Karin Shuey, EANC’s Washington DC Director, reports:

The first half 2019 was busy for EANC Washington, DC Director Karin Shuey. She started the year taking our message on the road— and to sea—then shifting focus in more recent months to our work in Washington.

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Karin was honored to be featured at the events in Washington and New Jersey, as well. A big part of her job is to make sure Estonian communities around the U.S. are familiar with EANC’s mission to support Estonian American language and cultural preservation, and to help reach out to new audiences. She is available to speak at large events or any time your community has a gathering. She also took part in the third KLENK-IEP cruise, which gave her another chance to share EANC’s work with a new audience.

Estonian officials and experts are frequent guests of Capitol Hill, government agencies, and Washington’s think tanks. EANC works with them and lead meetings for a parallel advocacy event by the Central and East European Coalition (CEEC), both in June. The CEEC’s Director, Karin Shuey, attended the event.

Estonian American community members are engaged in Washington. DC Director Karin Shuey attended the Estonian embassy’s commemoration that Friday, held at the Embassy of Finland during the Great Refugee Flight of 1944. Tragically, Estonia lost every fifth person during the Great Refugee Flight of 1944. Let us join with our fellow Estonians around the world, including in Estonia, who will mark this day.

September 2019 marks the 75th anniversary of the Great Refugee Flight of Estonians fleeing Soviet occupation of 1944. As President Kaljulaid noted at the Baltic annual conference, held at the U.S. Institute of Peace, he noted that while Estonia and the Baltic states were occupied by different regimes, there is something that catches our attention in every issue. For instance, We try to provide information on EANC activities, upcoming events, and organizations that we support, so that over time you can see what we and the Estonian American community are engaged in. What would you like to know whether we are meeting this goal? If you have any comments, please forward them to our new Executive Director, Leelo Linask, whose contact information we’ll include in the “Tätaaj over time you can see what we and the Estonian American community are engaged in. What would you like to know whether we are meeting this goal? If you have any comments, please forward them to our new Executive Director, Leelo Linask, whose contact information we’ll include in the “Tätaaj. Our president, Marju Rink-Abel, was honored to re-elect the Estonian President of the American EANC National Council at our annual meeting last year. We look forward to continue our successful programs and services for our trust and support to EANC. We will do our best to ensure that Tätaaj keeps you informed of EANC’s work.

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Pictured at “The Journey” and “petits EANC members honored the 75th anniversary of the Great Refugee Flight of 70,000 Estonians who fled their homeland during the Great Refugee Flight of 1944. Traditionally, Eestic law every fifth person of its population as a result of the same brought by the occupying regimes. Photo: Amelia Good

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YOUTH DELEGATES LOOK FORWARD @ ESTO 2019

The Estonian National Museum in Tartu debuted its exhibit showcasing the history of the world-wide ESTO festivals. The East Coast folkgroup Saare Vikat, supported by EANC, performed at the exhibit opening.

Photo: Arp Kalm

Estonian House in Tartu opened on World Estonian Day (August 24) in 2018. The museum is located in the historic city center of Tartu and is dedicated to the history, culture, and achievements of the Estonian people.

The opening of the museum was marked by a special ceremony, during which the museum’s director, Tarmo Kallaste, and the Estonian government representative, Marju Rink-Abel, presented the museum with a plaque of honor.

The museum’s exhibits are divided into several sections, each highlighting different aspects of Estonian history and culture. Among the exhibits, visitors can learn about the development of Estonian language and culture, the role of the Estonian government in the country’s development, and the contributions made by Estonian intellectuals and artists.

The museum is a great resource for anyone interested in learning more about Estonian history and culture. It is located at 10 Pikk Street, Tartu, Estonia and is open to the public. Visitors are encouraged to check the museum’s website for opening hours and admission fees.