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# The Woman's Club of Albany

*United in Service to Our Community Since 1910*

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*This is the Dec. 1, 2023 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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## ***A Message From Our President***





In this season of celebration, thank you for supporting The Woman's Club of Albany and its mission.

A series of successful literacy events in October and November brought WCA members and the public together to support young and adult readers, and experienced and aspiring writers. I hope you were able to participate in at least one event.

I am happy to report that the WCA-owned driveway and rear parking area were paved yesterday. Your financial support makes projects like these possible.

Thanks to those who have already contributed to #GivingTuesday. So far we have raised over \$4,500 dedicated to repair of the east entry. It is not too late to make a gift by clicking [here](#) or by mailing a check to the club.

On behalf of The Woman's Club of Albany, I wish you health, happiness and the joy of family and community.

-- **Monica Trabold**

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## November Board Report

At its November meeting, the Board of Directors took the following actions:

- Approved the Ad Hoc Committee's proposal for an April event celebrating 20 years of WCA renewal.
- Approved the Membership Committee's plan to offer WCA T-shirts.
- Approved a proposal to stage "Love Letters" by A.R. Gurney to raise funds for sexual violence prevention programs.

- Approved a budget for the Glitz and Glam Gilded Age Screening party.

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## Smooth Sailing!



Contractors completed the paving project on Thursday, Nov. 30, and we can't drive on it for a few days. We expect the driveway to be available again on Monday, Dec. 4.

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### *Upcoming Events*

#### *Members Only - Out and About*

### **'Mrs. Packard' at the Albany Barn**

***Friday, Dec. 8 -- 7:30 p.m.***

"Mrs. Packard," presented by [Harbinger Theatre](#), tells the true story of Elizabeth Parsons Ware Packard of Ware, Mass. After being confined by her husband to an insane asylum because she disagreed with him publicly, she became a pioneering feminist by fighting for her freedom. After defending her sanity at trial and being acquitted after 7 minutes of deliberation in 1864, Packard campaigned to ensure the rights of the mentally ill as well as those of married women.

Members please [register on the WCA website](#) to attend and indicate if you'd like to carpool from the Club. If interested in carpooling, please meet at the Club no later than 7 p.m.

Contact [Maryhelen](#) if you have any questions or would like more information.

Tickets **MUST** be purchased at this [Eventbrite link](#) before the date of the performance.

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## Ten Broeck Mansion Holiday House Tour

***Saturday, Dec. 9 -- 11:45 a.m. (Meet at WCA)***



*From left: Jennifer Grupe, Florence Abrams, Pat Glennon, Paula Hennessy and Judy Hale.  
Not pictured: Pat McKee, Susanna Martin, Shelley Walsh, Janice Terry and Carol Raabe.*

All are invited to a free Holiday House Tour at Ten Broeck Mansion on Saturday, Dec. 9. The mansion, built in 1797, will be decorated with gorgeous wreaths and trees donated by many organizations, including the WCA. We've reserved 12 places for the tour that begins at noon. Register on the WCA website and meet at the club at 11:45 a.m. to carpool.

[REGISTER TO ATTEND THE TOUR HERE](#)

WCA's Community Service team designed and created a magnificent "gilded age" holiday tree for the display. All the ornaments were hand made by WCA members or were family heirlooms kindly loaned for this event. Our tree signifies not only member talents, but also the joy of creating and sharing as members of the WCA. Visitors to the Ten Broeck Holiday House Tours will recognize the WCA as a community partner supporting education programs for children.

If you can't join our Dec. 9 tour, contact the [Ten Broeck Mansion](#) for information about other days and times.

## Home Away from Home -- Holiday Fun

**Wednesday, Dec. 13 -- 6:30 p.m.**

**Members Only**

Come join us for an evening of Holiday Cheer! We will have holiday treats, gingerbread houses, and, of course, some caroling in our beautifully decorated ballroom! Feel free to bring a holiday treat or a tradition you would like to share.

Being a member means you always have a place to enjoy the holidays -- at the house with us!

Please register [here](#) so we can plan refreshments.



**Thursday, Dec. 14 -- 6:30 p.m.**





*(Together Women Rise photo)*

Together Women Rise is a monthly potluck dinner with an educational component. Money that otherwise would be spent on going out to dinner instead is donated to support a variety of programs for women and children around the world.

This month's grant recipient is The Girls Education Program in Bangladesh, a project of Speak Up for the Poor. The program helps girls from impoverished families remain in school through college, helping them to avoid child marriage and child trafficking.

If you would like to attend, please contact [Rosemary Revoir](#).

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***Save These 2024 Dates***

## **Glitz and Glam Gilded Age Screening Party**

***Friday, Jan. 5 -- 6 to 9 p.m.***

***Members only***

Attention Members! On Jan. 5, we'll roll out the red carpet and welcome members to a special party and screening of *The Gilded Age*.

This event is for members only, at no charge, as a member benefit.

Watch for a special email in a few days.

Let's come together to celebrate the month-long rental of our house in August 2022.

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**Next 2sDay in the Parlor -- Jan. 9**

**Next Member Monday -- Jan. 22**

There will be no 2sDay in the Parlor or Member Monday in December.

We look forward to seeing you on **Jan. 9** for our annual "Ugly Sweater/Worst Gift" 2sDay in the Parlor and on **Jan. 22** for the next Member Monday.

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## **New Year for WCA Book Club**

***Tuesday, Jan. 16 -- 6:30 p.m.***

The WCA Book Club will meet to discuss "The Women in the Castle" by Jessica Shattuck.

Contact [Diana Pane](#) for more information.

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## **Cabin Fever Self-Care Day Is Back**

***Saturday, Jan. 20***

***Members Only***

Cabin Fever Self-Care Day: For members, by members. Lunch will be served. Sessions will be facilitated by WCA members who will guide us in a variety of relaxation and self-care workshops. You also will have time to socialize with other members.

If you are interested in facilitating a 30-minute workshop for this event, please email [Linda Fasano](#) to get the link for the digital form to fill out to be a facilitator. These are due by Dec. 22. You will be able to attend other workshops if we have enough presenters.

Look for more details in the January newsletter.

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## **Let's Celebrate Our 20th!**

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

In 2024, the WCA will mark two decades of rebirth. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend us at this festive reception:

***Revived and Thriving:***

***The Woman's Club of Albany Celebrates 20 Years of Renewal***

***Italian American Community Center***

***257 Washington Ave. Ext. Albany NY 12205***

## **Community Service at Work**



*WCA members recently helped prepare holiday food bags for the Focus Food Pantry in Albany. From left are: Florence Abrams, Marcela Garces, Pat Glennon, Shelley Malone Walsh and Carol Raabe.*

## **Bagels & Bylines Was a Blast!**







Whether participating in National Novel Writing Month or working on their own project, 18 writers spent some creative time at the WCA on a recent Sunday morning.

Guest Mary Vogel was inspired to write an essay on autumn, and has shared her work. You can read it [here](#).

Mary had this to say: