

July Villager Article

CWA by Bee Benesh

Our CWA club year came to its official end for most of the members with the Happy Hour event on May 13. As the new CWA President I was sorry to have to miss that day when the new club officers were announced. I have been on the CWA board for the past two years as a Communications Co-Chair, but that is more of a “behind the scenes position” and many of you may not know me. My husband and I moved here to Charbonneau 3 years ago from the Chicago area and we both are enjoying the activities and comradery that this community offers.

I want to offer thanks to our outgoing president, Lynda Huber Marshall, who worked very hard and kept things running smoothly so that we all could enjoy the monthly events that CWA puts on. I know that Lynda served as treasurer the previous year and so her involvement with CWA goes back a number of years. She will be remaining on the board, and I will be grateful for her advice and help. That is true for number of the board members, and I will look forward to working with them in my new capacity. I also want to thank Sandy Shaner and Mary Costa who have been serving as hospitality co-chairs. CWA members probably think of them as the “wine ladies” as they were always behind the bar at luncheons pouring glasses of wine. They will be leaving the board after several years and they will be missed.

On Monday June 3, we had our last board meeting of the year with both the old and new boards in attendance. We enjoyed a delicious potluck brunch together before settling down to business. We were happy to welcome some new board members as they bring new ideas and approaches. Teena Barrett, Carol McLeod and Judy Bonino will be sharing the position of 1st VP of Programs, and they are already putting their heads together and exploring possibilities for the year ahead.

Joining CWA was my first step in getting to know women in Charbonneau and in becoming comfortable with joining in activities. The luncheons are great events for asking others about clubs, classes or games. I look forward to meeting someone new every month! I hope that you will consider joining CWA and attending our monthly events regularly. Our membership year starts in September and dues are \$30 for the year. There will be more membership information in the following months. In the meantime, take a look at our website, cwacharbonneau.com. Be sure to scroll through the photo gallery, which has pictures from all our events. And remember that we could always use your help. The rewards of fun and friendship await.