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The Woman's Club of Albany

United in Service to the Community Since 1910

This is the October 2022 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



Last month, I encouraged WCA members and contacts to support our annual garage sale, and you certainly came through. With plentiful donations, raffle, bake sale and hours of work by many WCA volunteers, I am thrilled to report another record-breaking year with a profit of more than \$8,200! Thank you to all who supported this fundraiser, and a huge shout out to Co-chairs Paula Hennessy and Susan Gould Fogerite for their leadership.

Have you read the WCA mission recently?

The mission of the Woman's Club of Albany is to provide 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.

To that end, check out the Board Notes, news from our Community Service Committee about joining the WCA Making Strides team and a message of gratitude from our friends at Albany Medical Center. Ignite your passion for fashion with other Capital Region women at our Fashion Show fundraiser featuring WCA members modeling unique fashions and upcycled styles.

Did you know the beautiful WCA house is available as a rental venue? Make our home your home for your next special event.

To our contacts: The Club is offering a discount of \$50 off holiday rentals booked by Oct. 31.

To our members: As a member benefit, you save 50 percent on rental fees (25 percent off during your first year) and you also receive the \$50 discount.

Hope to see you at the WCA Friends and Family Picnic at Lawson Lake today. It's going to be a blast!

Monica Trabold

Board of Directors and Officers Sworn In





(Photo by Robbin Hodge)

Directors and officers for the 2022-23 fiscal year were sworn in Sept. 26 at Member Monday. From left are: Martha McCormick, secretary; Debbie Kaminski, treasurer; Janet Nardolillo; Monica Trabold, president; Albany County Judge Andra Ackerman; Paula Hennessy, vice president; Pattie Beeler; Susan Gould Fogerite; and Patti Kopach, past president. Not present: Sara Hotopp and Marilyn Hunter.

Board News

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

- Approved in concept a "Members Only Viewing Party" to be provided at no charge as a member benefit, date to be determined.
- Lowered the rental damage deposit from \$250 to \$100.
- Authorized an emergency monetary donation of \$750 to Things of My Very Own, a community partner organization, following recent flooding at its location.

Coming Events

Keep Calm and October On 2sDay the 4th

2sDay in the Parlor -- Smiles Start at 6:30 p.m.

It's sweater-weather and time to bring 2sDay into the parlor.

Last year we didn't have the new furnace yet and the year before that . . . well, we didn't have anything or anywhere we could share.

This year, if it's the first Tuesday of the month, we're back in the parlor! Thank goodness.

Take a break from "Club-stuff" and get to know each other on a strictly social level. As always, a nip or a nosh to share, please.

Orange is the new black and mum's the word. Stop by for two minutes or two hours.

It's all good. See you there.

Embrace your

***PASSION FOR
FASHION!***

**Saturday, October 15, 2022
at 3:00 pm**

**The Woman's Club of Albany
725 Madison Avenue**



Maria de Socorro features original designs

Upstairs Ballroom
(not handicap accessible)
Albany, NY 12208

Enjoy a fashion show featuring
WCA member models, presented by
member Maria Cardes, owner of
Maria de Socorro Fashions

Refreshments and discussion will
follow the show

Admission \$20
Seating is limited

from New York City, as well as
Maria's creative restyled fashions
mariadesocorro.com

Kindly register Online at
womansclubofalbany.com



All proceeds benefit the Woman's Club of Albany

Register [HERE](#) to attend the Fashion Show.

Don't Miss Home Away from Home

Oct. 19 -- 5:30 p.m.

Our monthly Members' Nights Out have seen board games, conversation, sharing a skill and more. These popular evenings are hosted by the Board in an effort to make the house more available to members. You can do whatever you want. But – we're suggesting some activities as a twist.

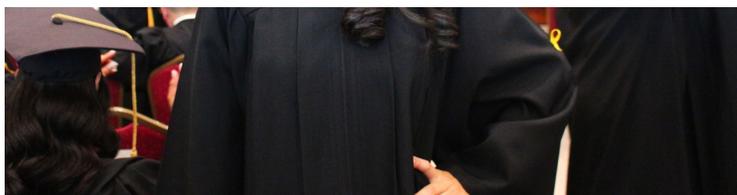
This month, Board member Janet Nardolillo will provide fruit, cookies and decaf coffee/tea to go with your brown bag supper. She will invite you to explore our house with a "scavenger hunt," checking out nooks and crannies, drawers and cupboards, big things and small.

Community Service



Thursday. Oct. 13 -- 6:30 p.m.





(Together Women Rise photo)

Did you know that there is a local chapter of ["Together Women Rise"](#) (formerly called Dining For Women") that meets monthly at the WCA? This organization is devoted to raising awareness of gender equality challenges and the struggles of women worldwide.

Each month a specific need is highlighted, and voluntary donations accepted. At the WCA evening, discussion and ideas are shared over a scrumptious potluck dinner. To date, the WCA chapter has raised almost \$43,000 for woman and girls.

This month's featured project is Girls Leading Change, a program of the Organization for Youth Empowerment in Honduras.

This project gives adolescent girls and young women the knowledge, skills, attitudes, values and tools to lead healthy lives and advocate for sexual and comprehensive reproductive health education in their schools and communities.

If you plan to attend or to learn more, please contact [Rosemary Revoir](#).



Making Strides for Breast Cancer Walk

Sunday, Oct. 16 -- 9:30 a.m Washington Park

WCA members, families and friends will join hundreds of others in our community to support and celebrate women who have had or are fighting breast cancer. Sign-up on the website! Let's let the community know the WCA supports this cause and our own members who have been affected by this disease.

Register to walk [HERE](#)

See You at Member Monday -- Oct. 24

Happy Half Hour -- 6 p.m.

**Pot Luck Supper -- 6:30 p.m.
Announcements and Guest Speaker -- 7 p.m.**

The Woman's Club is pleased to host a guest speaker from The International Center of the Capital Region this month. The center is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that has been welcoming and assisting international newcomers throughout New York's Capital Region since 1956. Its mission is to connect the Capital Region to the world through citizen ambassadors.

The center participates in the U.S. Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program. It also promotes the Capital Region's diverse people, rich history, and unique assets. Recent visitors include educators from Poland, doctors from Ukraine, filmmakers from Senegal, and judges from Pakistan.

The center is also working on expanding programming for youth as well as engaging the diverse cultural groups of the Capital Region.

Pending Board approval, we will collect cake mixes for the Grassroots Givers "Day of Simple Giving" to benefit FOCUS Pantries Christmas food baskets program.

Welcome New Members

Welcome to new members **Karli Bohunicky, Patricia Cate, Wendy Diefendorf, Emily Gargiulo, Rose Lyons, Hannah McNamee, Jessica Otitgbe, Jessica Shattuck, and Stacey Swanson**, who bring our membership to 154 people.

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

WCA Raffle Fundraiser Underway

The WCA Development Committee is sponsoring a raffle fundraiser. Here's how it works:

Club members may sell and/or buy tickets at **\$50** each for the opportunity to win one of **FIVE \$1,000 prizes**.

Also, the sellers of winning tickets receive a \$100 prize!

Only 210 tickets will be sold. The odds of any one ticket winning are 1/42. The odds of winning \$100 go up based on the number of tickets you sell.

Ticket winners and sellers may **not** donate winnings back to the Woman's Club of Albany.

To buy raffle tickets for yourself or obtain tickets to sell, contact [Martha McCormick](#). Tickets also will be available at WCA events.

May the Odds be With You!





Help Bike Rider Make History of Her Own

WCA a stop on her 300-mile journey

Join us as we greet Charlotte Powell, a ninth grader at Pioneer Valley Performing Arts School in South Hadley, MA, who is making a 300-mile bike ride from Massachusetts to Seneca Falls, N.Y. to promote the importance of voting in elections.

She is starting her ride on Wednesday, Oct. 5, and will be stopping at the WCA in mid-afternoon on Friday, Oct. 7, to share her message. (We'll provide a more precise arrival time as her ride progresses on Friday.)

Charlotte's goals in making this trip are also to make people aware of the sacrifices made by women in the Suffrage Movement in the early 1900s and to register 100 new voters.

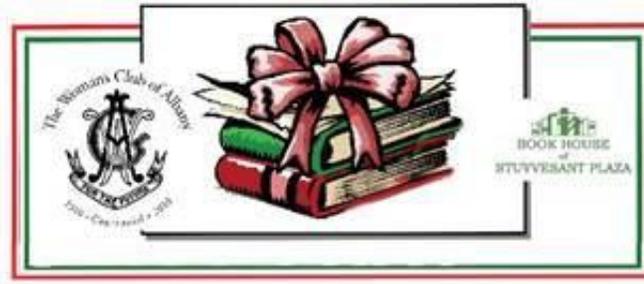
According to her mother, Charlotte was inspired by the Women's Suffrage Movement in 2019 when she learned about the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment. She combined her love of historical costuming to outfit her entire Girl Scout troop in period costumes and organized a 1919-style "Votes For Women" rally on Election Day in 2020.

Charlotte was discouraged to learn about the lack of voter turnout, particularly among women, and decided to come up with a way to inspire voting. She also wanted to get healthier and try to accomplish a difficult challenge. The 300-mile bike ride is her way to do all this.

For safety purposes, her father will ride with Charlotte and her mom will drive alongside to help with equipment and voter registration and other events.

Charlotte plans to reach the National Women's History Museum in Seneca Falls during the afternoon of Monday, Oct. 10.

Save the Date



Good Books for Good Works

Thursday, Nov. 17 -- The Book House of Stuyvesant Plaza

Watch for more details about our annual event to learn what's new in the book world, enjoy some shopping and help a local public school library. Co-partnered with The Book House.



Now Booking Holiday Parties!

Book your holiday gathering by October 31 and receive

\$50 off your holiday rental!!

Call 518.465.3626 to schedule

Womansclubofalbany.com

A Note from the Program Committee

We hope you enjoy all the wonderful activities planned for October by a variety of committees, including today's picnic, the fashion show and the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk.

The Program Committee meets on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. The next meeting will be on Oct. 20 via Zoom. We invite you to join us and share your ideas for future events.

We Give -- and Receive -- Thanks

The Woman's Club of Albany is pleased to acknowledge donations from these

local businesses in support of our Gift Basket Raffle at the Garage Sale and the WCA Family and Friends Picnic.

The Book House of Stuyvesant Plaza Book House
G Willikers -- Stuyvesant Plaza
Peaches Café -- Stuyvesant Plaza
Silver Parrot -- Stuyvesant Plaza
Starbucks -- Stuyvesant Plaza
Bountiful Bread -- Stuyvesant Plaza
Price Chopper/Market 32 Madison Ave. and Colonie Plaza
Hannaford -- Wolf Road
ShopRite -- Slingerlands
WCA member Kathy Kucharek who donated a Penzev's basket.
WCA member Linda Fasano who donated a Zentangle basket.

We received two lovely thank-you letters from the Albany Medical Center Auxiliary for donations of unsold merchandise after the garage sale. Here are some excerpts from the letters.

Thank you so much for including Albany Med in your list of not-for-profits and giving us the opportunity to take books for our patients and staff, and also to put out at our Oct. 14th book sale to benefit AMC Patient Needs Program.

The children at AMC love the children's books. There is a Catie Cart in Radiology which has 3 shelves for books for children waiting for appointments. The books are very popular with children and their parents. They are free to read them while there or take them home. I don't know the origins of Catie Cart but I am guessing Catie was a patient at AMC. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Respectfully,

Lynne Daly, AMC Auxiliary Librarian

We thank you so much for opening up your floors to us for our benefit, particularly the Christmas section. Our annual Thrift Shop Christmas Sale is on Friday, Nov. 18, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the BE section of the hospital. We will send you a formal invitation and ensure you access to this sale should you wish to stop by. We also appreciate the wallets and pocketbooks, Christmas tree and the dishes and glasses. We find your building charming with vast history.

Respectfully,

Theresa Elefante (lead thrift shop manager)

Donna Reid (longtime, devoted thrift shop volunteer)

Lynne Daly (AMC Auxiliary librarian)

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