Charbonneau Women's Association

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The Charbonneau Women's Association is planning a summer event. This news is for all women who live in Charbonneau, not just CWA members. On Monday, August 10 CWA will host a ***Complimentary Happy Hour*** for all ladies of Charbonneau. It will be held in The Pavilion from 4 – 6 pm. White wine, lemonade, cold appetizers and finger desserts will be served. Please plan to join us. There will be no program presented; it is just a time to socialize and enjoy some snacks with friends and neighbors. There is no charge, but you do need to RSVP, so we know how many to plan for. You must respond by August 1 to info@cwacharbonneau.com if you would like to come. There is also a sign-up book in the Activity Center closet for those of you who would rather RSVP this way. Just don't sign up in both places as we are trying to get a fairly accurate count! Summer months are often "moving in months". If you are new to Charbonneau, we warmly invite you to attend. Let us know in your RSVP and we will make a special effort to help you feel comfortable and meet others that afternoon.

Our club year will officially kick off at our first luncheon on Monday, September 14. Our speaker will Major General Constance Jenkins of the United States Air Force. General Jenkins has had a varied and successful career in the USAF since 1989, and we are excited about this opportunity to hear about her interesting career. Mark the date on your calendar. The reservation book will soon be available in the Activity Center.

Many of the CWA board have been working diligently this summer to line up the events for the coming year. We face challenges every year and this is no exception. The board has come to the decision to offer wine only at our special events, usually our December and May luncheons. Serving liquor has become increasingly more difficult as we try to strictly adhere to the State of Oregon rules. It is also adding to the expense of the luncheons as we are often now paying for bartender services as well as the wine. The cost of food has gone up, as I am sure you are aware. The caterers are having to increase their charges, and we are trying to keep our luncheon costs as low as possible. I am sorry to have to make changes in the way that things have been done and enjoyed by our group for a long time.

The new membership forms are available on-line at cwacharboneau.com or in a folder in the Activity Center closet. Dues will remain at $35. When signing up for membership, you should put your check and completed form in the lockbox marked "CWA" on the wall of the closet just inside the door. Please take a minute to completely fill out the form. It makes the job of our hardworking treasurer and membership ladies much easier! Thank you. Have a nice summer and we hope you will be in town for Happy Hour on August 10.