



Residents News-Mail

It's Time to Renew Your WACCRA Membership!!

January 19, 2023

Greetings WACCRA Members!

This is our second News-Mail of 2023, and we hope you are easing into this New Year with high hopes and in good spirits!

With this edition of the News-Mail, we invite you to renew your membership in our all-volunteer organization. Without you, we simply could not do the work that helps insure that we get the most out of our CCRC style of senior living. Our membership year ends February 28, 2023.

2022 was a busy year for WACCRA. We were able to get a lot accomplished, including a well-attended in-person Annual Meeting* in October at the new Performance Hall in Olympic Tower, Skyline CCRC, Seattle. WACCRA President Donna Kristaponis kicked things off with a run-through of 2022 accomplishments. The keynote address was given by Jack Cumming, a California CCRC resident who has written extensively about the CCRC model. He shared his insights into what is working at CCRCs, and what can be improved regarding financial transparency, external oversight of CCRC finances and involvement of CCRC residents. WACCRA Board Member Kim Hickman spoke about our important work with the WA State Office of Insurance Commissioner (OIC).

Our January 4, 2023 News-Mail* gave an overview of the OIC study completed in December of 2022. WACCRA's top priority this year is to continue our work to improve CCRC resident protections. Our OIC Task Force is working hard; we will be calling on you, our members, for help when the time comes.

In 2022, we continued to educate CCRC residents about our hard-won

Commitment to CCRC Practices agreement* that went into effect in all 23 registered CCRCs in the state on January 1, 2021. We grew our membership last year, and we are engaged in developing and implementing strategies to continue this vital work.

By renewing your membership in WACCRA, you help support an active group of CCRC residents interested in making our lifestyle the best that it can be now, and into the future.

We would love it if you would help us grow our membership too! Chat with your neighbors about why you continue to support WACCRA. Introduce them to our [website](#) for more information. Perhaps you will consider a Family Membership for those who care about you and want to know a bit more about your CCRC lifestyle choice.

You might be asking, "How do I renew my membership?"

If you have not already received a membership renewal form from your WACCRA Coordinator, you will receive yours very soon (late January/early February).

Your form may come to you already filled out with your name and contact information. If it is not, please provide the information. The cost for membership is given on the form. There will be a place where you can give an additional donation as well. These donations help us pay our lobbyist, who is working tirelessly on behalf of WACCRA in Olympia.

Please make sure the information on your form is accurate. We like to keep our member database up-to-date!

Then, fill in your membership dues (and donation if you wish), add it all up, and write a check to WACCRA for the total amount.

Last, return the form and check to your WACCRA Coordinator as soon as you can.

You might be saying, "Who is my Coordinator?"

Here's a handy Coordinator list:

Emerald Heights: Bob Drexler

Hearthstone: Laura Saunders

Horizon House: Barbara Knight and Irene Gendron

Mirabella: Susan Dillon (also Membership Chair)

Parkshore: Jerry Tuttle

Skyline: Tom Sakata

Timber Ridge: Len Henzke

You might be wondering, "What if I don't have a Coordinator?"

We've got you covered! You will receive your membership renewal notice via email OR snail mail from our Membership Chair, Susan Dillon. You will return your completed form and signed check (made out to WACCRA) to Susan. Look for that return address in the communication you get from Susan. It is that simple!

We thank you in advance for your renewed commitment to WACCRA! And, as always, we thank you now for your support.

Monica Clement
WACCRA Communications Chair

*Please visit our [website](#) for:

1. More information about the **2022 Annual Meeting** (a video of the entire meeting is there, including speaker presentations)
2. **The January 4, 2023 News-Mail "A New Year: A New Legislative Session"**
3. The "**Commitment to CCRC Practices**" document

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