**PROGRESS IN PRINT**

**Delmar Progress Club**  **August 2017**

*Message from our President:*

I hope you all have been enjoying a restful and relaxing summer. Although we haven't had a great deal of sunshine, at least we didn't have to water our gardens. Hopefully the second half of the summer will be nicer.

We started our new calendar year in June with the Club orientation for new members. We were able to acquaint them with the history of the Delmar Progress Club and to introduce them to the Study Group leaders. The gathering was hosted by Maris Hart, our Second Vice President and Membership Chairperson and was a great success. Thank you Maris!

Study Group Leaders have worked hard to set up interesting and educational programs for everyone to enjoy. Please participate and thank them when attending various events.

You will be receiving your 2017-18 yearbook soon which will detail all of the programs planned for this coming year. My sincere thanks to Audrey Watson for the many, many hours she spent typing and assembling our Yearbook. Thanks also to the proof readers and to Sue Haswell for coordinating the distribution. Thank you also, to Kim Watson, who, for 17 years served us well as the Editor of the Progress in Print.

The Board met in June at which time they voted to combine the Environment and Garden Study Groups. This new group will be chaired by Doris Kirk and Page Tomlinson.

September will soon be here. Please mark your calendars to attend the annual Community Service Committee meeting on Monday, September 11 at 10:00 am at the Bethlehem Public Library.

Our first official meeting of the new year will be held on Monday, October 2, at 10:00 am at the BPL. The Annual Fall Banquet will be on Wednesday, October 25. You will find details of this dinner in this issue of PIP.

Anyone who still owes annual dues should mail a check in the amount of $45.00 to Joan Richardson, 8 Hughes Commons, Slingerlands, NY 12159, as soon as possible.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our October meeting.

Sincerely,

Joyce Demoly, President

***Membership***

New Members: Two new women were approved for membership a the May meeting. They are Jeanne Biggins of Delmar and Sherry Fletcher of Glenmont. We welcome them both and look forward to their participation in our projects and at our events.

New Member Orientation: New members Rita Mooney, Sue Corlett, Bea Norman, Sherry Fletcher, and Ann Jeram attended the orientation for new members on June 28 at the Bethlehem Public Library. Carolyn Bennett Spoke about the Federation and her role as District Director. Study group chairs outlined their plans for the upcoming year and invited all new members to take an active roll. Special thanks to President Joyce Demoly and First Vice President Debbie Gall for their assistance in arranging the event. Many thanks as well to those who provided delicious refreshments.

Deaths: Corresponding Secretary Carol Ackerman lost her husband in June. Longtime member Ruth Navratil also passed away in June. We extend our sincere condolences to Carol and her family and to Ruth's family as well.

Resignation: Eugenia Staerker will not be renewing her membership in the club.

Address change: Jane Streiff's new address is Delmar Place, 467 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, 12054

Applications for membership are available from Maris Hart at 518-383-2894; 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.

***Remembrance***

*Marilyn Spencer is our Remembrance Chair. She sends get well or thinking of you cards to club members, and sympathy cards to bereaved members or their families. Marilyn can be reached at* [*mbspencer0813@gmail.com*](mailto:mbspencer0813@gmail.com) or 518-439-1003.

**Progress In Print**

I am the new editor of Progress in Print, and will do my best to do as fine a job as Kim Watson did for so long. Please bear with me while I learn my new job. But if you do have questions, concerns, or additions for future issues, I can be reached at [akurtessis@gmail.com](mailto:akurtessis@gmail.com) or 518-423-4066. *Alison Calvagno*

**MID-HUDSON DISTRICT MEETING**

Hello Everyone,

        As Mid-Hudson District Director, I would like to welcome you to attend our fall business meeting and luncheon at Red’s Restaurant in Coxsackie.   It will be on Tuesday, October 17th at 11:30am.   If you are interested in meeting members from other clubs in our district or would like to meet our new state president and president-elect, this would be a good time to do it!

        The buffet luncheon will include fresh fruit, a tossed salad, soup, rolls, deli meats and cheeses and roasted vegetable lasagna, chocolate mousse, coffee, tea and water.   Cost of the lunch meeting is $22.00. Reservations and payment are due by October 12th.   Make check payable to Mid-Hudson District – GFWC-NY and remit to Anne Young, District Treasurer, at 54 Devon Road, Delmar, NY 12054 or bring your check to our first fall meeting at the Bethlehem Library on Monday, 10/2.

        Come learn about the Federation of Women’s Clubs and the activities on the agenda for GFWC-NY over the upcoming year!   Please contact me by phone at 439-9534 or by e-mail if you are interested in attending [carolyn.bennett@spectra-associates.com](mailto:carolyn.bennett@spectra-associates.com)   I look forward to hearing from you!

Yours in Federation,

Carolyn

**Spring Banquet Wrap-Up/Fall Banquet Update**

  The Delmar Progress Club celebrated its annual spring banquet this year at the Albany Country Club.   Eighty members attended this festive event including eleven of the club’s past presidents: Dorothy Geyer, Joy Ford, Marian Davis, Marti McSharry, Mary Richards, Rosemary Brown, Sue Ann Ritchko, Marjory O’Brien, Patricia Antonucci, Wilma DeLucco and Carolyn Bennett.

        In attendance were the recipients of the club’s annual scholarship awards, Jennifer Ansong and Andrew Kopplin.   Jennifer will be attending the University of Buffalo in September and Andrew will be heading off to Brown University.   Congratulations to these stellar students!

        In addition to honoring our scholarship winners, the club also acknowledged club member, Kim Watson, for her many years of service as editor of our club newsletter, “Progress-In-Print”.   Kim has done a remarkable job producing five issues annually of our DPC newsletter for the past seventeen years.   Hurray, Kim!

    Also on the agenda for the evening was a presentation on behalf of Canine Companions for Independence by club members, Marie Liddle and Debbie Mazzone.   $200 was collected for this worthy partnership!

        Last, but not least, we were entertained by a talented piano student from our community, William Lauricella, who provided us with an array of classical music, including an original composition. Will captured the attention of all of our members with his musical accomplishments!

        As one may conclude, it was a wonderful evening of fun and fellowship for all who attended.   Check out the latest info on our **fall banquet** scheduled for Wednesday, **October 25th** **at Normanside** Country Club!!! Flyer attached.

Carolyn

**DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB FALL BANQUET**

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

Normanside Country Club, Salisbury Road, Delmar

Social Hour (cash bar) 5:30p.m. - w/Crudites display

Dinner - 6:30p.m.

**Dinner:**

House Salad w/Assorted Greens, Tomatoes & Cucumbers w/Balsamic Vinaigrette

Oven Roasted Tilapia w/Lemon Beurre Blanc

Chicken Piccata w/Capers, Garlic and Lemon & White Wine

Roasted Pork Loin w/Rosemary, Garlic and Red Wine

Rolls and Butter

Carrot Cake w/Almond Cream Cheese Topping

Coffee and tea

**Entertainment:**

“New Folk-Americana Melodies with Eric Fernandez & Emileigh Tanner”

**Cost**:   $36.00

Send check, payable to Delmar Progress Club to:

Judith Ciccio

92 McGuffy Lane

Delmar, NY 12054

No later than Wednesday, October 18, 2017!!!

Please indicate entrée choice on your check

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

❖❖❖❖❖❖ Hope to see you all there! ❖❖❖❖❖❖

**Study Group News**

**Antiques**

*Clang, clang, clang goes the bell!* Join us on October 20 as we board the Historic City of Albany Trolley Tour with lunch on your own at the Albany Pump Station to follow. We will meet in the parking lot of the Albany Pump Station at 9:45 am and depart from there at 10:00 am for a 90 minute guided tour of Albany. Please consider carpooling to the Pump Station as they have been nice enough to let us depart from their parking lot. If you cannot stay for lunch, kindly park elsewhere. Please confirm your attendance with Linda Graf ([giraffeart@msn.com](mailto:giraffeeart@msn.com) or 518-221-4649 or Joan Kapral ([jkapral18@gmail.com](mailto:jkapral18@gmail.com) or 518-439-6087). The price will be approximately $25.00 which will include the tour and tip for our guide and driver. The tour will accommodate up to 26, but we will need a minimum of 20 paid reservations. *Joan Kapral*

**Community Service**

On September 11, the annual Community Service meeting will be held at the Bethlehem Public Library Community Room at 10:00 am. If you have been on this committee or are interested in participating, please join us then to learn more about this committee. For questions please call Karen Bylsma at 518-767-9016 or Maryalice Svare at 518-439-7284. The Community Service Committee supports many projects that benefit the community. Starting with the first October meeting, members can support these projects by bringing non-perishable food and household supplies for the Town of Bethlehem food pantry, toiletries for families in need (shampoo, lotion, soap, etc.), money for the Town's heating fund, Box Tops for Education (labels from soup, cereal, etc.). A sign-up list will be at the October meeting for volunteers for the Luncheon for Seniors on November 13. Additional needs will be communicated at regular meetings and through Progress in Print. *Maryalice Svare*

**Creative Arts**

Creative Arts programs will begin on Thursday, October 26 at 10:00 am at the Bethlehem Public Library. Marian Davis will help us decorate a sweatshirt, or, if you prefer, a heavy duty long or short sleeve t-shirt. Bring your own sweatshirt or t-shirt; all other supplies will be provided. Remember to check your Yearbook for all the other programs we have scheduled, especially those that require prior registration. Looking forward to another creative year. Any questions? Call Marge O'Brien, 518-439-2086. *Marge O'Brien*

**Garden/Environment and Conservation**

These two groups have been combined. The first activity, on Thursday, October 12 at 10 am, is a tour of the newly renovated Five Rivers Environmental Education Center in Delmar. There will be a 30 minute power point program and a guided walk tour exploring the Center. Lunch, on your own, will follow at Emma Cleary's on New Scotland Road in Slingerlands. If you need directions or have questions, please contact Page Tomlinson at 518-439-5003.

On November 27/28 at 10 am, plan to help decorate the beautiful historic Ten Broeck Mansion in Albany. Details will follow. *Doris Kirk*

**Health and Fitness**

Join us at Colonial Acres for a round of golf each Monday morning. Tee time is promptly at 9:30 am. The cost is $10. All levels are welcome. Our season ends after Labor Day.

Seniors in Motion meets Tuesdays and Fridays at 9:00 am in the Bethlehem Town Hall and other programs are available as well. *Diane White*

**Literature**

The first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 10 in the Board Room of the Bethlehem Public Library. Phyllis Howell will discuss Betty Smith's A Tree Grows in Brooklyn. Many libraries have this title in the Young Adult section because it is often included on the high school reading list. How many people read it in high school? It looks thick but is a fast read.

The second meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 14, also in the Library Board Room. Sue Haswell will discuss Erik Larson's book Dead Wake.

Both sentences above say “is scheduled for Tuesday...”, but I do not know how true that will be. The Library will be undergoing some internal construction – sometime, I do not know when. As you look at the yearbook you will notice an eighth meeting is listed for May 8, 2018 at 1:00, not 1:30. When one of our scheduled meetings has to be canceled due to construction, we have a substitute date already in place. Please make sure I have your name and email so I have an easy way to contact you regarding changes. *Barbara McCormick*

**Performing Arts**

Our first item is a trip to see the always popular musical, “Hello Dolly” at the Mac Haydn Theater in Chatham on Sunday, August 27, 2017. Tickets are $33.00 and are almost sold out. Call Sheryl Ricciardelli if you do not already have one to see if any are left. We will have dinner after the show at Four Brothers in Valatie, cost on your own. Those who have purchased tickets will be called shortly about carpool arrangements.

On Thursday, November 9, we will celebrate Veteran's Day a little early with patriotic songs, done in chorus and in singalong. We invite you to bring a personal or family military story to share. It will be at the Bethlehem Public Library at 1:30 pm. Refreshments will be served.

On Saturday, January 27, 2018, at 12:55 pm, we will see a live simulcast Metropolitan Opera presentation of Puccini's “Tosca” at Crossgates Mall Regal Theater. Tickets are expected to be $24.00 and you can call Mary Richards to get your ticket. *Wilma DeLucco*

**Scholarship**

Our Dollars for Scholars Card Party is November 18 at the Normanside Country Club., at 12:00. The price is $25 and includes a buffet luncheon and more! Please see the attached flyer and registration form. *Margaret Dilgen and Laura Cooper*

**Travel**

Travel Group begins this year with an invitation to bring an item for Show and Tell from your travels on October 18 at 1:30 at Pat Antonucci's house on 6 Hughes Commons, Slingerlands. To enjoy sharing some travel information. Please consider attending this fun event. *Kathy Newkirk*

**DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS**

**Scholarship Fund Card Party at the Normanside Country Club**

**Saturday, November 18, 2017 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: **Silent Auction, Raffle, Bake Sale 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 October and November General Meetings. 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 will be announced at the October general meeting.

**RAFFLE:** We will be selling raffle tickets for a chance to win an exciting prize!

“**DPC DOLLAR STORE”**: Several tables of donated items that will be priced between $1.00 to $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 YOUR 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!

**Can’t come? Consider making a donation to the Scholarship Fund (Suggested donation $10and up)**

**RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST! Please use this form. Each attendee must fill out a form.**

**RESERVE YOUR SPACE BY NOVEMBER 11, 2017!**

**DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS GAME & CARD PARTY FORM**

Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Buffet menu: Deli roast beef and turkey sandwiches, egg salad, tuna salad, tossed salad, rolls, fruit salad, sheet cake

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.

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

**Deanne Sodergren 22 Sheffield Drive Delmar, NY 12054**

Please respond no later than November 11, 2017

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