

As I am writing we have just finished enjoying our February Luncheon Tea. The decorations team of Carol Riley and Barb Patch really embraced the theme of Valentine's Day plus the early 1900's era of Georgiana and Henry Pittock, who were the subject of the day's program. We had lace fans and red napkin roses on the tables. The buffet table by *It's Party Time* also looked lovely with tiered plates of tea sandwiches and scones and little tarts. Mary Hutchins portrayed Mrs. Pittock and her husband Mike, as her chauffeur, chimed in with parts of the story. It was a fascinating glimpse into Georgiana's trip on the Oregon Trail as a 9-year-old and, the history of the early years of the city of Portland.

Now it is on to March and our luncheon and general meeting on Monday, March 10. We will have a very special guest speaker that day. Dan Murphy, Managing Director of *Broadway Rose Theater* in Tualatin will be with us to speak about their "electrifying" 2025 season. Mr. Murphy is well known in the Portland area as he and his wife, Producing Artistic Director Sharon Maroney, founded *Broadway Rose*. His theater credits extend well beyond Oregon too. He has acting and directing credits in places such as Birmingham, AL and Lancaster, PA as well as the riverboats which travel the Mississippi River. He is not only knowledgeable, but also passionate about musical theater and a very engaging speaker. I am sure that those of us in the Charbonneau community who are familiar Broadway Rose will be delighted to hear that he will be presenting the program that day. If you are not familiar with Mr. Murphy, I urge you to come and hear about the excellent musicals on stage just a short drive north on I-5. The cost for our luncheon is \$32 for members and \$37 for non-member guests. You may attend one CWA event as a guest before joining the group. The sign-up book is available in the closet of the Activity Center until Thursday, March 6 at noon.

CWA has a luncheon coming up April 14 and then a luncheon and fashion show on May 12 which will end the club activity year. Our events which serve as our general meetings are almost always held on the second Monday of the month from September through May. The board including the committee chairmen meet on the first Monday of the month for about an hour starting at 9 am. We are beginning to gather names of members who will be willing to serve on next year's board. Every year some of the board members "retire" and so we always need new people to work, and it is good for the organization to have new people in leadership. You are never "too new" to the club to volunteer, and we would also welcome back those who may have served in the past. Most positions are filled with more than one person, and we all cover for each other and pitch in when needed. You need not worry about being expected to be able to make every meeting. Please consider joining in the comradery and fun of helping the CWA continue to prosper and provide fellowship for the women of Charbonneau. I am happy to speak with you at any time about being part of the leadership team.