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## The Woman's Club of Albany

## United in Service Since 1910

This is the Aug. 1, 2023, 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 the good news in this issue:

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#### **A Message From Our President**





Dear WCA members and supporters,

Transition to the new fiscal year continued at the July Board Meeting. For 2023-24, I will continue as President, joined by President Elect Paula Hennessy, Vice President Susan Gould-Fogerite, Secretary Martha McCormick and Treasurer Janet Nardolillo. Directors Pattie Beeler, Sara Hotopp, Patti Kopach, Jessica Otitigbe, Christine Souza and Elizabeth Wallace complete the Board of Directors.

The Leadership Team consists of all committee chairs and co-chairs. This group meets quarterly to plan ahead and collaborate on implementation of the Strategic Plan.

In this new fiscal year, let's thank those who are stepping back from the Leadership Team after dedicated service as a chair or co-chair: **Florence Abrams, Linda Fasano, Susan Finn, Debbie Kaminski, Maryhelen Lounello** and **Marti Murphy.** 

Thanks also to these member volunteers who are continuing on the Leadership Team: **Fran Altshuler, Pam Burns, Joann Crupi, Marilyn Hunter and Charlotte Prior;** and to every director.

Welcome to **Pat Glennon, Jessica Otitigbe** and **Shelley Malone Walsh** who are new to committee leadership positions. Other members now have different responsibilities. Please visit <u>this page</u> for details.

August is a busy month of preparation for our major fundraiser – the annual Super Garage Sale. Read on for details about how you can help. This event raised over \$8000 for the club last year thanks to donations and volunteers.

Finally, watch your inbox for the 2022-23 WCA Annual Report highlighting the impact of our club's work during the past year.

Thank you for supporting the WCA's mission.

-- Monica Trabold

## **July Board News**

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

- Approved officers and committee chairs for 2023-24.
- Approved placing survey markers to indicate the east property line in preparation for paving.
- Approved hiring a company to remove debris and clean out the basement.
- Approved reallocation of designated Rental Committee funds to purchase decor

items and better fans.

- Authorized the Development Committee to research the Michele L. Vennard Hospitality Grant Program and apply on behalf of the WCA if appropriate.
- Formed an ad hoc committee to oversee the 20th anniversary celebration of the club's renaissance during the 2024 calendar year.

#### **Welcome New Members**

Welcome to **Nathalie Corbert, Marcela Garces, Emily Horstman** and **Janice Terry.** We look forward to seeing you at upcoming meetings and other events.

#### Salute to Summer: Hats

2sday on the Porch August 8, 2023

6:30 p.m. to about 8:30 p.m.

Wear your favorite festive hat to celebrate all things summer for "the best view on Madison Avenue." On display will be some of the fabulous hats from the collection of Mary P.

As always, a nip or a nosh to share is appreciated. Members and Friends are welcome!



#### You Can Make Our Garage Sale Super

It's almost time for our annual Super Garage Sale and **you** can help make it a success.

#### This is an all hands on deck event!

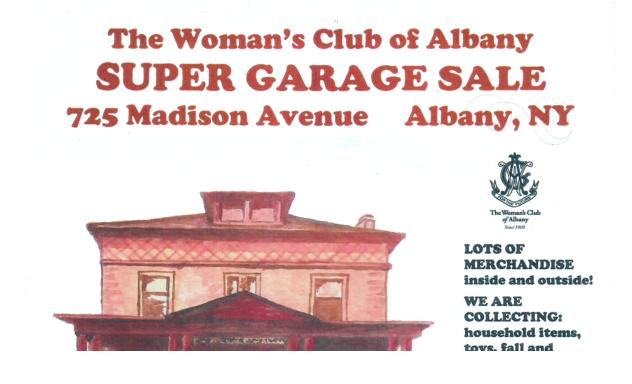
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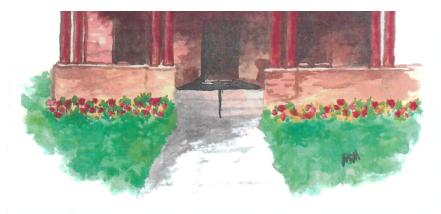
Donating items for the sale (See details on flyer below.)
Helping with setup and other tasks before the sale.
Working at the sale on Sept. 7, 8 or 9.
Helping with final pack up and donations on Sept. 10.

You can sign up <a href="here">here</a> for one or more shifts during setup days and/or sale days. If you can't do a full shift or need to do different times, sign up and add a note to that effect. Family members are gratefully welcomed to help during the drop-off and cleanup days. We will have food and drinks available for our volunteers. The names of all volunteers will be placed in a drawing for a prize.

Of course, you will want to attend and spread the word among your contacts. Please widely share/print/post the flyer below.

If you have clothing racks, tables, tents or other display equipment we can use, want to know how you can help or have other questions, please contact <u>Paula Hennessy</u> or <u>Susan Gould Fogerite</u>.





winter clothes, games, décor, furniture, jewelry, books and more!

WE CANNOT ACCEPT: skis, exercise machines, electronics, fish tanks, car seats,

bowling balls, bedding or mattresses.

Collection Days: Tuesday 9/5 ~ 3-7 pm \* Wednesday 9/6 ~ 10 am-6 pm Preview Sale: Thursday 9/7 - 5-7:30 pm \* Entry fee: \$5 Garage Sale Days: Friday 9/8 - 9 am-3 pm \* Saturday 9/9 - 9 am-3 pm



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#### **Community Service at Work**

The Community Service Committee and FOCUS invite you to help pack school supplies for Albany's little learners at 9 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 21.

We are looking for six helpers that morning. We expect to be there for about two hours.

Let's meet at the WCA and carpool to 275 State St. For those interested, we'll grab coffee and a treat after the activity for those interested.

Please sign up on the WCA website.

Questions? Please contact Paula Hennessy.

"Helping -- It's What We Do Best."





#### **Make Our House Your House**

The Development Committee is excited to share this custom-designed WCA House Keepsake with members!

This lovely hand-painted piece is produced from a marble dust composite by Hestia of Marblehead, Mass. Its diameter is  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " and it weighs about 3 oz.

Hestia is a women-owned, women-run company with all of its products produced by women artisans.

The keepsake can be hung by its ribbon or rest on the included stand. If you would like a specially boxed keepsake, <u>please submit your name and the number of keepsakes you would like.</u> For members, we are offering the keepsake as a thank you gift for a \$25 donation.

This could be that perfect gift for yourself or a friend! Payment will be collected at time of pickup. We expect the order to be delivered in August.

## **See You In September**

- There is no Member Monday in August. See you on Sept. 25.
- The WCA Book Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 19, to discuss "The

Storytellers Secret" by Sejal Babani. Please contact <u>Diana Pane</u> for more information.

• It's not too early to <a href="REGISTER">REGISTER</a> to attend the annual WCA Family & Friends Picnic. (See the flyer below.)



# WCA FAMILY & FRIENDS PICNIC @ LAWSON LAKE



Saturday, Sept. 30, 2023 -- 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. 293 Lawson Lake Rd., Feura Bush 12067



Everyone is invited to enjoy the beautiful fall colors and placid lake, rain or shine. The lodge is fully accessible with a bathroom and kitchen. Enjoy hiking trails, fishing, playground and fire pit outside.

#### WCA will provide:

- Hotdogs & condiments
- Marshmallows
- Water & soft drinks
- Paper products

#### Please bring:

- A dish to share
- Board games
- Outdoor games
- Hiking boots trails may be muddy

#### Sign up on WCA website by Sept. 23.



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