

April 16, 2016 Meeting recap:

The Annual Scholarship Luncheon held at Raven Landing in April was well attended by about 27 members and guests.

There were 15 applications reviewed by the Scholarship committee chaired by **Barbara Van Flein**. In addition to Barbara, the other members of committee were: **Julia Stewart, Pat Turner, Margaret Soden, Margret Van Flein, and Becky Long**. We thank them for their time, effort and careful consideration of the applications.

Erica Nardella was awarded the **Nancy Johnson Memorial Scholarship**.

She is seeking a BSW at UAF. Plans to complete degree in 2018. She went to college right out of high school but did not complete. She is returning to school after more than a decade of recovery. Her mission statement is: Everyone has a story; my desire is to understand the unique, diverse and special lives of Alaskans so that I can help and encourage them to achieve their goals, offering hope to as many as I can.

JoLee Giuchici was awarded the **Ann Rhian Memorial Scholarship**.

She is pursuing her Master of Public Administration through UAS distance education so she can remain in Fairbanks with her two children. She volunteers extensively in the non-profit arena in Fairbanks and currently works for the United Way of the Tanana Valley which "allows her to work towards making Fairbanks a better place to live, work and raise a family for all who live here." She is working on this degree to go into management of an organization. She had to miss our Scholarship Luncheon for a very important reason. Her five year old daughter was competing in a Tae Kwon Do tournament in Nenana that day. She competed as the only girl in her division of 5 competitors. She fought hard, even making one young man cry, and knocking him down. She took 2nd place in both sparring and patterns. Even at a young age, she is promoting Equity for Women and Girls.

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