## The Woman's Club of Albany

United in Service to Our Community Since 1910

This is the September 2022 newsletter for The Woman's Club of Albany, with news about our events and ways you can help us meet our mission.

#### A Message from Our President



As a longtime teacher, the new year always started for me when school resumed rather than at the new calendar year. Fresh and rested from vacation, I greeted each new year with alacrity. So it is at the WCA where we transition to a new fiscal year, new Board and new committee chairs during the summer months. By September, exciting things are happening.

Let's kick off the month by supporting our annual SUPER GARAGE SALE through donations, volunteering and purchases. See below for details about this major fundraiser.

September also sees lots of members renewing their annual membership, the return of Member Monday, one of our favorite activities, and the opportunity to reconnect with friends at the club.

To our members: welcome back to the house and the club! I think you're going to love the fresh paint, wallpaper and lace curtains. Why not attend an upcoming committee meeting where you can connect with fellow members? Click <u>here</u> to learn about committees and contact the chairs, and check the <u>calendar</u> for the schedule.

To our contacts: Did you know you can join? Click <u>here</u> to explore membership including special rates for students and new members. Many members attended an event at the club and then decided to join.

To all: we promise a warm welcome. Hope to see you soon.

-- Monica

## Board Report

The WCA Board of Directors took the following actions at its August meeting:

- Approved a proposal to hold the WCA Annual Super Garage Sale on Sept. 9 -10, with donations accepted Sept. 6-7, preview on Sept. 8 and community partner giving and donation on Sept. 9.
- Approved a Community Service Committee proposal to participate in the American Cancer Society annual "Making Strides" walk for breast cancer in Washington Park on Sunday, Oct. 16.
- Approved a Rental Committee request to offer \$50 off the cost of holiday rentals. The offer will commence immediately after the Garage Sale and run through Oct. 31.
- Approved a Membership Committee proposal to collaborate with Capital Rep as a community service and club visibility opportunity. Members can volunteer as ushers for shows at the Rep during the September 2022 July 2023 season.
- Approved a Development Committee proposal to host a fashion show fundraiser on Oct. 15.

## You Can Help Make Garage Sale 'Super'

#### **Donate Items -- Details Below**

#### Volunteer at the sale -- Sign up here

Provide goodies for the bake sale -- Contact Judy

Shop -- Details Below

Spread the Word!

## The Woman's Club of Albany



# 2022 SUPER GARAGE SALE 725 Madison Avenue Albany, NY 12208





#### We need donations of quality merchandise to sell

*We need* furniture, bikes, antiques and antique furniture, glassware, small appliances, toys, baby furniture, dolls, jewelry, books for adults and children, household and holiday decorations, linens (tablecloths and runners), purses, scarves, tools, art, rugs, etc. *All items must be clean and in good working condition.* 

*We cannot accept* skis, exercise machines, electronics, fish tanks, clothes, car seats, bowling balls, bedding or mattresses. *Please, no "junk."* 

#### Shop the Garage Sale on Sept. 9 - 10

Gift Basket Raffle and Bake Sale on the front lawn! Loads of merchandise on the porch and inside! Please share this flyer online, print it and post it in your neighborhood and at work.

> The Woman's Club of Albany is a 501(c)(3) organization. Your donation is tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law. The second floor of the Woman's Club is not ADA accessible. womansclubofalbany.com

Thanks to all who have signed up to help at the Super Garage Sale! Please join your friends and use the link above to volunteer to help receive and organize donations, staff the sale or help with clean up and distribution of unsold items to our community partners.

Please let us know if you can bring tables or open tents/canopies for displays and coverage.

We also need goodies for the bake sale on Friday and Saturday. Please contact <u>Judy</u> <u>Hale</u>.

This will be a great success if we all pitch in. Thanks for all you do for our club!

## **Final Flamingo!!!**

#### 2sDay on the Porch -- Sept. 13 -- 6:30 p.m.



Where did the time go? We'll bid a fond farewell to our summer on the Porch on Sept. 13.

GEO -- our personal-Porch "sound of summer" -- will work his music magic while we share laughs and more smiles than we can count.

Join us! Remember, you don't have to be a member to share our 2sDays on the Porch. As always -- a nip or a nosh to share, please.

Pretty in Pink for the Final Flamingo? Sure! Prom gowns optional.

We can't wait to see you!!



Thursday, Sept. 15 -- 6:30 p.m.



<sup>(</sup>Together Women Rise photo)

This month's arantee is the Protection for Women and Girls Through Holistic Anti-Trafficking Programming in Uganda. A project of EvenFree. it provides aftercare for survivors and trafficking prevention activities. It also works for fair prosecution of trafficking perpetrators.

This is a potluck dinner with a small educational component. Money that otherwise would be spent on going out to dinner is donated instead.

Please contact <u>Rosemary Revoir</u> if you would like to attend or have questions.

## **WCA Member-Only Book Club**

#### Tuesday, Sept. 20 -- 6:30 p.m.

The book club will discuss "You Don't Belong Here" by Elizabeth Becker. For information contact <u>Diana Pane</u>.





## **Come Home to Home Away From Home**

#### Wednesday, Sept. 21 -- 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Our monthly Members' Nights Out have seen board games, conversation, sharing a skill and more. These popular evenings are hosted by the Board in an effort to make the house more available to members. You can do whatever you want. But — we're suggesting some activities as a twist. This month, join WCA President Monica Trabold and celebrate the last full day of summer with an ice cream sundae bar. All supplies will be provided, including vegan options.

Here are some HAFH FAQS:

- Do I have to bring a nip or a nosh? Nope, but feel free.
- **Can I bring a friend?** Yes, members can bring guests, but HAFH is not open to the public.
- **How long is it?** The house is open from 5:30 8:30. Stop in for a few minutes or stay the whole time.

Remember -- you can do whatever you want. Go ahead, dance in the ballroom or spread out a project on a big table. Whatever you do, we're always glad to see you.

## Welcome Back to Member Mondays!

#### Monday, Sept. 26

Happy Half Hour -- 6:00 p.m. Pot Luck Supper -- 6:30 p.m. Swearing in of Board and officers -- 7:00 p.m. "Meet a Member Game" -- 7:15 p.m.

The Membership Committee can't wait to welcome all of you to Re-Member September!

Albany County Court Judge Andra Ackerman will swear in our new board and officers.

We have a fun game planned in the upstairs ballroom to give everyone the opportunity to reconnect with old friends and meet some new ones!

Bring a dish or dessert to share at the pot luck supper. And bring a friend to introduce them to the Club!

## **Welcome New Members**

Welcome to new members Tina Lechowicz, Samantha Parker, Betsy Cahill, Dannielle Melendez, Carole Coupe, Sue Nardolillo, Pat Callanan and Jessica Sinopoli!

We look forward to seeing you at upcoming meetings and other events.

### **Morning Flow Yoga Returns**

#### Wednesdays -- 9 a.m. -- starting Sept. 14

#### WCA Ballroom

Cheryl incorporates music (crystal bowls, harmonium, flute) into her classes where individuals practice safely at their own level. Please bring a yoga mat and use the sidedoor entrance. This class is by donation.

## The Runway is Beckoning

The Development Committee is pleased to announce an upcoming fundraising event. Plans are underway for a Fall Fashion Show.

Read below for details about how YOU can be a model!

For details and sign-up send an email with photo and size to <u>modasmds@gmail.com</u>.

For questions, please contact <u>Maria Cardes.</u> <u>mariadesocorro.com</u>

## <u>Fall Fashion Event</u>

## You're Invited...

Ladies, feel like experiencing a new fun adventure?

Maria de Socorro Fashions (mariadesocorro.com)

is looking for ladies of any age or size to model at a fashion event gathering on Saturday, Oct. 15, at 3 p.m. at the Woman's Club of Albany.

Modeling guidance and makeup will be provided.

Just bring your enthusiasm to have fun!

For details and sign-up, send an email with photo and size to modasmds@gmail.com. Any questions? Please contact <u>Maria Cardes</u>.

The Fall Fashion Event is a fundraiser sponsored by the Development

Committee to benefit The Woman's Club of Albany.



## Now Booking Holiday Parties!

## Book your holiday gathering by October 31 and receive \$50 off your holiday rental!!

Call 518.465.3626 to schedule

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#### Community Service

## Read to a Child During School Lunch

Do you enjoy reading to children? Do you have an hour a week to spare?

Literacy Volunteers of Rensselaer County needs volunteer reading mentors for the Everybody WINS! Power Lunch program at Van Rensselaer Elementary in Rensselaer and School 2 and School 14 in Troy.

Everybody Wins! is an innovative reading and mentoring program that increases children's prospects for success in school and in life. Power Lunch pairs elementary school children one-to-one with volunteers. Once a week, reading partners enjoy conversation together at the school, and the adult reads a book aloud to the child while he/she eats lunch.

Readers must attend a training session. The first one will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 20, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in Troy at a location TBD. Other training dates will be announced. To register or for *more information*, *contact (518) 244-4650 or <u>litvoldirector@aol.com</u>* 

Save the Date!

## **WCA Family & Friends Picnic**

You won't want to miss out on this year's fun! Everyone's invited. Rain or shine. Outdoor games, board games, marked hiking trails, camp fire, fishing, and socializing.

Hot dogs, beverages and s'mores provided, in addition to your pot luck contributions.

We are looking for a few volunteers help with the picnic -- things like buving groceries.

setting up and cleaning up the food, grilling hot dogs, etc. You don't have to commit to the whole day.

The Program Committee is also recruiting new members to help plan fun things for us to do together.

Please contact <u>Florence Abrams</u> to volunteer for the picnic and/or request more information about the committee.

Register here today for the picnic.



## WCA Family & Friends Picnic LAWSON LAKE

### 293 Lawson Lake Road, Feura Bush 12067 Sat. Oct. 1, 2022 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Free admission, rain or shine

Everyone is invited to enjoy the beautiful fall colors and placid lake. The lodge is fully accessible with a bathroom and kitchen. Enjoy hiking trails, fishing, playground and fire pit outside.

WCA will provide: Hotdogs & condiments Marshmallows Water & soft drinks Paper products



Please bring: A dish to share Board games Outdoor games Hiking boots - trails may be muddy

#### Sign up on the website by Sept. 24. All are welcome!



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## **Making Strides for Breast Cancer Walk**

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#### Sunday, Oct. 16 -- 9:30 a.m. -- Washington Park



WCA members, families and friends will join hundreds of others in our community to support and celebrate women who have had or are fighting breast cancer.

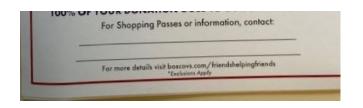
#### Sign-up on the website!

Let's let the community know the WCA supports this cause and our own members who have been affected by this disease.

## **Shopping Fundraiser Oct. 19**

Enjoy shopping and help the WCA at the same time. Donate \$5 to the WCA and receive a shopping pass for a discount on your purchases. Shopping passes will be sold at upcoming WCA events while the supply lasts.





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