

CWA October 2024 Villager Article
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Our October 14 Luncheon invites us to say “Hello Autumn” as we get together for a buffet lunch featuring pork tenderloin as the main course. The luncheons serve as our general meetings, and we also usually have a program. This month the presenter is Sig Unander, a historian and professional public speaker who has worked in both broadcast and print journalism. We will hear 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. Hollywood made a movie based on these accounts. Isn't it amazing that most of us have never heard of her? The deadline for signing up for this event is Thursday, October 10 at noon. Look for the sign-up book in the Activity Center closet.

It was “good vibes only” at our September 9 luncheon. Coach MaryJo McCloskey believes in the power of creating these good vibes by affirming ourselves and others with speaking positively to others and especially to ourselves. She believes in the power of smiles, laughter and music. This theme was carried out in the colorful decorations featuring 1960's patterns and 45 rpm records. It was hard not to have a good time while we enjoyed a lovely buffet catered by Norton's of Wilsonville . Many of us received an introduction to MaryJo and her accomplishments with the arrival of the magazine *Pacific Northwest Golfer* in August. MaryJo was on the cover with a story inside about the accomplishments of the women's golf team that she coaches at George Fox University. None of us in the audience are young women like those on her team, and many of us don't play sports, but we all came away with ideas about putting positive vibes in our lives.

Our membership book remains open in the Activity Center Closet all year. Dues are \$30 for the year. 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. If you attended the September luncheon as a guest, you must pay dues before attending another CWA event. This is a good time to mark your calendars for the activities planned for the rest of 2024. On November 4 we will have a free happy hour for our members. Our Holiday Brunch is scheduled for December 9. This is a popular event, and you can reserve tables of 8 once we begin taking reservations in early November. Of course you do not need to sit at a reserved table; there will be plenty of open seating available.

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 adjustments, so we can continue to gather and enjoy each other's company.