

Our last gathering until September was a happy hour in our dining room on May 13th. The tables were decorated with yellow mums in stemmed glasses with lemons and limes. Delicious, heavy hors d'oeuvres included stuffed mushrooms, bacon wrapped dates, fruit skewers, shrimp cocktails, charcuterie tray, caprese skewers, etc. all catered by The Market Café. With the wine served by our hospitality committee Mary Costa and Shandy Shaner. Photos from this year were presented on the screen while we moved from table to table or standing group to group. It was fabulous to see all the mingling and many attendees commented that they had met several new ladies.

The 2024-25 Executive Board and committee chairs were introduced. President: Bee Benesh, 1st VP of Programs: Teena Barrett, Carol McLeod, and Judy Bonino, 2nd VP of Catering: Kathy Fuller, Secretary: Doreen Yates, and Treasurer: Lindy Anderson.

Committees: include Communications: Cathy Loffink and Bee Benesh, Membership: Paula Johnson and Cathy Renken, Decorations: Carol Riley and Barbara Patch, Christmas Brunch: Judi Hickman and April Marcell, Fashion Show: Kathy Fisher and Robyn Gowdy. We are so thankful for these gals who plan, organize, set-up and hold our monthly luncheons.

Thank you to those who are stepping down from committee chairs this year. Judi Hickman and Mary Elting have served as 1st VP's of Programs and Mary Costa & Sandy Shaner of Hospitality. Claudia deVries will be our new hospitality chairman. The 1st VP of Programs for next year were listed above.

As this is the end of my term, I was surprised and presented with a gift and thank you. It has been my pleasure to serve as your President this past year. I am very thankful for all the acquaintances and friendships I have gained.

Sept. 9th will be our next member luncheon as we begin our new year 2024-25. Watch for membership applications and luncheon information in the Villager or if you are a member, email blasts will be sent out.

The survival of CWA depends on new people becoming involved. It takes many hands, while we have had lots of fun and made new friends along the way. Please consider joining us. You can reach out to any of these ladies or you can find our information at CWACarbonneau.com.

As this is my last Villager article, I'd like to leave you with the following:

Friendship adds so much to our lives and makes our world a beautiful place.