

**PROGRESS IN PRINT**  
**DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB**  
**APRIL 2016**

Dear Members,

I hope you all enjoyed “the winter that wasn’t” and are now joyfully anticipating the onset of spring and summer. It won’t be long before we can put away our winter coats and exchange our sweaters and wool slacks for cotton shirts and capri pants. Hooray!

We’ve had a busy three months since the last issue of PIP with yet more activities on the calendar to keep you busy and entertained. If you missed our annual “Souper Luncheon” you missed another *super* event! Many thanks to our Creative Arts chairmen, Marge O’Brien and Carol Jonas and their committee for providing us a wonderful luncheon and to all the ladies that contributed to our Arts and Crafts Festival. The table decorations were beautiful and the food delicious. Thanks also to Mary Richards and Debbie Gall and the Performing Arts Committee for an entertaining afternoon of Broadway melodies. We have many talented members who generously donated their time and talent to make this event a success.

Check your Yearbooks carefully as there are many educational and fun activities on the calendar for the next three months including our Travel Group international dinner, a trip to the Roosevelt Museum in Hyde Park and the Culinary Institute, and a bus trip to the Finger Lakes. Our annual spring banquet will be held on May 18<sup>th</sup> at Normanside Country Club. Details are included in this issue of our newsletter. Be sure and make your reservation in a timely manner so you don’t miss out. Our club will also be participating in the Town of Bethlehem Memorial Day parade, so put on your sneakers and honor our veterans by walking in the parade. If you aren’t up to walking, just bring a chair and relax along the parade route. Our walkers all need an audience to cheer them on!

This will be my last Progress in Print message to you as club president. I sincerely hope you all enjoyed the activities and programs that were made available to you during my term as president. I want to take this opportunity to thank all the study group chairs and their committees for the wonderful job they did in providing us inspiring and fun activities over the past two years. I also want to thank the nominating committee and bylaws committee for the hours they expended in securing new leadership positions for our club and in streamlining the language of our bylaws and standing rules. Thanks also to all the officers for all their hard work and to Kim Watson for her ongoing dedication to the publication of this newsletter. Most of all, I want to thank our membership (each of you!) for all that you have done to serve our club and our community. I hope you will all continue to generously volunteer your time and talents in the days ahead and be ready and willing to support our incoming president, Joyce DeMoly. It has been a delight serving as your president. God bless you all! “Example is not the main thing in influencing others. It is the only thing!” (Albert Schweitzer)

Sincerely,  
Carolyn

## **YEARBOOKS**

It is our goal to hand deliver the yearbook to each and every member who lives locally. Obviously, this saves DPC money spent, otherwise, for postage. It also puts members who deliver in contact with other members who they may not know and promotes a "name with face recognition" and an opportunity for a bit of socialization.

If you have previously delivered yearbooks, we encourage you to continue by putting a "yes" next to your name on the sign-up sheet on the back table at the May General meeting

If you are unable to attend that meeting, or if you have not delivered before but would like to give it a try, please call Sue Haswell at 439-7494. Yearbooks are generally delivered in late July or early August.

**For all members, if you have changed your mailing address, your email address, and/or your phone number within the last year, please contact Kathy Schimanski, Membership Chairman, with this information by calling her at 439- 7237. She will, in turn, contact us.**

**If you have a full-time summer residence, July-August, please contact Sue Haswell, 439-7494, with that address so that your yearbook can be mailed to you.**

Thank you for your help in keeping our information current.

**Audrey Watson and Sue Haswell, Yearbook Chairwomen**

## **CLUB MEMBERSHIP**

At our March meeting, we welcomed new members, Patricia Matarrese, Carol Simard and Beverly Bozzella and at our April meeting, we welcomed Joan Gavrilik and Jacqueline Kaplan.

With sadness, we also announced the death of two of our long-time members, Beatrice Herman and Velma Jones.

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 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.

## **SENIOR LUNCHEON**

The Bethlehem Seniors Luncheon will be held on Monday May 16th at noon at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church 85 Elm Ave. Members interested in helping with this event please call Maryalice Svare, Felicia Bordick or Karen Bylsma. "

## **HEALTH AND FITNESS**

Beginning in mid-May – Golf on Monday mornings at Colonial Acres Golf Course. Tee time is 9:30 a.m. Cost is \$10.00. All levels welcome. The season ends after Labor Day.

## **MEMORIAL DAY PARADE**

Reminder!! The American Legion has once again invited us to participate in the annual Memorial Day Parade. Our parade group will form at 10:30 a.m. on Ridge Road. Step off time is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. The parade will follow the usual route from the Legion Post on West Poplar Drive to the Bethlehem Memorial Park on Delaware Avenue where there will be an appropriate ceremony to honor our veterans.

The Delmar Progress Club has participated in this event for many years, so I would encourage all who are able and willing to consider walking in this parade. Many of our ladies have proudly displayed our DPC banner during this event, so please consider getting involved. Please contact Wilma DeLucco either by telephone at 439-6164 or by e-mail at [wilmad228@aol.com](mailto:wilmad228@aol.com) by Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> if you can participate. Let's not disappoint our veterans on this special day!

## **ANTIQUE STUDY GROUP**

The Antiques Study Group has an outing planned for April 22nd. There will be a trip to Hudson for antiquing and lunch on your own. Explore Hudson's many antique shops and then we will have lunch at Mexican Radio. We will return to Delmar after lunch. We will car pool from the CDTA Park and Ride lot across from Delaware Plaza. Please confirm your attendance with Linda Graf ([giraaffert@msn.com](mailto:giraaffert@msn.com) or 439-6659) by Thursday, April 15.

On Wednesday May 11 we have a group traveling by bus to have lunch at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park. After lunch we will tour the historic home of Franklin D. Roosevelt and his Presidential Museum and Library. The departure time is 9:00 AM at the CDTA Park and Ride lot across from Delaware Plaza. The cost for the trip is \$85.00.

## **CREATIVE ARTS**

**Arm Bands for Operation Smile** – Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> is the date for this project which was huge success the last time we did it. We will meet at 1:00 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library to make the arm bands which are used to prevent the child from getting at the stitches after the cleft lip/palate surgery. I have already cut out 100 pieces of fabric for the arm bands so we have lots of work to do. If you can bring a sewing machine it will be most welcome. Scissors are also helpful but even if you are not a sewer your talents are most welcome.

**It's a Party – Tuesday, May 17 at 1 p.m.** we're going to use recipes from DPC cookbooks from 25 years ago to make appetizers and desserts and have our own party! Join us in the BPL Community Room.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

As you grocery shop, remember the food pantry (current special needs are nuts, olive oil, stew, hearty soup, and all purpose cleaners)...our veterans....items that have educational labels...toiletries for the homeless and needy women. As you go through your clothes closet, don't forget the needs of these women.

**FYI:** Donations at our April meeting were sparse...one box of macaroni and cheese, one can of coffee, a few greeting cards, no education labels, but also a nice supply of toiletries.

## **ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION**

On May 5 at 10:00 join us for a tour and presentation about the Albany Pine Bush. Cost is \$3 per person. We will have lunch at the Colonie Diner following the tour. Car pooling from Town lot next to Applebee's at 10:00. Contact Lynn Rhodes with questions at 439-7749 or [lrhodes001@nycap.rr.com](mailto:lrhodes001@nycap.rr.com).

June 18<sup>th</sup> – Enjoy the **Summer Solstice Festival and Hike-a-thon**. Fun and games on the Rail Trail!

## **GARDEN GROUP**

Join us for our Naumkeag Trip on **Wednesday, May 25** in Stockbridge, MA.

We will depart at 9:00 a.m by car pool from CDTA Park & Ride opposite Delaware Plaza.

Our tour of the historic home and gardens will start at 11:00 a.m. The cost of the tour is \$16.00 per person, and this must be paid 2 weeks in advance. They are doing a special tour for us (Naumkeag officially opens May 31) and requires at least 10 people to open the house, or the tour cannot go forward. Please consider joining us for a wonderful day.

At 12:30 p.m. we will have lunch at the Red Lion Inn in Stockbridge at your own cost.

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE IN** by our May meeting. Call Lois Busch at 434-4516 or email [glhrtly@yahoo.com](mailto:glhrtly@yahoo.com) with questions.

**On Thursday June 16**, we will tour the beautiful rose garden and picnic on the grounds of the Schenectady Central Park. We will carpool from the CDTA Park and Ride. The time is being determined. Contact the chairperson for more information.

## **LITERATURE GROUP**

**On April 12, 2016** Phyllis Howell will review *Someone* by Alice McDermott. Join us in the **Board Room of the Bethlehem Public Library at 1:30 P.M.**

**ANNUAL PICNIC on Tuesday, June 14, 2016 at Noon**

Josephine Woods will review *The Nightingale* by Kristen Hannah. **All** DPC members are invited to attend the picnic. Bring a dish to share (and serving utensil), a complete place setting, something for you to drink, and a trash bag to take your garbage home. Also, most bring a placemat, few napkins, lawn chair and/or a cushion.

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. Turn right onto Swift Road and go up the hill. The park will be on your right, the picnic pavilion is in back.

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.

## **TRAVEL GROUP**

**International Dinner:** Wed. April 27<sup>th</sup> at Tomo Asian Bistro, 1365 New Scotland Avenue, Slingerlands in the Price Chopper Plaza.

The time is 5:30 pm Social and 6:00 pm Dinner. The price is \$25.00 including gratuity, **due by April 15<sup>th</sup>** to Joan Barron, PO Box 112, Voorheesville 12186, 765-4603. Checks made out to DPC. There is a maximum of 30 people. Dinner will be soup/or salad, buffet style dinner, one non-alcoholic beverage included.

## **MANAGER NEEDED!**

**Operation Smile needs a manager, someone with the desire to change the Life of a child.**

The position opens May 2, 2016. Your job includes collecting and shipping out member donations to the Operation Smile collection station.

Operation Smile personnel works in approximately twenty-six countries providing free facial surgeries to children requiring repairs to cleft palates.

**EVERY CHILD DESERVES A BEAUTIFUL SMILE!**

Are you willing to help a child in need of a beautiful SMILE?

Call Virginia Mead or Nancy Looby to apply for manager position.

## **2016 Club Bylaws Changes**

At the April General Membership Meeting, members approved changes to the Club's Bylaws that were recommended by the Bylaws Committee and presented preliminarily at the March General Membership Meeting.

Significant changes included:

1. Article III, Section 2, Membership – Life membership may be conferred on active members with 45 years of membership. The 350 member limit on the club membership was deleted.
2. Article III, Section 3, Applications - New members now need only one sponsor.
3. Article IV, Dues – Annual dues will be determined by the Board of Directors, subject to approval at a general meeting.
4. Article VI, Board of Directors – The Board will include all elected officers and six additional members of the club. The Club Advisor will be a non-voting member of the Board.
5. Article VI, Section 6, Board of Director meetings – The Board of Directors will meet in November and April and at other times as needed.
6. Article VIII, Standing Committees, Section 7 – The new member orientation will be held at the end of June.
7. Article IX, Executive Board – This article is deleted. The functions of the Executive Board will be performed by the Board of Directors.
8. Article XVI, Club Leadership Fund – Funds in in the account that are in excess of \$2000, may be used to support delegates to Federation meetings.
9. Article XVIII, Scholarship Fund – Funds, up to \$500, may be withdrawn annually to support the local scholarship.
10. Article XIX, Emergency Relief Fund – New article to document the Emergency Relief Fund which will be funded though fund raisers or contributions.

Other changes, more ministerial in nature, were also approved. All members will receive a complete copy of the revised bylaws in August along with the new Yearbook.

We owe a debt of thanks to the Bylaws Committee which includes: Mary Richards, Doris Kirk, Joy Ford, Marjory O'Brien, Joan Richardson, and Anne Young. This was not an easy task and the Committee did an exceptional job.

**DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB  
SPRING BANQUET**

**Wednesday, May 18, 2016  
NORMANSIDE COUNTRY CLUB  
Delmar, NY**

**5:30 pm Social hour (cash bar)**

**6:30 pm Dinner**

**Entrée Choices:**

**Beef Bordelaise: Thin sliced beef w/garlic, shallots and red wine  
reduction**

**Chicken Pomodoro: Lightly breaded & sautéed with tomatoes  
& white wine sauce**

**Tilapia: With capers, onions, peppers, and lemon cream**

**Each entrée includes garden salad, potatoes or rice, vegetables, rolls  
Tea, coffee and New York Cheesecake**

**Musical Entertainment**

**Cost \$35.00 (includes gratuity)**

**Send check payable to Delmar Progress Club with entrée choice to:  
Phyllis Chambers, 12 Lakeview Circle Drive, Lake George NY 12845  
No later than Wednesday, May 11, 2016**

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**Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Circle Entrée:   Beef Bordelaise   Chicken Pomodoro   Tilapia**