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The Woman's Club of Albany

United in Service to the Community Since 1910

This is the July 1, 2023, newsletter for The Woman's Club of Albany, with news about our events and ways you can help us meet our mission.

Read All About It

Don't miss any of the latest news in this edition:

- President's message and welcome to new board members
- June Board report
- 2sDay on the Porch
- Join Us at Park Playhouse
- WCA Book Club
- 7/25 at 725
- Annual Super Garage Sale
- Community service opportunities
- Welcome to our new members
- See you in September -- Save these dates
- Lawson Lake Picnic

A Message From Our President





Let's begin with a wonderful announcement.

Do you remember #GivingTuesday 2022? *WCA: A Pillar of the Community Since 1910* raised over \$3,000 toward restoration of the pillars.

For additional funding, the Development Committee sought a Bender Family Foundation grant. I am thrilled to announce that the WCA anticipates an award of \$15,000! The team presented a stellar concept of designating each physical pillar to honor an accomplishment of the club. Love it!

Summertime means closing out the fiscal year and transitioning to a new Board. Thank you to Marilyn Hunter and Debbie Kaminski who have completed their terms. Marilyn chaired the Development committee for two years. Debbie was treasurer for three years, co-chair of the ad hoc Porch committee and Archives committee. They will be missed on the Board but still active in the club.

Please join me in welcoming **Jessica Otitigbe**, **Christine Souza** and **Elizabeth Wallace** who are new to the Board. Returning for another two-year term are **Paula Hennessy**, **Sara Hotopp**, **Patti Kopach** and **Martha McCormick**. All bring valuable skills and knowledge to the Board where they will join returning directors **Pattie Beeler**, **Susan Gould-Fogerite**, **Janet Nardolillo** and **Monica Trabold** for a full Board of 11 directors.

Expect the WCA property to be busy with anticipated capital improvement projects like the driveway, the memorial "Rose Garden" and the pillars. Behind the scenes, volunteers are planning for the Garage Sale, preparing the 2022-2023 Annual Report, and much more.

But we'll still gather on our beloved porch. It's the best view on Madison Avenue.

-- **Monica Trabold**

Board Report

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

- Approved the sale of surplus bluestone slabs currently stored at the rear of the property.
- Approved the scope of work and contractor to be hired to restore the pillars.
- Approved the Rose Garden project and installation of an additional hose bib.

Coming Events



2sDay on the Porch

Red, White and You!

July 11 -- 6:30 p.m. - ???

A little past the official holiday but right on time for a night on the Porch.

Wear your best R,W +/-or B.

GEO and Josh will make music for us.

Please bring a nip or a nosh to share -- and bring a friend.
It's always fun on the Porch -- the Best View on Madison Avenue.

Book Club Meets July 18

The WCA Book Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 18, to discuss the memoir "From Scratch."

For more information, contact [Diana Pane](#).



Join Us for Theater in the Park

Let's get together for musical theater in Washington Park! We will see Shakespearean shenanigans in the comic musical "Something Rotten!" at the Park Playhouse in Albany on Thursday, July 20, at 8 p.m.

Reserved seating tickets are \$31 for a comfortable seat! Bring food and libation and prepare for a laughfest!

We can meet at the WCA at 7 p.m. and walk to the show together for those who wish to do so.

Please register on the WCA website by July 10. Tickets will be reserved (10 tickets only) and you will pay for them on the night of the show. Signing up means you will be responsible for paying for your ticket!

Questions? Contact [Paula](#).

7/25 at 725!

On **7/25** (July 25), show your love for **725** Madison Avenue, home of The Woman's Club of Albany.

Let's pitch in to take care of some simple occasional house maintenance tasks.

We'll gather in two hour shifts from 2 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, July 25, to tackle inside and outside projects. Depending on our numbers, weather, and skills, we might:

- Wash windows on the east porch.
- Sweep/swab the the front porch decking and wipe down the railings.
- Clean the insides of drawers and cupboards.
- Scrub our portable tables and chairs.
- Clip overgrown vines in the back garden.
- Paint the steps and decking of our north (kitchen) porch.
- Other projects as needed.

The Building Committee is looking at basement cleanup work and various options of cleaning out and disposing of waste, hazardous trash and debris etc. so we will not be doing much, if any, work in the basement at this time.

Of course we will celebrate our accomplishments with photos and good cheer. *Will you help?* Contact [Janet Nardolillo](#) to sign up. You may also see Janet at 2sday on the Porch, July 11. Don't run away when she approaches you with clipboard in hand!

Wanted!

WCA Garage Sale Raffle Coordinator(s) to solicit members and businesses for raffle baskets and/or prizes for the September sale. Last year, the raffle raised \$400!

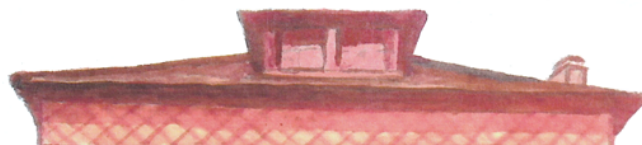
No experience needed. Advice and assistance provided!

Interested? Contact [Paula Hennessy](#).

A Very Special Thanks

Many thanks to member Marilyn Hunter whose beautiful painting of our house appears on the flyer below.

The Woman's Club of Albany
SUPER GARAGE SALE
725 Madison Avenue Albany, NY



The Woman's Club
of Albany
Since 1910

LOTS OF



**MERCHANDISE
inside and outside!**

**WE ARE
COLLECTING:
household items,
toys, fall and
winter clothes,
games, décor,
furniture,
jewelry, books and
more!**

**WE CANNOT
ACCEPT:
skis, exercise
machines,
electronics, fish
tanks, car seats,
bowling balls,
bedding or
mattresses.**

Collection Days: Tuesday 9/5 - 3-7 pm * Wednesday 9/6 - 10 am-6 pm

Preview Sale: Thursday 9/7 - 5-7:30 pm * Entry fee: \$5

Garage Sale Days: Friday 9/8 - 9 am-3 pm * Saturday 9/9 - 9 am-3 pm



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Community Service in Action

Can You Help with Two Projects?

Our community partners at RISSE and Grassroots Givers are helping asylum seekers in the Capital Region. These adult men and women need personal care items and new unopened socks and underwear (no plus sizes.)

Volunteers are needed to help sort and distribute supplies, as well as to assist with English classes. French, Spanish and Arabic speakers are especially helpful.

Willing to volunteer or donate items? Contact RISSE Volunteer Coordinator [Kat Aviza](#). You also may call the RISSE office: 518-621-1041.

293 Lawson Lake Rd., Feura Bush 12067

Everyone is invited to enjoy the beautiful fall colors and placid lake, rain or shine. 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

Register [HERE](#)



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