate their international friendship through experiencing the rich tapestry of the world’s cultures. Learn how you and your children and your organization can be involved. The Festival is free. Ethnic Heritage Council is a partner with ICFF. Information at: [http://childrensfest.tacawa.org/](http://childrensfest.tacawa.org/)

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