

Progress in Print

Delmar Progress Club

January 2018

Message from the President:

Dear Progress Club Members;

First of all, I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. We are now beginning the second half of our 2017-2018 Program Year. I wish to acknowledge a few Club events from the past couple of months.

Our Annual Dollars For Scholars Card Party at Normanside was a great success. We had good food, played bridge and other games and enjoyed the silent auction and bake sale. Many thanks to Laura Cooper and Margaret Dilgen and their very capable committee for all their hard work. Thank you also to all who attended. Even though I don't have a final tally, I do know that we made enough money to offer two \$1,500.00 scholarships. Thank you everyone.

Thanks to Marilyn Spencer and her committee for 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 eleven new members. We enjoyed the generous gifts of cookies and sandwiches for the tea and their contributions for the Food Pantry. The committee worked very hard to make this event beautiful and entertaining. No one, apart from those who have previously served on the holiday tea committee, has any idea of the commitment our ladies make to this event. Again many thanks.

Our Giving tree was on display at the Bethlehem Public Library for two weeks in December. I hope that many of you stopped by to see the beautiful mittens, hats, scarves and other items which were handmade or donated by our members. These items were donated equally to three local programs. Many thanks to Jan Messina for coordinating this project and also thank you to those who contributed and helped decorate the tree.

Again, my thanks to Barbara Hogan for keeping up our website. It is very informative for our members and people in the community who wish to know more about the Progress Club.

As we start off this new year, I hope many of you will sign up and participate in our many upcoming events.

Sincerely,

Joyce

From Kim Watson: Thank you to all who sent **Salvation Army Stockings** this year- we sent over 100!

Membership Update

Maris Hart

New members: Kathryn Pilhofer and Isabel Collins were approved as members at our November 2017 meeting. Linda Reddy, Catherine Parenteau, Grace Higgins and Pamela Burns were approved at the January meeting. We welcome them to DPC and look forward to their participation in our activities.

Holiday Tea: Sue Corlett, Angie Scafidi, Joyce Grogan, Sherry Fletcher, Lisa Saltis, Valerie Donovan, Kathy Pilhofer and Izzy Collins were honored at the event as new members and each received a flower as a welcome from the club.

Resignations: Theresa Beekley, Kathy Glannon, Ann Distell, Lorraine Carpenter, Connie O'Neil, Shirley Cunningham, Janice Lamphron and Sandra Scudder.

Removed for non-payment of dues: Marilyn Davis, Darlene Dollard, Paula Hemmings, Mary Jeram and Nancy Mackey.

Deaths: We extend our condolences to Josie Woods on the death of her son Joseph. Club member Bunny DeBeer has died. Condolences to Bunny's family.

New Address: Jan Messina, [19 Standish Dr, Glenmont NY 12077](#).

Applications for membership are available from Maris Hart at [518-383-2894](tel:518-383-2894), at the Bethlehem Public Library and at our general meetings. Applicants should submit a check for \$45 for dues and mail the application to Delmar Progress Club, PO box 423, Delmar NY 12054.

CULINARY INSTITUTE OF AMERICA EXCURSION

Members of the Delmar Progress Club have been invited to join members of Bethlehem Lutheran Church on a bus excursion to the CIA on Wednesday, May 23rd. There will be a tour of the campus and a three-course lunch at "Ristorante Caterina De' Medici". Two entrée options will be available. The bus will depart from the church parking lot at 85 Elm Avenue around 9 am and return around 6 pm. Additional details will follow. The total cost of this trip will be \$109.00 per person. Spouses are invited to attend. There will be a sign-up sheet at our club meetings, but space will be limited to *approximately* twenty five people. There will also be a waiting list if we exceed that number.

DPC has visited the Culinary Institute in the past, but this is the first time we will have the opportunity to enjoy the elegant food at the Italian restaurant and a tour of the Culinary Institute. If you are interested in attending or have additional questions, please contact Carolyn Bennett at 518-439-9534 or at carolyn.bennett@spectra-associates.com. Reservations will be due by our March general meeting. Your check made out to Bethlehem Lutheran Church with CIA on the memo line is your guarantee.

The flowers will be blooming, the fountains sparkling, and the dining event delightful. Come and make some new friends and join in the fun!!!

District Arts & Crafts Festival

The Mid-Hudson District Arts & Crafts Festival will be held this year on Tuesday, March 27th 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 9 am 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!

STUDY GROUP NEWS

Antiques

Joan Kapral

On Thursday, February 15 Susan Leath, Town of Bethlehem Historian, will present an illustrated talk about the various architectural styles (Greek Revival, Victorian etc.) seen in Bethlehem homes. Accompanying her talk will be slides of some of these interesting homes that she has found throughout Bethlehem. This program will be in the Board Room at the Bethlehem Library at 1:30 pm. Hope to see many of you there!

Community Service

Karen Bylsma and Maryalice Svare

As we start the New Year please continue your generous contributions for the Town heating program, Box Tops for Educators, toiletries for women and families, afghans/blankets for adults and babies and used clothing in good condition.

The Town of Bethlehem food pantry has current needs of paper towels, laundry detergent, toilet paper, Kleenex, cereals, crackers, cookies, cooking oil, canned corned beef hash, nuts, cleaning supplies and juice.

There is a need for more members to participate in the Red Cross blood drives. Please call Nancy Looby (489-4041) to volunteer.

Veteran needs include coffee, tea, sugar, artificial sweetener, powdered creamer, afghans, lap robes, quilts, winter coats, hats, wool socks, gloves, undershirts, briefs, boxers, sweatshirts, sweatpants and thermal underwear. All clothing must be size medium and above and must be new as they cannot accept used items.

The next luncheon for Bethlehem Seniors will be Monday May 14th at noon in the Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Sign up for volunteers will be at the March and April monthly meetings.

The Creative Arts Group had a busy Fall season and we have more events planned. I hope you all saw the picture of us that was taken at the VIA Aquarium that was printed in the recent Empire Focus; the State GFWC newsletter.

Our Christmas ornament making resulted in two beautifully decorated trees at the Ten Broeck Mansion. Thank you to all who wrapped all those tiny boxes and to those who helped hang the "gifts" on the trees. They looked great!

Our thanks to Dorothy Williams, Carol Jonas and Peggy Mull who guided us in learning the process of making alcohol ink tiles. The results were beautiful and as Dorothy said the project was "easy and so much fun." It really was!



Coming up we will be decorating candles under the direction of the talented Carol Jonas. Scheduled for Thursday, January 18th, at 10:00 AM at the Bethlehem Public Library, you can call Carol (439-3199) or Marge (439-2086) to register. Cost for materials is \$5. And remember, if it snows enough for the schools to be closed or delayed we will not be meeting for our project.

On Thursday, March 22nd, we will be getting together for our annual Festival of Arts and "Souper" Luncheon. Location is the Delmar Reformed Church at the Four Corners and the time is noon. We will be asking for volunteers to bring soup and to help with the registration, serving and clean-up. The Telephone Committee will be calling everyone to ask if you will be bringing dessert, finger sandwiches, or \$8. The sandwiches, which are just like those you bring for the Christmas Tea, are a change from the salads and bread we have had in prior years and the committee thought this would be a good change. Let's try it! And again, if it snows, you know what happens.

The Arts and Crafts festival held at the Luncheon is where we bring all the items you have made this year and would like to enter in the State contest. Winning entries in each category at the Luncheon will go on to the District Festival and then the winners go to the State Convention. If you have any questions about your entries call Marge O'Brien (439-2086). We're looking for lots of great handiwork.

Check your Yearbook for more events and watch your e-mail messages from our president, Joyce Demoly, for any cancellations or additions.

Environment and Garden

Doris Kirk

The Environment and Garden Group will meet on Tuesday, March 27th at 1:30 pm at the Bethlehem Library Board Room for a presentation; "Bringing Native Plants into Your Garden", by Master Gardener, Martha Teumim. Spring is in the air by then and this is a perfect opportunity to get some ideas for plants new to your gardens.

Literature

Barbara McCormick

The Literature Study Group will meet in the Board Room at the Bethlehem Library at 1:30 pm on the following dates:

- January 9, 2018, Kathy Schimanski will discuss Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly.
- February 13, 2018, Rosemary Brown will discuss A Man Called OVE by Fredrik Backman.
- March 13, 2018, Helen Gray will discuss Hillbilly Elegy by J. D. Vance.
- April 10, 2018, Wilma DeLucco will discuss The Whistler by John Grisham.

Many of the books we discuss were initially suggested by members. If you have read something (fiction, mystery, non-fiction or biography) that you think the group would enjoy, please tell me.

Performing Arts

Wilma DeLucco

On Sunday, January 21, 2018, we will enjoy the Sand Lake Center for the Arts' Short Play Festival in Averill Park. Progress Club member, Debbie Mazzone, is one of the performers in the festival. The theme is "COLD", such as ...cold heart, a cold with the sniffles, cold weather, cold shoulder, etc. The festival is eight short comedies and dramas that in some way relate to "cold." Tickets are \$18. After the show, we will have dinner at the Lakeview Restaurant in Averill Park, cost on your own. Call Marie Liddle at 439-2360 to make your reservation.

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 at 439-7583 to get your ticket.

On Friday, March 23, 2018, at 1:30 pm, we will present "March Down Memory Lane" at the Bethlehem Public Library Community Room. We will show videos of past performances of the Performing Arts Study Group, reminisce about past productions, see current and past members showing off their talents, and enjoy top notch entertainment!! Refreshments will be served.

On Sunday, April 22, 2018, at 3:00 pm, we will enjoy the Schenectady Symphony Orchestra featuring "Russian Easter Overture" by Rimsky-Korsakov; Piano Concerto #5, "Emperor", by Beethoven; and Symphony #2 by Borodin on the Proctor's Main Stage. We will then have dinner at Cornell's, a landmark Italian restaurant in Schenectady. Show tickets are \$12:00. Dinner is on your own. Call Sue DiMuria at 439-2424 to sign up.

Travel

On Thursday, January 25, at 1:30 pm, Joan and Joe Richardson will present "Cruising the Baltic Sea" in the Community Room of the Library.

