



The Woman's Club
of Albany
Since 1910

**ANNUAL REPORT
2022-2023**

THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF ALBANY

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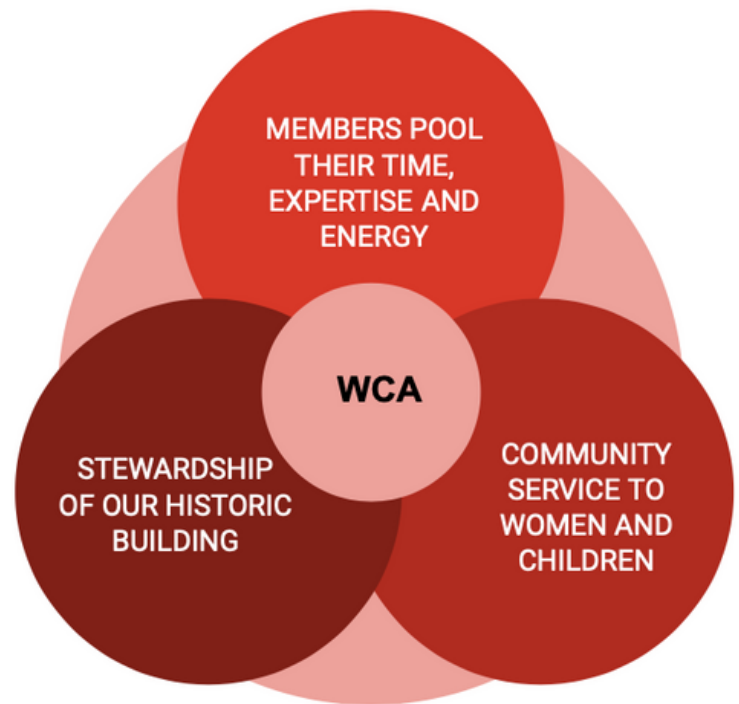
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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of The Woman's Club of Albany is to provide a center where Capital Region women can pool their time, expertise and energy in activities that support the well-being and cultural enrichment of women and children in the region, and to preserve the historic building that is our home.



The WCA carries out this mission by:

- **Maintaining a vibrant and diverse membership.**
- **Presenting programs that appeal to a diverse population and raising awareness of issues that affect women and children in our community.**
- **Fundraising and volunteering for community organizations and programs that support women and children.**
- **Raising funds and engaging in activities to preserve its historic building.**

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear WCA Members and Supporters,

It is my pleasure to present this 2022-2023 Annual Report sharing The Woman's Club of Albany's impact in all areas of its mission to connect women in support of our community and historic house.

Highlights from the 2022-23 fiscal year:

- Club members helped over 15 organizations through hands-on service, donations of goods and financial support.
- The Board reviewed and prioritized needs for the building and property and initiated several major projects.
- Greater visibility in the community and online helped to increase membership by 39%.
- Programs and events brought people together, from students to seniors, for self-care and community care, education and engagement at the WCA and off site.
- Volunteers behind the scenes kept you informed and handled finances and operations.

Financial support from membership dues, donations, rentals and fundraising and one special long-term rental resulted in an excellent fiscal year. With volunteers and low administrative expenses, most income went toward programming.

Financial security allowed programs and services to flourish, and the newly established reserve fund enabled the Board to feel confident about undertaking capital improvements.

As I reflect on 22-23, I feel:

- Gratitude for the members who joined the club to make a difference, for the talented and hard-working volunteers who made things happen and for the donors who provided resources necessary to achieve the WCA's goals.
- Pride for the multitude of accomplishments during the past year!
- Excitement for the WCA's future impact as the club continues to grow and thrive, achieving the goals of its mission and strategic plan, and for the upcoming festivities in 2024 celebrating the transformational events of the WCA's past 20 years.

Enjoy perusing the following pages, knowing that every person on every committee and the Board of Directors is a volunteer.

Monica Trabold
President
The Woman's Club of Albany

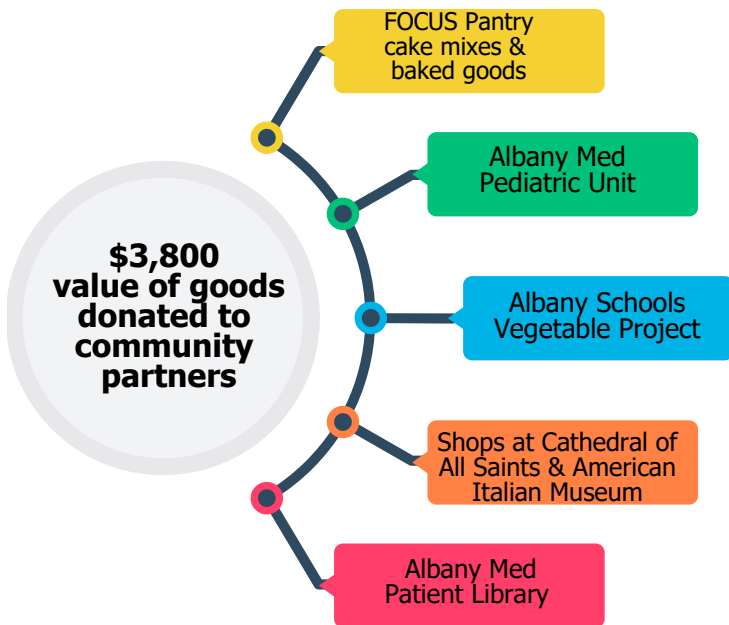
MEET THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2023-2024

President: Monica Trabold
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Pattie Beeler
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MAKING AN IMPACT

Community service in support of women and children



FINANCIAL SUPPORT

- \$750 to Things of My Very Own after it sustained flood damage.
- \$200 to Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership sponsorship.
- \$1,100 to Dr. Martin Luther King Elementary School library in Schenectady through Good Books for Good Works in partnership with The Book House.
- \$200 to Making Strides for Breast Cancer.



A major focus of the WCA mission is to assist women and children in the Capital Region.

Partnering with other agencies in these efforts increases the impact of their service and ours.

"Our Board treasurer met with members of the WCA at a gathering in their beautiful historic home. She was received with warmth and enthusiasm from its members, a generous donation of personal hygiene products and the realization that this club is run by outstanding women who are doing great things in our community."

Rayn Boncie
Executive Director/Founder
Things of My Very Own

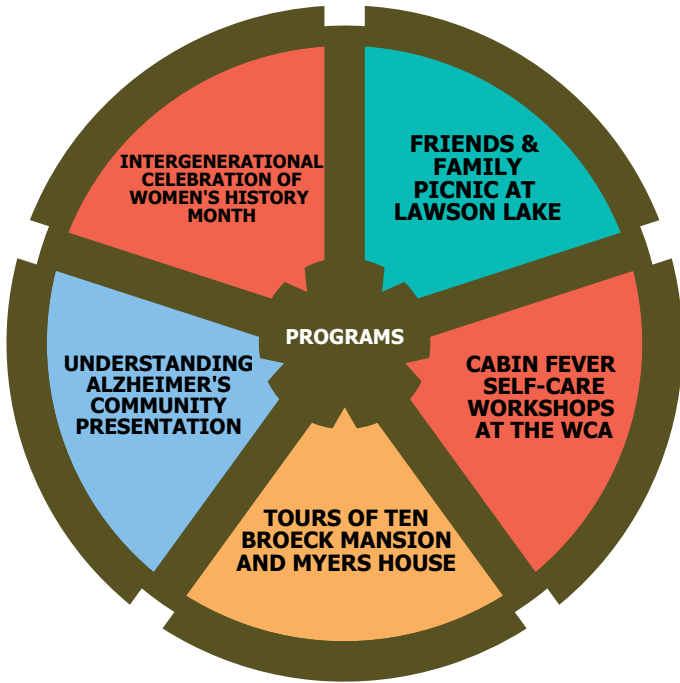


Volunteering at FOCUS pantries



MAKING AN IMPACT

Creating a space for meaningful connections -- a place where Capital Region women gather



Members - Our Greatest Asset

Membership by the numbers

- 195 members
- 74 new members in '22-'23
- 50% live in Albany
- 4 student members
- 34 member gatherings at the WCA

Out and About in the Capital Region Community

ALBANY HISTORY FAIR AT HISTORIC CHERRY HILL

UPPER MADISON STREET FAIR

VOLUNTEER USHERS AT THE REP



Albany Leadership Academy students joined WCA members to celebrate Women's History Month.



History Fair at Cherry Hill



Tour of Ten Broeck Mansion gardens



Cabin Fever Self-Care Workshop

MAKING AN IMPACT

Stewardship of our historic building



History and Past Projects

The WCA purchased the house at 725 Madison in 1919.

Over time, the building fell into disrepair, but the club has made great strides since 2004 in restoring and repairing its 1895 home according to historic preservation standards.

Past projects include:

- Major roof repairs and rehabilitation on the second-floor ballroom.
- Restoration of the West Bay and addition of a first-floor restroom.
- Restoration of the crumbling back porch.
- Extensive plaster repairs and painting in the front and back parlors and butler's pantry.

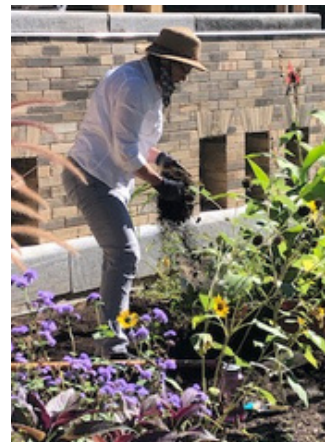
Preservation in Progress

- Most of the front porch renovation, begun in 2020, has been completed. Accessibility ramps were added at the driveway and front door.
- The original porch lighting fixture was restored and rehung. New lighting will be added along the ramp and the porch pillars will be renovated.
- A contract has been signed for rebuilding and paving the driveway. Work will be completed this year.
- Routine maintenance included roof repairs and cleaning/relining the gutters.



Beautiful Gardens

At the WCA: Our volunteer gardeners beautify our historic home by planting annual flowers, tulips and herbs, adding to perennials already planted. The club's purchase of plants and bulbs is supplemented by City of Albany tulip bulb donations and individual gardeners' donations of plants, plant food and soil.



Community Service: WCA members garden at St. Paul's Center in Rensselaer, which provides emergency shelter to mothers and their children, and at Equinox Domestic Violence Services in Albany.

MAKING AN IMPACT

Stewardship of our historic building

The Woman's Club provided a beautiful venue for 21 rentals:

- Bridal and baby showers
- Weddings and engagement parties
- Holiday gatherings and reunions
- Book launch
- Bat Mitzvah and retirement parties
- Month-long rental to a television production company

Rental income partially supports the club's charitable programming.

Building Use



WCA members hosted a tea for participants in the SEWS program sponsored by Literacy Volunteers of Rensselaer County.

"I wanted to tell you how wonderful it was to host our baby shower at the Woman's Club of Albany! You made us feel like the WCA was our home away from home for a few hours!"

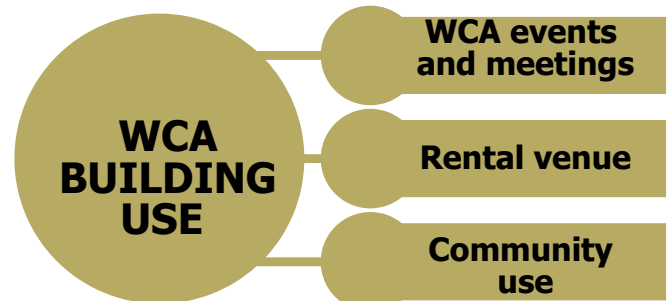
Margaret I. Sawyer



Teen Voting Advocate Charlotte Powell stopped at the WCA during her 300-mile bike ride to Seneca Falls to raise awareness of the obstacles women overcame to get the vote. WCA members and the Albany County League of Women Voters provided a voter registration table.

In keeping with its charitable mission, the club donated use of the house to local non-profits.

- Washington Park Conservancy Silent Auction item
- Monthly meetings of "Together Women Rise"
- Weekly "Sewing, English language and Workplace Skills (SEWS) classes provided by Literacy Volunteers of Rensselaer County.

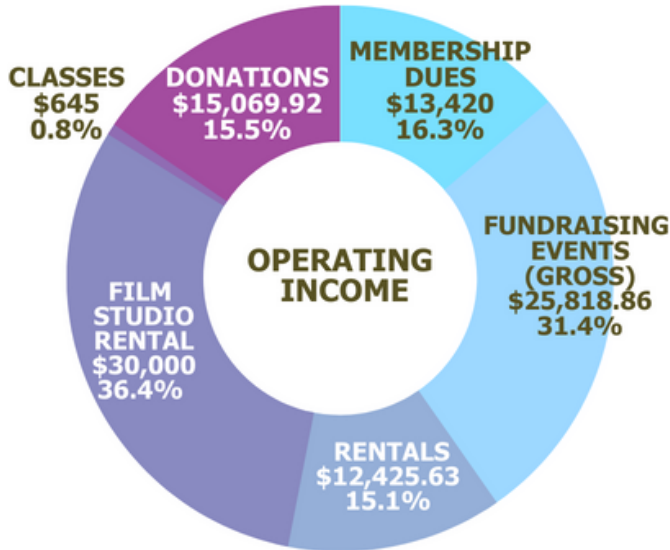


FINANCE REPORT

This is the preliminary summary of cash operating income and expense for the fiscal year July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023.

- Non-cash items such as the value of collections for our community service partners, donated services and supplies, and depreciation expenses are not shown.
- Official year-end CPA-reviewed statements will be completed with required IRS and NYS tax reports, filed by November, and posted for public view on the NYS Office of the Attorney General website: https://www.charitiesnys.com/RegistrySearch/search_charities.jsp
- The Club's financial records may be reviewed by request at any time.

OPERATING INCOME \$97,379.41



- Rentals: the use of the Club by members and others for private hosted events
- Film Studio Rental: We received this unexpected amount from a film company's use of the Club for the entire month of August 2022.

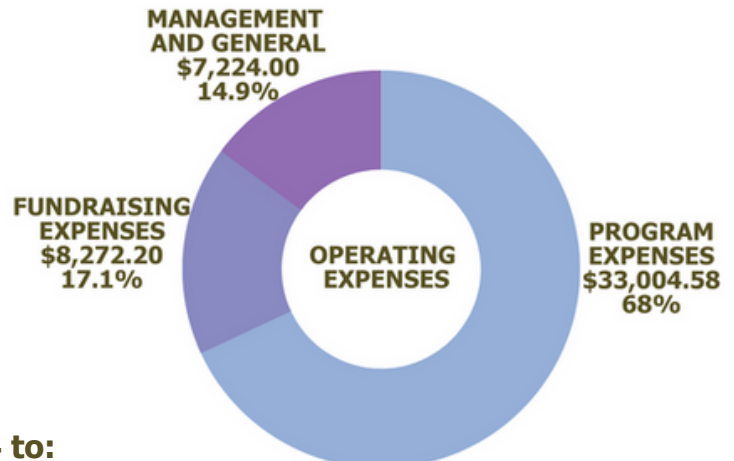
CAPITAL PROJECT INCOME AND EXPENSES

This year we completed a multi-year grant funded capital project to build the accessibility ramp on our front porch.

- Costs during fiscal year '22-'23: \$178,472.88
- Reimbursement grant from NYS Department of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation: \$148,500
- Savings from current and prior years were applied to the WCA match portion of this project.

OPERATING EXPENSES \$48,878.58

- Program expenses include costs for our mission to maintain our historic house.
- Fundraising expenses include raffle prizes of \$5,500.
- Management and general expenses include bookkeeping, accounting and legal fees and director and officer liability insurance.



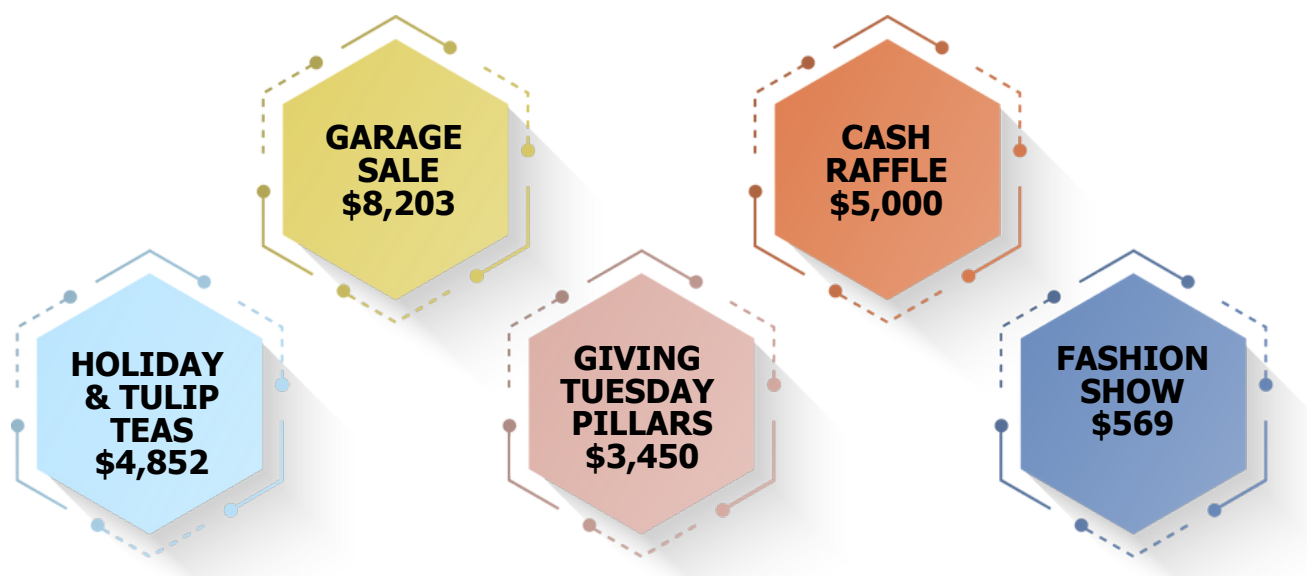
NET \$48,878.83

Excess income has been earmarked for 2023/24 to:

- Improve accessibility and safety by paving the driveway.
- Restore deteriorating porch pillars.
- Establish an operating reserve for other needs.

FUNDRAISING AND DEVELOPMENT

Successful fundraising campaigns generated over \$21,000.



Thank you. We appreciate your support.

The Board of Directors gratefully acknowledges the donors and institutions who made financial gifts during the fiscal year 2022-2023.

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FOR THE FUTURE

The Woman's Club of Albany's mission,
vision and values are centered on
compassion, commitment and community.

The Woman's Club of Albany is a magnet for women of diverse backgrounds to lead and participate in community projects while enjoying camaraderie with fellow members and visitors to the Club.

Preservation of our historic building unites us as we honor our history and embrace the future.

We honor and promote diversity, openness and inclusion. We encourage participation and commitment. We support each other's passions, interests and initiatives. We communicate respectfully with open minds and hearts.

There is still work to be done and more women and children to support. With your help we can continue to make a difference in their lives and in our neighborhood and beyond.



Packing pediatric craft kits



ADA accessibility ramp



Member Monday

The WCA Board of Directors invites you to join or renew your membership, to engage in club programming, to volunteer your time and talents, and to support the club financially as you are able.

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