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The Woman's Club of Albany

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This is the July 2022 newsletter for The Woman's Club of Albany, with news about our events and ways you can help us meet our mission.

Message from Our President



This is my final message to you as Monica Trabold will assume the role of president at our Board meeting this month. Monica and I have been working closely together for the past year and I have every confidence in her ability to move the WCA forward. I know all of you will support Monica in her new role as much as you did me for the past two years.

When I became president in July 2020, we were in the middle of the first year of life with COVID-19. We couldn't have imagined two years later, that we would still be dealing with it. So many small organizations such as ours were forced to shut their doors permanently. The Woman's Club of Albany not only has survived, we have thrived!

Even in our darkest COVID days – when the roof developed a major and very costly leak; our 54-year-old furnace stopped working; the ceilings in the side hall closets collapsed because of a smaller roof leak; work stopped on our ramp because materials could not be delivered; we lost income because of canceled rentals, and many members

be delivered, we lost income because of canceled rentals, and many members experienced illness and the loss of loved ones – the WCA kept going.

We learned to hold meetings on Zoom. We found grant money that helped us maintain a healthy operating budget. We held a successful campaign to light up our new ramp. And our Program and Community Service committees planned activities that enabled our members to remain engaged with each other and the community.

How exciting it is to report that, unlike many groups in the past two years, we have added more than 28 new members! We have been able to carry on our good work because of our dedicated members, both new and longtime, who worked with the Board as we weathered COVID together. Let's all vow to keep up the great work!

It has been my honor to serve as your president and to work with one of the most dedicated Boards in the Capital Region. The WCA is in good hands with Monica at the helm as we near the completion of the porch and ramp project. I know she will be sharing news of what her goals for the WCA are in the near future.

I look forward to spending more time enjoying WCA activities and continuing to serve as Rental Committee co-chair.

I'll see you all at "the house!"



(Pictured are Monica Trabold (top step), Pattie Beeler, Janet Nardolillo and Susan Gould Fogerite.)

Four Board Directors Elected

Four directors were elected by members at the WCA annual meeting on Monday, June 27.

Pattie Beeler and **Monica Trabold** currently serve on the Board and were elected to another two-year term. **Susan Gould Fogerite** and **Janet Nardolillo** are new Board members and also will serve two-year terms.

Also serving on the Board will be current members **Paula Hennessy, Sara Hotopp, Marilyn Hunter, Deborah Kaminski, Patti Kopach** and **Martha McCormick**.

Two other current board members, **Adrienne Bonilla** and **Susan Finn**, are completing their terms and did not seek re-election. We thank them for their countless hours of dedicated service on the Board and in leading committees.

See You on the Porch

2sDay -- July 12-- Red, White and You!

6:30 p.m. -- ???

Yes, it will be a little past the official holiday but right on time for a night on the porch. Wear your best R/W +/- B and GEO and Josh will make music for us.

Please bring a nip or a nosh to share -- and bring a friend. It's always fun on the porch -- the Best View on Madison Avenue!



(Worst Gift/Ugly Sweater Event -- 2019)

Monday (Yes, Monday), July 25 -- Christmas in July

6:30 p.m. -- ???

Our annual January Worst Gift/ Ugly Sweater event was postponed until now! If this is your first time, get ready for lots of laughs.

Bring a wrapped gift that you can't wait to get rid of. You know the one -- another pair of cat socks, a pair of earrings that you couldn't be paid to wear, the gift that screams, "Do they even know me?!" You get the picture.

As always, a nip or a nosh to share please. And get ready for a good time! You don't have to be a WCA member to join us in the fun. We welcome one and all. You know how the saying goes -- "the more the merrier."

The Ugly Sweater part will be difficult in July, but we know you all will be wearing something worthy of the holiday.

WCA Business

The WCA Board took the following actions at its June meeting:

- Approved language to offer a student membership. (More information below.)
- Set Sept. 9 and 10 as the dates for our annual garage sale. (More information below.)
- Building and Development committees will collaborate on "The Porch" ribbon-cutting celebration.

Welcome New Members

Welcome new members **Nadia Lavrova** and **Vanessa Barone** who joined in June. We look forward to seeing you at upcoming events!

New Membership Level

The Club now has a student membership level. Students (defined as: any person matriculated at an accredited college, university or trade school) can join at the student rate of \$25. We're excited to begin outreach to local universities and to welcome students as members.

Save the Date

WCA Garage Sale Set for Sept. 9-10

Time to Clean Out the Attic and to Volunteer





The Garage Sale is set for Friday and Saturday, Sept. 9 and 10. Last year's sale was a mighty success, thanks to your donations and to our wonderful volunteers. This is a major fundraiser for the WCA and we will be looking again to our members for assistance.

If you are interested in joining the planning committee, or volunteering in any way, come to our meeting on Zoom at 6:30 p.m. on July 11. Contact event Co-chairs [Paula Hennessy](#) or [Susan Gould Fogerite](#) to get involved!

And it's not too early to start checking your attic, basement and closets for items to donate. Gather up gently used household goods and linens, small appliances, decorative and holiday items, purses, jewelry, toys, games, and books -- and join in the fun! We'll also have our bake sale !

Community Service

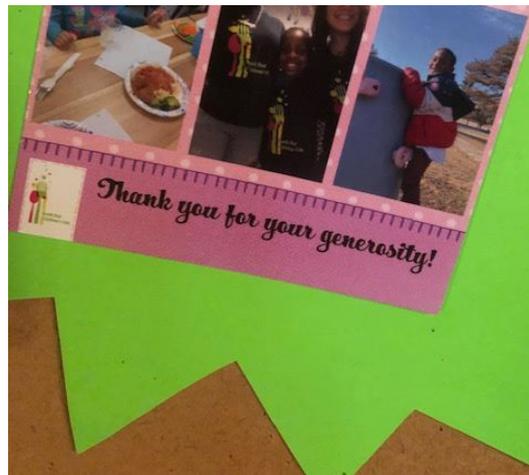
Literacy Volunteers Seeks Assistance

Literacy Volunteers of Rensselaer County needs volunteers in Albany County and Rensselaer County. Anyone who is interested can attend a free information session by Zoom on Wednesday, July 13, from noon to 1 p.m. Please register in advance [here](#).

The organization trains volunteer tutors to be paired with adult learners; serve as reading mentors for Everybody WINS! Power Lunch; and serve as math tutors and computer tutors. It also welcomes one-time events volunteers.

As a volunteer, you can develop new skills, make friends, and see how your efforts make a difference in your community. For more information, visit www.lvorc.org



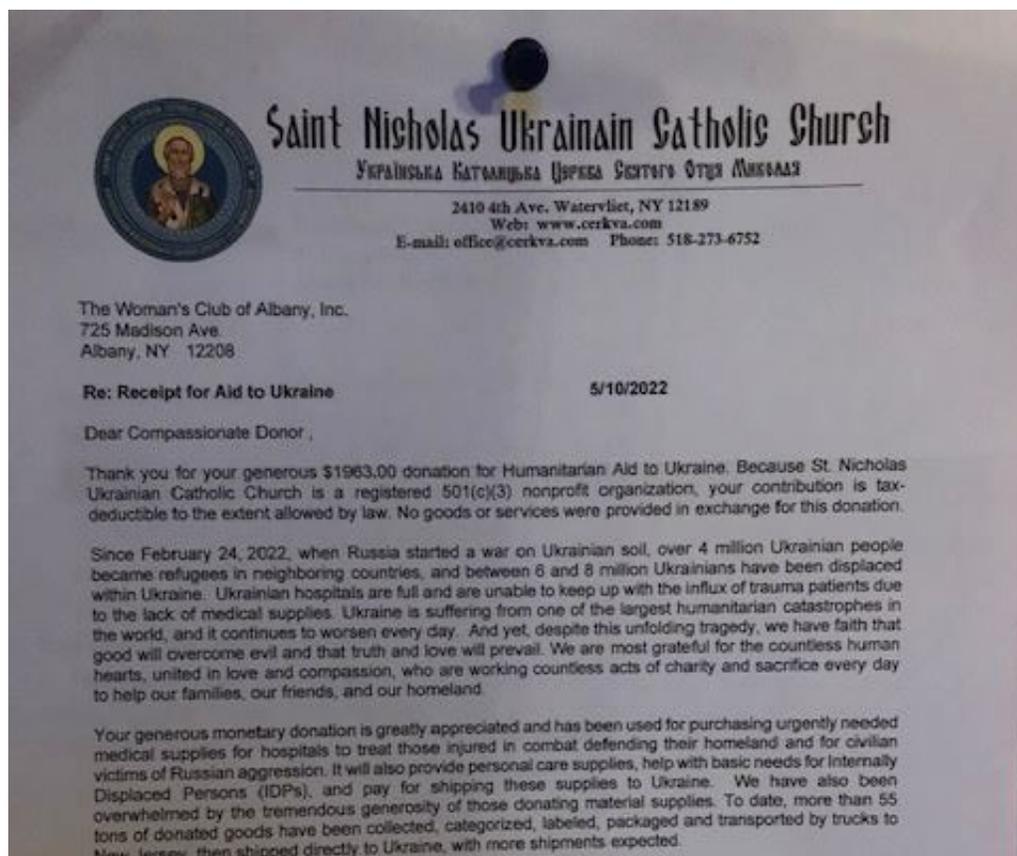


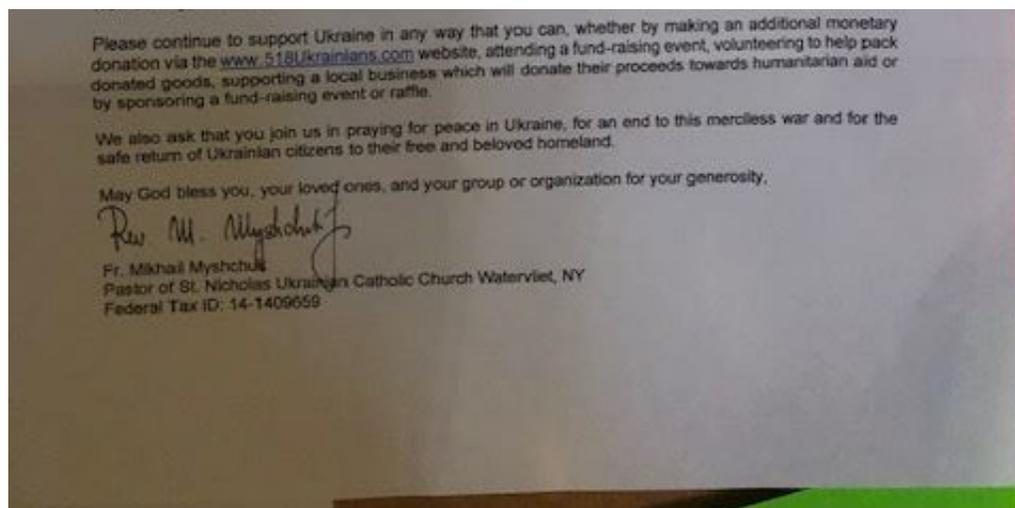
Thanks for Your Generosity

WCA members very generously responded to two recent collections -- one for monetary donations totaling \$1,950 to aid victims of the war in Ukraine and the other for food items for the South End Children's Cafe.

We recently received thank-you letters from St. Nicholas Ukrainian Church in Watervliet, which is coordinating donations for Ukraine, and from the South End Children's Cafe.

These and other thank-you notes are posted on the bulletin board in the entrance area at the WCA. Be sure to check them out next time you're at the house.





See You in September

Just a reminder: There are no Member Mondays in July or August.



Together Women Rise will not meet in July.

Stay tuned for news about our next meeting.

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