

CWA Surveys

I'd like to start this summary with a review of the CWA Mission statement.

CWA is a social, community-based organization that strives to create an atmosphere of camaraderie, entertainment and educational opportunities for its members. The Association supports the local community by providing charitable contributions to the Charbonneau Country Club and other non-profit organizations in the surrounding area.

45 surveys were returned. This is a high rate compared to the national average. For this, we Thank You! We want this to be your organization and it will have strength with more involvement.

Not surprising, the majority come to CWA to meet or be with friends, however there were several comments that asked if we could not save an entire table for our friends. Please do not reserve an entire table. Mix it up! Let's be welcoming and invite others to sit with us, You just might make a new friend.

We had a suggestion to only have 6 instead of 8 at a table. We did this in Jan. It is possible to do when we have low attendance however, it requires additional set up and take down. I am not sure if it made it any easier to carry on table conversations or not.

Regarding our luncheons: 11 prefer buffets which is what we have been doing due to cost. 28 like the soup & salad idea and 22 like a combination of various meal types as we have been doing. Many commented that large meals are not necessary.

The cost was mentioned more than once. Food and server costs have increased significantly. The current board has been working hard to reduce cost while still delivering nice luncheons and programs as you have come to expect.

Do we eliminate wine? 9 Yes, 17 No, 18 Makes no difference. We are going to try also having Prosecco and Sparkling cider at all events. Someone suggested we sell the wine, however if we do that a server with an Oregon liquor license is required.

A question was asked if the wine cost comes from the membership cost vs the luncheon cost. While we do not keep separate accounting for this, membership fees are generally used for program entertainment and speakers, charitable donations, and overhead expenses.

Programs: 28 said not to change. No one wanted them eliminated. 14 suggested we have some without speaker or entertainment. Regarding topics: Numbers were all over the board. This information will be shared with next year's board and program chairs for consideration as they plan 2024-25.

It was also suggested to have a mixer. We tried this in Jan. by having a question to discuss at each table and will do again.

Music was suggested which we have planned for our Feb. program.

A better mike and sound system were requested. The CCC was working on this and has just completed the install.

It was suggested to light the Sacajawea statue with our charitable donation this year. I have been told that the CCC board does have this planned for 2024. We are planning on a contribution to CCC for another purpose.

New members are encouraged to participate on our committees and board. It is a great organization and we would love to get to know you. You can bring fresh ideas and make some new friends at the same time. 2024-25 committee members and board will be needed soon. If you

are interested, please speak with a current board or committee member. You can also call me directly at 503-422-45617. We would love to have you join us.

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Your CWA 2023-24 President

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