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The Woman's Club of Albany

United in Service to Our Community Since 1910

This is the April 1, 2024, newsletter for The Woman's Club of Albany, with news about our events and ways you can help us meet our mission.

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President's Message





Did you know that the WCA motto is “For the Future?” With that in mind, and the long anticipated “Revived and Thriving” celebration just ten days away, the theme of revitalization encompasses many WCA happenings this spring.

To celebrate our renaissance, we’ll recognize and honor members and supporters who were instrumental to the rebirth of our club 20 years ago, noting a resurgence in membership from three elderly women to about 200 women of all ages.

At the house, we’ll watch the restored memorial Rose Garden grow as warmer weather awakens our stunning tulips. With the recent installation of the exterior light fixtures, we plan to “Light Up the Ramp” at a ribbon-cutting ceremony in June and cheer a series of completed building projects including the front porch, the accessibility ramp and the refurbishment of our iconic pillars.

Revitalization also happens behind the scenes during this last quarter of the fiscal year. Members are sharing thoughtful input via the member survey and providing essential feedback for the next strategic plan.

Respondents may have noticed the section on member engagement. Volunteerism energizes the club and community. Our Pine Hills neighborhood is at a turning point with the imminent closure of The College of Saint Rose. How might the Club help the neighborhood recover? WCA member and Pine Hills Neighborhood Association President Dannielle Melendez will speak at Member Monday in May.

Meanwhile, committees are planning and preparing budgets with a view to fulfilling all parts of our mission. Members and the Nominating Committee are considering who might join the Board as some directors complete their terms and cycle off at the end of June. The Board election will be held at our annual meeting in June.

Here’s to planning for a bright and sunny future at the WCA.

-- ***Monica Trabold***

Board News

At its March meeting, the Board of Directors approved the following:

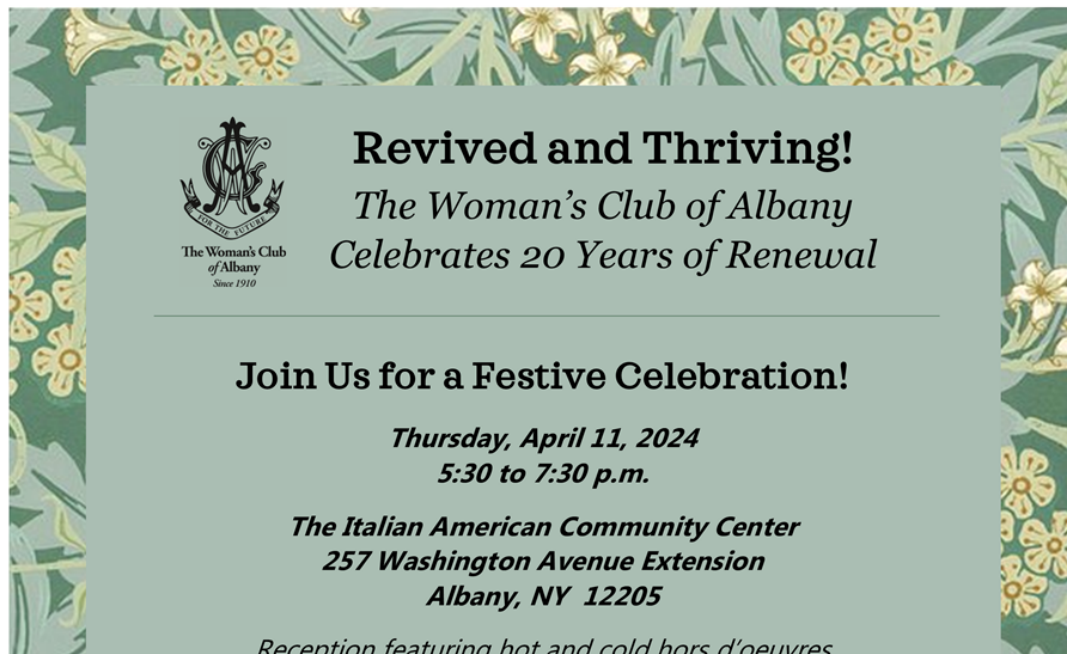
- Donations of two antique lamps and an antique table from the estate of Josie Languish, an earlier leader in the Woman's Club.
- \$250 grant to support a local student attending the annual Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Foundation conference.
- The Governance Committee's nomination of members for the 2024/25 Nominating Committee, including Martha McCormick (chair), Patti Kopach, Sara Hotopp, Marti Murphy and Charlotte Prior. A slate of candidates for Board of Directors positions will be presented for the Annual Meeting on June 24.
- Increasing the Board training budget up to \$750.


Last Call for Revived and Thriving Tickets!

Registration for the April 11 reception will close on **April 4**. If you have not yet registered, it's not too late. Just [click here](#) to register and pay by credit card. Tickets are \$100 for attendees and \$200 for Honorary Committee attendees. Don't miss it!

If you can't attend, but would like to donate to the event, click the Donate button below. In the comment section of the form that appears, note that the donation is for Revived and Thriving.

Donate




The Woman's Club
of Albany
Since 1910

Revived and Thriving!
*The Woman's Club of Albany
Celebrates 20 Years of Renewal*

Join Us for a Festive Celebration!

*Thursday, April 11, 2024
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.*

***The Italian American Community Center
257 Washington Avenue Extension
Albany, NY 12205***

Reception featuring hot and cold hors d'oeuvres

with wine, beer, and soda

Event honoring Woman's Club leaders, members and many who contributed to its renewal over the past 20 years

Special Recognition to:

The Bender Family Foundation

The Honorable Patricia Fahy

The Honorable Jack McEneny

Entertainment by Albany High School's "Jazzmanian Devils"

Wine Pull! Donations of \$20 per bottle. Fifty percent of donated funds will be awarded to a community service partner chosen by random drawing at the event.

Reception Tickets \$100

Honorary Committee Tickets \$200.

2024 Member Survey Is Underway

The 2024 survey was emailed to members only on March 16. Please [use this link](#) to share your thoughts with the leadership team by April 6. If necessary, you can [download a paper copy](#), and please contact [Monica](#) if you have any issues.

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Help Wanted

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Calling All Bakers

Join us in helping to fight food insecurity by baking dessert items for the Focus Food Pantry's fundraiser to benefit the Food Pantry and free breakfast program. This annual

...and, if available, to donate the food items, and free breakfast program. This includes Brooks barbecue needs individually wrapped cookies, brownies and muffins (no nuts, please.)

Please bring your donations to the WCA on **Monday, April 15, between 5 and 7 p.m.**

Handy with a Small Paint Brush?

Paint 'n' Sip

Saturday, April 27 -- 1 to 3 p.m.

Attention WCA members: You are invited to the WCA to paint the champagne flutes to be used at the Tulip Tea for mimosas. Guests will take the champagne flutes home as souvenirs.

This is a fun way to meet members, volunteer for your club, learn a new skill and, of course, sip while you paint.

The session will be led by Marilyn Hunter whose artwork you've seen on the WCA house keepsakes and t-shirts. She will provide the paints and brushes to create beautiful tulips on the outside of the glasses. Please come to help with the effort!

Kindly email [Marilyn](#) with "Paint and Sip" in the subject line so she knows how many people to expect.

Tea Volunteers Needed

The next Tea Committee meeting is on Monday, April 1, at 6:30 p.m. at the WCA. All members are welcome to participate in the planning process.

Volunteers are also needed to work at our annual Tulip Tea (details below) on May 18 and to set up on May 17. Please contact [Susan Finn](#) or [Susan Gould Fogerite](#) if you can help.

Donate Your Used Bud/Small Vases

The Community Service Committee will arrange and deliver flower arrangements to the seniors at the Van Rensselaer Manor Senior Home in May. We are looking for small vases and bud vases to fill.

When you do your Spring cleaning, consider giving your old vases to us. We will collect them at Member Monday meeting on April 22.

Is the Rental Committee for You?

Do you love this house? Are you looking for a way to become more involved with sharing our house with other members and the public? Consider joining the Rental Committee! Fran Altshuler and Patti Kopach have led the committee for many years and are stepping away to pursue other interests -- both in and outside of the Woman's Club. We're looking for someone to take the lead on the committee.

Qualifications: You must have time to respond to inquiries, meet with prospective renters and be a people person. Knowledge of the history of the WCA and the house itself is helpful but will be provided to you. Mentoring will be provided for a full year.

Start time: Training starts immediately, but full leadership of the committee doesn't begin until July. Mentoring continues through June 2025.

Benefits: You'll work with the most dedicated group of WCA members who act as hostesses. You'll meet all types of people, have more than a few laughs, kiss babies, hug brides, share the sorrow of those holding memorial services for loved ones and make friends. If you love being around people, this is the job for you! Interested? Fascinated? Curious? Contact Patti Kopach by [email](#) or call 518-788-0386.

Upcoming Events

2sDay in the Parlor

Tuesday, April 2 -- 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday in the Parlor is a time to get to know each other and leave the business of the Club behind. Are you a new member? Stop by for a few minutes or an hour and get to know us better! Maryhelen will be the parlor host for April.

As always, a nip or a nosh to share is appreciated!

April Is Sexual Assault Awareness Month





April 3, 2024
 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Howe Library
 105 Schuyler Street
 Albany, NY 12202

startbybelieving.org

Documentary Screening



Celebrate **Start By Believing Day** with a free screening of *Victim/Suspect* at Howe Library. Pizza will be provided!

Join us after the screening for a panel discussion with the Albany County District Attorney's office and local law enforcement.



Take Back the Night

**Rally and march against sexual violence.
Join us in showing support, raising awareness, and
committing to advocacy.**

**Thursday, April 18, 2024
Washington Park Lakehouse**

4:00 pm Pre-Rally
5:00 pm Welcoming Remarks
5:30 pm Speak Out
6:30 pm Rally & March
7:30 pm Candlelight Vigil



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Meet at the WCA at 4:30 p.m.

We'll gather at the WCA and then walk to the Washington Park Lakehouse in time for the 5 p.m. opening remarks for this rally, speak-out and march.



**TOGETHER
WOMEN RISE**

You Can Make a Difference

Thursday, April 18 -- 6:30 p.m.

Over the years, our chapter of Together Women Rise has donated just over \$49,000 to international projects to improve conditions for women and girls.

We meet most months for a potluck dinner with a small educational component. Money that otherwise would be spent on going out to dinner is donated instead.

This month's grant recipient is the Girls Conservation program in Rwanda, a project of the Dick Fossey Corilla Fund www.corillafund.org/

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The program focuses on education inequalities in Rwanda. It offers girls opportunities outside the classroom, and promotes careers in conservation.

For more information, please contact [Rosemary Revoir](#).

Member Monday -- Unplugged

Monday, April 22

Happy Half Hour -- 6 p.m.

Potluck Dinner --6:30 p.m.

Come eat, drink and be merry. No agenda, no program, no speakers. Just food, fun and friends -- and maybe a few quick announcements. Spend time connecting with members you haven't seen in a while, get to know some of our newer members, share a dish (and perhaps your secret recipe) and enjoy being a member inside our beautiful house.

if you know someone looking for friendship, a community and a way to make a difference in the Capital Region, bring them along to meet us. The more the merrier!

Please remember to bring your bud and small vases for the Community Service project (details in this newsletter) and to take your dishes and containers home with you!

Welcome to Our New Members

We welcome **Patience Pechette** and **Kimberly Piescor**.

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





Saturday, May 18
2 to 4 p.m.
\$45 per person

Reservations are required by May 10
at www.womansclubofalbany.com or
by scanning the QR code below.

Fun Photo Opportunities

Cash Raffle Baskets

Tea Sandwiches and Desserts

Mimosas Available for Purchase

Hand Painted Souvenir Glasses

The second floor of the Woman's Club is not ADA-accessible. Limited first floor seating is available. Please request when registering.




Tea Time is Almost Here

Saturday, May 18 -- 2 to 4 p.m.

The Tea Committee proudly presents the 2024 Tulip Tea, complete with a new menu of tea sandwiches, catered desserts and more. Guests can celebrate the Capital District's Dutch Heritage with fun photo opportunities.

Mimosas will be available for purchase. All guests will receive a commemorative champagne flute hand-painted by members of The Woman's Club.

The Tulip Tea is a major fundraiser for the Club. Tickets go on sale today.

[Please register here.](#)

Next WCA Book Club Meeting

Tuesday, May 21 -- 6:30 p.m.

The WCA Book Club will meet to discuss "Yellow Wife" by Sadeqa Johnson.

Planning ahead? The July 16 Book Club selection is "You Are Here" by Karin Lin-Greenberg, a professor at Siena College.

Questions? Contact [Diana Pane](#).

Community Service at Work



In November, the WCA partnered with The Book House to raise funds for the Delaware Community School in Albany. In March, members continued our commitment to learning by volunteering to read to classes at the school. We were excited to see and read from the many books purchased by the school through our Good Books for Good Works effort! Nothing is more rewarding than watching the faces of children as they hear stories come to life!

Many thanks to Pat Glennon for organizing the WCA presence at the school. We were so well received and appreciated! And hooray for our readers: Diana Pane, Jo Ashworth, Lorraine Weiss, Martha McCormick, Pat Glennon, Joann Crupi, JoLynn Backes, and Paula Hennessy.

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