

# DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB

## March PROGRESS IN PRINT

March, 2021

### President's Message



First, I want to thank everyone who has remained active and contributed in various ways to the organization. I am especially appreciative of the Community Service Committee who have enabled us to complete projects and help others during this pandemic.

Second, the Futures Committee has been meeting and exploring ways to increase our visibility in the community and to also find additional ways to reach all of our members. The committee is presently drafting a member survey that will be included in next month's PIP.

See page 5 for a copy of the minutes from the February 24th meeting of the DPC Board of Directors; and on page 6, you'll find a chart I developed for you to track your volunteer time and tally your cash and in-kind donations. These are important statistics that we report to the GFWC annually. It will help me when I request the information from you at the beginning of next year.

I hope you have been able to receive the vaccine or have it scheduled. In the meantime, keep well and safe. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you need anything.

-Lynne

### Community Service Committee

#### ANOTHER AMAZING COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

During Monday Morning Musings on February 15th Kathy Raffe and Debbie Gall taught our volunteers how to make teddy bears from wash cloths. Doesn't it look like fun?!

Kathy says "Keep the bears coming!"... all 600 completed teddy bears are due to Kathy Raffe's house by March 7 for delivery to the mailbox of every teacher and staff member in the Bethlehem Central School District on Thursday, March 11 with a tag expressing the thanks of the Delmar Progress Club for completing a full year of pandemic teaching and making it "BEAR-able." THANKS FOR YOUR TIME AND TALENT!!!

*Kathy Raffe, Linda Reddy and Debbie Gall*



Mark your calendar!

Join us for a

**SPRING  
FLING**

Wednesday, March 24, 2021  
at 5:00pm via Zoom

### March is Women's History Month

[GFWC: Women's History Month: First Croly Award Winner Sara Hammel](#)

[Apple celebrates Women's History Month and International Women's Day](#)  
[Women's History Month](#)

[National Women's History Alliance](#)

[International Women's Day](#)

[Why is Women's History Month in March?](#)

[National Women's History Museum](#)



## Membership Report

February 2021

New members: None

Resignations: None

Deaths: Jeanne Bourque '01

**IMPORTANT:** Send any changes in Contact Information to me at [kkwinters@verizon.net](mailto:kkwinters@verizon.net) or 518-439-0706.

Karen Winters, Second Vice President



## Corresponding Secretary's Report

A thank you note on behalf of DPC members was sent to Patricia Wukitsch, RD, who spoke to us during our MMM Zoom Group about nutrition. Her presentation had the most participants of our MMM Zoom Group to date.



DPC also received a thank you note from South End Children's Cafe for our recent donations to them.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lynn Millspaugh  
Corresponding Secretary

## Remembrance Report

February 2021

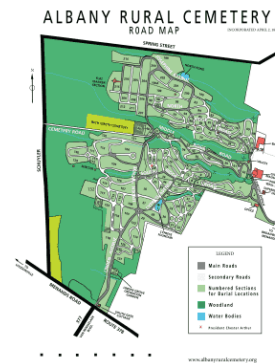
- \* A sympathy card was sent to William Heim on the passing of his wife, Linda.
- \* A sympathy card was sent to Karen Coleman on the loss of her mother, Valerie Thompson.
- \* A sympathy card was sent to the family of Jeanne Bourque.
- \* A get well card was sent to Joyce Demoly.



Josie Woods

## SPECIAL MMM EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT

April 19, 2021



The Health and Fitness Group, and the Antiques Study Group are happy to announce that at our MMM meeting on April 19th, at 10 am, **Paul Grondahl** (formerly of the Albany Times Union, now Director of the New York State Writers Institute) will do a Zoom presentation on the history of the Albany Rural Cemetery. He wrote a book on the history of the cemetery, entitled *These Exalted Acres*. (If you would like to read it before his presentation, it can be found on Amazon or you may wish to call I Love Books to see if they have it.)

The following Monday, April 26, 2021 the Health and Fitness Group will walk the cemetery, while the talk is fresh in our minds. This should be a particularly fun and interesting MMM so please join us! And for the walk on April 26th.

Pam Tindall-O'Brien (Ptindallobrien@gmail.com)  
Joan Kapral (jkapral18@gmail.com)

## Antiques Study Group Monthly Mansion Tours

A Tour of the United States Capitol

In recent weeks, the activities at the Capitol Building in Washington DC have been a primary news story. To turn our thoughts from concern to appreciation, below are links to tours that give overviews of the history, beauty and significance of the U.S. Capitol.

Explore the Capitol Campus

These videos will take you in and around historic spaces of the U.S. Capitol.

*Virtual U.S. Capitol Tour* - <https://youtu.be/qvqg1awXNzs>

[Spring at the U.S. Capitol](#) (Video)

[360 Degree View of the U.S. Capitol Rotunda](#) (Video)

[360 Degree View of National Statuary Hall](#) (Video)

[Night and Day From Statue of Freedom Scaffolding](#) (Video)

[Celebrate Capitol Grounds](#) (Video)

[Olmsted's Plan for the U.S. Capitol](#) (Video)

Robyn Giddings and Joan Kapral

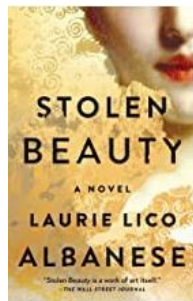
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CONNECTED

We're doing a lot of things to keep us all connected during this most unusual year... how's it working for you? Please contact Barbara Hogan with any questions, concerns, ideas, suggestions. [hogan.barb@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:kkwinters@verizon.net) or 518-439-0706.

## Literature Group

Chairwoman: Kathy Schimanski  
518-439-7237, [gkparfore@aol.com](mailto:gkparfore@aol.com)



**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)

**Tuesday, April 13, 2021**

10:00 am (via Zoom)

American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins

Discussion facilitated by Joan Gavrilik



Lydia Quixano Pérez runs a bookstore in Acapulco, Mexico, where she lives with her husband, Sebastián, who is a journalist, and their son, Luca. When a man starts visiting her store, buying books and striking up a friendship, she has no idea initially that he will be responsible for turning her life upside down. But Lydia and Luca will have to flee Acapulco, setting them on a journey they will share with countless other Central and South Americans-turned migrants. (Amazon)

## MARCH WALKS

**Health and Fitness Group and Environment, Conservation and Garden Group**



We walk twice a month on Mondays at 1 pm – 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 on the day before the walk.

On **Monday, March 8**, we'll be walking the paved Whalen's Way Nature Trail at Capital Hills Golf Course (also known as Albany Muni). Take New Scotland Road toward Albany and turn right onto O'Neil Road just before the bridge over the Thruway (65 O'Neil Rd, Albany).

On **Monday, March 22**, we're going to explore the lovely neighborhood along Salisbury Road, Burhans Place, and Euclid Avenue in Elsmere (across from Delaware Plaza). Park at the Normanside Country Club at the end of Salisbury Road and we'll start from there.

### Contacts:

Health and Fitness Group:

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Environment, Conservation and Garden Group:

Joan Gavrilik, [jsg85@aol.com](mailto:jsg85@aol.com), 518-439-4520



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](mailto:jsg85@aol.com) or 518-439-4520 and she will happily deliver them to your doorstep.

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Have you used your free time to clean your closets and identify shoes that you and your families no longer wear? I am still taking shoes for Soles4Souls. Shoes that are "sitting idle" in your closets can be of great use and benefit to those in need. If you have shoes to donate call me at 518 694-1238 to arrange a drop off.

Wilma DeLucco

PS I can also use a few medium sized boxes; big enough for 4-5 pairs of shoes.



The GFWC-NY Annual Convention, scheduled for April 15-18, 2021, has been **rescheduled** to September 17-19, 2021, at the Albany Marriott, Albany, NY.

**MARCH 2021 IMPORTANT DATES—MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

March 1	Monday	10:00am	Monday Morning Musings—Futures Committee Discussion
March 8	Monday	1:00pm	Walk Whalen’s Way Nature Trail at Capital Hills Golf Course
March 9	Tuesday	10:00am	Literature Group via Zoom: <u>Stolen Beauty</u>
March 15	Monday	10:00am	Monday Morning Musings
March 22	Monday	1:00pm	Walk neighborhood along Salisbury Rd, Burhans Pl, and Euclid Ave
March 24	Wednesday	5:00pm	Delmar Progress Club Spring Fling via Zoom
March 25	Thursday		Deadline for April Progress In Print
April 19	Monday	10:00am	MMM Special Event: Paul Grondahl discusses the Albany Rural Cemetery
April 26	Monday	1:00pm	Walk the Albany Rural Cemetery



We had fun!!

Many thanks to **Joan Gavrilik** and **Pam Tindall-O’Brien** for organizing our “Galentine’s Party!” It warmed the winter evening to think about our first teenage crush, favorite romantic movie and reflect on the importance of our female friendships.



**Delmar Progress Club**

Minutes of the February 24, 2021

Meeting of the Board of Directors

**Present (via Zoom or Telephone):** Carolyn Bennett, Ronnie Blendell, Christine Doran, Debbie Gall, Barbara Hogan, Carol Jonas, Lynne Lenhardt, Lynn Millspaugh, Kathy Schimanski, Pam Tindall-O’Brien, Karen Winters

**Absent:** Rosemary Brown, Joyce Demoly, Phyllis Drew

The meeting was called to order by president Lynne Lenhardt at 10:06am.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Approval of the Minutes:** Christine Doran moved to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2020 Board of Directors meeting, with the date of the meeting corrected to read November 13, 2020. Carol Jonas seconded. The motion passed.
2. **Treasurer’s Report:** Christine Doran reported that, given our unusual year with limited club activities, we are not spending in the usual ways. We are currently \$3500 under budget overall, with a checking account balance of approximately \$14,000 due to a roll-over of funds from the previous year. Other discussion of note:
  - a. Zoom subscription was changed to an annual membership for \$112.
  - b. Fee for the post office box is included in the postage line which will likely go over budget since we are publishing the Progress In Print monthly.
  - c. C-Lynk – Karen Winters moved and Ronnie Blendell seconded to donate the \$138 received from the redemption of bottles and cans to the Bethlehem town heating fund. (Christine Doran will talk to Joan Gavrilik about going paperless)
  - d. There was a discussion about the purpose and renewal dates for certificates of deposit. Christine Doran received some guidance from other board members and will contact the previous Treasurer for additional clarification. (cont’d.)

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- e. It was decided that when we are able to meet in person again, and as we resume the practice of passing a can for cash donations to the town heating fund, those donations will be counted by two members, and given to the Treasurer for disbursement.

Pam Tindall-O'Brien moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as amended. The motion was seconded by Debbie Gall and approved.

- 3. Study Group Updates:** Lynne Lenhardt reported that the Literature Group is planning a hybrid model for meeting in the future. In-person gatherings will resume when it is safe and Zoom meetings will be used until then and whenever the weather dictates.

**4. Committee Updates:**

- a. There was an extensive discussion about the composition of the Nominating Committee and whether membership of the committee is dictated by the By-Laws or by past practice. Having newer members on the Nominating Committee could result in expanding the pool of members for consideration of leadership positions in the club. Additionally, Barbara Hogan expressed interest in continuing to serve as the club's Recording Secretary. She has been appointed by the president to do so.

- 5. Monday Morning Musings:** Pam Tindall-O'Brien presented a proposal to invite the Woman's Club of Albany to join us for a Zoom presentation by Paul Grondahl about the Albany Rural Cemetery. Three Study Groups (Health and Fitness, Environment, Conservation and Garden, and Antiques) are collaborating on this event. Mr. Grondahl will speak via Zoom on Monday, April 17 and the members will be invited to tour the cemetery the following Monday. There was some discussion about the WCA having once been a member of the GFWC; Carolyn Bennett stated that some DPC members may not support this invitation. Pam Tindall-O'Brien moved to invite the WCA to the April 17 Monday Morning Musings event. Carolyn Bennett seconded and the motion passed. (It is not necessary for Board approval to offer Mr. Grondahl a \$100 stipend, which will be paid from the Health and Fitness Study Group.)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Futures Committee: Lynne Lenhardt reported that she will use the upcoming MMM to discuss this new committee, the DPC Mission Statement and a member survey.
2. GFWC Updates:
  - a. Pancreatic Cancer has been established as an initiative of the NYS GFWC.
  - b. Delmar Progress Club is celebrating its 120th anniversary this year.
  - c. There are state and national competitions for newsletters that we might want to enter
  - d. State Honor Roll – Lynne Lenhardt appointed a committee in January. The committee will select two members to be named to the Honor Roll since no one was chosen last year. The club contributes \$25 each to GFWC-NY for the honor roll.

Christine Doran stated that the club is doing a fabulous job under difficult circumstances. The DPC has been a lifeline for her and many of us. Debbie Gall mentioned that she appreciates what everyone is doing for the club and our members. Pam Tindall-O'Brien and Lynne Lenhardt added that the "parties" we've had on Zoom have helped us get to know each other better. It was agreed that we will follow the guidance of science, the CDC and the government recommendations for determining when it is safe to meet in person again.

Pam Tindall-O'Brien moved and Kathy Schimanski seconded that the meeting adjourn at 11:30am. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Hogan  
Recording Secretary

