

PROGRESS IN PRINT
DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB

OCTOBER 2016

Thanks to all of the members who attended our first meeting for this calendar year. It was wonderful to see so many members. I hope everyone is planning on participating in all or many of the various activities that are being offered by the study groups.

We have our fall banquet coming up on October 26th and I am hoping that many of you will attend.

We also have the Card Party on November 19th. It is our only fund raiser for our scholarship fund and important that we have a good attendance. Please support this event.

**Sincerely,
Joyce Demoly, President**

“DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS”

Scholarship Fund Card Party at the Normanside Country Club

Saturday, November 19, 2016 12:00-4:00 PM

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

YOU WILL:

****Enjoy a delicious buffet lunch with friends, including non-Progress Club friends***

****Have an opportunity to win lots of exciting prizes***

Highlights include the following: RAFFLE and DPC “DOLLAR STORE”

SILENT AUCTION: We look forward to another successful silent auction that includes both new donations as well as your gently used “treasures”. Feel free to bring your items to the November General Meeting. If you would like to have your auction items picked up, please contact Laura Cooper at 330-2476.

BAKE SALE: *Small packages of cookies and/or muffins are especially appreciated. Please wrap all items in plastic. Drop off of baked goods is scheduled for Friday, November 18th from 1:30 to 3:00 at the Delaware Avenue Berkshire Bank.*

RAFFLE: *We will be selling raffle tickets for a chance to win one of the following:*

- *appetizer basket with wine, cheese and crackers*
- *hand-quilted blanket*
- *hand-quilted seasonal table runners*
- *hand-knitted afghan*

“DPC DOLLAR STORE”: *Several tables of donated items that will be priced between \$1.00 and \$3.00. Perfect for stocking stuffers! Please bring these items to the October and/or November General Meeting*

Come for the card and board games! Come for the fun and friends! Come for the delicious food!

MAKE RESERVATIONS NOW!

Encourage your bridge club and board game playing friends to join you. You don't need a partner to attend. If you need extra people to fill your table, contact Deanne Sodergren. (439-6878) Tell your family and friends about this great community event!

RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST!

RESERVE YOUR SPACE BY NOVEMBER 10, 2016!

Please use the form below. Each attendee must fill out a form.

Can't come? Consider making a donation to the Scholarship Fund

DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS GAME & CARD PARTY

Name _____ Phone _____

Buffet menu: Deli sandwiches, tossed salad, pasta with tomato cream, rolls, fruit salad, cookies, and brownies

Check Amount _____ make payable to Delmar Progress Club (\$25 per person).

Please give names of others at your table. Each attendee must fill out an individual form.

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

MAIL COMPLETED FORM with card party check (or donation) to:

Deanne Sodergren 22 Sheffield Drive, Delmar, NY 12054

Please respond no later than November 10, 2016

DON'T FORGET DUES are due before the Fall Banquet. Send your check to Joan Richardson at 8 Hughes Common, Slingerlands, NY 12159. Call Joan at 439-4800 if you are not sure if you have paid.

HEALTH AND FITNESS – Senior's in Motion – Tuesdays and Fridays at 9 a.m. at the Town Hall Auditorium. Exercise to music.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- *American Red Cross blood drives ... Do think about helping. We really, really need to increase our list of volunteers. Any one of you can help with registration or canteen.*
- *Box Tops for Education ... We recently dropped off 491 box tops to Glenmont; Elsmere will be the next recipient.*
- *Canine Companions for Independence ... The guest speaker at our 11/7 meeting will be a local person (and her dog) who benefits from this program.*
- *Financial Aid ... We collected \$117.75 (for the heating fund) at our October meeting.*
- *Food Pantry ... The town would especially like donations of mustard, ranch dressing, fruit cocktail, cooking oil, and cleaning supplies.*
- *Jump Start ... The contact person at Elsmere is Isabel Collins 928-0241 or email mrs.izabel@yahoo.com*

- *Shut-ins ... Margaret Cropsey is collecting coffee cans for cookie distribution.*
- *Women in Need ... Along with toiletries, they would welcome our unused cell phones.*
- *Medicine vials ... We are no longer collecting them.*

- *Be sure to report all your community service ... whether it's hours, dollars, or in kind donations particularly if it's GFWC related.*
- *Finally, thank you for all you do. And if you have questions or suggestions for where else we can help, please be in touch. Nancy Looby (489-4041)*

The luncheon for Bethlehem Seniors will be held at

12 noon Monday, November 14th

**St. Stephens Episcopal Church, 16 Elsmere Avenue,
Delmar.**

**At the November meeting there will be signup sheets
for members to volunteer. The menu consists of
chicken pot pie, cranberry jelled salad, green salad,
rolls, and brownie/ice cream dessert.**

**If you want to help or have questions, please call
Maryalice Svare 439-7284 or Karen Bylsma 767-9016**

SALVATION ARMY STOCKINGS...

Stockings will be available at the Fall Banquet and the November meeting. All instructions are with each stocking. I ordered 125 for DPC to fill so please consider taking a stocking or two. They are due back to Kim Watson on Dec 2. That information is also on the sheet with your stockings. THANKS!

ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION

Join us on Wed. October 19th at 10:00 a.m. as we tour the Green Roof Garden at Doane Stuart School

REMEMBRANCE:

Marilyn Spencer is our Remembrance Chair. She sends get well and thinking of you cards to club members who are ill and sympathy cards to bereaved members or their families. Marilyn can be reached at mbspencer0813@gmail.com or 439-1003.

We also bring cookies after our Annual Holiday Tea to some of our members. Please email Carolyn Bennett at Carolyn.bennett@spectra-associates.com if you know of club members who cannot attend the Tea due to illness or infirmity and who would enjoy receiving cookies this year. Those who do not have email may call Carolyn at 439-9435.

Thank you- Wilma DeLucco

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH: "The color is Purple"

Did you know that October is "Domestic Violence Awareness Month"? Are you aware that helping to prevent domestic violence and supporting its victims is the signature project of the General Federation of Women's Clubs?

Domestic Violence Awareness Month evolved from the "Day of Unity" held in 1981 and in 1987 the first domestic violence awareness month was observed. That same year marks the initiation of the first national domestic violence toll-free hotline. Congress passed a law designating October as National Domestic Awareness Month and each year a summit is held in Washington in October promoting legislation to further assist victims of violence. Annually, members of GFWC are invited to participate in this summit. Our national organization lobbies specifically on behalf of women and children.

On the local level, the Delmar Progress Club donated 634 hours last year and \$1,700.00 in in-kind donations towards relief efforts towards violence victims. Several bags of hand-knitted baby clothes and blankets were

donated to the Maternity House for unwed mothers, Equinox and Interfaith Family Services. Other clothing items were donated to Mercy House, Grassroot Givers, and St. Peter's Hospital. Club members also served on a team that prepares dinner four times a year for women in need at Mercy House. Others donated several large bags of toiletries to assist women and children that have suffered from domestic violence. On a larger scale, GFWC offers a "Success for Survivors Scholarship". Since its inception in 2012, \$10,000.00 has been awarded in scholarships to provide survivors with a means to achieve both financial and personal independence.

Domestic violence impacts women, men, and children of every age, background and belief. Nearly one in four women in the United States suffer severe physical violence by an intimate partner. During National Domestic Violence Month, the GFWC reaffirms its dedication to forging an America where no one suffers the hurt and hardship that domestic violence causes. Won't you join in helping to stop this abuse and in helping to assist its victims? Every little bit helps!!!

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

At our general meeting on October 3, we approved Susan Lamora, Ann Jeram, Karen Vogel, Bobbie Moore and Pamela O'Brien for membership in the Club. Antoinette Amenta, Mary Ellen Bardwell and Joyce Pratt have resigned.

For membership applications, please contact Membership Chairperson, Maris Hart at 383-2894. Membership applications are also available at the Bethlehem Public Library and at our general meetings. Applications need the signature of an active member who is personally acquainted with the applicant and who has at least one year's standing in the Club. Applications 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.

ANYTIME GIFTS- HEIFER INTERNATIONAL

Heifer International, a non-profit organization, helps needy families in 128 countries around the world by providing more than 25 types of food and income-producing animals plus intensive training in animal management environmentally sound farming, and community development. Each family commits to passing on their gift animal's first female offspring to another family in need in the community. This builds a sense of dignity and worth and improves health and education opportunities.

Heifer International is a major partner under the GFWC's umbrella. Donations made to Heifer with the DPC/GFWC notation on your check may be counted by the federation. You in return get a federal tax deduction. For every ten dollars donated, you may receive a card that explains how you have helped someone in need in your loved one's honor. And you will have no need to shop, worry about size, color, quality, wrap, dust, wash, or store in a closet.

The procedure is simple. If you have donated before, you know what to do. DO IT! If you want more information please call Mary Richards at 439-7583. And remember, when you donate, tell Mary when and how much so that she can keep a tally of how much the ladies of DPC gave.

When you count your blessings, remember to give thanks that you are able to help others in need.

ANTIQUÉ STUDY GROUP

On Thursday, October 27 at 1:30pm in the Board Room of the BPL, William McPherson will talk about American political memorabilia and will share items from his extensive collection. Come join us for what will surely be an interesting and informative presentation.

On Monday, November 21 we will meet for a one and one half hour guided tour of Proctor's Theatre followed by lunch on your own at Aperitivo Bistro. Transportation will be by car pool leaving from the CDTA Park & Ride lot at 10am. The tour of Proctor's hidden and special places will begin at 11am. Lunch will follow at 1pm. Please sign up. Our contact person is Robyn Giddings (rgidding@nycap.rr.com; 518-439-8599).

GARDEN GROUP

Join us on Friday, November 18th at 10:00 AM in the Board Room at the Bethlehem Public Library to make festive ornaments to be used to decorate the Christmas tree at Ten Broeck Mansion. No reservations needed.

CREATIVE ARTS

It is not too late to join the group going to the Garden Works in Salem to make a beautiful wreath of dried flowers on October 20th. The cost of the wreath will be about \$45.00. There will be a stop on the way home for lunch. We will leave from the CDTA Park and Ride opposite Delaware Plaza at 9:30am. Call Marge O'Brien 439-2086 to confirm you will join them.

On Thursday December 8th at 10:00am at the library we will make mittens. Easy to do, they will be cut from sweaters, lined with fleece and stitched by hand. Make for yourself or for the mitten tree. Call Marge O'Brien 439-2086 for supplies needed for this project.

Reminder: Friday morning knitting at the library, 10:00am 10/28, 11/25 and 12/30. Open to all.

LITERATURE GROUP

October 11th Phyllis Howell will talk about The Secret Chord by Geraldine Brooks.

November 15th Sue Haswell will discuss The Wright Brothers by David McCullough.

We meet at the Bethlehem Public Library at 1:30. All members of the DPC are invited.

Notes availability of Merely A Madness, the book for the April review by Marge O'Brien. As of now Marge has the copies of this title. If you plan on reading it, contact Marge. She will be in charge of the list of names and the procedure for moving the copies from one person to the next. I think it is a "fast" read and one of the shortest books we have ever had.

PERFORMING ARTS

Get your tickets now for the opera simulcast on Saturday, January 21, 2017 at 12:55 PM Charles Gounod's beautiful "Romeo et Juliette" will be transmitted live in HD from the Metropolitan Opera in New York City to Crossgates Movie Theater. Mary Richards will have tickets, expected to be \$24, so send a check made out to her at 740 Feura Bush Rd., Delmar. All performances are open seating so get there early and bring your lunch.

TRAVEL GROUP

Wednesday, October 19, 2PM BPL Community Room

Keep Portland Weird! – Audrey Watson will try to show why people in Portland, Oregon are so proud of this motto.

In keeping with past tradition, we'll have a **show and tell** at our first meeting — bring something from a favorite trip!

Wednesday, November 16, 2PM BPL Community Room

Costa Rica like a Tico Tourist – volcanoes, beaches, and chocolate. Marcy Corneil

OPERATION SMILE – Marjorie O’Brien – chairperson

Everyone deserves a beautiful smile. Please consider donating the following items. If you have any questions please contact Marge at 439-2086.

Keep in mind that a “smile bag” is the size of a coloring book 12 X 14. Quilts or afghans should be 45X45 or 54X54 square. They can be made out of a cotton fabric or a light fleece, with a light batting filling. The doll pattern can be picked up at a meeting from Marge O’Brien. They should be made with white, buff or light tan muslin or light weight cotton.

Each smile bag contains the following items: .85 to 1.4 shampoo (screw top only), small comb, new wash cloth, hotel size bar or soap, small square mirror, child size toothbrush (single pack), sample size toothpaste, 8 ½ x 11 coloring book, 8 pack crayons, small stuffed animal (beanie baby size).

Always in need of: flashlights, batteries, bulk colored file folders, staplers, staple removers, large rubber bands, 2 hole punch, clipboards, colored markers (10-12 pack), highlighters, 1 inch masking tape, chalk, children’s scissors, coloring books, construction paper, crayons, ink pads, blue and black ink pens, sandwich size Ziploc bags, staples, scissors, scotch tape and dispensers, glue sticks, white out, black sharpie markers, 55 gallon trash bags, pencil sharpeners, play-doh, rolls of examining paper for murals, stamps, stickers, tissue paper, water paints and brushes.

Interactive toys always needed: action figures, Barbie dolls, barrettes, blow up beach balls, board games, busy boxes, cars and trucks, dolls, fisher price medical kits, floor mats or large sheets, Frisbees, giant duplo blocks, go fish, hungry hippo travel size, infant rattles, jacks, jenga blocks, jump ropes, liquid bubbles, magic wands, matchbox cars, Mr. Potato Head, nail polish, perfection game, plastic slinky, play telephone, pull toys, puppets, puzzles, sassy infant toys, see-n-say toys, soft balls, stacking cups, wall mount mini basketball hoop with ball, wind- up toys.

THANK YOU!