

PROGRESS IN PRINT
DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB

April 2017

Dear Members,

According to the calendar it is spring. Unfortunately the weather hasn't caught up. But I am sure we will soon be able to wear our summer clothes.

This will be the last issue of PIP done by Kim Watson. Thank you, Kim, for your many years of hard work and dedication. It has been greatly appreciated by everyone.

Also thank you to the Creative Arts Group for another successful "souper" luncheon. Marge O'Brien and her committee did a great job. Also thanks to the members for the delicious soups, salads and desserts and also to the members who brought their arts and crafts. We have many talented members.

Thanks also to Ann Van Dervort for the fantastic display in the Library lobby featuring the beautiful gardens that she and the members of the Garden Group lovingly and faithfully plant and tend. The display also highlights the Delmar Progress Club with notes about our history, especially the founding of the Library in 1913 and our current activities. Many of the pictures and exhibits came from the Delmar Progress Club's scrapbooks assembled by Carol Smith. Thank you, Carol.

There are many activities coming up which have been planned by our Study Groups into the summer as outlined in this issue of PIP. Please sign up and participate in as many as possible.

Our International Dinner will be held on Wednesday, April 26th at Provence in Stuyvesant Plaza. Our Spring Banquet will be held at Albany Country Club on Wednesday, May 17th.

Our Club has been invited to participate in the annual Memorial Day parade on May 29th. All those who are able please consider participating. I hope to see many of you at the May meeting on Monday, May 1st.

Sincerely,
Joyce Demoly

MID-HUDSON DISTRICT ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL

Thanks to ALL the people who attended or assisted with our District Arts and Crafts Festival! Twenty members from DPC attended and another dozen from two other clubs in our district together with four judges that graciously lent their time and expertise to reviewing the many art and craft entries that our clubwomen and students submitted for competition. All three clubs in attendance won recognition and there will be numerous submissions going off to the GFWC-NY state convention for advanced competition. We are looking forward to receiving *many* blue ribbons from our state contest!

My sincere thanks to Marge O'Brien who supervised the registration of the craft entries, and to Georgette Tefoe for registering the art entries. Thanks also to Wilma DeLucco, Debbie Gall, Priscilla Miller, Nancy Looby, Pat Antonucci, Rosemary Brown, and Anne Young. Everyone worked hard to make this event a huge success. Our mystery bag auction was entertaining and rewarding. My thanks to everyone who contributed stuffed animals, children's books and blankets in support of our state president's project to serve children who are critically ill children. You all were most generous!

If you've never attended this fun event before, please consider doing so next year!
Carolyn Bennett, Mid-Hudson District Director

Bethlehem Senior Luncheon

The luncheon for Bethlehem Seniors will be held on Monday, May 15th at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church 85 Elm Ave. Delmar at 12 Noon.

If you are interested in preparing food for this event, the sign-up sheets will be at the April meeting. You can also call Maryalice Svare (439-7284) or Karen Bylsma (767-9016) to volunteer or ask any questions. Thank you.

HEALTH AND FITNESS

Join us at Colonial Acres for a round of golf each Monday morning, beginning in mid-May. Tee time is promptly at 9:30 a.m. The cost is \$10. All levels are welcome. Our season will end after Labor Day.

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.

GARDEN GROUP

Welcome spring with a tour of the arboretum at the Pine Hollow Arboretum on Thursday, **April 27**. Lunch will follow. We will car pool from the CDTA Park & Ride. Check with the Garden Group chair for time.

Library Display

Check out the large display case on the right side of the Library lobby. Ann Van Dervort assembled a wonderful exhibit featuring the history and current activities of the Delmar Progress Club and highlighting the work of our Garden Group who lovingly plant and tend the Library gardens each year. Thanks also go to Carol Smith who provided pages from our Club scrapbooks which include stunning photos of previous year's gardens.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

The Club has approved three new members since our last report. They are Susan Corlett and Angie Scafidi, both of Selkirk, and Joyce Grogan of Glenmont. We look forward to their participation in our events and projects.

Estelle Wall was remembered with a moment of silence at the January meeting.

The new member orientation will be held on Wednesday, June 28th, at 2pm at the Bethlehem Public Library. This event will be for those members who have joined the Club since October, 2016. New members will have an opportunity to meet with officers and committee and study group chairs to learn about the many opportunities available for members. Reminders will be sent closer to the date.

Applications for membership are available from Maris Hart at 383-2894, at the Bethlehem Public Library and at our general meetings. Those applying will need a sponsor who has at least one year's standing in the Club. Additionally, a check for \$45 for dues should accompany the application and should be mailed to Delmar Progress Club, PO Box 423, Delmar NY 12054.

ANTIQUA STUDY GROUP

On **Thursday April 20** we will car pool from the CDTA Park and Ride lot across from Delaware Plaza to Kingston for a walking tour of the historic District of Kingston where we will visit the Senate House Historic Site and Art Museum. Also available to see are the Old Dutch Church and the Fred J. Johnston Museum. There is a nominal fee for some of these sites. Lunch will be on your own in the Uptown area of Kingston. There will be a sign-up sheet at the January meeting.

Should you have any questions please call me at 439-6087.

FINAL ISSUE for this Editor

Starting with our next issue in August 2017, Alison Kurtessis will be taking over as Editor. All articles can be sent to Alison at her email address at akurtessis@gmail.com. I have enjoyed serving under many Presidents for the past 17 years, and I am very grateful for all the support and friendship you have shown me as your Editor of the PIP. Sincerely, Kim

LITERATURE GROUP

TUESDAY STUDY GROUP meets in the Board Room in the Library at 1:30.

THIS IS Different than the Yearbook.

April 11, 2017 Rosemary Brown will talk about All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr.

May 16, 2017 Marge O'Brien will talk about Merely a Madness by Mary Grace O'Brien.

Picnic June 13, 2017 We have a Speaker, Catherine Crohan, the Coordinator of Library Instruction at Siena College will speak on the History of Women Detectives in Fiction.

Everyone who is a member of Progress Club can come to the Picnic. Bring a dish to share and a serving utensil. Bring a complete place setting, something to drink (ice too if you want it), and a garbage bag to take your garbage home. Also, many people bring a placemat, few napkins, lawn chair and/or cushion.

Directions: The picnic will start at noon at the New Scotland Town Park on Swift Road off Route 85 -- same place as last year. Kenwood Road flows into New Scotland Avenue which is Route 85. Stay on Route 85, you do NOT want to turn onto Route 85A. When you pass the railroad bridge, start looking for Swift Road on the right. Turn right onto Swift Road and go up the hill. The park will be on your right, the pavilion is in back.

Thank you for the suggestions you have given me this year. Many of the titles we read are suggestions from members. If you have read anything you think the group would enjoy, I would like to hear from you.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

A brief update: The heating fund collection at our April meeting amounted to \$75.50. We are helping at a blood drive at St. Peter's hospital on April 11 -- first time at this location. We donated 25 paperbacks to Books for Troops and 20 hard cover books to the library (these were collected at the district meeting). Food pantry always needs canned fruits and this month, also paper towels.

Cancer Comfort Kits: Might you be able to sew a heart pillow with ribbon ties? Nancy Looby has the pattern (518-489-4041). And if you don't sew, might you be able to donate any of the following: hand sanitizer ... hand lotion ... a pair of cozy socks ... a notebook and pen ... a light blanket or throw (no larger than 60" x 60", handmade or purchased, knit or crocheted or fleece, no trademark logo, and doesn't have to be pink)?

Over 400 education box tops were recently donated to the Elsmere school.

CREATIVE ARTS

On Thursday, May 11 at 1:00 p.m. join us as we stuff more dolls for children who will receive life changing facial surgery. Stuff and gab while performing a wonderful service. We will meet in the BPL Board Room.

TRAVEL GROUP

On April 19th at 2 p.m. Ellen Courtney will talk about the markets of Zanaibar to the snows of Kilimanjaro in Tanzania from Sea to Sky.

Our annual dinner will be held at Provence in Stuyvesant Plaza on Wed. April 26, Meet at 5:30 for cocktails, dinner at 6:00. The choices are Pasta Primavera, Salmon or Chicken. Salad, bread and dessert, comes with your dinner. The price is \$33.00 which includes gratuity. Please note your dinner choice on your check. Make checks payable to DPC and mail to Joan Barron, PO Box 112, Voorheeville, NY 12186. Questions, call Joan at 765-4603. Reservations are due by 4/17.

PERFORMING ARTS

“Music in Bloom”

This Schenectady Symphony Orchestra program at Proctor’s on Sunday, April 23, at 3:00 pm. will include Edward Green, Saint-Saens, and Brahms. Tickets are \$12.00. We will have dinner at Cornell’s Restaurant after the show, cost on your own. Call Debbie Gall at 439-0455 by April 12. Make checks payable to Debbie Gall.

“Buyer and Seller”

Join us on July 23, at 3 p.m. This Curtain Call Theater production has been called “...most talked about comedy”, as a struggling LA actor meets Barbara Streisand. Tickets are \$24.00, checks payable to the Curtain Call Theater. We will have dinner after the show at the Schuyler Meadows Country Club. The cost for dinner will be \$30.00. Sign up at a General Membership meeting or call Jeanne Bourque at 533-7451.

OPERATION SMILE

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!

DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB SPRING BANQUET

Wednesday, May 17, 2017
Albany Country Club
Wormer Road, Voorheesville

Social Hour (cash bar) 5:30p.m - 6:30p.m. w/International Spreads and Dips
Dinner 6:30p.m.

Dinner:

Strawberry Salad Chevre w/Toasted Almonds and Poppy Seed Vinaigrette
Birch Beer Braised Short Ribs
Chicken and Shrimp Francaise w/White Wine and Couscous
Seafood Stuffed Filet of Sole w/Lemon Beurre Blanc
Rolls and Butter
New York Cheesecake w/ Fresh Berries
Coffee and tea

Entertainment:

“Blue Sky Student Instrumental Presentation”

Cost: \$36.00

Send check, payable to Delmar Progress Club to:
Judith Ciccio
92 McGuffey Lane
Delmar, NY 12054

No later than Wednesday, May 10th!!!
Please indicate entrée choice on your check

If you need a ride, call Debbie Gall at 439-0455