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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 March 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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## Read All About It

Don't miss any of the good news we have to share in this issue:

- President's Message
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## **President's Message**





It comes as no surprise that this month's theme is Women's History. How can you recognize the contributions and accomplishments of women? You might:

- Enjoy books, movies and podcasts by or about women or women's issues.
- Share a photo or story of a woman who has inspired you on social media.
- Support female entrepreneurs or charities that focus on empowering women.

Please participate in these WCA events (details below):

- March 3: "History is Her Story" at the NYS Writers Institute.
- March 8: "A Century of Women in Jazz" at the WCA.
- March 25: "The Pillars of the WCA" at the WCA.

You can also celebrate women's history by registering for "Revived and Thriving" on April 11 when the club will commemorate the past two decades, recognize many women who made it possible and honor three individuals who have been instrumental to the club's achievements. Registration is now open. I'll see you there.

-- **Monica Trabold**

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## **Board News**

At its February meeting the Board of Directors approved the following:

- Purchase of a locked mailbox to be placed at the front of the building.
  - Financial parameters for the club's application to the Michele L. Vennard Hospitality Grant Program.
  - Donation to Historic Albany Foundation's silent auction.
  - Launching the 2024 Member Survey.
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# Help Wanted

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## Calling All Readers

The Delaware Community School, our 2023 Good Books for Good Works recipient, has invited WCA members to participate in Mystery Reader Day on Tuesday, March 5, as part of the school's literacy week.

Guests from the community will read to a class between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Most books will take between 10 and 20 minutes to read. Readers may select from a basket of books that will be provided or bring their own favorite picture book to share. The grade levels are Pre-K through 5.

Please contact [Pat Glennon](#) if you would like to participate.

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## It's Almost Time for Tea

### ***Planning Meeting --Monday, March 4 — 6:30 p.m.***

The annual Tulip Tea, a fundraiser for the WCA, will take place at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 18. Interested members are invited to attend the initial planning meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 4 at the club. Members interested in helping on the day of the tea also may contact [Susan Gould Fogerite](#) for more information.

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## 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.

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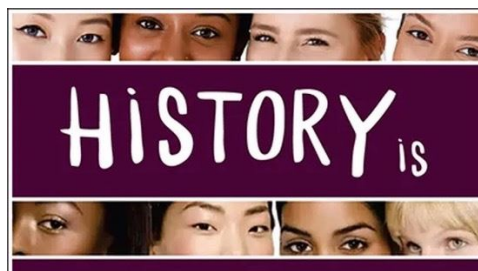
Attention members! The Board wants to know what you think.

Please watch your email for the 2024 Member Survey that will be sent to members only in a few days.

Data from the last survey was impactful in planning committee work and the strategic plan. Put your thinking caps on and share your ideas with the Leadership Team.

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## **Upcoming Events**





(Photo Credit: NYS Writers Institute)

**Sunday, March 3 — 2 p.m.**

**Recital Hall, UAlbany Performing Arts Center**

**1400 Washington Ave., Albany, NY 12222**

Kick off Women's History Month at this free performance sponsored by the **New York State Writers Institute**.

Four local storytellers will entertain you with tales of strong, influential women, real or imagined, from around the globe. Click [here](#) for more information.

Meet in the Performing Arts Center lobby on the left side between 1:30 and 1:45. Registration is not required, but if you [email Monica](#), she'll know to look for you.



**A Century of Women in Jazz**

**Friday, March 8 — 7 p.m. at the WCA**

Celebrate Women's History Month and a century of women in jazz as Wingspan brings a program of all-women jazz composers to the WCA.

This free program is arranged by the Albany Musicians Association and sponsored by the Music Performance Trust Fund. Wingspan is a jazz quintet.

The performance will be held in the upstairs ballroom of the WCA and followed by a reception on the first floor. Please note that the second floor of the building is not ADA accessible.



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



*(Together Women Rise Photo)*

This month's grant recipient is BRIDGE -- Building Real Interactions Driving Gender Equality, a project in Afghanistan sponsored by the International Action Network for Gender Equity and Law. This project supports Afghan women in the country and in exile.

Our event is a potluck dinner with a small educational component. Money that otherwise would be spent on dining out is donated instead.

Questions? Please contact [Rosemary Revoir](#).

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## **Next WCA Book Club Meeting**

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

The WCA Book Club will meet on Tuesday, March 19, 6:30 p.m. at the WCA.

The WCA Book Club will discuss "West with Giraffes" by Lynda Rutledge.

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

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## **Member Monday Is March 25**

***Happy Half Hour -- 6 to 6:30 p.m.***

***Potluck Dinner -- 6:30 p.m.***

***Program and Announcements --7 p.m.***

What better way to celebrate Woman's History Month than learning about the history of the Woman's Club of Albany!

Part of our restoration of the front porch pillars included aligning each pillar with a key person/event in the history of the WCA. Although these are not finalized yet, we want to give you a sneak peek of what the pillars will share about the WCA.

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### **Please Note**

***There will be no 2sDay in the Parlor in March.***

***There will be no Home Away from Home gatherings in March or April.***

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## **Welcome to Our New Members**

We welcome new members -- **Violetta DeRosa, Lucy Larner, Tammy Maddalla, Lisa Neuman, April Squillante and Mary Jo Stenson**. We look forward to seeing you at our meetings and other activities.

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## **We're Celebrating 2 Decades of Us!**

Whether you have been involved for 20 years or 20 days, YOU are part of the wonderful story of our renewed vitality over these past 20 years.

Don't miss our festive reception to recognize leaders, members, contributors and community service partners who share our story.



[Reserve Your Tickets Today.](#)



**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.*

**Special Moments**





*From left, Event Producer and Actor Maryhelen Lounello, JoLynn Backes, and WCA President Monica Trabold.*

## **A profitable event and so much love ❤️**

Our Feb. 10 performance of "Love Letters" was a great success. Huge thanks to the many volunteers who helped to organize this fundraiser which raised over \$4,000!

JoLynn Backes, coordinator of community education at the Albany County Crime Victim and Sexual Violence Center and a WCA member, was presented with a check at our February Member Monday.

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## **A Successful Evening of Heart Health**

Our Evening of Heart Health with Go Red for Women on Feb. 15 was a wonderful success. We had 63 people in attendance, many of whom were first timers to the WCA.

The comments that followed the presentations by WCA member Dee Burkins and Dr. Kryzstof Drzymalski of Capital Cardiology Associates were extremely positive. We even heard from women several days later letting us know they made appointments for screenings.

If this presentation ends up saving at least one life, then mission accomplished. Thank you to all who attended.





Above: Presenters Dee Burkins and Dr. Krysztof Drzymalski.



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## Sharing Some Love





WCA members, helped by some young friends, created 450 Valentine's Day cards delivered to people receiving services from several community organizations including the Damien Center, Shaker Place (Albany County Nursing Home), St. Paul's Center and the Troy YWCA. Thanks to young leaders from the Junior Division of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians and children in the Early Childhood Program of the Albany City School District. We couldn't have done it without you!

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## Ramp Lighting Has Arrived



The beautiful lights and custom mounting posts -- shown in this photo taken at the post fabricator's work site -- have arrived and should be installed soon. We thank everyone who so generously made this "Light Up the Ramp" project a reality. Thanks also for your patience during this process!

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## Online Convenience Fees: Today's the Day!

Costs for annual membership dues effective March 1, 2024:

Student \$25 cash/check -- \$26 online

New Member \$50 cash/check -- \$52 online