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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 June 2022 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 President Patti Kopach**



These are exciting times at The Woman's Club of Albany. If you've been at the house recently, and I know many of you have, you've probably noticed how much has been accomplished on the ramp. It won't be long before our beautifully restored pendant light will be hung again, the ramp will be finished and usable (complete with lights that are the result of the Light Up the Ramp campaign, to which many of you gave so generously,) and railings will be placed on the small ramp leading to our front door.

You might have also noticed some new faces. Since our fiscal year began in July 2021, we have gained 28 new members! Some came to us through our Meetup group, some through rentals and many were invited to join by friends who are members. At our recent Tulip Tea, two women attended as guests and walked out as members. Every new member I've had the opportunity to speak with has shared the same message -- they all feel warmly welcomed and are ready to become fully engaged in our activities.

Our Development Committee has a few new ideas for fundraising, our Community Service Committee has identified some fun service activities and our Programs Committee will make your head spin with the number of events and activities planned in the coming months. We'll be holding our annual Garage Sale soon and, of course, we have another tea to look forward to in December. There will be so much for us to do -- and all the while, we will be meeting our mission.

Yes, these are exciting times at the WCA. If you haven't come to the house in a while, we miss you! Please come back to renew old friendships and make new ones. If you're a new member -- welcome! We can't wait to get to know you! If you are a committee that has been holding your meetings via Zoom, please make use of our beautiful home again! Our neighbors notice when we are active. (We've even had passersby become members because they noticed activity in the house and wanted to learn more about us.) Don't miss out on the exciting times to come -- you are all wanted and welcome at the WCA! See you soon -- in person!

## WCA Business

# Monthly Board Report

The WCA Board took the following actions at its May meeting:

- Finalized and approved the 2022-2023 budget.
- Authorized creation of a WCA Instagram account for outreach and marketing.
- Approved three Community Service proposals: ice cream social for St. Paul's, desserts for FOCUS Churches and preparing dinner at the South End Children's Cafe.
- Approved having a WCA table at "For the Love of Bags and Bling," an event sponsored by our community partner St. Paul's Center.

## Upcoming Meetings

You can learn about WCA committees and contact the chairs on our [website](#).

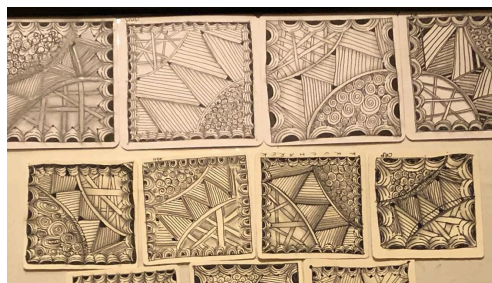
- Wednesday, June 8 -- Communications Committee
- Wednesday, June 22 -- Rental Committee

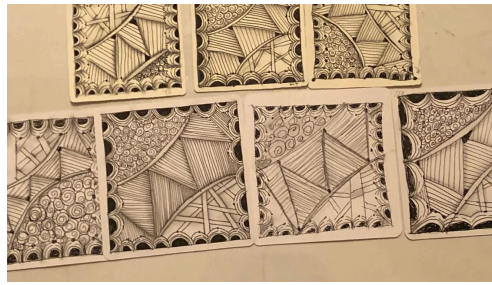
## Welcome New Members

Welcome new members **Jennie Evans, Michaella Rodriguez Sanchez, Yolanda Morrissey, Rebekah Brisbane and Theresa Hudda** who joined in May. We look forward to seeing you at upcoming events!

## Introducing Instagram

It's official! The WCA is now on Instagram! Please follow us at **@womansclubofalbany** as we share all of the magic and excitement of our club on Instagram!





## Wrap up from May Member Monday

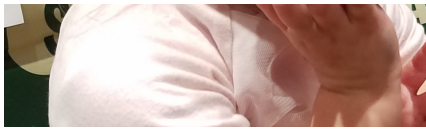
Zentangle was the theme for the last Member Monday. As a follow-up, Linda Fasano would like to extend to those interested a kit to pursue further Zentangle learning or workshops. Each kit includes a Micron pen, Zentangle pencil, blending tool, and a few tiles (Zentangle paper); these are \$5 each.

Also, there seemed to be an interest in pursuing Zentangle. Linda would be willing to do some additional informal sessions at the house at the agreed-upon times with small groups if interested, for WCA members only.

Either way, contact [Linda Fasano](#) to purchase a kit or if you'd like more information about Zentangle.

## *Upcoming Events and Programs*





## **Peebles Island State Park Walk, Picnic and Cupcake Extravaganza!**

***Saturday, June 4 -- 11 a.m. (rain date - Sunday, June 5)  
1 Delaware Ave. North  
Cohoes, NY 12047***

Our second annual event combines walks with a view of the Mohawk and Hudson Rivers, a BYO picnic lunch and -- tada! -- delish cupcakes! The cupcakes and bottled water are provided by the Programs Committee. Walk at your own pace. Everyone is welcome! Sign up please [on the WCA website](#).



# The Best View on Madison AveNEW

**June 7 -- 6:30 p.m.**

Join us as the come-back continues with **2sDav on the PORCH June 7**. GEO and Josh will make music while we all make merry. As always, a nip or a nosh to share please. What to wear? . . . Let's all be pretty in pink!! The celebration begins around 6:30 p.m. The smiles will go on and on.



## Together Women Rise

**Thursday, June 9 -- 6:30 p.m.**

This month's recipient is Project Soar, which works to empower marginalized teen girls in Morocco to become the leaders of today and tomorrow. This project will enhance the leadership skills of girls in under-served sites across Morocco through the establishment of Girl Leader Clubs and a unique empowerment program.

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

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



## Movie Monday at the Spectrum Theater

**Monday, June 13 -- Time TBD**  
**290 Delaware Ave., Albany, NY 12209**

Another awesome afternoon together at the movies! We'll see a great movie like *Downton Abbey* for the discount price of \$7 and, for those interested, head to dinner at Rain Asian Restaurant nearby. [Sign up online](#) so we can all sit together! All invited!

# Home Away From Home

**Wednesday, June 15 -- 5:30 to 8 p.m.**

It's time for another Members' Night Out hosted by Director Adrienne Bonilla. This monthly event is your chance to enjoy a casual evening in our beautiful house. There is no formal program — do a craft, play a game, just hang out or ??? The choice is yours.

No "Home Away" in July or August, but it will return in September.



## "For the Love of Bags and Bling" St. Paul's Center Event -- Free Entry

**Saturday, June 18 -- 11 a.m to 3 p.m.  
Hope Lutheran Church  
470 Winter St. Ext. Troy, NY 12180**

Come join us at this enjoyable event that benefits our partners at St. Paul's Women's Shelter in Rensselaer! *For the Love of Bags and Bling* will again sell beautiful slightly used and new purses, jewelry and scarves at bargain prices. This year they will be adding food trucks, live music, local craft vendors and community outreach activities.

AND!! the WCA will be sponsoring an information table to promote our club and the great activities and community service we do. We need volunteers to "woman" our table and talk to the many women attendees about the organization. Please volunteer to help and also enjoy this fun event! Click [here](#) to sign up for a one-hour slot from 10:30 - 3:30 to work at the table. (All materials will be provided.) Contact [Paula Hennessy](#) or [Monica Trabold](#) for more information.





## **Meet the Master Gardeners**

### **Tour Cornell Cooperative Extension Master Gardens**

***Thursday, June 23 -- 10 a.m. (rain date -- Thursday, June 30)  
24 Martin Rd.  
Voorheesville, NY 12186***

You are invited to visit the lovely perennial, shade, vegetable and children's gardens created by the Master Gardeners of the Albany Cooperative Extension and ask those burning questions about your own plantings! A Master Gardener provides educational horticulture programs for the public and has completed the Master Gardener Training Course offered by Cornell.

We'll meet at the gardens on Thursday, June 23, at 10 a.m. for our 60-90 minute tour! Bring your lunch and we will picnic together on the beautiful grounds. Bottled water will be provided. Space limited to 12 members, so [sign up](#) ASAP on the website. Cost is \$5. Pay online when you sign up. Rain date is Thursday, June 30, at 10 a.m.

***Save the Date***

### **Member Monday - Annual Meeting and Board Vote**

***Monday, June 27 -- 6 p.m.  
Last Member Monday Before Summer***

***Time to Vote for New Board Members***

The Board will provide a catered meal for the members at this meeting. Because we will be ordering the food, reservations are required. Please [REGISTER HERE](#) (*by JUNE 23*) if you plan to would like dine with us.

Arrive at 6 p.m. Happy Half-hour and Vote

6:30 p.m. Catered meal, but please feel free to bring a beverage to share

7:00 p.m. Results of Election, Announcements, meet the new Board

During the business part of the meeting, we'll vote for new Board members. The newly elected Board members will introduce themselves and current Board members will share why they serve on the Board. We'll have time to visit with friends, socialize with the Board and bring up any concerns you may have. There will be no formal program.

Sorry, this event is open to members only; but you must register.

PLEASE plan on stopping by to VOTE, even if you can't stay and enjoy the meal and announcements. Or you can vote by proxy -- watch your email for the special election notice coming soon with all the details.

## Next Book Club Meeting

***Tuesday, July 19 -- 6:30 p.m.***

The book selection for the July members-only book club is *The Switch* by Beth O'Leary. For information about the book club, contact [Diana Pane](#).

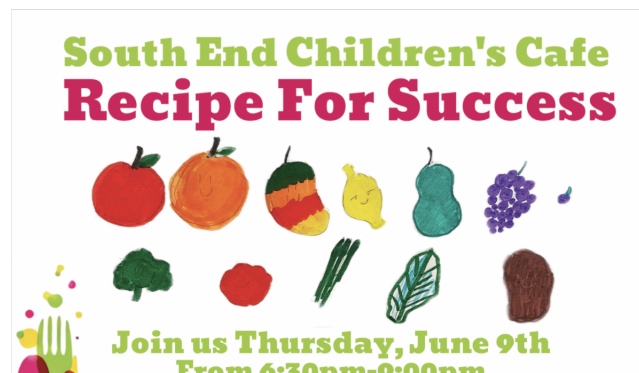
### ***Community Service News***

## Volunteers Needed as Tutors, Reading Mentors and Special Events Workers

***Information Session via Zoom  
Tuesday, June 7 -- 6 to 7 p.m.***

Literacy Volunteers of Rensselaer County needs volunteers in Albany County and Rensselaer County. Anyone who is interested can attend a free information session on Tuesday, June 7 from 6 to 7 p.m. via Zoom. To register, contact [mhellerlvorc@aol.com](mailto:mhellerlvorc@aol.com).

LVORC trains volunteer tutors to be paired with adult learners; reading mentors for Everybody WINS! Power Lunch; math tutors and computer tutors. We also welcome one-time events volunteers. As a volunteer you can develop new skills, make friends, and see how your efforts make a difference in your community. For more information, visit [www.lvorc.org](http://www.lvorc.org).







**Renaissance Hotel, DeWitt Ballroom,  
144 State St, Albany, NY 12207**

## **Recipe for Success**

***Thursday, June 9 -- 6:30 to 9 p.m.***

The South End Children's Cafe is holding its 6th annual Recipe for Success on Thursday, June 9 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. in the DeWitt Ballroom at the Renaissance Hotel at 144 State St., Albany. The evening begins with a cocktail hour followed by dinner, speakers, open bar, entertainment and awards. There is also an auction.

Ticket prices are: \$100 (Supporter), \$125 (Friend) and \$150 (Champion). All proceeds support the South End Children's Cafe, a program dedicated to food insecurity, equity and justice and overall wellness in children. To learn more or to register online, please visit <https://conta.cc/3vvMM49> or contact Kaleigh Borden, Fundraiser Chair at 315-382-6814 or [kborden@ostroffassociates.com](mailto:kborden@ostroffassociates.com).

## **Get Ready to Bake**

***Tuesday, June 14  
5-7 p.m. drop off at the WCA***

FOCUS churches food pantry fundraiser has asked the WCA members to again supply their fundraiser with desserts. Bring your brownies or bar cookies (homemade or store bought) to the WCA house on Tuesday, June 14, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. We will need at least 300 - 400 individually wrapped pieces.