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MAY NEWSLETTER

Greetings Scandinavian Cultural Center
Members, Donors, & Friends,

It doesn't seem possible that we have almost come to the end of the 24/25 season in the SCC. We have had several very successful events and can now say we have returned to pre-Covid attendance numbers!

Many thanks are due to all those who have made this possible. The Scandinavian Cultural Center would not be here if it weren't for the many dedicated volunteers who have helped from day-one with everything from building the space, raising the funds, planning events, publishing the SCENE, creating exhibits, managing the collections, assisting in the office, designing posters, invitations, and programs, being a committee member, serving as a Docent, etc. etc. etc.

Volunteering is a way to connect with SCC members, make new friends, learn new

things, connect with the PLU community, and embrace Scandinavian/Nordic heritage.

If you are interested in volunteering, please let us know. Remember....."looking for a very minimal volunteer opportunity" is a good start to getting involved!

We also owe a **big THANKS** to PLU...not only does PLU provide our use of the SCC space, the set-up crew, the technology team, the utilities, and the clean-up after our events, all at no charge to the SCC budget, but many PLU staff spend hours at no cost to us working for the SCC. They include....

- PLU Liaison for the Scandinavian Cultural Center, Associate Vice President for Constituent Engagement, **Katie Hoover**;
- PLU Director of Strategic Initiatives, **MacKenzie Hines**;
- Hospitality and Events Office under the direction of **Samantha Graham**;
- PLU Catering team led by **Rebecca Farris**;
- PLU Wang Center for Global and Community Engaged Education under Director **Tamara Williams**;
- SCC office Intern, **Eleanor Sherry**, and **Grace Amsden** in the Alumni Office

And speaking of PLU, the following is from the website.....

On May 15th, alumni and friends from the 6 Norwegian Sister Colleges in partnership with the **Norway-America Association (NORAM)** will come together in Oslo to commemorate and honor the courage, resilience, and enduring ties that continue to connect us. His Majesty, King

Harald has been formally invited to the event and will attend.

In 1825, fifty-two Norwegian pioneers set sail on the Restauration, embarking on a journey that led to hundreds of thousands more—over a third of Norway’s population—seeking new lives across the Atlantic. Today, nearly 5 million North Americans proudly claim Norwegian ancestry, a legacy that has shaped both regions. These early immigrants were also instrumental in founding the Norwegian Sister Colleges. Their values continue to influence our universities, where Norwegian culture remains a part of campus life.

Along with several PLU staff and other SCC Council /PLU alums, I am excited to attend the event in Oslo, stay for the Syttende Mai parade, and along with my daughter visit several of our cousins while there, too!

Stay tuned for photos and more about this special event in future publications from the SCC,

Gerda

Norwegian Constitution Day



Join us for the celebration of Norwegian Constitution Day, also known

as Syttende Mai. This day holds great significance for the people of Norway as it marks the anniversary of the country gaining its independence from Sweden in 1814. It is a day filled with patriotism, pride, parades and joy as Norwegians come together to celebrate! Join us to raise the flag in Red Square at 8:30 followed by brunch in the SCC.

Saturday, May 17th

Time: 8:30 a.m.

**Location: Red Square (PLU), followed by
brunch in the Scandinavian Cultural
Center**

For any questions, please
email scancentr@plu.edu.



SCC Hours

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