



Residents News-Mail

October 8, 2023

ANNUAL MEETING AND WACCRA BOARD ELECTIONS

Hello WACCRA Members!

It's almost time for our WACCRA Annual Meeting! This year we are being hosted by the WACCRA members at Timber Ridge in Issaquah. You are all invited, and bring those who you think might be interested. The date is Saturday October 21; the time is 2:00 - 4:00. Parking is at a premium, so we encourage you to organize (if you haven't already) bus transportation. We also encourage you to wear your CCRC name badge and arrive early so that we can begin the meeting promptly at 2:00.

This News-Mail focuses on our election for the WACCRA Board of Directors. There are five candidates for five positions. You may vote for all five or for selected individual candidates. Voting is being handled differently this year. Since we have never had competition for these positions, indeed, it can be hard to find volunteers; this year, we are going to vote informally. Only CCRC residents who are WACCRA members can vote, and we must have a sufficient number of votes. So even though the process is informal, your vote counts! You will find a list of the candidates, along with their bios, at the end of this News-Mail.

DIRECTIONS FOR VOTING

1. CCRCs with Liaisons

Please give your WACCRA Liaison your choices. There is no formal ballot. Send your choices via an internal mailbox (or cubby) or via email. Again, you may vote for individual candidates or for all five. If you do vote for all five, you can simply state "I'm voting for all five". No need to list all the names. If you vote

for some but not others, you must write the names of those you are voting for, "I am voting for Jane Doe and John Smith" and send it to your Liaison. Regardless of your choices, you must be clear in what you write. YOUR BALLOT MUST ARRIVE TO YOUR LIAISON BY OCTOBER 16 AT NOON.

CCRC Liaison Contact Information

Emerald Heights: Bob Drexler rpdrex@gmail.com BOX #4603

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Skyline: Tom Sakata sumthosak6@yahoo.com BOX #801

Timber Ridge: Celie Brown celieb@me.com BOX #A411

2. CCRCs without Liaisons

If your CCRC does not have a Liaison, please email your vote to Laura Saunders, the WACCRA Vice President, at laurasaunders@earthlink.net. You may vote for individual candidates or for all five. If you do vote for all five, you can simply state "I'm voting for all five". No need to list all the names. If you vote for some but not others, you must write the names of those you are voting for, "I am voting for Jane Doe and John Smith" and send it to your Liaison. Regardless of your choices, you must be clear in what you write. YOUR BALLOT MUST ARRIVE BY OCTOBER 16 AT NOON.

CANDIDATES

Five candidates are running for five Board positions. Three of them are currently serving on the Board; two are new candidates.

Carlos J. Caguiat – currently on the Board

Carlos served as an infantry and intelligence officer in the US Army and is a distinguished alumnus of the ROTC of the City College of New York. He is an ordained Episcopal priest who has served several parishes and in church leadership positions. As a health care administrator, he ran health care institutions for the New York Health and Hospital Corporation and for Michigan

State University. He served as the Regional and Strategic Planning Vice President and Executive Director of a Residential Treatment Center for Saint Francis Ministries. Caguiat is a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives (retired). His many civic activities include leadership positions in Rotary and mental health organizations. He and his wife Julianna moved to Emerald Heights in 2014. Carlos is a past president of the Emerald Heights Residents' Association and served as acting membership chair of WACCRA.

James (Jim) Crim – currently on the Board

I currently serve as WACCRA Treasurer and have been a member of WACCRA for over 6 years. I have lived at Emerald Heights for 7 years and served the Resident Association as Vice President and committee chairman. I am a native Seattleite who grew up in Ballard. My education is as follows: U.W. 1956; U. Colorado 1961. Work and Community Activities: Professor of Aeronautics, USAF Academy; National Ski Patrol; Rotary Club of Edmonds; Daybreakers; Elder, Presbyterian Church. I was married 64 years to the love of my life and have two grown children and three grandchildren. My work experience was as a Professional Engineer doing consulting design work for the construction industry. My experience as CEO of a consulting engineering practice and life within a family of 3 CPA's taught me about finances. I strongly believe in the work that WACCRA does. I will help in any way possible.

Barbara (Barb) L. Horrell – new to the Board

After graduating from Washington State University, I taught elementary school in Norman, Oklahoma for a short time. My interests changed, and I returned to school attending the University of Oklahoma for a degree in accounting and then an MBA. While still in school, I was offered the position of Administrative Assistant to an Oklahoma State Senator. It was an opportunity to experience a new interesting area. The Senator was the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Penal Affairs and I became the lead staff of that Committee. The Senator then became the Senate Majority Leader and a member of the Senate Leadership Team. Consequently, I became a tangential part of that team as well.

After his retirement, I continued working for the Senate as a Fiscal Analyst for the Appropriations Committee, then the Assistant Chief of Staff for the Senate, followed by the Director of Senate Administration. After retiring, I continued to consult during Legislative Sessions. State Legislatures operate somewhat differently but the process is very much the same. My experience should be valuable to WACCRA, and I look forward serving on the WACCRA Board as I believe in our mission. I live at Timber Ridge.

Barbara Knight – new to the Board

I moved to Horizon House in May 2021. Shortly thereafter I discovered and joined WACCRA, Washington Continuing Care Residents Association, which serves residents in three areas, education, collaboration and advocacy. Several years ago I served first on the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Seattle, and then on the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Washington State, advocating positions and policies with Seattle and local governments that would enhance the lives of their citizens. WACCRA takes a proactive role in policies, procedures and state and local laws that benefit the lives of CCRC residents and management. I look forward to working with CCRC residents and management, and our state and local government representatives.

Donna Kristaponis – currently on the Board

I have served as WACCRA President for the past three years, and previously served as the Communications Chair for over two years. If elected, this would be my final term, and I would like to complete our active legislative efforts. While on the Board, I have learned so much about CCRCs and have much more to offer than when I first started this journey. My work experience managing cities and counties, planning for their future, and working with state and federal governments have been invaluable in pursuing WACCRA's mission. I have continued my outreach to other state CCRC organizations and started a national state CCRC officers' network so we can learn and support each other in our efforts to improve and support CCRC living. I have lived at Emerald Heights six years.

We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting. If you cannot attend in person, you can attend via Zoom. A link to the Zoom will be provided soon in a separate News-Mail.

Please visit waccra.org for more information about the Annual Meeting and our featured speaker, Professor Katherine C. Pearson.

As always, thank you for your continued support of WACCRA!

Monica Clement
WACCRA Communications Chair

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