There is something about October that has always seemed special. Although it does herald wetter and darker times here in the Pacific Northwest, I am always ready to say good-bye to t-shirts and sunscreen in the fall. Though I am writing this several weeks ahead of time, I already see bits of colorful fall foliage and fields of pumpkins. The trend to everything being "pumpkin spice" has seemed to have waned --thank heavens! There can be too much of a good thing after all.

Speaking of scents, that happens to be the subject of the program planned for the CWA's October 12 luncheon. *Women Make "Scents"* will be presented by Margeaux Lazar from the Perfume House in Portland. She will speak about the history of fragrance, the women inspired by fragrance and their influence in the perfume industry. The audience will be able to smell samples of the different scents that mark a specific time in history. Not only does fragrance smell pretty, but creating fragrance is both art and science. The luncheon will be catered by *It's Party Time* and the cost is $32/members and $37/non-members.

This will be the second CWA event of the 2026-27 Club year. In September we gathered for the kick-off luncheon and an inspiring talk by Major General Constance Jenkins, a retired USAF officer who spoke about the qualities that she relied on in her career journey. There were many returning members, but it was exciting to also see many new faces too. We try to present a variety of topics throughout the year. In November *Wilsonville Diamonds* will be speaking. December 14 will be our *Mele Kalikamaka* Hawaiian Holiday Brunch. This is a much anticipated CWA event every year and we will start taking table reservations this month. Tables of 8 may be reserved, but we will also have plenty of seats for singles and smaller groups. CWA 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 so don't be shy about giving CWA a try.