

PROGRESS IN PRINT
DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB
AUGUST 2015

Dear Members,

I hope all of you have been enjoying a relaxing and restful summer. What a delight it was this year to experience the newest of spring. Just watching the trees and grass *quickly* turn green was such a joy! Hopefully this wonderful weather will continue in the months ahead...at least until December!

As we embarked on our new calendar year in June, a club orientation event was held for new members to acquaint them with the history of the Delmar Progress Club and to introduce them to our Study Group leaders. It was also an opportunity to get a sneak preview of the activities on the agenda for the coming year. The gathering was hosted by Kathy Schimanski, our second vice president and membership chairperson, and was a huge success. Kudos to Kathy!

Study group leaders worked hard preparing numerous interesting and educational programs for you all to enjoy in the months ahead. Be sure and thank them for their dedication to the club when attending the various activities. You will be receiving your 2015-2016 Yearbook soon, detailing all of the programs planned for the coming year. I sincerely hope you will all participate in as many events as possible. My sincere thanks to Audrey Watson for the many, *many* hours she spent in typing and assembling our Yearbook! Thanks also to the proofreaders and to Sue Haswell for coordination of the distribution of the booklet.

September will be here before you know it, so I would ask you to mark your calendars now! The Community Service Committee will be meeting on Monday, 9/21, and there will be a "stuffing party" on Monday, 9/28, at the Bethlehem Public Library. Come one, come all! We will be stuffing dollies for Operation Smile and Angel pillows for our cancer project. Those people who offered to sew either hearts or dolls, please be sure to attend (or) arrange to have your unfinished items delivered to the library by 1:00pm on the 28th. Come with pins, needles, and thread. Poly stuffing material will be provided. We want to finish this project in time for the general meeting in October so please come and help. And be prepared to laugh a lot...this activity is one that brings pleasure to ALL who participate. Be a star in our community and volunteer to help!!!

Our first official meeting of the new- year will be held on Monday, October 5th and our annual fall banquet is scheduled for Wednesday, October 21st. Specifics pertaining to this wonderful dinner are detailed in this issue of PIP. Anyone who still owes annual dues is encouraged to mail your checks in the amount of \$45.00 to Marilyn Kaltenborn at 71 Paxwood Road, Delmar, 12054, as soon as possible.

See you all soon!
Carolyn

Delmar Progress Club

Event Refund Policy

Adopted by the Board of Directors on June 19, 2015

The Board of Directors hereby adopts the following policy with respect to refunds of money for an event, including trips, when a person has given the club money (in cash or by check) in advance of an event.

1. If a person who has pre-paid for an event cancels before the event is held and the canceling person or the club can find another person to take the place of the person who has canceled (for example, there is a waiting list), the club will either return (or destroy) the canceling person's check or issue a refund of the full amount.

2. If a person who has pre-paid for an event cancels before the event is held and neither the canceling person nor the club can find another person to take the place of the person who has canceled, the club will refund **only that portion** of the canceling person's pre-payment which the club has not paid or committed to pay for the event.

3. If the club makes a reservation in anticipation of an event, the event is canceled and the club incurs a cancellation penalty, each person who made a pre-payment will receive a full refund (most likely by returning or destroying her check). The club will absorb the cancellation penalty, not the Study Group that organized the event.

4. If a contract has a cancellation penalty in excess of \$100, the contract needs to be approved by the President and Treasurer before being signed.

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Policy Concerning Treatment of Event Income or Loss

Adopted by Board of Directors on June 19, 2015

The Board of Directors hereby adopts the following policy with respect to how net income or loss from an event is treated.

If an event is for a designated purpose (for example, to raise money for the Emergency Relief Fund, Canine Companions, Operation Smile, Scholarships, etc.), the net income (or loss) from the event will be recorded in the account established for the designated purpose.

If an event is not for a designated purpose (for example, the spring banquet, fall banquet, the holiday tea, a trip, etc.), the net income (or loss) from the event is club income (or loss) and will be recorded in the account established for that purpose.

14TH ANNUAL OVARIAN CANCER TEAL RIBBON RUN/WALK

The 14th Annual 5K and 1 Mile Walk will be held on **Sunday, September 13, at 9:00 a.m.** at the Washington Park Lake House in Albany. Last year DPC had a team which raised nearly \$1,000.

A Delmar Progress Team has been formed again and information may be found on www.caringtogetherny.org, where you may register as a team member and/or donate to a team member if you wish. The pre-registration fee is \$15 if registered by September 1st and the first 600 registered participants will receive a free T-shirt. The registration fee after September 1 is \$25.00. There is also available at www.caringtogetherny.org a mail-in registration form and a pledge form if you wish to ask others to support your walk.

As was the case last year, packets including information with a shirt, if you're registered by September 1st, will be picked up and delivered to you prior to race day so it's important that I know if you have registered either on line or by mail. Please call Doris Kirk at 439-6515 and leave a message. Otherwise, your packet will be available for you on race day. Also, we may be able to arrange carpools, if necessary, for race day.

The Run/Walk is sponsored by Caring Together, Inc. and all funds raised will provide ovarian cancer support, education and research funding. For more information or questions, or if you need a mail-in registration form, contact Doris at 439-6515.

Cancer Comfort Project – 2015

Please join in the fun and help with our Cancer Comfort Project for this year! We are embarking on a wonderful new project that *each and every* lady can assist in making successful.

At our April general meeting, a plan was presented to support state president, Rosemary Brown's, special cancer project. It was decided that our club might participate in the Angel Pillow Project and Cancer Comfort Kit project for women suffering from various types of cancer.

Heart patterns and sample pillows were displayed to illustrate our goal, as well as a "cancer comfort gift bag" filled with a fleece blanket, fuzzy socks, lotion, toothbrush and toothpaste, lip balm, and a journal. Other toiletries will be added. Members can participate in one or both projects. Two or three people can work on a gift bag together. Some ladies will be sewing the heart shaped pillows, while others will stuff the pillows and complete the hand sewing task.

This project is being partnered with "To Life", our local Delmar connection in providing education and comfort to women suffering with cancer. All pillows and comfort kits will be distributed to women of lesser means in the inner city, those without resources, who (like those we know) are battling this nasty disease.

So, *please*, join us in making this project a major success! More information will be available at the May meeting. We will work on this endeavor throughout the summer with anticipation of reaching our goal in early October. "Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, at all the times you can, to ALL the people you can, as long as you ever can"! (John Wesley)

WEBSITE INFORMATION

The Delmar Progress Club has a website that was established several years ago. The address is: delmarprogressclub.org. Loretta Darcy has ably served as webmaster for a number of years. The site is now in need of refreshing, updating, maybe even a little "spiffing". We would like to set up a small committee to do just that. If you any aptitude for such things or just an interest, call Wilma DeLucco at 438-6164 or email wilmad228@aol.com.

MEMBERSHIP

At our May meeting we were pleased to welcome Paula Hemmings as a new member and it was announced that Susan Weiss had resigned. Over the summer the following ladies also submitted their resignations: Susan Bennett, Sally Gazette, Barbara Meffert-Huth, Mary Jane Rice, Mary Rogler and Donna Spellman. With sadness, we report the passing of four long-time members, Jacqueline Allgaier, Helen Smith, Kay Williams and Lois Dillon

For membership applications, please contact Membership Chairperson, Kathryn Schimanski at 439-7237. Membership applications are also available at the Bethlehem Public Library and at our general meetings. Applications need the signature of two active members and are to be accompanied by a \$45.00 check made payable to the Delmar Progress Club to cover dues. Please send completed applications to Delmar Progress Club, P.O. Box 423 Delmar, NY 12054.

COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE

The Community Service Committee will hold its only meeting of the year on **Monday, September 21 -- 10:00 AM** -- at the Bethlehem Public Library. The duty of this committee is to recommend and provide leadership for projects that benefit our community as well as other educational and charitable institutions. You, and particularly new members, are invited to join us to give us direction for this next year as well as to see what we've done this past year. We [Nancy Looby (489-4041), Karen Bylsma (767-9016) and Maryalice Svare (439-7284)] hope to see you on the 21st."

“PS: Your donations are a very important part of community service. New members: at every general meeting we collect your change/dollar/dollars to add to the club's budgeted donation toward the town's heating fund. We also collect (for distribution to those in need): box tops for education; toiletries; lap robes/afghans; mittens and hats; good-quality seasonal men's, women's and children's clothing; children's books and games; new playing cards; greeting cards; postage; calendars (particularly pocket-size); school supplies, etc., for Operation Smile; and items for the **food pantry (the town is currently requesting coffee, tea, hearty soups, toothpaste, deodorant, toilet paper, cleaning supplies, as well as grocery or dollar store gift cards).**”

ANTIQUÉ STUDY GROUP

The Antiques Study Group's first meeting will be held on **Thursday, October 15th at 1:30 PM** at the Bethlehem Public Library Board Room.

Bob Prentiss (husband of member Anna Prentiss) will present a program on antique bottles of local and state origins.

The Group's second meeting will be a trip to the National Bottle Museum (part 2) in Ballston Spa on **November 12th** with lunch on your own to follow at the Whistling Kettle restaurant. We will car pool from the CTDA Park and Ride lot across from Delaware Plaza, leaving at 9 AM. Marianne Micozzi will have a sign-up sheet at the October meeting. Please confirm your attendance with Marianne at 767-9362 or mcozy@nycap.rr.com by Thursday, November 5th.

CREATIVE ARTS

On Monday, September 28 at 1:00 p.m. join us as we stuff heart pillows for To Life! And Dolls for Operation Smile. No talent needed. We will meet in the BPL Comm. Room.

On Friday, October 9 at 9:00 a.m. Dorothy Williams will lead us in making the programs for the Fall Banquet. She is sure to have something interesting for us. We will meet in the BPL Board Room.

FRIDAY Morning Knitting – Meet in the Board Room on Fridays at 10:00 a.m. on 9/25, 10/30, 11/27, 1/29, 2/26, 3/25, 4/29, 6/24 and 7/29. Open to all. No sign ups necessary.

GARDEN GROUP

On **Wednesday, October 14** (time –TBA) we will visit Shaker Farm and Faddegon's to look at the variety of plants and bulbs available for fall plantings. Also, there will be a discussion about winter preparation for your garden. Lunch at the Tailored Tea will follow. We will car pool from the CDTA Park and Ride opposite Delaware Plaza.

HEALTH AND FITNESS

Exercise to music at Bethlehem Town Hall each Tuesday and Friday at 9:00 a.m. Cost is \$3 per session, on a come as you choose basis. See the Yearbook for other classes available.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE SOS

The Social Committee needs your help at this year's Holiday Tea. We **have** help with, cookies for shut-ins, entertainment, and centerpieces. **WE NEED HELP** with the following: greeters, kitchen supervisor, and kitchen help (4-5 people). If you are interested in helping please call Jeanne Bourque at 439-9757.

LITERATURE GROUP

Remarks about the Picnic last June

1. I have not heard any complaints regarding my asking members to bring their own drinks. Actually I liked it. Everyone could bring what they wanted. If someone wants "hot" coffee on a "hot" day they can bring it. So, unless people object, we will bring our own drinks along with our own place settings in the future.
2. Thank you to the ladies who were responsible for their own garbage -- most of you were. I know I have been saying that for years. I finally told you all, the whole story last spring. Maybe I should have told you everything before. The response was amazing -- a large decrease in the amount of garbage that Joan had to take home. Thank you.

October 13, 2015 BPL 1:30 -- Wilma DeLucco will speak about the *Book of Ages: the life and opinions of Jane Franklin* by Jill LePorte. Jane was Benjamin's youngest sister. Don't let the size of the book scare you away. The last chapter, titled "The End", is on pages 266-267. The remaining pages of the book are the appendices, acknowledgements, notes and index.

November 10, 2015 BPL 1:30 -- Kathy Schimanski will speak about *Grey Mountain* by John Grisham.

PERFORMING ARTS

An Afternoon of beautiful music.....

The Schenectady Symphony Orchestra has scheduled a fine program of classical music for **Sunday, October 18 at 3 p.m.** The performance will include: "Academic Festival Overture" by Johannes Brahms, the "Cello Concerto in B Minor by Antonin Dvorak with Lucas Button soloist, and "Firebird Suite 1945" by Igor Stravinsky.

Marge Gary is handling tickets. Please sign up and send your check for \$12 made out to Delmar Progress Club to Marge by October 10. Her address is 5 Tyler Court, G Guilderland 12084. We will carpool to Schenectady. If you are interested in dinner after the concert, please contact Wilma DeLucco at 439-6164 as soon as possible and **no later than October 10.**

Adam Had 'em.....

That's the short of it. But poetry comes in all forms and sizes so the Performing Arts Group is going to explore poetry from a different angle. We won't be thinking of it as literature (though it is) but as performance (which it has been since at least ancient Greece). We'll remind you of old favorites and maybe introduce you to new ones. Dramatic readings can make you an audience or an active participant.

Think back to poems that have been a part of your life or experience and tell us about them. Join us for an interesting and enjoyable afternoon down a different memory lane. We'll be in the **Bethlehem Library Community Room at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 17.** Refreshments will be served.

DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS CARD PARTY

Mark your calendar for our annual Dollars for Scholars Card Party which will be held on November 14, 2015 at the Normanside Country Club. Bring your friends, (non-members are welcome) and play bridge, pinochle, monopoly, mah jongg, or whatever game you like. You can also just come and gab. Your \$25.00 registration fee includes lunch and a donation to the scholarship fund. We will also have our always popular silent auction, a bake sale, a special item raffle and wonderful door prizes. Details are at the end of this newsletter. If you would like to join the Committee and help organize the event, call Wilma DeLucco at 439-6164.

OPERATION SMILE

Operation Smile organizers has sent a letter of thanks to DPC for our donations of money, dolls, quilts, toys, etc. this past season. Operation Smile is still in need of dolls (Cotton), quilts, armbands, gowns, small stuffed animals, crayons and coloring books. Dolls should be of muslin or cotton, white or off white. Quilts should be made of cotton 45 X 45 or 54 X 54. Gowns and armbands should also be made of cotton. Crayons should be in 8 count boxes. Virginia Mead has patterns for the dolls and gowns and instruction sheets for the arm bands. If you love to sew, we can use your talent.

Watch for sales on school supplies going on now. Thanks for supporting this worthwhile cause.

EVERY CHILD DESERVES A BEAUTIFUL SMILE! Sincerely, Virginia



DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB FALL BANQUET

Wednesday, October 21, 2015
Albany Country Club
Wormer Road, Voorheesville

Social Hour (cash bar) 5:30p.m. - Dinner 6:30p.m.

Dinner:

Assorted Field Greens with Dried Fruits (no nuts)
Flat Iron Steak with a Mushroom Demi Glace
Chicken with Prosciutto & Dill Havarti in a Marsala
Sauce
Potato Crusted Boston Cod
Portabella & Smoked Gouda Grilled Vegetable
Napoleon
Yukon Gold Mashed Potatoes
Vegetable Medley
Rolls and Butter
Warm Apple Dumpling with Crème Anglaise
Coffee and tea

Entertainment:

“A Medley of Broadway Melodies” – Judi Merriam

Cost: \$35.00

Send check, payable to Delmar Progress Club to
Phyllis Chambers, 12 Lakeview Circle Dr.,
Lake George, NY 12845

No later than Wednesday, October 14th!!!
Please indicate entrée choice on your check

If you need a ride, call Joyce DeMoly at 439-3470

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

"DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS"
Scholarship Fund Card Party at Normanside Country Club
Saturday, November 14, 2015
Noon - 4 p.m.

Each year the Delmar Progress Club awards a deserving Bethlehem Central High School senior a college scholarship. Your \$25 ticket will help us achieve our goal of \$1500.00

YOU WILL:

- *Enjoy a delicious lunch – check your choices below
- *Have a chance at special door prizes

SILENT AUCTION, BAKE SALE & RAFFLE

We will look forward to another successful silent auction of your "gently used treasures". Pickups will begin on Monday, October 15th unless arranged otherwise. Call Wilma DeLucco at 439-6164. Items for the bake sale should be small packages of cookies, muffins, etc., packaged in clear wrap. The raffle items will include a hand quilted table runner, a Thanksgiving basket complete with a coupon for a turkey, and a knitted afghan. Raffle ticket forms are attached.

-MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW!

- Encourage your bridge club and your board game friends to come and bring their cards and games. Non-DPC members are welcome.
- Come one, Come all – you don't need a partner to attend! If you need extra people to fill your table, or if you are a "single" and need a table, or if you need table for more than four, please call Deanne Sodergren (439-6878).
- Tell your family and friends about the great prizes.
- Reservations a must - by November 5, 2015.
- Each person attending must fill out the form below.

-Can't come? Consider making a donation of any amount to the Scholarship Fund.

DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS GAME & CARD PARTY

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Menu: Winter Squash Soup, and
(Circle one below)

- (1) Chicken Wrap with roasted peppers, bacon, provolone, and veggies 2) Egg Salad on a croissant
or (3) Chopped Salad with tomatoes, red onion, mozzarella, roasted carrots and balsamic dressing
plus dessert and coffee or tea.

Check amount: _____ Make payable to Delmar Progress Club. \$25 per person.
Others at your table (each must fill out separate form). List their names below:

1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____ 4. _____

MAIL COMPLETED FORM with card party check (or your donation) to:
Deanne Sodergren 22 Sheffield Drive, Delmar, NY 12054 by November 5, 2015

DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS RAFFLE TICKET

5 for \$3.00 or \$1.00 each

1st PRIZE: Hand quilted table runner

2nd PRIZE: Thanksgiving basket with coupon for a turkey

3rd PRIZE: Knitted afghan

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