CWA September 2026 Villager Article

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Our August 10 complimentary happy hour for the women of Charbonneau was proof of the interest that so many of us have in events that give us an opportunity to get together in person and share good times and fellowship. We had an overflowing attendance at our lovely Pavilion which had been decorated with a summery citrus theme. Thanks to Lindy Anderson who spearheaded the organization of this happy hour and to all those who worked together on the food, drinks and décor. It was a fun way to begin to think about the end of summer and the return to the more regular schedule of meetings. It is funny how, even now, September is the time of year when things begin again, just like when we were in school.

The membership book has been open in the Activity Center closet for the past month and many last year's members have already rejoined. We always hope for new members and will try to make them feel welcome. If you would like, you can request a "big sister" on the membership form. She will call and invite you to sit with her at the luncheon meetings. Of course, the best way to get to know people is to volunteer for something like helping set up for luncheons; it is quite fun and social. Club dues are $35/year, and the club depends on these to cover their operating expenses. If you are not sure about joining, you are welcome to attend one luncheon meeting as a guest. Happy hour doesn't count.

Our club year will officially kick off at our first luncheon on Monday, September 14. Our speaker will Major General Constance L 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. As a women's organization we like to show our support for women who have walked a variety of different life and career paths. We want to hear their stories which challenge and inspire us. Please sign up by Tuesday, September 8 at noon. For those unfamiliar with the procedure, there is a sign-up book in the Activity Center Closet. Then place your check for $32 in the lockbox marked "CWA" on the wall just inside the closet doorway. Just a reminder that this year we are not serving wine except at our special events. This is to keep luncheon costs down.

If you can't make it in September there will be luncheons on the second Mondays of October and November and a special Holiday Brunch in December.