

This year 82 members had a chance to visit, enjoy a wonderful lunch, and watch a fashion show of members' specially constructed garments. For those of you who could not attend here is a synopsis of the meeting.

The Newport Yacht Club was beautifully decorated by Pamela McCrae and her group of helpers. This year the Chapter celebrated the 25th anniversary of Greater Seattle ASG. So, Cathy started the meeting with a history of the Chapter (see Part 1 in the December newsletter). Congrats Chapter - we are so proud of all that our members have done since 2000.

To keep our Chapter running there is a dedicated group of people that make up the Chapter Advisory Committee (CAB). Each was thanked for the work they do in their respective jobs. A special thanks went to Mary Berg, retiring Education Chair, for all she has done in the past three years. Mary was responsible for finding, organizing, and keeping track of each education program. I'm sure many of you have attended one of the events she put on and know how well thought out and organized each event was.

Cori Hartje, treasurer, presented the results of the election of officers: **President**-Cathy Katte, **Treasurer**-Carolyn Barden, and **Secretary**-Cynthia Blair. Cori presented a complete financial statement of the Chapter and had copies if anyone wanted one.

Neighborhood and Special interest group leaders were acknowledged and thanked for their work. These ladies are the glue that holds our Chapter together with their monthly meetings.

Cynthia Blair, the Dolls for Kids Chair, asked all who contributed to this worthwhile project to stand and thanked them. We donated 36 dolls, bags, and clothes ---thank YOU to the creative women who made this project a success!

The Chapter is starting a new tradition. We have around 245 members and each year one person stands out in the Chapter who goes above and beyond for the group. We wanted to recognize that person. This year the Golden Thimble Award was presented to Cori Hartje, our Chapter treasurer. Cori not only keeps our books in order but has also set guidelines for Chapter spending. Thanks to Cori, the CAB has an incredibly detailed planning budget that we finalize each January. She set up the Stripe program, our online payment plan for classes and retreats. In addition, she sets all Zoom recurring meetings for various Chapter groups and balances our books down to the penny each month. A deserved honor for work well done.

Diane Gloystein emceed a fabulous fashion showcasing the work of 25 participants. Two students from Virginia Duppenthaler's sewing school were part of the fashion show, Delilah, a Junior member, modeled a jacket and long dress (both repurposed) and Ren modeled a dress (Simplicity 9642) in a cotton knit with reflective eyes in the print. Both outfits showed the outstanding creativity and craftsmanship of the young sewists. Cheers to both for attending---you are the future.