

DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB



PROGRESS IN PRINT FEBRUARY 2021

President's Message



Winter is almost halfway through and the days are getting longer. The sun may actually appear more often as we head towards Spring! As the COVID vaccine becomes more available, we can be hopeful that the pandemic will end some time this year. It's been so hard for so many people, especially for the families of the over 400,000 persons who have died from the Coronavirus. I think of them with sadness when I complain about the isolation that we all feel.

We will continue to function as best we can in this pandemic. I realize that this is difficult for those of you who are not computer-savvy or don't even own any computer devices. You are not even able to pair with someone who is connected because of the need for social distancing. Zoom has been an advantage for some groups. The Literature Group is able to discuss more books this year because the weather isn't a factor. Monday Morning Musings have not only allowed for informal meetings and discussions, but also to feature speakers like our Town Supervisor (January 18th) and Patricia Wukitsch, a registered dietician from the Delmar Hannaford (February 1st). We will continue to schedule speakers of interest for those Monday morning sessions.

In the meantime, keep well and safe and contact me (518 439-7704 or lynne12054@gmail.com) if you have any thoughts or concerns.

-Lynne Lenhardt

Galentine's Day Party Friday, February 12 @ 5:00pm; See page 4 for details

Community Service Committee—ANOTHER AMAZING COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

The Community Service Committee and our club have identified the Bethlehem School District as an organization to support this year. We've decided to undertake a project to THANK ALL 600 EDUCATIONAL STAFF (teachers/aides/therapists) that have worked tirelessly to teach the students—in person, virtual and hybrid.

We will be making WASHCLOTH TEDDY BEARS and attaching a message that says "THANKS for making school BEARABLE during the pandemic!!" We will deliver kits of materials (washcloths donated by Walmart) to you. **There will be a tutorial for anyone who wishes to help create these Special Thank You Mementos during Monday Morning Musings on February 15th at 10:00am.** The deadline to return is by March 7. The bears will be put in school mailboxes March 12 (the 13th is a full year of pandemic teaching).



The teddy bear gift will let the frontline staff know that the DPC appreciates their professionalism during this difficult period.

Kathy Raffe, Linda Reddy and Debbie Gall

You're invited!

A new committee is forming to discuss increasing the visibility of the Delmar Progress Club and to encourage membership. Tuesday, February 16 at 10:00 am. Bring your thoughts and ideas.



Membership Report

January 2021

New Members: None

Resignations: None

Deaths: Eleanor Haverly '70, Life Member

Ann Alden '03



IMPORTANT:

An updated DPC Membership Contact List will be distributed quarterly (January, April, July, and October) with the Progress In Print. Consult the most recent list for members' contact information. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you would like a hard copy of the MCL mailed to you.

Send any changes in contact information to me at kwinters@verizon.net or 518-439-0706.

Karen Winters, Second Vice President

Corresponding Secretary's Report

On behalf of our DPC members a thank you note was sent to Town Supervisor David Van Luven for speaking to us again during our MMM Zoom Group.



The DPC received two thank you notes from organizations that we support. Soles4Souls thanked us for a donation of shoes and the VA Hospital thanked us for our generous donation of coffee and cards for Veterans.

Canine Companions sent the DPC another fundraising letter.

Lynn Millsbaugh

Corresponding Secretary



Festival of Arts & Crafts



and "Souper Luncheon"

The Delmar Progress Club members usually gather in mid-March to enjoy warm soup, friendship and the judging of member-created Arts & Crafts. Local high school students' Arts & Crafts are also submitted and judged.

This year as you might imagine, we will not be gathering to enjoy our annual luncheon. We will not be collecting items from the school district either. Please save your homemade items until next year.

The District Arts & Crafts Festival which follows this event will not take place this year.

Questions about Arts & Crafts? Call Debbie Gall 518-439-0455

Remembrance Report

January 2021

- * A sympathy card was sent to JoAnn Supan on the passing of her husband.
- * A sympathy card was sent to Rick Haverly on the passing of his mother, Eleanor Haverly.
- * A sympathy card was sent to Lawrence Alden on the passing of his mother, Ann Alden.



Josie Woods

Antiques Study Group

Monthly Mansion Tours

During this recent Presidential Inauguration, there was and still is much discussion about our divided country. Often referenced is the time of President Lincoln and the Civil War. With this in mind, perhaps you would be interested in taking a virtual (2-part) tour of the **Abraham Lincoln Home** in Springfield, Illinois with Curator Susan Haake by using the links below.

[A Tour of the Lincoln Home, Part 1](#)

[A Tour of the Lincoln Home, Part 2](#)

Robyn Giddings and Joan Kapral

Performing Arts

From the Contemporary Circus and Immersive Arts Center comes a poignant, funny, one-of-a-kind solo circus performance. A.Lone invites the public to find humor in our lockdown lifestyle, from the comfort of their own home.

A.Lone brings you into the world of A, a lonely clown quarantined on an old theater's stage. Outside, a war rages on. To overcome fright and loneliness, A invents a family life full of fun and mischief while reliving magnificent days in the limelight. With imagination as his weapon and fantasy as his banner, A finds the courage to believe in a brighter tomorrow. In this premiere, A seems to step off the screen and into each viewer's home, thanks to brilliant cinematography. \$20, 45 minutes, unrated. For ticket information [CLICK HERE.](#)

Linda Hardy and Wilma DeLucco

Do you have knitted or crocheted children's items? Rosemary Brown has a contact with Equinox and a program in Schenectady that needs them. Please call Rosemary at 518-439-6832.

Literature Group

Chairwoman: Kathy Schimanski
518-439-7237, gkparfore@aol.com

Tuesday, February 9, 2021

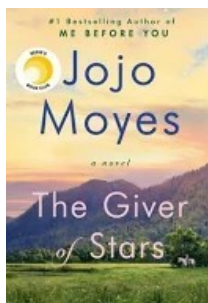
10:00 am (via Zoom)

The Giver of Stars by Jojo Moyes

Discussion facilitated by: Helen Gray

Set in Depression-era America, this is breathtaking story of five extraordinary women and their remarkable journey through the mountains of Kentucky. It begins when Alice Wright marries handsome Bennett Van Cleve hoping to escape her stifling life in England.

But small-town Kentucky quickly proves equally claustrophobic. When a call goes out for a team of women to deliver books as part of Eleanor Roosevelt's new traveling library, Alice signs on enthusiastically and meets some wonderful friends on the way.

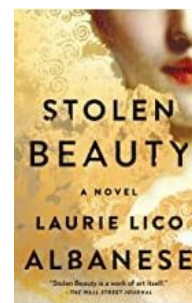


Tuesday, March 9, 2021

10:00 am (via Zoom)

Stolen Beauty by Laurie Lico Albanese

Discussion facilitated by: Marjorie O'Brien



It is the story behind the creation and near destruction of Gustav Klimt's most remarkable painting, the portrait of Adele Block-Bauer, sometimes called "The Woman in Gold." The book takes place during World War II in Vienna. The painting is at the Neue Gallery in NYC. It was made into a major motion picture starring Helen Mirren in 2015. Now it receives literary treatment in this very fine novel. (Amazon)

FEBRUARY WALKS

Health and Fitness Group and Environment, Conservation and Garden Group

We walk twice a month on Mondays at 1pm – to explore our environment, spend some time together, and get a little exercise. We walk for about 40 minutes, with a few minutes for socializing before and after.

Some trails are paved, some are not, and some are flatter than others. Descriptions of most trails are available online. No registration necessary -- just show up -- bring a friend. Please bring a mask and remember to social distance!

These walks depend on the weather. Be on the lookout for the reminder email sent out the day before the walk.

On February 8th, we will be walking at the Town of Colonie **Mohawk River Park**. (Directions: get on 87 North, the Northway; take exit 7 for NY-7 E toward Troy/Cohoes. Stay on Rt. 7 to the exit for U.S. 9 N toward NY-9R/Cohoes. Merge onto U.S. 9 N. Follow 9 N past Guptil's, then take a left onto Old Loudon Road,. At the stop sign, take a left onto Schermerhorn Road. (There will be signs for the park.) The Parking Lot is on the left. We will meet there. It's a large facility, and you won't miss it! The walk is very easy, on macadam. And nice and wide for social distancing!)

On February 22nd, we're going to walk the **Old Delmar** neighborhoods. Meet at the Reform Church on Delaware Avenue, in the back parking lot, and we'll walk around the neighborhood.

Contacts:

Health and Fitness Group:

Pam Tindall-O'Brien, ptindallobrien@gmail.com, 518-439-1672

Environment, Conservation and Garden Group:

Joan Gavrilik, jsg85@aol.com, 518-439-4520



CLYNK

Our bottle and can redemption program through the Hannaford CLYNK program is ongoing. If you need CLYNK bags, please contact Joan Gavrilik at jsg85@aol.com or 518-439-4520 and she will happily deliver them to your doorstep.

*And before you drop off the bag of cans for our DPC credit, pop off that aluminum tab for Ronald McDonald House...



Please continue to collect pull tabs! Little things can make a big difference. You can help support the Ronald McDonald House in Albany by collecting the little tabs you pull to open soda, soup or other aluminum cans. The funds generated from recycling these aluminum gems help offset the House's expenses. I will be glad to pick the tabs up from your house or you can drop them off at my house and put them in the hands-free can on my front porch (261 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar).

Thank you!
Linda Reddy



FEBRUARY 2021 IMPORTANT DATES—MARK YOUR CALENDAR

February 1	Monday	10:00am	Monday Morning Musings—Registered Dietician
February 8	Monday	1:00pm*	Walk Mohawk River Park
February 9	Tuesday	10:00am*	Literature Group via Zoom: <u>The Giver of Stars</u>
February 12	Friday	5:00pm	Galentine’s Day Party via Zoom
February 15	Monday	10:00am	Monday Morning Musings—washcloth Teddy Bear Demonstration
February 16	Tuesday	10:00am	Ad hoc committee meeting—RSVP to Lynne Lenhardt
February 22	Monday	1:00pm*	Walk Old Delmar
February 24	Wednesday	10:00am	Delmar Progress Club Board of Directors Meeting
February 25	Thursday		Deadline for March Progress In Print

* Note new time



Please join us for...

A Galentine’s Day party

Friday, February 12, 2021

5:00 pm via Zoom

Never heard of “Galentine’s Day?” It’s a celebration of female friendship, created in 2010 on an episode of Parks and Recreation, starring Amy Poehler.

What better holiday to celebrate together? The Delmar Progress Club is full of friends—longtime, brand new, deep and meaningful... reach out to a few of your favorite “besties” and encourage them to join us!

We’ll break out into small groups for plenty of conversation... and who doesn’t want more of that in the time of COVID?!



We’re doing a lot of things to keep us all connected during this most unusual year... how’s it working for you? Do you need help accessing the frequent emails we send out? (It would only take a few minutes on the phone to determine if our emails are landing someplace hidden on your computer.) Would you like a one-on-one tutorial on joining a Zoom call? Maybe we could get a small group together to practice. Please contact Barbara Hogan with any questions, concerns, ideas, suggestions. hogan.barb@gmail.com; 518-928-0400 **Note:** If you would like a hard copy of the PIP and/or the Membership Contact List mailed to you, please contact Karen Winters at kkwinters@verizon.net or 518-439-0706.