

# DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

PROGRESS IN PRINT JANUARY 2021

### President's Message



The year of the pandemic has finally ended and I want to take a moment to thank everyone for all the positive moments of the past several months. As an organization, we have had to function differently and members have “risen to the occasion” with their creativity and generosity. We have reached out to everyone through additional PIPs, Zoom meetings, phone calls, and holiday cards.

The club has also been in contact with outside organizations that have needed assistance. Members have donated numerous hours in making or purchasing for others in need. I am so grateful to be part of this wonderful group of women!

As we begin the new year, let us be hopeful that the pandemic will eventually end and we can return to normalcy. More importantly, I look forward to being physically together again.

Happy New Year and keep well!

*-Lynne Lenhardt*



Our Holiday Party on Zoom (pictured above) was so much fun, we did a “Silver Linings Party” on December 30th. (Sorry, no photos available at press time.) This year has been quite a challenge for all of us...but being members and friends in this club has been a “silver lining” for sure!! We all thought this year would never end but now it has!!

*It's time to send your Volunteer Hours to Lynne Lenhardt. We don't have the handy-dandy clipboard on the table at a meeting to jot down your hours... please tally them up for the period of 1/1/20 to 12/31/20 and send them to Lynne at [lynne12054@gmail.com](mailto:lynne12054@gmail.com) by January 5, 2021.*

## Membership Report

### December 2020

New Members: None

Resignations: None

Deaths: None

**Note:** Be sure to use the Membership Contact List for the most recent phone numbers and email addresses. If you would like a hard copy of the MCL mailed to you, please contact me at [kkwinters@verizon.net](mailto:kkwinters@verizon.net) or 518-439-0706.

Christine Doran's email is [christinedoran9@gmail.com](mailto:christinedoran9@gmail.com)

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Karen Winters

Second Vice President

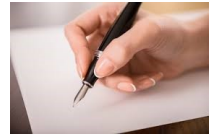


## Corresponding Secretary's Report

On behalf of DPC three thank you notes were sent to our guest speakers from Oct. and Nov. who spoke to us during our MMM Zoom Group. Ellie VonWellsheim from the MoonCatcher project, Tracie Killar from The South End Children's Cafe and Jill Pekenpaugh from USCRI were thanked for their participation and for the information they provided to us.

The DPC also received two fundraising letters from The South End Children's Cafe.

Lynn Millsbaugh  
Corresponding Secretary



## Antiques Study Group Monthly Mansion Tours

During this time of transition in our government, it seems fitting to provide three virtual tours of the White House. As described on the Google Arts & Culture website, "For more than 200 years, the White House has been more than just the home of the Presidents and their families. Throughout the world, it is recognized as the symbol of the President, of the President's administration, and of the United States.

Here are three virtual tours:

[Eisenhower Executive Office Building](#)

[White House on the State Floor](#)

[White House's Ground Floor](#)

Robyn Giddings and Joan Kapral

## Remembrance Report December 2020

A Get Well card was sent to Wilma DeLuco following her surgery.

A Sympathy card was sent to Kim Watson on the death of her mother.

from Josie Woods

## New Ad Hoc Committee

Lynne Lenhardt is forming an ad hoc committee to examine the Delmar Progress Club in terms of finding ways to let the community know of our existence and how we are an asset to Bethlehem and the Capital District area (and beyond in some cases). We also want to increase our membership and look at ways of doing that. This topic arose at the last Monday Morning Musings and people had some great ideas. Since we are still operating in the pandemic, we thought the timing was good to work on this. Interested members should contact Lynne ([lynne12054@gmail.com](mailto:lynne12054@gmail.com) or 518 439-7704).

## Community Service Committee

Our Committee felt so proud to be members of a group of women who understood the true meaning of holiday giving. We filled the needs of young children and young adults born in the Capital Region and those who now call the Albany area their home. We may never fully realize the impact we've made.

In the New Year we will continue to push forward with project support for our School Community, Senior Community and our long standing partnerships with Operation Smile, Canine Companions, Veterans, the American Red Cross and the Ronald McDonald House.

Reach out when needs arise near and far.

Kathy Raffe, Linda Reddy and Debbie Gall



## Literature Group

Chairwoman: Kathy Schimanski

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

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

10:00 am (via Zoom)

Becoming by Michele Obama

Discussion facilitated by: Wilma DeLucco

Becoming is an intimate, powerful, and inspiring memoir by the former First Lady. She narrates with grace, good humor, and uncommon candor and provides a behind-the-scenes account of her family's history-making launch into the global as well as their life inside the White House over eight momentous years.



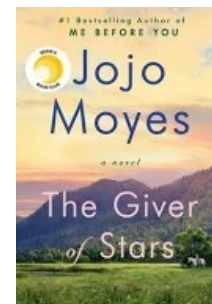
Tuesday, February 9, 2021

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.

## JANUARY WALKS

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

We walk twice a month on Mondays – 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! Please note – because the mornings are getting colder, we'll be walking at 1 p.m.



**January 11, Monday, 1 p.m. – Albany County Helderberg-Hudson Rail Trail – from Voorheesville**

**January 25, Monday, 1 p.m. – Five Rivers Environmental Education Center**

Obviously, at this time of year, these walks depend on the weather. Look for further details, which will be emailed as the dates draw closer.

#### 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.

\*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



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HOUSE CHARITIES

## JANUARY 2021 IMPORTANT DATES—MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January 4	Monday	10:00am	Monday Morning Musings
January 11	Monday	1:00pm*	Walk at Albany County Helderberg-Hudson Rail Trail – from Voorheesville
January 12	Tuesday	10:00am*	Literature Group via Zoom: <u>Becoming</u>
January 18	Monday	10:00am	Monday Morning Musings—David VanLuven, Town Supervisor
January 25	Monday		Deadline for February Progress In Print
January 25	Monday	1:00pm*	Walk at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center

\* Note new time

←STAYING→ 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.

## SOME HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2020

### BOOK CLUB

#### Literature Group and Summer Virtual Book Club

June 30: *The Liars Club* by Mary Karr  
 July 28: *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates  
 August 25: *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith  
 September 29: *The Snow Child* by Eowyn Ivey  
 October 13: *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* by Heather Morris  
 November 10: *The Rules of Civility* by Amor Towles



We published 16 issues of CONNECTIONS between March 21 and July 31.

March 26: First Zoom meeting – Checking in with each other

April 22: Shared tips and resources during isolation

May 4: Decluttering

May 11: The Tidy Mind

May 18: Tribute to outgoing President **Debbie Gall**

May 25: Memorial Day tributes

June 1: New President Lynne Lenhardt on plans for 2020-2021

June 8: Discussion of survey and virtual book group

June 15: Discussion of video on protests for racial justice

June 22: Guest **David VanLuven**, Bethlehem Town Supervisor

June 29: Guest **Geoff Kirkpatrick**, of the Bethlehem Public Library

July 6: Guest **Will Vail**, Bethlehem Senior Services Department

July 13: Guest **Jodi Boyle**, Supervisory Archivist at UAlbany

July 20: Guest **Jason Gallo**, Administrator, Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department

### MONDAY MORNING MUSINGS

July 27: Guest **Susan Leath**, Town Historian

August 3: **Lynne Lenhardt** leading a discussion on fall planning

August 17: Lynne Lenhardt leading a discussion on fall planning

August 31: **Kathy Newkirk** -- Remembering the bus trip to Canandaigua

September 14: Annual Community Service meeting

September 28: DPC Updates

October 5: Guest **Ellie VonWellsheim**, Mooncatcher Project

October 19: Guest **Tracie Killar**, The South End Children's Café

November 16: **Jill Peckenaugh**, USCRI (U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants)

November 30: Holiday Party discussion

December 7: DPC updates

December 15: First (and hopefully ONLY) Holiday Zoom Party

December 21: Discussion of future topics & holiday slide show

December 30: Silver Linings Zoom Party