

PROGRESS IN PRINT
DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB
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Dear Progress Club Members,

First of all, I wish you and your family a Happy New Year. As we begin the second half of our 2016-2017 Program Year, I want to acknowledge a few Club events from the last couple of months.

Our Annual Dollars for Scholars Card Party at Normanside Country Club was a great success. We had good food, played bridge and other games and enjoyed the silent auction and bake sale. We raised enough money to award two college scholarships this year. Thank you Laura Cooper, Margaret Dilgen, their capable committee and all who attended.

Thanks to Jeanne Bourque for her leadership in making the Holiday Tea a wonderful event. This traditional tea is always a highlight of our program year and it was enjoyed by all who attended. We welcomed seventeen new members and collected for the food pantry as well.

Our Giving Tree was on display at the Bethlehem Public Library for two weeks and was decorated with beautiful mittens, hats, scarves and other items which were handmade or donated by our members. These items were donated equally to three local programs. Thank you to Jan Messina for coordinating this project and thanks also to all who assisted.

And last but not least, thanks to Barbara Hogan for all of her work on our website. She has completely revised and updated our website at delmarprogressclub.org. Barbara has spent many hours on this effort and the result is greatly improved communications for our members and prospective members. Barbara is also posting items to our Facebook page at Delmar Progress Club. Please take the time to visit the website.

As we enter this New Year, I hope you will sign up and participate in the many upcoming events.

Sincerely,
Joyce

DPC HOLIDAY MEMBERSHIP TEA

The Delmar Progress Club held its annual membership tea this past December. Seventeen new members were welcomed to the club and presented with holiday bouquets. Members were treated to a holiday sing-a-long and piano performance by local musicians. Over one hundred club members attended the event. The fellowship hall of a local church served as the venue for our tea, and committee members decorated the tables, plated and served sandwiches and cookies, and worked arduously to provide a beautiful setting for this special event. Past presidents of the club served tea and coffee to those in attendance. Members provided all of the goodies and also supplied several boxes of food pantry items for those in need. Cookies were packed in decorated coffee cans and distributed to our shut-in members. Excess food was delivered to our Albany area rescue mission. It was a joyful afternoon and a marvelous opportunity to welcome our new members and usher in the holiday season!



Y'all Come to Lancaster!

The Travel Group is planning another bus excursion for 2017. We will be heading to Lancaster, PA for a tour of Amish country. The dates are from Wednesday, June 21st thru Friday, June 23rd. Lunch will be on your own along the way. On arrival we will visit the "Kitchen Kettle Village" after which we will check into our hotel, The Country Inn of Lancaster. Dinner that evening will be at The Greenfield Inn and Restaurant. On Thursday we will be treated to a full day tour of the Lancaster area, accompanied by an Amish docent and followed by a family style dinner at an Amish home. That evening we will be attending a performance of "Jonah" at the Sight and Sound Theater. On Friday morning, we will visit the "National Christmas Center" and then lunch at "Miller's Smorgasbord". Full breakfasts are included at our hotel both days as well as both evening meals. Lunch on Friday is also included after which we will begin our travel back to Delmar. The cost of the trip is tentatively set at \$469.00 per person. This excursion is open to one and all, but your non-refundable trip deposit of \$100.00 is due by January 27th! There will be a sign-up sheet at the January meeting. If you have questions or will not be in attendance at our monthly meeting, you may contact Carolyn Bennett directly at 439-9534 or you can reach her by e-mail at carolyn.bennett@spectra-associates.com. Attendance is limited to 36 members, so hurry and make your reservation!

District Arts & Crafts Festival

The Mid-Hudson District Arts & Crafts Festival will be held this year on Thursday, March 30th at the Delmar Reformed Church. All are welcome to attend!

Winning clubwoman entries from our local festival and Souper Luncheon will be judged at the District level together with a wide array of student arts and crafts submitted by Bethlehem Central High School students. District winners will then move on to state competition at the annual GFWC-NY convention in May.

The day starts at 9am with light breakfast fare followed by a very brief business meeting and a catered lunch. Cost is \$22.00 per person. In addition to the arts and crafts festival, this event features a silent bidding auction of surprise gift bags donated by club members throughout the district and a book sale. Proceeds from this auction and sale benefit the high school winners. The event concludes following lunch.

If you've never been before, you are in for a treat. So mark your calendars now and plan to attend. It is *always* a fun event!

ALERT! ALERT!

Our President, Joyce is getting her reports ready for the national federation. That means Mary Richards needs to know of any donations you have made during 2016 to Heifer International. Please don't delay. Call her at 439-7583.

And keep Heifer International in mind for your donations in 2017.

ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION

On **Wednesday, March 22** at 10:00 a.m. bring native plants into your garden. Martha Teumim, Master Gardener, will be the speaker. BPL Board Room

HEALTH AND FITNESS

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

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.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

The club approved membership for four women in November: Christine Doran, Rita Mooney, Myma Janston and Bea Norman.

Felicia Bordick has resigned from the club to spend more time with family.

Alison Kurtessis has married and is now Alison Calvagno. Her new address is 14 Carriage Road, Delmar 12054, telephone 423-4066. Congratulations Alison!

Sixteen of our new members for the year attended the Holiday Tea in December and were presented with a carnation.

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.

GARDEN GROUP

Come join us on **Thursday, February 16 from 4-7 pm** at the New York State Museum to create a floral design for the benefit of the after school student programs.

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. The time will be announced.

ANTIQUe STUDY GROUP

Please mark your calendars for **Thursday, February 9** for an illustrated talk by Town Historian, Susan Leath, on the various architectural styles of homes in our local community of Bethlehem. The presentation is at 1:30 pm in the Board Room of the Library. Please feel free to invite a friend or spouse to what should be a very informative talk.

On **Thursday, March 16** we will visit the archives of the Albany Institute of History and Art to view their collection of shoes through the ages. We will car pool from the CDTA Park and Ride lot across from Delaware Plaza at a time to be determined. Please note that this excursion is limited to 12 members. There will be a sign up sheet at the January meeting.

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.

CREATIVE ARTS

Decorate Fragrance Diffusers Thursday February 23rd at noon in the Bethlehem Library Board Room. We will paint designs on glass containers to be used with diffuser sticks and concentrated fragrance oil to provide delightful aromas for your home. There will be a small cost for materials.

We will be making table decorations for the "Souper" Luncheon on Thursday **March 7th** at 10:00am at the Bethlehem public Library Board Room. Debbie Gall helps us put together beach scenes to decorate all the tables.

"Souper" Luncheon Thursday March 23rd at noon at the Delmar Reformed Church (this is a change from previous location). This is an opportunity to get together with friends and to sample some great soups, salads and desserts. The Telephone Committee will call to ask you if you will bring a salad, dessert or \$7.00 to cover our costs.

LITERATURE GROUP

On **February 14th** Helen Gray will discuss the book I am Malala by Malala Yousafzai.

On **March 14th** Rosemary Brown will discuss the book All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr.

On April 11th Marge O'Brien will discuss the book Merely a Madness by Mary Grace O'Brien.

Marge and I worked to obtain copies of Merely a Madness for the April 11th discussion. Marge has those copies and she is in charge of their distribution. Merely a Madness is a very fast read.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Thank you for all you did in 2016 (2 "senior" luncheons; 20 blood drives; label collections for education; clothing and a cell phone and toiletries for women in need; furniture for Habitat; almost \$600 from heating fund can collections; 40 bags of food pantry items; canine companion and heifer and Operation Smile donations; 60 containers of coffee, 980 greeting cards, 66 calendars, etc., for our veterans; card party scholarship fund; 100 Christmas stockings for St. Ann's; and mittens and hats and afghans for needy children and families).

As we start 2017, Bethlehem "food pantry" special needs are cans of mandarin oranges, cans of pears, containers of instant coffee, mustard and paper towels. (Did you know that the town pantry serves from 60 to 70 town families?)

TRAVEL GROUP

On February 15, at 2 p.m., Kathy Newkirk shares memories of the GFWC meeting in Memphis, also Omaha and this year's trip to Canandaigua.

La'l lua ke kai. Come and find out the meaning of this phrase and hear about the Big Island of Hawaii by Debbie Gall. This will be on March 15th same time.

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.

**THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR YOUR DONATION OF 130
CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS TO THE SALVATION ARMY!**

PERFORMING ARTS

Performing Arts Group Activities

- **Metropolitan Opera January 21, 12:55 pm**
See a Simulcast of Romeo and Juliet at Crossgates Theater on Saturday, January 21, at 12:55 pm. Tickets are sold out. Those who have a ticket should arrive at the theater at about noon to get a good seat. Call Wilma DeLucco at 439-6164 if you would like to car pool.

- **“It’s All About Me” February 10, 1:30 pm**
We are an impressive group of women. Did you know that one of us met Eleanor Roosevelt? Did you know that one of us has a collection of hedgehogs? What have you done that is impressive or interesting? Come to the Library on Friday, February 10, at 1:30 pm to share your story and to learn about others. Maybe you will find a new friend with whom you have something in common.

- **“When Irish Eyes Are Smiling” March 17, 1:30 pm.**
Everyone is Irish on St. Patrick’s Day. Come to the Library on Friday, March 17, at 1:30 pm to see Irish Step Dancers, (and try some steps), sing Irish songs, hear interesting facts about St. Patrick’s Day and enjoy St. Patrick’s Day treats.

- **“Music in Bloom” April 23, 3:00 pm.**
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. Sign up at a General Membership Meeting or call Marianne Carcich at 439-6962.

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!

