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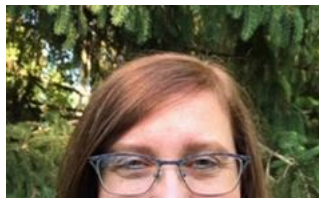
United in Service Since 1910

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

Don't miss all the news in this month's issue:

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A Message from Our President





Did you know that the WCA Strategic Plan calls for quarterly meetings of committee chairs and co-chairs? About a month ago, the Leadership Team met to discuss implementation of the strategic plan including member engagement, collaboration and cooperation between committees, and succession planning by organizing information and making it available as we seek to streamline operations.

Did you know that June is the last month of the club's fiscal year? As some directors conclude their terms on the board, new volunteers are preparing to join the leadership team. WCA members will be asked to approve the slate of nominees at the General Membership Meeting on June 26. As a member benefit, dinner will be provided by the Board. Check your email for a dinner invitation, candidate bios and all the details including how to vote by proxy if you are unable to attend in person.

Did you know that the WCA's mission is to *provide a center where Capital District 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?* Read on for news about how you can help us meet our mission.

Thank you for being a member and supporter of the WCA.

-- Monica Trabold

Board Report

The Board of Directors took the following actions at its May meeting:

- Approved the 2023-24 budget.
 - Authorized the Development Committee to submit a Bender Family Fund grant application to help restore the WCA porch pillars.
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Board Elections Set for June 26

The Nominating Committee is pleased to submit the following slate of candidates for election or re-election to the Board of Directors for a two-year term beginning in July. The election will be held at Member Monday, June 26.

Current board member eligible for re-election:

- Paula Hennessy
- Sara Hotopp
- Patti Kopach
- Martha McCormick

Member eligible to serve a first term:

- Jessica Otitigbe
- Christine Souza
- Elizabeth Wallace

Thank you!

Janet Nardolillo, Nominating Committee Chair



Tuesday on the Porch Is Back

June 6 -- 6:30 p.m.

It's the time of the year we celebrate all things Porch!

The Best View on Madison Avenue is open for fun beginning 2sDay, June 6. It's been a long winter and it's time to enjoy our Porch and our friends.

Geo (our own Kathy Kucharek's husband) and Josh (our own Pam Robinson's husband) will make music while we make merry.

What to wear? We're all pretty in pink.

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



Thursday, June 8 -- 6:30 p.m.



(Together Women Rise photo)

This month's grantee is Increasing Agency and Education Access of Rural Honduran Girls, a project of Educate2Envision International. It addresses key cultural and educational issues that prevents girls from fully participating in their rural communities.

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

If you are interested in attending, please contact [Rosemary Revoir](#).

Home Away from Home

Wednesday, June 21 -- 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

A Members-Only Event

This month's Home Away from Home is returning to its roots. The house is yours, so use it as you will (as long as it's legal.)

Want a place to quietly read that novel you've been eager to begin? Come sit on the comfy couch in the front parlor and relax with your book!

How about a place to do a fiber arts project that you just don't have time for at home? The formal dining room table will hold your needles, pattern

and favorite beverage!

Looking for a quiet place to have a glass of wine? You provide the wine and we'll provide the porch!

Board games? The back parlor is the perfect place.

Have questions about the house or the history of the WCA? Join our host, immediate past president Patti Kopach for some time in our beautiful historic building -- your "home away from home" -- and she'll do her best to answer!

The fun starts at 5:30 and goes till roughly 8:30, or until conversation runs out! Hope to see you on June 21!

June Member Monday/Annual Meeting

June 26 - - 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 19**) if you plan to dine with us.

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

6:30 p.m. A catered meal including a vegan/vegetarian and gluten-free options will be provided. Please bring a beverage to share.

7 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. We'll have time to visit with friends, socialize with the Board and bring up any concerns you may have.

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.**

WCA Book Club meets July 18

The WCA Book Club will discuss "From Scratch" by Tembi Locke at its next meeting at

6:30 on July 18.

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

Community Service in Action



Collection for Things of My Very Own

Thanks to all members who contributed items for Things of My Very Own. We collected 22 containers of laundry detergents of different sizes, worth about \$206, and 98 containers of men's deodorant, worth about \$196.



WCA Celebrates with SEWS

The WCA Community Service Committee, several Board members and members of Literacy Volunteers of Rensselaer County recently celebrated the new citizenship of two of our SEWS sisters with tea, treats and conversation at the WCA.

The new Americans hail from Pakistan and Afghanistan.

SEWS -- the Sewing and English Language Workplace Skills Class -- empowers immigrant women to study English while learning skills to enter the workforce. The class meets

Women to study English while learning skills to enter the workforce. The class meets each Tuesday at the WCA.

Brava Team!

Volunteers Needed to Staff 5K

Girls on the Run is seeking volunteers for the Spring Celebratory 5K on Saturday, June 10, at the Joseph L. Bruno Stadium in Troy. Help is needed between 7 a.m. and noon.

Volunteer duties include event set up/break down, handing out water to girls who are running, working the registration table and being course monitors/cheer teams.

For registration information, click [here](#). Online registration has closed, but you will find a telephone number and email address you can use to register.

Also, please email [Paula Hennessy](#) and let her know that you have registered.

Save the date!

See you in September

Summer has yet to begin and we don't want to rush such a wonderful season. But be sure to mark your calendar for our annual Member Picnic at Lawson Lake from **noon to 3 p.m. on September 30.**

Registration will open in August.

Welcome New Members

Welcome to new members **Tara Kennedy, Libby Post, Bernadette McDaniels, Lisa Andersson** and **Courtney Falconer**. We look forward to seeing you at upcoming meetings and other events.

Members: Save the Date for Canva Training

The WCA has opened a Canva account! Canva is an online graphic design tool we'll use to create flyers, social media posts, presentations, posters, videos, logos and more.

We're looking for members interested in learning how to use Canva to assist the Club with our communications needs. A few members use Canva and they've assured us that it's easy to learn.

We'll provide training via Zoom on **Thursday, June 29, at 6:30 p.m.** by our very own

member, Jennie Evans.

If you're interested in joining this training, please email [Maryhelen Lounello](mailto:Maryhelen.Lounello) and you'll receive an email with the Zoom registration information.

Tulip Tea 2023



The WCA's annual Tulip Tea took place May 20. Guests sipped a variety of teas, served in our elegant tea cups, and enjoyed sandwiches and desserts. A highlight of the event was a visit with Albany's new Tulip Queen, Olivia Owens, shown center in photo below with members of her court -- Mariah Carter, Haleigh Gaston and Jadan Rivera -- and Dawn Sisson, second from left, of Bittersweet Maple Farm in Berne.



Did You Know?

The Year Was 1926 . . .

1926 was the 16th anniversary of the founding of the Woman's Club of Albany and celebrations were in order.

A luncheon was held in the upstairs auditorium for 125 people. A reception was held in November with flowers adorning many rooms and dancing upstairs.

The club now owned an upright piano that was kept in the auditorium for programs and dancing. Another piano was in the drawing room downstairs.

The outstanding club house mortgage was \$5,500 in 1926 against the purchase price of \$20,000. The house's assessed value was \$25,000.

-- Compiled by Pam Burns, Archives Committee Chair

Super Garage Sale Reminder

We're collecting new used, fine and costume jewelry at WCA events throughout the summer for in preparation for the WCA's Super Garage Sale on Sept. 7-9.

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