

DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB



DECEMBER

PROGRESS IN PRINT

— 2021 —
Celebrating
120 Years



President's Message

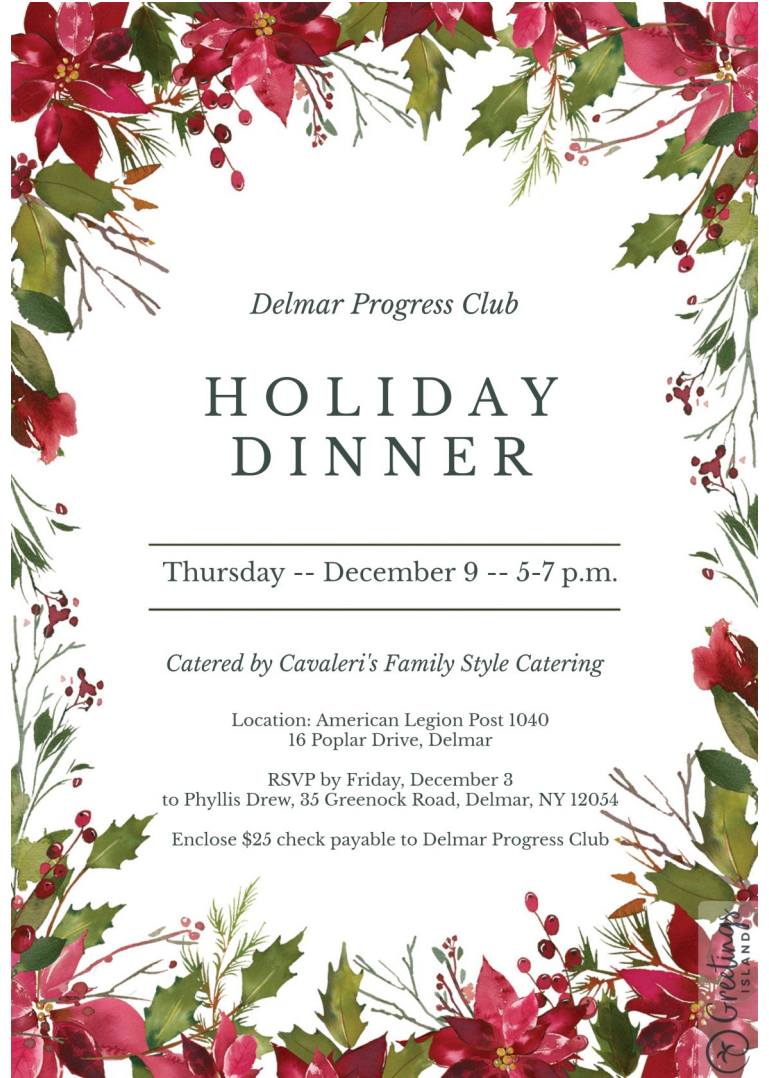
As we approach the end of another pandemic year, I feel that it's more important than ever to be optimistic about the future. Despite that, I ask myself daily: When will this end? When can we visit family and friends without concern? When will we truly act "normal" again? I can't predict the future but I can encourage us to maintain contacts with family and friends and to reach out to those who are isolated and alone. That was one of the reasons for the phone call you received from a club member. We want to know that you are all right, and if you need anything, to contact us.

We have scheduled a Holiday Gathering on December 9 at the American Legion Post. The room is large and airy and the food is great from Frank Cavaleri caterers. There is also a new elevator to use. I hope to see many of you there.

The holiday season is a time for rejoicing but also for hope and renewal. I wish you all good health and happiness in the new year and hope you can joyfully celebrate the holidays with your family and friends.

-Lynne

Happy Holidays



December General Meeting

Monday, December 6, 10 a.m.

Bethlehem Public Library (*masks required*)

STUDY GROUP NEWS

ART AND ANTIQUES

Joan Kapral, Chair

Explore these interesting finds on your computer or in person!

Historic Cherry Hill

Historic Cherry Hill has two digital collections of primary source objects, documents, and photographs to share with researchers, teachers, students and history lovers! Funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities and Capital District Library Council, respectively, these projects can now be viewed online with the link below, through New York Heritage.

[Historic Cherry Hill | New York Heritage \(nyheritage.org\)](https://www.nyheritage.org)



Art Associates Gallery, 21 Railroad Ave., Albany 518-459-1307

Showing works in a wide variety of mediums from members and supporters of the Upstate Artists Guild. Dec. 3 through Dec. 31.

<https://www.artassociatesgalleryinc.com>

Mandeville Gallery, Union College, 807 Union Street, Schenectady

Alisa Sikelianos-Carter: In the Eye of Belonging. In her mixed media paintings, the upstate artist envisions a mythology that is centered on Black resistance and utilizes the body as a sight of alchemy and divinity. Through Jan. 9.

[Mandeville Gallery Home](#) | [Mandeville Gallery \(union.edu\)](#)

LITERATURE

Kathy Schimanski, Chair

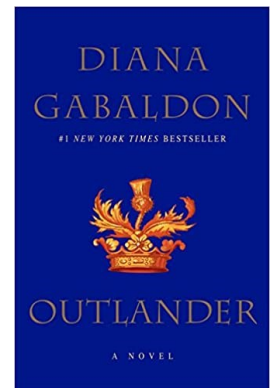
There will be no Literature Group meetings in December.

Tuesday, January 11, 1:30 pm, Bethlehem Public Library Board Room (masks required)

Outlander by Diana Gabaldon

Facilitator: Linda MacRitchie Graf

Outlander spans the genres of romance, science fiction, history and adventure as it follows Clair Randall, a married WWII combat nurse who mistakenly falls back in time to 1743.



WELLNESS AND THE NATURAL WORLD

Pam Tindall-O'Brien, Chair

Wellness Walks We walk twice a month on Mondays — at 10 a.m. in the warmer months and 1 p.m. when it's colder

Monday, December 14, 1 pm: Albany County Helderberg-Hudson Rail Trail, Slingerlands

Monday, December 28, 1 pm: The Crossings, Colonie



Our bottle and can redemption program through the Hannaford CLYNK program is ongoing. You can pick up CLYNK bags at the monthly meetings or contact Joan Gavrilik at jsg85@aol.com or 518-439-4520 .

In 2021, our CLYNK program raised \$157.70, which will be added to our Emergency Relief Fund.

PERFORMING ARTS

Marie Liddle and Debbie Mazzone, Co-chairs

Progress Club members may wish to attend some of the events highlighted below during the month of December. There are so many holiday-oriented concerts and plays and the Performing Arts Committee hopes you'll take advantage of some of these, as your time allows:

Friendship Singers Holiday Community concerts (free!) Wednesday, December 15, 7:00 p.m., New Scotland Presbyterian Church (just past Stonewell Plaza, on the left) and Wednesday, December 22, 7:00 p.m. Delmar Reformed Church

"The Christians" at Albany Barn, 56 2nd St., Albany, December 2,3,4 and 9,10,11 [The Christians By Lucas Hnath Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite](#)

Albany Symphony Orchestra "The Magic of Christmas" at the Palace Theater, Sunday, December 5 at 3:00 p.m. [Upcoming Concerts & Events — Albany Symphony](#)

Curtain Call Theater, 1 Jeanne Jurgan Lane, Latham, "Over the River and Through the Woods" [Curtain Call Theatre - Over the River and Through the woods](#)

Homemade Theater, Saratoga Arts Center, "Moonlight and Magnolias," through December 12 [AudienceView Professional \(ovationtix.com\)](#)



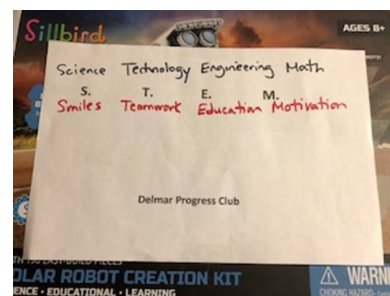
COMMITTEE AND RELATED REPORTS

COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE

Debbie Gall, Kathy Raffe & Linda Reddy, Co-chairs

Kit Donations for GRYLS STEM PROGRAM at he Bethlehem YMCA:

Another huge Thank You to all the members who purchased a STEM kit for donation to the Gryls Stem Program at the YMCA. They were given to the program director, Anzala Alosie on 11/5. This is the note put on the top of each kit!



During this holiday season of gifting there are a few opportunities for club members should you be interested:

Our Giving Box will be at the Bethlehem Public Library for 2 weeks in early December for hats, mittens, scarves, etc. Some of these items will be delivered to the *Hilltown Christmas Program*. If you wish to make a monetary donation you can mail a check by Dec. 23rd to: Albany Sheriff's Office, 59 Verda Ave. PO Box A, Clarksville, NY 12041 *Priscilla Miller is the contact person



Blankets of any size are needed for the refugees that are currently arriving in the Capital District. This will be ongoing through the winter months. *Debbie Gall is the contact person

Vanderheyden serves a wide variety of individuals in their many residences based in Troy and their home for residents ages 12-21 in Wynantskill. They are collecting new or slightly used items that can be used in the Vanderheyden Holiday Wish Room through Dec. 21st. **Suggested items:** toiletries for male and female, card games, puzzles, gift cards, arts & crafts, journals, towels & washcloths, socks & tights, (youth sizes) kitchen utensils, AA & AAA batteries and slippers, (youth sizes) jewelry, young adult books, etc. *Kathy Raffe or Linda Reddy contact person

Delmar Progress Club: November 10, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Present: Lynne Lenhardt, Pamela Tindall-O'Brien, Karen Winters, Lynn Millspaugh Christine Doran, Phyllis Drew, Debbie Gall, Kathy Schimanski, Carolyn Bennett, and Kathy Newkirk

Absent: Joyce Demoly, Rosemary Brown and Margaret Dilgen

Lynne Lenhardt called the meeting to order at 10:09, welcomed everyone and thanked Lynn Millspaugh for volunteering to take the minutes.

Debbie Gall moved to accept the May 13 minutes with Kathy Schimanski seconding. The motion passed accepting the minutes as written.

Christine Doran gave a lengthy treasurer's report. The scholarships spent \$119 more than was taken in. The Unrestricted Fund for 2020-2021 spent \$319 .65 over budget. The September dinner had a surplus of approximately \$160 which will go to the Emergency Relief Fund. Chris is moving the Berkshire account to Key Bank for better interest but not for a CD. In 2020-21, monies were distributed from Arts and Antiques, Environment, Conservation and Garden, and Health and Wellness to cover donations for Paul Grondahl's presentation and the tour of the Albany Rural Cemetery. Performing Arts spent money on the suffragette's play. Chris said she will shred checks which are 6-7 years old. The treasurer's report was accepted for audit.

Karen Winters announced that the club has 130 paid members and 10 life members. She then explained the reasoning behind the next two motions. Karen moved with Phyllis Drew seconding, to drop from membership Barbara Knapp, Nan Rabinow and Norene White. Motion carried. Karen moved with Kathy Newkirk seconding to name Joyce Demoly and Audrey Watson Inactive Members. Motion carried.

Study Group Updates: Travel Group may meet in person or by Zoom for a talk about Scotland and Southeast Asia. The Wellness and Natural World group walked at Peebles Island and will be touring Olde Delmar on November 22.

Committee Updates: Bylaws Committee needs a new chairperson. Debbie Gall updated the group on the transfer of materials to the Archive Unit at UAlbany and on some materials that weren't appropriate for the Archives. The Scholarship Committee will make its annual appeal for funds in January.

Lynne remarked on the success of the September dinner. Everyone was so happy to see each other. A Holiday social gathering is scheduled for December 9 at the American Legion Post. Carolyn and Pam are chairing the planning.

We are hoping to schedule the March "Souper" luncheon. There will be no Arts and Crafts as part of it since there is no one at the GFWC District Level willing to chair it at that level.

Other Business:

There will be a brief December 6 general meeting and the opportunity to make a simple craft.

There was discussion about our involvement in what's occurring in Town. We have representatives that have served on committees to ensure our voice is heard. The road diet was an example.

Phyllis moved to adjourn the meeting seconded by Debbie. The motion carried and the meeting ended at 11:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Millspaugh

Acting Recording Secretary

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Karen Winters, Second Vice President , Chair

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New Members: None

Resignations: None

Change in Status to Inactive

Member:

Joyce Demoly, Audrey Watson

Deleted For Non Payment of Dues:

Barbara Knapp, Nan Rabinow, Norene White

Changes In E-Mail Address:

Carol Jonas caroljonas4@ gmail.com

Deaths: None



CORRESPONDING SECRETARY REPORT

The DPC received a thank you note from Scholarship Winner Grace Appuzzi who is attending Penn State. Grace appreciates being chosen and hopes to one day pay forward our generosity to her.

Soles4Souls thanks us for our recent donation of 36 pairs of shoes.

A thank you note was sent to Col. Christine Rem for speaking to us during our November meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Millspaugh



2021-2022 CALENDAR (as of December 1, 2021)

DECEMBER 2021

December 6	Monday	10 a.m.	General Meeting, BPL Community Room
December 9	Thursday	5-7 p.m.	Holiday Dinner, American Legion Post 1040, Delmar
December 13	Monday	1 p.m.	Wellness Walk — Albany County Rail Trail, Slingerlands
December 17	Friday	10 a.m.	Knitting Group, BPL Board Room
December 27	Monday	1 p.m.	Wellness Walk — The Crossings, Colonie

JANUARY 2022

January 3	Monday	10 a.m.	General Meeting, BPL Community Room
January 10	Monday	1 p.m.	Wellness Walk
January 11	Tuesday	1:30 p.m.	Literature Group: <i>Outlander</i> by Diana Gabaldon, BPL Board Room
January 24	Monday	1 p.m.	Wellness Walk
January 28	Friday	10 a.m.	Knitting Group, BPL Board Room

2021-2022 CALENDAR (continued)

FEBRUARY 2022

February 7	Monday	10 a.m.	General Meeting, BPL Community Room
February 8	Tuesday	1:30 p.m.	Literature Group: <i>The Four Winds</i> by Kristin Hannah , BPL Board Room
February 14	Monday	1 p.m.	Wellness Walk
February 25	Friday	10 a.m.	Knitting Group, BPL Board Room
February 28	Monday	1 p.m.	Wellness Walk

MARCH 2022

March 7	Monday	10 a.m.	General Meeting, BPL Community Room
March 14	Monday	1 p.m.	Wellness Walk
March 15	Tuesday	1:30 p.m.	Literature Group: <i>Travels with Charley in Search of America</i> by John Steinbeck
March 25	Friday	10 a.m.	Knitting Group, BPL Board Room
March 28	Monday	1 p.m.	Wellness Walk

APRIL 2022

April 4	Monday	10 a.m.	General Meeting, BPL Community Room
April 11	Monday	10 a.m.	Wellness Walk—Oakwood Cemetery, Troy
April 12	Tuesday	1:30 p.m.	Literature Group: <i>The Perfect Couple</i> by Elin Hilderbrand
April 25	Monday	10 a.m.	Wellness Walk

MAY 2022

May 2	Monday	10 a.m.	General Meeting, BPL Community Room
May 9	Monday	10 a.m.	Wellness Walk— Washington Park, Albany
May 23	Tuesday	10 a.m.	Wellness Walk

JUNE 2022

June 13	Monday	10 a.m.	Wellness Walk
June 14	Tuesday	Noon	Literature Group Picnic (Book selection to be determined)
June 27	Monday	10 a.m.	Wellness Walk—Rose Garden, Central Park. Schenectady