

## CWA October 2025 Villager Article

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I think that everyone had a fun time getting back together on September 8 after the summer pause in CWA events. Phillip Margolin was a very entertaining speaker, and it was fascinating to hear about his journey from a very successful law career to an equally acclaimed career as a novelist. The emphasis was on reading that day with the tables decorated with Phillip Margolin titles as well as other literary themed items. "What are you reading?" was the topic of the day as the CWA ladies enjoyed their buffet lunch. Afterward speaking to the group, Mr. Margolin was most gracious in staying to chat with the members and sign a few books. To thank Mr. Margolin for coming to Charbonneau, CWA made a donation to *Chess for Success*, a non-profit which promotes teaching the game to elementary and junior high students in Title I schools. Mr. Margolin has been very active in supporting this organization for many years.

We have a full season of luncheon events and programs planned for our members. Membership is open at any time. Forms are available on our website or in the book in the Activity Center closet. The fee is \$35. and payment should be made in the lock box on the Activity Center closet wall. You may attend one CWA event before paying dues.

Coming up next on Monday, October 13 is a tea themed lunch along with the second part of the program by Mary and Mike Hutchins portraying Georgiana Pittock and her chauffeur. This will focus on the later part of her life and the building of the Pittock Mansion, which is a treasured landmark in Portland. Last year the Hutchins told the stories of Mrs. Pittock's early life and her arrival in Oregon. That was most interesting, and it gave us insight into her background and how she became such a hardworking force in the early Portland community. Do you remember that she was captured and held for ransom when she was a young girl traveling the Oregon Trail with her family? The Hutchins' program was enjoyed by so many members of CWA that we are bringing them back to complete this wonderful story.

Reservations will be taken up until noon on Tuesday, October 7. The sign-up book is in the Activity Center closet. The cost is \$32 for members and \$37 for non-members.