

## August 2024 Villager Article

### CWA by Bee Benesh

It is time to renew your membership in The Charbonneau Women's Association. This active group holds events on the second Monday of the month from September through May. Most of these are luncheons with a variety of programs. Our Program chairs Carol McLeod, Judy Bonino and Teena Barnett have been actively making plans all summer. In December we hold a festive Holiday Brunch and for this coming May a fashion show is in the works. Happy hours have proved to be popular and one of these will be held in November. This Happy Hour will be a free event for our members, so mark your calendars for Monday, November 4. That is a week earlier than our usual schedule because the Charbonneau facilities are closed for Veterans' Day on the second Monday of November.

We warmly welcome new members at any time. Membership is open to anyone who lives in Charbonneau or the surrounding area and dues are \$30 for the year. New and prospective members are welcome to attend one CWA event before joining. You do not need to be a guest of a specific member to attend. Our by-laws state that "Anyone eligible for membership may attend one meeting before joining the Association. Attendance at subsequent meetings will require payment of annual dues." Things got a little topsy-turvy after the closings and restrictions of Covid. However, we plan to operate now in accordance with our bylaws, so we will be keeping track of who attends as guests.

The 2024-25 Membership applications are in our book in the Activity Center coat room. You can put your checks in an envelope marked CWA in the slot in the entry door of the Activity Center or give them to Claudia at the front desk. Membership applications are also available on our web site at [CWACHarbonneau.com](http://CWACHarbonneau.com). There will be a CWA table at the Charbonneau Information Night, August 14 and we will have membership forms and be happy to take your checks that evening. Be sure to stop by and say hello and ask any questions that you may have. We enjoy working together to make our meetings enjoyable for all. The more helping hands, the merrier. Additional volunteers are always welcome, and it is a great way to meet new friends. I can certainly attest to that. I have only lived here in Charbonneau for 3 years. Attending CWA luncheons was my entry into the many activities available at Charbonneau and to meeting ladies who are active participants. I still look forward to meeting at least one new person at every event. Please consider this and make note on your membership application or let any board member know of your interest.

We are also starting to take reservations for our September 9 Luncheon as we kick-off the new club year. We are planning to hold our cost at \$32 for our members for most of our luncheons. We are very excited to have Coach MaryJo McCloskey as our speaker at the September luncheon. She coaches the very successful Women's Golf Team at George Fox University and is the author of *When Girls Win*. Through her experience in women's athletics, she has learned valuable life lessons which she shares in her inspirational and entertaining talks. Look for more information on our website and on the Charbonneau information monitor. The sign-up book is in the Activity Center closet and these checks can also be handed in at the desk or placed in

the slot by the doors. Come with friends or come on your own. There is a place at our tables and in our club for you.