

CWA October 2024 Villager Article
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There is a little bit of catching up to do as CWA did not have an article in the October Villager. But, first of all, I want to point out that our big event of the fall is coming up quickly. Our ***Gingerbread Jingle Holiday Brunch*** will be December 9th. You may reserve tables of 8 but all of the payment must be submitted at the time the table is reserved. The cost is \$40 for members and \$45 for non-members. Seats go fast for this event and the sign-up book is open. You do not have to sit at a reserved table. Plenty of ladies come as singles or pairs and there will be a seat for everyone who buys a ticket.

It was “good vibes only” at our September 9 luncheon. Our speaker, Coach MaryJo McCloskey, believes in the power of smiles, laughter and music, and that was carried out beautifully by our decorations chairladies, Carol Riley & Barb Patch. It was a festive gathering and a great way to start off the club year.

Our October 14 Luncheon invited us to say “Hello Autumn” as we got together for a buffet lunch featuring pork tenderloin as the main course. This month the presenter was Sig Unander, a historian and professional public speaker who has worked in both broadcast and print journalism. We heard a talk about Claire Phillips, who hails from Portland, but was living in the Philippines during WWII. She was recruited to spy for the United States and through her efforts to obtain information and aid prisoners of war, she lived a life of danger, drama, triumph and tragedy. Despite capture, she managed to survive the war and write an account of her harrowing experiences. Isn't it amazing that most of us had never heard of her?

Our November meeting will be held on a different day than usual. Luncheon meetings are usually the 2nd Monday of the month, but November 11 is Veterans' Day and Charbonneau facilities are closed. We will be holding a casual happy hour for our members on Monday afternoon, November 4 from 4 – 6 pm. This is a “members only” event and there is no charge but you must sign up in the book. We will be enjoying wine and appetizers and, most importantly, each other's company. It is lovely chance to socialize and perhaps meet someone new.

Our membership book remains open in the Activity Center Closet all year. Dues are \$30. You may hand in your payment at the desk or place it in an envelope marked “CWA” and place it in the slot by the Activity Center doors. You are invited to attend one CWA luncheon meeting without being a member. After that, you must join to attend. Please take a look at our website <https://cwacharbonneau.com>

The Club year has begun with several challenges that the board is working through. We no longer have catering available on-site at Charbonneau. This causes complications that may not be immediately obvious. There are also changes being made in the way alcohol service is handled. These things affect many groups and events here in our community and everyone is doing their best to make the necessary adjustments so we can continue to gather and enjoy each other's company