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March Events Are Springing Up at the WCA

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The Woman's Club of Albany

United in Service Since 1910

This is the March 1, 2023, newsletter for The Woman's Club of Albany, with news about our events and ways you can help us meet our mission.

A Message from Our President



Women's History Month celebrates the contributions of women past and present, focusing in March 2023 on the "Women Who Tell Our Stories."

The Woman's Club of Albany is proud to participate. Read below about how middle school students and WCA members will gather at the Club to talk and learn about famous women. Come to Member Monday to find out about Shaker women. Sign up soon for the WCA bus trip in May to visit the Women's History Museum.

How else can you take part? [Donate](#) to this organization or others like it that support women and girls. Be inspired by news stories recognizing trailblazing women.

But beyond that, share the power of personal experiences. Listen and tell, read and write the stories of women in your circle of family, friends and colleagues. Such connections motivate, inspire and foster courage and fortitude for ourselves and the next generation.

What story will you tell?

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February Board Actions

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

- Approved in concept the gift of rebuilding the front gardens in memory of Paula Rosenberg.
- Extended the 2021-23 Strategic Plan for another year.
- Approved an intergenerational celebration of Women's History Month.
- Approved funding for the Archives Committee to complete documentation of club artifacts.
- Approved the transfer of additional club records to M. E. Grenander Department of Special Collections & Archives at the University Libraries at the University at Albany.
- Approved the Rental Committee's request to establish dedicated social media pages to market the house as a rental venue.
- Approved the purchase of WCA stickers to affix to donated goods for our community partners and their clients.

The Piggy Bank Will be Stuffed!

Our exciting raffle is coming to a close. Nearly all tickets have been sold and returned.

If you are in possession of sold ticket stubs and payments, or unsold tickets, please return them to the WCA so they can be added to the sold tickets, or sold by someone else.

Remember there is a \$100 seller's prize for each winning ticket.

We are scheduling our actual ticket drawing for March Member Monday on March 27. Five lucky winners will be awarded \$1,000! You don't want to miss out!!

Contact [Martha McCormick](#) with any questions. Watch for more details on our website.
May the odds be with you!

Upcoming Events

2sDay in the Parlor

March 7 -- 6:30 p.m.

They say March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. Come get roaring with your friends at the WCA!

Bring a nip or a nosh to share and bring your best lion roar to scare away

Bring a tip or a treat to share and bring your best non fear to scare away Winter and bring on Spring! (Big lion's mane hair is not required!)

Have a fun theme for a 2sDay in the Parlor? Contact the Membership Committee chairs to find out how you can bring it to life in our parlor!

Please remember to bring empty plastic jugs that the Community Service Committee is collecting for the Vegetable Project in Albany schools. Not coming to 2sDay in the Parlor? Contact [Joann Crupi](#) for pick up.



March 9 -- 6:30 p.m.



(Together Women Rise photo)

This month's grant recipient is The Butterfly Project: Bringing the Bedrocks of Lasting Change to Northern Pastoralist Kenya's Most Excluded Girls. It is a project of Too Young to Wed, which strives to end child marriage globally.

This is a potluck dinner with a small educational component. Money that would be spent on going out to dinner is donated instead.

If you are interested in attending, contact [Rosemary Revoir](#).

Movie at the Spectrum

March 14 -- 3 or 4 p.m.

290 Delaware Ave., Albany

The movies usually begin around 3 or 4 p.m. See the WCA Members Facebook page or email Linda Fasano for more information or if you are interested in attending.



Happy St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Home Away from Home

Wednesday, March 15 -- 5:30 p.m.

(Aren't we all Irish this month?)

Our members' Home Away From Home celebrates all things Irish!

Join us to learn how to make authentic Irish Soda Bread. Patrick Hale will demonstrate his technique and share his award-winning recipe. Enjoy a slice of bread with butter and jam, a cup of tea or a wee dram.

The luck of the Irish prevails! We will have an opportunity to enjoy the delightful young dancers from Bethlehem Traditional Irish Dance who will show off their jigs and reels!

[Check them out here.](#)

So bring a nip or nosh, wear your green and celebrate in Celtic style!

Questions? Contact [Paula Hennessy](#).

"The Revolutionists"

March 19 -- 2:30 p.m.

Schenectady Civic Players

12 S. Church St., Schenectady

"The Revolutionists" is playing at the Schenectady Civic Players. If you want to attend, please register on the WCA website (link below), but reserve and pay for your own tickets. If there is assigned seating, please let the theater know you are with the Woman's Club of Albany so we can sit together, if possible.

Per the Schenectady Civic Players website: "This grand and dream-tweaked comedy is about violence and legacy, art and activism, feminism and terrorism, compatriots and chosen sisters, and how we actually go about changing the world. It's a true story. Or total fiction. Or a play about a play."

Click [here](#) for more information.

Click [HERE](#) to REGISTER to attend.

Next WCA Book Club

Tuesday, March 21 -- 6:30 p.m.

The book club will discuss "Horse" by Geraldine Brooks

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

Join Our Special Intergenerational Celebration of Women's History Month

Friday, March 24 -- 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Join us as group of students from the Albany Leadership Charter School visits the WCA, along with Dr. Jennie Evans, principal of the middle school and a WCA member.

The students will give presentations about women in history they have chosen to research, then join us for lunch and participate in informal discussions with WCA members who have had or have careers in a variety of areas.

We are actively seeking WCA members from diverse backgrounds to volunteer at least an hour of their time to speak with the students. Members willing to participate or who are interested but have questions can contact [Florence Abrams](#).

Don't Miss Member Monday - March 27

Happy Half Hour -- 6 p.m.

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

Announcements and program -- To follow

In honor of Women's History Month, Lorraine Weiss, Shaker Heritage Society education coordinator and WCA member, will present "In Her Rightful Place: Women's Roles In Shaker Community."

Lorraine is a historic preservation planner and educator. She has been involved with the WCA since 2005 during the resurgence, has served on the Strategic Planning Committee, and has been coordinating Good Books for Good Works events for many years.

You may know about Shaker furniture, have seen the distinct Shaker oval boxes, hummed the Simple Gifts song ('Tis a gift to be simple, 'tis a gift to be free ... ') and even worn a Shaker stitch sweater, but did you know that the Shakers' first permanent settlement was right here in Albany County?

Come learn more from Lorraine's talk at March Member Monday.

Welcome New Members

We welcome these new members and look forward to seeing you at our meetings and events:

- **Heidi Blick**
 - **Sarah Conley**
 - **Sarah Claire Crider**
 - **Laura DaPolito**
 - **Meredith O'Connell**
 - **Zory Pineiro**
 - **Cassandra Sanchez**
 - **Jacqueline Tremont**
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Did You Know?

The Year Was 1929 and . . .

"The Hospitality and Social Committees have arranged delightful teas for the Club members, especially the formal and dignified reception for new members, at which our new Honorary Member, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt was present." (*WCA Archives*)

The WCA continues to hold tea parties, with members and community guests supporting the WCA and its mission.

The next tea party is on **Saturday, May 20**. Hope to see you there!

-- Compiled by Pam Burns, Archives Committee chair

Volunteers Needed

WCA members are invited to volunteer to help with dinner preparation at the South End Children's Cafe on Wednesday, March 15, from 3 to 6 p.m.

The cafe, located on Warren Street in Albany, is an after-school program that also provides dinner for the children who attend and their families.

We need 4 to 5 people to help. This volunteer opportunity is open to all WCA members.

If you would like to volunteer, please [contact Susan Finn](#).

Let's Roll Out the Red Carpet

Calling all party planners! Remember that month-long rental at the WCA house last summer? Remember how the Board approved a special viewing party where WCA members can watch a certain TV show together?

It's time to put our heads together and plan some fun. Will it be fancy dress and champagne, or pajamas and popcorn?

We need some volunteers to plan the party. Please contact [Monica Trabold](#) if you would like to help.

Reminder: Update your Member Profile

Attention, members: The last newsletter suggested updating your personal profile on the WCA website.

The member directory is used by members to connect with other members, to share information about themselves and to help inform the Club and its members of their interests, hobbies, skills and committee participation. Members may not use email, phone number or address information of other members for solicitation of business or sales.

The login button is in the upper right-hand corner of our [home page](#). Don't have or don't know your password? You can create one [HERE](#).

Governance Committee Needs Your Help

The Governance Committee needs your help to develop the 2023 Nominating Committee, which is responsible for identifying members who are interested and willing to serve on the WCA Board.

Thank you!

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