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The Woman's Club of Albany

United in Service Since 1910

This is the November 2022 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 this great news in this month's newsletter:

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Message from Our President



What has the Woman's Club of Albany been doing to meet its [mission?](#)

WCA members were visible in the community, hosting a table at the Upper Madison Street Fair, volunteering at Cap Rep, marching in "[Making Strides Against Breast Cancer](#)" and offering refreshments and house tours to passersby after the walk.

Our historic building is used weekly by Literacy Volunteers of Rensselaer County to teach women Sewing and English Language Workplace Skills, and monthly by the local chapter of Together Women Rise. WCA gardeners have planted 600 tulip bulbs ensuring a beautiful springtime view.

Teen voting advocate Charlotte Powell selected the WCA as a stop on her 300-mile bike ride to raise awareness of the importance of voting and the suffrage movement. The club was delighted to host a reception, a voter-registration table and local media at the house. Read Charlotte's letter below.

The Community Service Committee raised \$200 for the American Cancer Society and collected 78 boxed cake mixes to help FOCUS pantries fill holiday food baskets.

The [Fall Fashion Show](#), sponsored by the Development Committee, earned \$560 and featured WCA models wearing stylish outfits. Proceeds support the WCA and ongoing building maintenance and improvements. Read below for an update on our ADA ramp project. and please consider purchasing and selling cash raffle tickets, a major ongoing fundraiser.

Membership and Program Committee activities brought people together. Outreach efforts continue to bring in new members who support the club's mission and are already participating and volunteering. The WCA is indeed "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."

Thank you to the Board, committee chairs, volunteers and supporters of the WCA. I am proud of the work we are doing.

Monica Trabold



(Photos by Marilyn Kaplan)

Accessibility Ramp Update

If you've been to the house recently, you know that the ramp is complete with safety railings installed. The next step will be to "Light Up the Ramp." Thanks to 33 generous donors who contributed \$11,865, the Club has designated funds to finish the work. Currently, the Porch Committee and architect are researching appropriate lighting fixtures. Stay tuned for further updates about when we can "Light Up the Ramp." Enjoy these photos of our new facade.

October Board Report

The Board took the following actions at its October meeting:

- Approved two Community Service projects: Good Books for Good Works and the

- Approved the Community Service project: Good Books for Good Works and the collection of cake mixes for FOCUS.
- Approved the Holiday Tea fundraiser.
- Approved in concept WCA participation in "Giving Tuesday."
- Approved the Program Committee's Tour of Ten Broeck Mansion.

Time to [Register](#) for Holiday Tea



The Woman's Club
of Albany
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The Woman's Club of Albany
invites you to attend its
**15th Annual
Holiday Tea**
to benefit The Woman's Club

Saturday, December 3, 2022 • 2:00 p.m.
RSVP by November 23, 2022

- Tickets are \$45 each
- Space is limited • Reservations are required
- Cash raffle and silent auction
- Tea sandwiches & Desserts served

Celebrate
The
Season
Share the Warm Glow
of the Holidays

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Tea attendance by reservation only.

You must register online at

www.womansclubofalbany.com

Payment can be made online or by mail. Please note "Holiday Tea" on check.

ADA accessible seating available on first floor. Please note in registration if first floor seating is required.

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Coming Events



2sDay in the Parlor -- It's Today!

Tuesday, Nov. 1 -- 6:30 p.m.

This is the last 2sDay in the Parlor until our annual "Worst Gift/Ugly Sweater" party in January! Plan on stopping by for a nip and a nosh.

Don't forget: orange and the new black = the beginning of the holiday season! Costumes? Yes or no. Either way is fine -- whatever makes you happy. Spot will be wearing his Halloween costume -- you know how he loves to get dressed up.

Monday Movie at the Spectrum

Nov. 8 -- Time and movie to be determined

Contact [Linda Fasano](#), Program Committee chair, if you want to attend.



Thursday Nov 10 -- 6:30 p.m.

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(Together Women Rise Photo)

This month's grant recipient is GROW -- Girls' Resilience, Opportunities, and Wellbeing -- a project of the Authentique Memorial Empowerment Foundation in Cameroon. GROW provides young mothers and pregnant girls with access to education, wellness and livelihood opportunities, and psychosocial support in an effort to break the cycle of poverty.

This event is a potluck dinner. Money that would be spent on going out to dinner instead is donated to the grant recipient.

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

WCA Book Club to Meet

Tuesday, Nov. 15 -- 6:30 p.m.

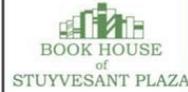
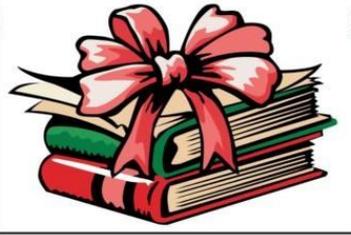
The book club will discuss "Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants" by Robin Kimmerer.

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

Home Away From Home

Wednesday, Nov. 16 -- 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Enjoy Members' Night Out at the house. Play a game, do a craft or talk with friends.



Good Books for Good Works

A Holiday Bookfest co-sponsored by
The Woman's Club of Albany and Book House
of Stuyvesant Plaza & Little Book House

Thursday, Nov. 17, 2022 ♦ 5 to 7 p.m.

To benefit the library of
Dr. Martin Luther King Elementary School
Schenectady City School District

Book Talk at 5:30 p.m.

*You'll thoroughly enjoy the Book House staff's
reading suggestions and gift ideas for all ages.*

A percentage of sales will be donated to the school.

Remember to tell the staff that your purchase is
part of the Woman's Club "Good Books" event!

Join Us for Member Monday -- Nov. 28

Happy Half Hour -- 6 p.m.

Pot Luck Supper -- 6:30 p.m.

Announcements/Community Service Project

Thanksgiving is almost upon us and we all have so many things to be thankful for -- our health, our loved ones and, of course, the wonderful community we have created at the WCA! What better way to celebrate than to get together for a Member Monday and give back to others!

Please join us for a special activity for the patients of Albany Medical Center Pediatrics Ward, organized by the Membership Committee and the Community Service committee. We will put together craft kits for the kids. We are asking members to bring **coloring books (size 8X10), boxed crayons and embroidery floss** to November Member Monday to assemble two types of kits in individual plastic bags. One kit will include coloring books and crayons; the other will be friendship bracelet kits, with

include coloring books and crayons, and each will be including a packet of thread, embroidery floss and directions provided.

Community Service members will get the kits to Albany Medical Center.

Welcome New Members

Welcome to new members **Mary DeTurris Poust, Kora Andrews, Suzanne Sullivan, Beth McIntyre, Barbara Langston** and **Isabella Marchese**.

We look forward to seeing you at upcoming meetings and other events.



Join Us in a Giving Tuesday Opportunity

For the very first time, the WCA will be joining the global movement dedicated to charitable giving known as Giving Tuesday on Nov. 29!

The Tuesday after Thanksgiving is the second biggest day for charitable giving. In 2021, \$2.7 billion was donated in the U.S. alone.

Stay tuned for more information and let [Marilyn Hunter](#) or [Susan Gould Fogerite](#), Development Committee chairs, know if you would like to help with this important and exciting project!



Calling All Elves

Calming All Lives

Yes, it's almost that time and volunteers are needed to help decorate the WCA for the Holidays.

We'll be working on Saturday, Nov. 26, and Sunday, Nov. 27 (the weekend after Thanksgiving!) from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day until done.

Please contact [Pam Robinson](#) for more information. Donuts and fruit will be provided.

Community Service in Action

Thanks to all who donated time and money to the Oct. 16 "Making Strides for Breast Cancer Walk." We raised \$200 for the cause.

As noted in the Member Monday announcement above, we'll be putting together craft kits for children in the Albany Medical Center pediatrics ward. Please join us for this special project. Questions? Contact [Sue Finn](#).

Our friends at the FOCUS Food Pantry need assistance putting together holiday baskets for needy families. If you would like to help, meet at the WCA at 10 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 28 to carpool to the Food Pantry at 275 State St. Parking will be available. We're signed up for two hours. Please contact [Paula Hennessy](#) if you have questions.

Save These Dates

Holiday-Decorated Ten Broeck Mansion

Tour -- Saturday, Dec. 10 -- 10 a.m.

9 Ten Broeck Place, Albany 12210

Join us on a tour of the Ten Broeck Mansion, home of the Albany County Historical Society. The tour will focus on the women of the mansion.

There will be a simple, historically oriented craft project after the tour.

There are 12 open spaces, currently available only to WCA members. If space allows, registration will be opened to non-members after Dec. 5.

Parking is available.

The cost is \$6. Pay online when you [register](#) for the event.

Cabin Fever Wellness Day

Saturday -- Jan. 21, 2023 (tentative)

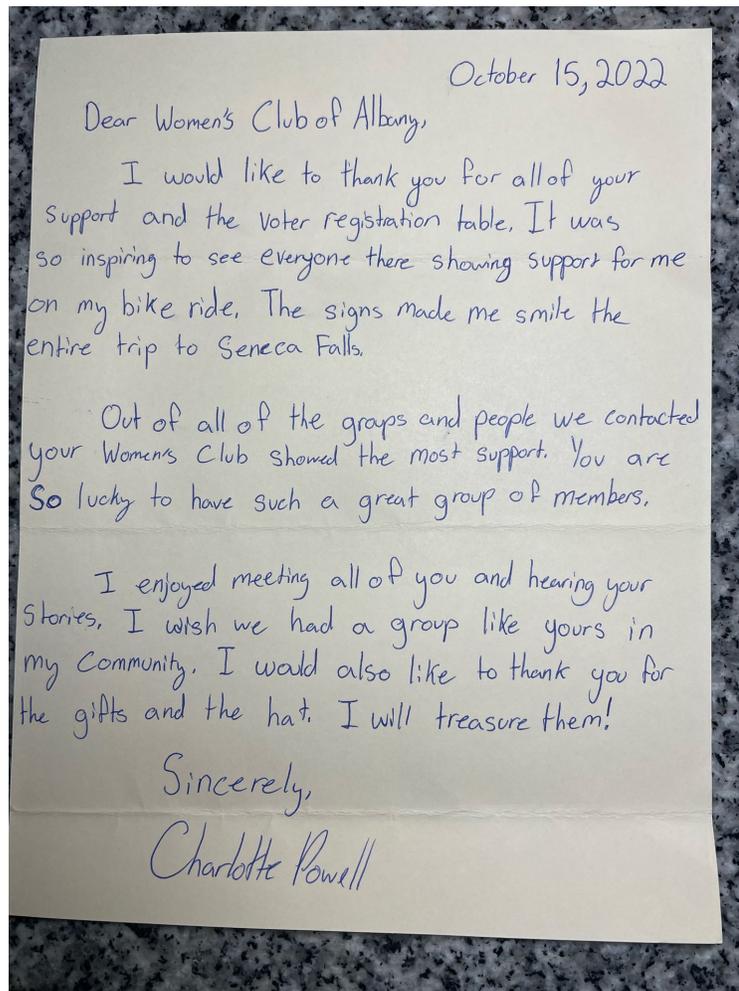
The Program Committee has set a tentative date for a Cabin Fever Wellness Day at the WCA. This day will include a light lunch and wellness sessions by members for members.

We are looking for those of you who have education, knowledge, and/or experience in all things related to self-care, such as nutrition, physical well-being, emotional and mental well-being, artistic expression, etc.

This is a "members only" special event that is in the planning stages. If you would be willing to share your time and expertise on that day, please contact [Linda Fasano](#).

Thanks for the Warm Reception

Here's the letter the WCA received from Charlotte Powell. Thanks to Dee Burkins for organizing the reception and to the WCA and Albany County League of Women Voters members who attended.



Thanks from Things of My Very Own

The WCA has received a letter from Things of My Very Own that is very...

The WCA also received a letter from Kings of Ivy very own thanking us for a \$750 donation sent after the organization's facility was damaged by a flood.

Stuff Your Piggy Bank Raffle!

Tickets are going fast -
but you can still participate!

Buy or sell tickets at \$50 each,
for a chance to win!

There will be 5 - \$1,000 prizes drawn,
after only 210 tickets are sold.
And there is a \$100 prize for the
seller of each winning ticket.

Odds of winning \$1,000 are 1/42
This is one you could actually win!



Look for ticket sales at WCA
events, or contact
[Martha McCormick](#)
to arrange individually.

May the odds be with you!!