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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 May 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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## **President's Message**





At the Revived and Thriving celebration a few weeks ago, I heard again and again how impressed people were with the Club's achievements in the past 20 years. Sincere words of praise came from honorees, family members of the remaining club members before the revival and current and former members, some of them veterans from 2004.

We celebrated the transition from three elderly women who cared for the club and the landmark building on Madison Avenue until the next generation of women came along, reminiscing as we viewed artifacts from the archives.

We recognized the Club's leaders and supporters and presented awards to the Bender Family Foundation, the Honorable Patricia Fahy and the Honorable Jack McEneny whose leadership, contributions and advocacy were instrumental to the Club's revitalization. In the spirit of community service, we donated \$450 to RISSE, Refugee and Immigrant Support Services of Emmaus, lucky winner of the wine pull drawing.

The wonderful evening was the culmination of months of work by the ad hoc committee in charge of celebrating our 20th anniversary, led by Janet Nardolillo and supported by a host of volunteers. I am grateful to everyone who helped and attended the event on April 11. The WCA was revived and is thriving. So that we may continue to thrive, please support the club through your participation in the events outlined in this newsletter.

-- ***Monica Trabold***

### ***Our Revived and Thriving Celebration***



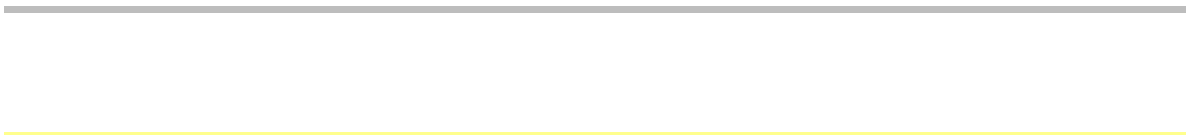


*(Photos by College of Saint Rose students Kyla Mayberry and Maria Riveria)*

We celebrated 20 years of Revived and Thriving at a cocktail reception on April 11 at the Italian American Community Center. WCA Member Charlotte Prior, left, WCA President Monica Trabold, second from right, and WCA Board Member Pattie Beeler, right, greet supporters who were honored at the reception: Jeffrey Bender of the Bender Family Foundation, the Honorable Patricia Fahy and the Honorable Jack McEneny.



WCA members and guests enjoy the festivities.



## **Board News**

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

- Approved a \$200 donation to Friends of Albany Music in honor of the Albany High School Jazzmanian Devils who performed at the WCA's "Revived and Thriving" celebration.
- Approved a request for a College of Saint Rose student who volunteered at "Revived and Thriving" to film her project at the WCA.
- Approved a proposal to present "The Vagina Monologues" as a fundraiser for the WCA.
- Approved "7/25 for 725" cleanup day for member volunteers to tackle some house cleaning projects together on July 25.
- Discontinued "Home Away from Home" in response to member feedback.



## **Calling All Flower Lovers**

Let's gather at the WCA at noon on Friday, May 10, to assemble flower arrangements that will be delivered to the Van Rensselaer Manor Senior Living Home later that day. We'll supply the flowers and vases. You'll supply the love.

## **Many Ways to Help with the Tulip Tea**

- Donate a raffle basket. See details below.
- Help publicize the tea by sharing it on social media, printing and posting the tea flyer, and word of mouth.
- Buy tickets! Tickets to the tea would be a lovely Mother's Day gift for your mom or a suggestion for your family.
- Volunteer for a few hours: Set up on Friday, May 17, from 3-5 p.m. On Saturday, May 18, we need servers from 1-4 p.m. and helpers to clean up afterward. Please contact [Susan Finn](#) or [Susan Gould Fogerite](#) if you can help.

## **Spring Clean-Up**

Volunteers are needed to help with Spring clean-up at the Ten Broeck Mansion on Saturday, June 1. We'll meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Mansion parking lot at 9 Ten Broeck Place, Albany. After our hard work, anyone who is interested can join together for lunch

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## Cookies Needed

Please consider donating cookies -- homemade or purchased -- for the "Meet the Cast" light reception that will follow the May 31 fundraiser performance of "The Vagina Monologues." (See flyer below for performance details.) Please contact [Dee Burkins](#) if you can help.

### Upcoming Events



**2024 Tulip Tea**  
**TO BENEFIT THE WOMAN'S CLUB**  
725 MADISON AVENUE ALBANY, NY 12208

**Saturday, May 18**  
2 to 4 p.m.  
\$45 per person  
Reservations are required by May 10  
at [www.womansclubofalbany.com](http://www.womansclubofalbany.com) or  
by scanning the QR code below.

*Photos with Albany's Tulip Queen and Court*

*Tea Sandwiches and Desserts*      *Mimosas Available for Purchase*      *Cash Raffle Baskets*

*Hand Painted Souvenir Glasses*      *Music by The Mad Caps*

The second floor of the Woman's Club is not ADA-accessible. Limited first floor seating is available.  
Please request when registering.





## Join Us for Our Tulip Tea Fundraiser

*In gardens of color, where tulips sway,  
Join us for tea on a fine spring day.  
With cups full of warmth and hearts open wide,  
Let's gather together to sip side by side.*

*Please come, dear friends, to our tulip affair,  
Support our mission of kindness and care.  
In this floral haven, we'll make memories bright,  
At our club's Tulip Tea, a springtime delight.*

The Tea Committee is proud to offer a fresh take on the Tulip Tea, including a bountiful array of tea sandwiches and a surprise sweet treat prepared by WCA members. Mimosas and mimosa mocktails will be available for purchase. All guests will receive a commemorative hand-painted tulip champagne flute to take home.

As always, guests will enjoy delicious teas and catered desserts in a beautiful setting, and we'll have amazing raffle baskets. Raffle tickets are cash only.

Our friends from [Mad Caps](#) will entertain us with their delightful harmony of Broadway songs and other favorites. We have planned fun Dutch-themed photos, including the opportunity to meet Albany's new Tulip Queen and Court as guests arrive.

How lovely is the tea? These [beautiful photos by Jim Franco](#) appeared in the Times Union after the Holiday Tea in December 2023, and [these photos are from the Tulip Tea 2022](#).

[Please register here.](#)

## 2sDay in the Parlor

**Tuesday, May 7 -- 6:30 p.m.**

Save the date for an a-MAY-zing 2sDay in the Parlor! We'll be in our Parlor celebrating all things spring. What if it's a beautiful warm evening??--The front doors will be open and we'll spill out on our Porch to admire those (fingers crossed!!) gorgeous tulips! Stop by and spend 10 minutes or two hours getting to know other members--leaving the business of the Club behind.

As always a nip and a nosh to share, please. Spot and Charlotte Prior will be hosting ... and are looking forward to the beginning of our Best View on Madison Avenue season!



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

*(Together Women Rise Photo)*

May's grant recipient is the Simulation-Based Mentorship Program in Nepal, a project of One Heart Worldwide. Its mission is to save lives and promote the well-being of mothers and their newborns in rural Nepal. Since 2010, One Heart Worldwide programs have helped more than 1 million mothers and newborns in Nepal.

Join us for a potluck dinner with a small educational component. Money that otherwise would be spent on dining out is donated to help the project.

Interested? For more information, contact [Rosemary Revoir](#).

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## **WCA Book Club**

***Tuesday, May 21 -- 6:30 p.m.***

The book club will discuss "Yellow Wife" by Sadeqa Johnson.

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

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**Member Monday ... on a Tuesday!**

***Tuesday, May 22***

**Tuesday, May 28**

**Happy Half Hour -- 6 p.m.**

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

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

Come share stories of your Memorial Day Weekend over some amazing potluck dishes at our May Member Tuesday!

This month we will hear from WCA Member and Pine Hills Neighborhood Association President Dannielle Melendez along with her colleagues Leah Golby and Perry Janjulas. They will give us updates on the work they have been doing for the neighborhood as well as information on the College of Saint Rose closure.

*(Please remember to take home any serving dishes or leftovers.)*

## **Welcome to Our New Members**

We welcome our new members -- **Tina Vogel, Agnes Pala Bukhala** and **Roseline Takor**. We look forward to seeing you at our meetings and other events.

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## **Don't Miss This WCA Fundraiser**

**Friday, May 31 -- 7 p.m.**

**The Woman's Club of Albany**

**in collaboration with**

**The Vajayjay Players**

**Presents a staged reading of**

**THE**  
**VAGINA**  
**MINOLOGUES**  
BY EVE ENSLER



**Produced by Brynn Watkins**

**Ticket Price:**



**The Woman's Club of Albany**

**725 Madison Ave**

**\*\*Upstairs Ballroom**

**Albany, NY 12208**

**Friday, May 31, 2024**

**Time: 7:00 p.m.**

**A Meet the Cast light  
reception will follow**

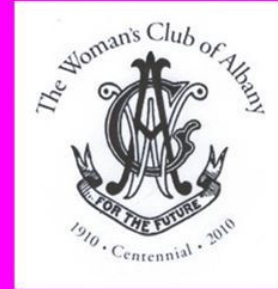
**WCA Members \$25**

**Non-members \$35**

**RSVP & Tickets Here:**

<https://www.womansclubofalbany.com/event-5686919>

**This production is a fundraiser for The  
Woman's Club of Albany.**



*\*\*Please note...The WCA ballroom is not currently ADA accessible.*

**RSVP and purchase tickets [here.](#)**

**We hope to see you there!**

**KEVIN RICHARDS PRESENTS**

**COUNTRY CONCERTS CLOSE UP**

**Patsy & Loretta**

**TOGETHER AGAIN!  
SPECIAL MATINEE PERFORMANCE!  
SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2024 @ 3PM**

**COHOES MUSIC HALL**

**Crazy  
Coal Miner's Daughter  
I Fall To Pieces  
Honky Tonk Angels  
& Many More Hits!**

# 'Patsy and Loretta Together Again'

*Cohoes Music Hall -- Sunday, June 9 -- 3 p.m.*

*Ticket deadline -- May 15*

Let's enjoy this great tribute to "honkey tonk angels" -- Patsy Cline and Loretta Lynn -- as interpreted by the great Courtney Shane and Jenna Sue! It's classic country at its finest, from "Crazy" to "Coal Miner's Daughter."

Kevin Richards hosts with stories about the legends, with a Country Gold tribute from John Terleckey. Boots and Hats permitted!

Tickets are \$35.

Please contact [Paula Hennessy](#) by May 15 if you want a ticket or more details.

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## It's Almost Here!

Spring cleaning? Remember our annual **SUPER** Garage Sale is scheduled for September 5-7. Mark your calendar, set aside your "good stuff" (jewelry, etc.) and get ready to help make '24 the best fundraiser ever!

Watch for updates in future newsletters.

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