

ANNUAL WMCA CONFERENCE 2017 PRE-CONFERENCE INFORMATION

“Live Laugh Love”

**Alderbrook Resort
Union, WA
March 22-24, 2017**



**Spring Academy &
Athenian Dialogue
March 21, 2017**

REGISTER EARLY AND SAVE!

Complete and return the registration form by February 20, 2017 and **save \$25 for the Spring Academy and \$50 for the annual conference.** Conference attendance earns 3 CMC “Experience” or 3 MMC “Professional Contributions” points. Pre-registration ensures that meals are ordered for you and that conference materials are ready. Go to www.wmcaclerks.org for a registration form now! **Refunds must be requested no later than February 21.** Registration closes on March 3.

LODGING RESERVATIONS

Make your reservations now! Rooms are blocked until February 20 at \$95/night. Call 1-360-898-2145 & don’t forget to say you are with WMCA. **Cottage reservations are only allowed for two clerks or more.** Cottages that do not have two clerks listed will be moved to a regular room in the hotel. Rooms are limited & our attendance has grown since we booked this site so please share a room with a friend if possible. **Room cancellations must be made 7 days in advance of arrival date.**

SPRING ACADEMY & ATHENIAN DIALOGUE

Don’t forget to register for the Spring Academy or Athenian Dialogue on Tuesday, March 21! **Connie Poulsen** will present our **2017 Spring Academy** on *Managing Across Generations and Conducting Difficult Conversations*. For completing this IIMC-sanctioned 6-hour class, you will earn 3 CMC or 3 MMC “Education” points after submitting a written assessment.

CMCs or MMCs seeking advanced learning opportunities can attend the **2017 Athenian Dialogue** on *The Sound of Wings: The Story of Amelia Earhart* facilitated again this year by IIMC Past President **Mary Lynne Stratta, MMC.** See the December WMCA newsletter for more info & deadlines – registration is limited to 35 people. 3 MMC “Education” points are offered after submitting a written assessment.

Continental breakfast and lunch are included in the registration fees that are **\$125 (Academy)** and **\$125 (Athenian).** Please note on the registration form if you have dietary needs.

CONFERENCE MEALS

Meals are included in the full conference registration fee. This year we will provide the following meals:

Wednesday: breakfast, lunch and dinner

Thursday: breakfast, lunch and dinner

Friday: breakfast only

Please indicate on the registration form if you have special dietary needs. Guest(s) may join you for conference meals but must be ordered in advance. Please select those meals under “Guest Registration” on the registration form & be sure to include your payment.

PRESIDENT’S RECEPTION

Tuesday night features a welcome reception with appetizers hosted by **WMCA President Shannon Corin.**

CONFERENCE ATTIRE

Conference & event attire are business casual. For the Annual Banquet (Thursday night), you can dress semi-formal, business casual, or in-between. **President Corin** has a *“Steampunk”* theme that incorporates technology & aesthetic designs inspired by 19th century industrial steam-powered machinery. Search steampunk fashion or steampunk top hat for ideas about how you can dress for this theme. Mini or regular top hats (any color to match outfits) are encouraged and the conference colors are in the **“Live Laugh Love”** logo.

AUCTION NIGHT

Our keynote speakers, **Bob Wells & Dave Johnson** aka *“Chicken Lips,”* are providing a Comedy Show with fodder from our own membership as part of our fun-filled live auction on Wednesday night following dinner. Don’t miss out! You will **laugh and love** their humor!

RAFFLES

We have three cash prizes of **\$500, \$750 & \$1000** in the \$5 raffle to give away at the banquet! \$1 raffle tickets are also available for **\$100 cash or a gift basket** donated by our regional clerks associations. All proceeds from the raffles & auction items are used for scholarships to attend the annual conference, professional development sessions & Spring Academy trainings.