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Delmar Progress Club

April 2018

Message from the President:

Dear Progress Club Members;

Happy Spring to All. Hopefully the weather will soon catch up with the calendar and we will experience some warmer weather.

We have had a busy three months since the last issue of PIP. I hope many of you enjoyed the soup luncheon. Many thanks to Marge O'Brien and her committee for another wonderful event.

This year instead of salads, we had soup, sandwiches, and dessert which was a nice change.

Also thank you to the ladies who contributed to the Arts and Crafts Festival.

Thanks also to Wilma DeLucco and her Performing Arts Committee for a "March Down Memory

Lane" which included videos of past performances by the Performing Arts Study Group and a

reenactment of a Committee Meeting. We were also able to see photos from past events. The afternoon was enjoyed by all who attended.

Please 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

Met Cloisters and a trip to the Schenectady Symphony Orchestra, followed by dinner at Cornell's.

Our annual Spring Banquet will be held on May 16th at the Albany 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.

This is 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 last two years. Thanks also to all the officers for all their hard work. I wish to also thank Kim Watson who continued with her dedication to the publication of this newsletter. And a special thank you to Alison Calvagno who stepped in to take over the publication of the newsletter when Kim advised she no longer wished to continue. Thanks also to the members for all that you have done to serve our club and community. I hope you all will continue to generously volunteer your time and talents in the days ahead and be ready and

willing to support our incoming president, Debbie Gall. It has been a wonderful experience to serve as your president.

Sincerely,

Joyce

DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB

SPRING BANQUET

Wednesday, May 16. 2018

Albany Country Club

Wormer Road, Voorheesville

Social Hour (cash bar) 5:00 p.m. - Dinner 6:00 p.m.

Dinner

Assorted Field Greens with Dried Fruits & Nuts

Flat Iron Steak with a Mushroom Demi Glace

Chicken Florentine with Spinach & Mushrooms

Lemon Parmesan Crusted Cod

Chef's Choice of Potato & Vegetable

Rolls and Butter

Lemon Blueberry Napoleon

Coffee and tea

Entertainment

“The Banjo Band”

Cost: \$37.00

Send check, payable to Delmar Progress Club, to

Judy Ciccio, [92 McGuffey Lane, Delmar, NY 12054](#)

No later than Wednesday, May 9, 2018!!!

Please indicate entrée choice on your check.

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

~~~~~ **HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!** ~~~~~

## **Membership Update**

*Maris Hart*

### **DEATHS**

Linda Graf's mom passed away earlier this year. Many members will remember that Linda's mom attended several club functions when she was visiting her. We extend our condolences to Linda and her family.

Longtime members Loretta Carney and Mary Ann Krulcik have recently died as well, Condolences to both their families.

Life member Eleanor Haverly recently lost her husband. Condolences to Eleanor and her family.

### **RESIGNATIONS**

Mary Jeram and Marion Eberhardt have both resigned from the club.

#### NEW ADDRESSES

Pat Antonucci [81 Secatogue Ave., Apt. 22 Farmingdale NY 11735](#) phone: 516- 586-6205

Kim Watson [40 Silvercreek Dr. Selkirk NY 12158](#) phone: 518- 439-1541

Prospective members are no longer required to have a sponsor. Anyone wishing to join the club should obtain an application from the membership chair or at the Bethlehem Public Library . The application plus a check for \$45 for club dues should be submitted to the membership chair no later than one week prior to the next general meeting.

#### **DUES are Due in May for 2018-2019**

In accordance with the bylaws, dues in the amount of \$45 are payable at the May meeting or the Spring banquet. If you are unable to attend either event, please mail your check for \$45 made out to Delmar Progress Club to Joan Richardson, DPC Treasurer, [8 Hughes Common, Slingerlands, NY 12159](#). Please include your name, address, and email address.

#### **2018 NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

*Wilma*

*DeLucco*

The Nominating Committee met in January and identified the following candidates for Delmar Progress Club officer and other leadership positions for the 2018-20 term. The names were read at the March and April General Membership meetings. Installation will take place at the May 7 meeting.

#### **Nominating Committee:**

Karen Bylsma – 2019, Chair

Carolyn Bennett – 2020

Josie Woods – 2021

Rosemary Brown – 2022

Susan Haswell – 2023

**Board of Directors:**

Mary Richards – 2019 (To fill the unexpired term of Pat Antonucci)

Ronnie Blendell - 2021

Carol Jonas – 2021

**Officers:**

Assistant Treasurer – Judy Ciccio

Treasurer – Joan Richardson

Corresponding Secretary – Carol Ackerman

Recording Secretary – Christine Doran

2nd Vice President – Karen Winters

1st Vice President – Lynne Lenhardt

President – Debbie Gall

**Convention Delegates:**

Debbie Gall

Kathy Newkirk

Mary Richards, alternate

## STUDY GROUP NEWS

### Antiques

*Linda Graf and Joan Kapral*

**IMPORTANT!!! CHANGE OF LOCATION!!!** Our “Tiffany Windows of Troy” Lecture and slideshow by Michael P. Barrett of the Hudson Mohawk Industrial Gateway and Burden Ironworks Museum will be held on Wednesday, April 18th at 1:30pm at Berkshire Bank, [255 Delaware Ave., Delmar NY](#). This is a change from our usual Bethlehem Public Library due to the HVAC renovations and asbestos abatement. Hope to see you all there!

### Creative Arts

*Marge O'Brien*

Our annual “Souper” Luncheon held on Thursday, March 22nd was enjoyed by almost 100 DPC members. The change this year from salads to small sandwiches to go along with our soup was a great success and our leftover sandwiches and desserts were brought to the City Mission by Rosemary Brown. It was great to see so many old friends and all those wonderful members who we wait all year to see again.

Our luncheon is a very long-standing tradition, once comprised of actual entrees rather than soup, along with salads and desserts and required members to bring their own plates and flatware! It is more user-friendly now but still takes the work of many generous volunteers. A big THANK YOU to all of them! Unfortunately, this is likely to be my last year doing the luncheon. It's not a difficult job and we do have it very well organized. But I think it is time to pass this wonderful experience along to others. We are looking for a few willing members to offer their services for next year's event. We will work with them in the planning stages and pass along our lists – supplies needed, schedules, etc. – knowing that

new leaders will enjoy the experience as much as we have. Give me a call (439-2086) if you have any questions and thank you!

### ***Coming Events!***

**Thursday, April 26th**, Bethlehem Public Library, the very talented Debbie Gall will be helping us make May baskets for the Bethlehem Senior Luncheon which will be held on May 11th. Debbie has asked that if you have any small baskets to contribute, call her or bring them along.

**Thursday, May 24th**, Bethlehem Public Library, is the date for this year's Operation Smile event. We will be making lots and lots of armbands used to assist children having this life changing surgery. All materials will be provided but we might need a few people to bring a sewing machine. Let me know if you can help with the sewing.

**Wednesday, June 20th**, we will be carpooling to the Cooperative Extension in Voorheesville with the Environment and Garden group to enjoy participating in meal preparation using fresh vegetables and fruit from their gardens. We will leave from the CDTA Park and Ride opposite Delaware Plaza promptly at 1:00 PM.

**Friday morning Knitting** has one more date – April 20th – be sure to join us!

### **Environment and Garden**

*Doris*

*Kirk*

For the last event of the program year, we will join the Creative Arts Group for a visit to the gardens, and a meal preparation, at Cooperative Extension in Voorheesville on Wednesday, June 20th.

Please refer to the Creative Arts Group article for further details.

### **Literature**

*Barbara McCormick*



June 12, 2018 **PICNIC** Marge O'Brien will report on Boys in a Boat by Daniel James Brown.

Everyone who is a member of the 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. Many people also bring a placemat, a few napkins, lawn chair and/or cushion.

Directions: The picnic will start at noon at the New Scotland Town Park of [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.

## **Performing Arts**

*Sue DiMuria*

### **Schenectady Symphony Orchestra / Cornell's Restaurant Trip**

On Sunday, April 22, 2018, we will travel to Proctors Theater for a Schenectady Symphony Concert featuring Rimsky-Korsakov's "Russian Easter Overture", Beethoven's Piano Concerto #5 "The Emperor" with soloist Young Kim, and Borodin's Symphony #2.

Following the performance, we will have dinner at Cornell's Restaurant, a landmark in Schenectady's "Little Italy". Cornell's has offered their small banquet room for our use. They

will include complimentary family style vegetable, potato, and pasta platters with our dinner entrees (choice of full dinner menu). Dinner cost is on your own.

Performance cost is \$12.00.

Please send your \$12.00 check, made out to Susan DiMuria at [27 Walden Fields Drive, Delmar, NY 12054](#). Cornell's would like our final count by 4/16/18.

We will carpool, leaving from the Delaware Avenue Park and Ride Lot at 1:30 pm.

## **Travel**

*Kathleen Newkirk*

On April 26, the Travel Group final presentation of this year is by member Mary Richards; "It Wasn't Just the Music." Looking forward to seeing a number of attendees.

## **Travel Dinner**

*Joan Barron*

On Wednesday, April 18, at 5:30 pm, the annual travel dinner will be held at Grappa '72 on [818 Central Avenue, Albany](#)- across from Orange Motors. The entrees are: Chicken Parmigiana, Salmon, or Meatballs and Sausage. All come with penne pasta, a Spring salad, bread and beverage of coffee, tea, or a non-alcoholic drink. The price is \$30.00 which includes the gratuity. We are tax exempt. Checks should be made out the Delmar Progress Club with menu choice in the memo part and mailed to: Joan Barron, PO Box 112 Voorheesville, NY 12186 on or before April 15th. Phone 518-765-4603. Please indicate to me whether you will be driving or need a ride. Carpooling will be arranged with someone in your area. Please let me know the number in your party as we are opening up the event to guests.

## ***SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE***

*MaryAlice Svare*

Two outstanding students were selected for the 2018 Progress Club Scholarship. Eva Catherine Castagna and John Courtney will each be awarded \$1500. at the Spring Banquet on May 16.

## ***COMMUNITY SERVICE***

On Monday, May 14 Progress Club will host the luncheon for Bethlehem Seniors at noon at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church. The sign up sheets for volunteers for the lunch will be at the May meeting. For information or to volunteer call Maryalice Svare (439-7284) or Karen Bylsma (767-9016).

At the May general meeting please remember donations of food and household goods for the Bethlehem food pantry. There will be the regular collection for the town heating fund, toiletries for women and families as well as box tops for education.

## ***VA***

*Nancy Looby*

The VA needs donations of coffee, sugar, powdered creamer, artificial sweetener, new clothes, lap robes and quilts. You all might like to know that our club has donated 41 books to Grassroots Givers (United Way's volunteer center on Washington Avenue) for their special sale on April 17 and 18. We also donated 33 paperbacks to the group that forwards them to our military stationed overseas. These books were all collected at our recent district meeting. If you'd like to continue donating to Books for Troops, the military particularly like history, sci fi, fantasy, puzzle, and children's books, books on tape and DVDs. On another note, just one container of coffee was donated for the VA hospital at our April meeting. Be on the lookout for special sales so we can be more generous at our next meeting.

**Red Cross**

*Nancy Looby*

I really need a few more Red Cross blood drive volunteers. It's a rewarding and easy community service (2 1/2 hours of your time and mostly in the town of Bethlehem). If you think you'd like to try registering donors or serving Red Cross-provided beverages and snacks after the donation, be in touch with Nancy Looby (518) 489-4041). FYI: There are no Blood drives in town this April. Call Nancy Looby (518-489-4041) to volunteer or for information.

Thank you for all your support and generous contributions to these programs throughout the year.

**Other reminders:**

**May 10 is the Cloisters and lunch bus trip leaving from the Delaware Ave Park and Ride at 6:30 am.**

**May 23 is the CIA excursion leaving from the Lutheran Church at 9.**

**Volunteers are needed for Red Cross Blood Drives, Library Garden maintenance, refreshments at meetings, and more. Where can you help?**

**Thank you Joyce Demoly for serving as our President!**