

The Charbonneau Women's Association is looking forward to another busy and interesting year, kicking off in September. As you are reading this, students are heading back to college and even the younger kids are starting to think "back to school soon". September and Fall are fast approaching. However, as I am *writing* this column, we are still in the hot days of early July. CWA doesn't often have any planned activities during the summer, but those on the Board have begun planning and organizing the 2025-2026 events. It all started with a joint brunch meeting of last year's board and this year's on June 2. So, while plans are well underway, I don't have too many details to report yet.

I do hope that you will mark your calendars right away for our September 8 luncheon with a most exciting program. Phillip Margolin, renowned author of 28 mystery novels will be our guest speaker. Mr. Margolin had an interesting career as trial attorney specializing in criminal defense before turning to writing fiction full time. Since his first book, *Hearthstone*, was published in 1996 all his novels have been best sellers, and he has won numerous awards. Mr. Margolin knows his subject, criminal justice, and he is very skilled at engaging the reader in his compelling narratives. It is an especially exciting time to host Mr. Margolin as he has a new thriller about to hit the bookstores this fall! CWA members and guests (at an additional cost) are welcome at this luncheon. We don't have the cost finalized but check the Activity Center closet for the sign-up book. You must make note in the book of your check number or cash payment and place your check in the CWA lockbox on the closet wall. Our lockbox is located on the wall behind you as you sign in the book.

Membership forms are now available in the CWA Membership book in the Activity Center closet and your payment should be placed in the same CWA lockbox described above. Membership is \$30 for the year. Wilsonville area residents may attend one CWA event as a guest by paying the additional guest rate, but after that membership is expected. Dues are used to help offset the cost of the luncheon events and to pay expenses of running the club. We are happy to welcome back our members from last year and extend an invitation to all the area women to join us, enjoy our monthly luncheon programs and meet and socialize with the women of the community. Please pay your membership dues as soon as possible to help our new membership chairs, Diane Wallace and Lynn Theis, get the paperwork and nametags organized.