

DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB



Since 1901

2022-2023

(electronic) YEARBOOK



President's Message

Dear Progress Club Members:

The last two years have been tough ones for us all, and for the Delmar Progress Club (DPC). COVID has led to isolation and social dysfunction. On top of the political turmoil our country has seen, the last few years have been difficult. The DPC nonetheless continued to function, and evolved to meet the needs of the members, to the extent possible under the circumstances.



However, even before COVID, there were issues regarding lack of growth in membership and the lack of engagement with many members. I have deep concerns about our continued viability as a club. We desperately need to add new members in order to keep the club the vibrant organization it once was and can be again. We also need to rely on our current membership to keep the ship afloat.

I would like to note that the issue of membership is not just one facing the DPC, but rather is one facing many community organizations. In the book *Bowling Alone: The Collapse and Revival of American Community*, Robert D. Putnam discussed the reduction in all the forms of in-person social intercourse upon which Americans used to **found, educate, and enrich the fabric of their social lives**. (Sounds like the mission of the DPC, doesn't it?) Putnam noted the loss of membership in many existing civic organizations. We know he's right, and that this has been happening to organizations like the DPC.

We need to bring in new members, by reaching out to the community, by publicizing the good work we do, by becoming more involved in other community organizations, and by making sure that we are welcoming to those who join us for activities. So please help me with this. If you have a friend or neighbor who is retiring, or the kids are finally off to college, approach them and invite them to an event--to a bookgroup, to a community service project, or on one of our bi-monthly walks.

And if someone calls you and asks you for help with a project or to take on a leadership position, please say yes. If you want to share a leadership position, because you don't want to do it alone, just tell us. I understand that many have conflicting or other obligations, or are just not physically able to step up. But please try to do what you can.

I am also asking you all to think of new ways to bring in members, to reach out for ladies who might enjoy our club, and to pitch in the help us Spring Ahead! Please feel free to contact me, or our new Membership Chair, Debbie Gall, if you have ideas as to how we can increase membership. This is **our** club, and we all have a stake in keeping this wonderful organization financially stable and vibrant in its membership!

Pam Tindall-O'Brien

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(Note: The electronic Membership Directory is a separate document.)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

President: Pam Tindall-O'Brien

First Vice President: Vacant

Second Vice President (Membership): Debbie Gall

Recording Secretary: Barbara Kavanagh

Corresponding Secretary: Margaret Dilgen

Treasurer: Christine Doran

Assistant Treasurer: Phyllis Drew

Club Advisor: Lynne Lenhardt

At-large members:

- Term expiring 2023:
Carolyn Bennett and Rosemary Brown
- Term expiring 2024:
Joan Gavrilik and Kathleen Newkirk
- Term expiring 2025:
Barbara Hogan and Maryalice Svare

GENERAL AND STATE OFFICERS

President, General Federation:

Deb Strahanoski, Joliet, IL

New York State President:

Kathy Meyers, East Aurora, NY

New York State President-Elect:

Jane Lemak, Peekskill, NY

Mid-Hudson District Director:

Karen Wells, Wallkill, NY

2022-23 General Program

Program Chair: First Vice President (vacant)

Temporary Social Chair: Carolyn Bennett

FALL SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON: October 26

HOLIDAY TEA: December 13

LUNCHEON AND ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL: March 9

ANNUAL SPRING BANQUET: May 17

Standing Committees

Advisor: The immediate Past President serves as Advisor to counsel the President, advises on matters of Parliamentary procedure, and serves *ex officio* as a non-voting member of the Board. **Lynne Lenhardt, Advisor**

Auditing: Audits the accounts of the Treasurer and presents a written report before July 31, which is presented at the first general meeting in the fall. **Deanne Sodergren, Chair**

Bylaws: Receives all proposals for amending the Bylaws, drafts the proposals, records adopted amendments, and reviews the Club's file of motions at least every four years. **Lynne Lenhardt, Chair**

Civic Engagement: Keeps informed of the actions of the Bethlehem Town Board and the Bethlehem Central School District Board of Education, reporting significant actions to the Club. **Barbara Hogan, Chair**

- Town Board meetings can be viewed online at www.bethlehemtownny.iqm2.com
- School Board meetings can be viewed at www.bethlehemschools.org
- GFWC legislative action can be viewed at www.GFWC.org

Club History/Scrapbook: Responsible for the Club scrapbook, inserting all programs, newspaper articles, or anything related to the Club and its work that might have historical interest, and preserves at least two copies of each Yearbook and Bylaws. **Debbie Gall, Chair**

Community Service: Recommends and provides leadership for projects that will benefit the local community in need of voluntary assistance and contributes as the Club may direct to other educational or charitable institutions.

Mary Ellen Caporta, Kathy Raffe and Linda Reddy, Co-chairs

Red Cross Blood Drives: Phyllis Drew, Coordinator

Soles4Souls: Wilma DeLucco, Coordinator

Community Service Committee Annual Meeting — Monday, September 12, 10 am
Bethlehem Public Library Community Room — All Members Welcome

Communications and Technology: Supports the internal and external communications of the Club using a variety of methods. The Committee is available as a resource on the use of technology in relation to Club activities. **Barbara Hogan and Joan Gavrilik, Co-chairs**

Website: www.delmarprogressclub.org (Barbara Hogan, Contact person)

Facebook page: www.facebook.com/delmarprogressclub.org (Joan Gavrilik, Contact person)

Progress in Print: Issued monthly September through June. Submit content by the 25th of the month to Joan Gavrilik.

Federation: Informs the Club of activities in the General and State Federations. **Carolyn Bennett, Coordinator**

GFWC partnerships include Canine Companions for Independence, Heifer International, & Operation Smile

Finance: Acts in an advisory capacity upon all questions involving appropriations of money, acts as the official agency of the Board of Directors of the Club in all financial transactions, and presents the budget for the coming year at the annual meeting in May. **Deanne Sodergren, Chair**

Legislative: Keeps informed of current legislation, brings important measures to the attention of the Club, and presents resolutions for consideration by the State Federation. **Linda Graf, Chair**

Membership: Receives applications for membership; introduces new members; notifies the Club of inactive members, life members, resignations, and deaths; and arranges an orientation for new members at the end of June.

Second Vice President Debbie Gall, Chair

Nominating: Presents slates of candidates. **Susan Haswell, Chair, term expiring 2023** (Term expiring 2024, vacant; term expiring 2025, Joan Gavrilik; term expiring 2026, Marjory O'Brien; term expiring 2027, Deanne Sodergren)

Program Committee: Plans entertainment for the Banquets and Holiday Tea. **Chair, First Vice President, Vacant**

Publicity: Responsible for issuing press releases and handling publicity for the Club. **Chair vacant**

Remembrance: Sends appropriate expressions to ill or bereaved members or their families and reports communications to the Club. **Margaret Dilgen, Corresponding Secretary, Chair**

Scholarship: Confers with the proper authorities in the selection of suitable candidates for State, District or other scholarships, and selects recipient(s) of the Club scholarship. **Maryalice Svare, Chair**

Social: Responsible for procuring refreshments for special occasions designated by the President and for arrangements for Fall/Spring Banquets and Holiday Tea, excluding programs. **Carolyn Bennett, temporary Chair**

Telephone: **Jo Ann Supan, Chair**

Yearbook: Responsible for the publication and distribution of the Yearbook. **Joan Gavrilik and Barbara Hogan, Co-chairs**

Study Group Programs

LITERATURE

Christine Doran, Chair

- Thursday, October 20, 10:30 am — ***State of Terror*** by Hillary Rodham Clinton and Louise Penny; BPL Board Room
- Thursday, November 17, 10:30 am — ***Vanderbilt: The Rise and Fall of an American Dynasty*** by Anderson Cooper and Katherine Howe, BPL Board Room
- Thursday, January 19, 10:30 am — ***The Lager Queen of Minnesota*** by J. Ryan Stradal, via Zoom
- Thursday, February 16, 10:30 am — ***Susan, Linda, Nina & Cokie: The Extraordinary Story of the Founding Mothers of NPR*** by Lisa Napoli, via Zoom
- Thursday, March 16, 10:30 am — ***The Exiles*** by Christina Baker Kline, via Zoom
- Thursday, April 20, 10:30 am — ***Save Me the Plums: My Gourmet Memoir*** by Ruth Reichl, via Zoom
- Thursday, May 18, 10:30 am — ***My Cousin Rachel*** by Daphne DuMaurier, BPL Board Room
- Thursday, June 15, noon — ***Oh William!: A Novel*** by Elizabeth Strout, picnic at Elm Avenue Park

PERFORMING ARTS

Marie Liddle and Debbie Mazzone, Co-chairs

Movie afternoons: We will attend a movie at The Spectrum Theater (Delaware Ave, Albany) on the last Tuesday of each month for the late afternoon matinee, followed by dinner at a nearby restaurant.

Opera simulcasts: Watch for notifications of Saturday afternoon Metropolitan Opera simulcasts at the Regal Crossgates Theaters.

Local performances: Watch for notifications of local performances.

March 2023: Let's attend the Bethlehem Central High School musical theater production and show our support for our young local thespians.

TRAVEL

Kathy Newkirk, Chair

Day trips: We plan to arrange day trips to some of the many sites of interest within driving distance of Delmar (gardens, historic sites, museums, etc.)

Presentations: We also plan to arrange for in-house presentations by DPC members (and others) on their travels to places far and wide. Interested in sharing your travels? Please contact Chair Kathy Newkirk.

WELLNESS AND THE NATURAL WORLD

Chair (vacant)

Wellness Walks We walk twice a month, on the second and fourth Mondays of the month — at 10 am from April through October and 1 pm from November through March. Watch *Progress in Print* each month for locations and directions.

- **Sunday, September 11: In lieu of our Monday walk, we will be participating in the Pancreatic Cancer Walk on Sunday, September 11, Elm Avenue Park, Delmar. Details to follow.**
- **Monday, September 26: No walk (see Chair Yoga class below)**

CLYNK Program: Our bottle and can redemption program in support of our Emergency Relief Fund through the Hanaford CLYNK program is ongoing. You can pick up CLYNK bags at the monthly meetings or contact Joan Gavrilik

Chair Yoga Class: Monday, September 26, 10 am, Bethlehem Public Library Community Room

Library Gardens:

The Progress Club Memorial Garden and the garden beds at the Bethlehem Public Library are maintained by a collaboration between Club volunteers and the Library custodial staff, with the expertise and leadership of DPC members Ann VanDervort and Priscilla Miller.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Organized by the Community Service Committee

Ten Broeck Mansion Events

- **Monday, November 7: At our November General Meeting, we will be making ornaments to decorate our tree at the Ten Broeck Mansion (Location: Bethlehem Public Library Community Room)**
- **Tuesday, November 29, 10 am—noon: Decorate our tree at the Ten Broeck Mansion (Location: Ten Broeck Mansion, Albany)**
- **Monday, December 5**

Monday, December 5, 10:30 am

Guest Lecture: History of the Ten Broeck Mansion

Bethlehem Public Library Community Room

- **Tuesday, January 10: Take down the tree at the Ten Broeck Mansion**
(Snow date: Wednesday, January 11) Location: Ten Broeck Mansion, Albany

Giving Tree/Box (December)

The Community Service Committee will collect hats, mittens and scarves made or donated by club members and the general public in the entrance hall of the Bethlehem Public Library.

Please watch the monthly PIP and emailed “News and Notes” for details on Study Group programs as they develop throughout the year.

2022-2023 CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2022

September 11, Sunday, Pancreatic Cancer Walk, Elm Avenue Park, Delmar

September 12, Monday, 10 am

Community Service Committee Annual Meeting

Bethlehem Public Library Community Room

All Members Welcome

September 26, Monday, 10 am, Chair Yoga, Bethlehem Public Library Community Room

September 27, Tuesday, Movie afternoon

OCTOBER 2022

October 3, Monday, 10 am, General Meeting

October 10, Monday, 10 am, Wellness Walk

October 20, Thursday, 10:30 am, Literature Group

October 24, Monday, 10 am, Wellness Walk

October 25, Tuesday, Movie afternoon

October 26, Wednesday, Fall Scholarship Luncheon

NOVEMBER 2022

November 7, Monday, 10 am, General Meeting

November 14, Monday, 1 pm, Wellness Walk

November 17, Thursday, 10:30 am, Literature Group

November 28, Monday, 1 pm, Wellness Walk

November 29, Tuesday, 10 a.m, Decorating at Ten Broeck Mansion

November 29, Tuesday, Movie afternoon

DECEMBER 2022

December 3, Saturday, Set up Giving Tree/Box at Bethlehem Public Library

December 5, Monday, 10:30 am, Lecture, **History of the Ten Broeck Mansion**, Bethlehem Public Library Community Room

December 12, Monday, 1 pm, Wellness Walk

December, 13, Tuesday, Holiday Tea

December 17, Saturday, Taking down Giving Tree/Box

December 26, Monday, 1 pm, Wellness Walk

December 27, Tuesday, Movie afternoon

JANUARY 2023

January 10, Tuesday, 10 am, General Meeting (Note change of date)

January, 10, Tuesday, Take down decorations at Ten Broeck Mansion (Snow date — Wednesday, January 11)

January 16, Monday, 1 pm, Wellness Walk

January 19, Thursday, 10:30 am, Literature Group

January 30, Monday, 1 pm, Wellness Walk

January 31, Tuesday, Movie afternoon

FEBRUARY 2023

February 6, Monday, 10 am, General Meeting

February 13, Monday, 1 pm, Wellness Walk

February 16, Thursday, 10:30 am, Literature Group

February 27, Monday, 1 pm, Wellness Walk

February 28, Tuesday, Movie afternoon

MARCH 2023

March 6, Monday, 10 am, General Meeting

March 9, Thursday, Luncheon and Arts & Crafts Festival

March 13, Monday, 1 pm, Wellness Walk

March 16, Thursday, 10:30 am, Literature Group

March 27, Monday, 1 pm, Wellness Walk

March 28, Tuesday, Movie afternoon

APRIL 2023

April 3, Monday, 10 am, General Meeting

April 10, Monday, 10 am, Wellness Walk

April 20, Thursday, 10:30 am, Literature Group

April 24, Monday, 10 am, Wellness Walk

April 25, Tuesday, Movie afternoon

MAY 2023

May 1, Monday, 10 am, General Meeting

May 8, Monday, 10 am, Wellness Walk

May 17, Wednesday, Annual Spring Banquet

May 18, Thursday, 10:30 am, Literature Group

May 22, Tuesday, 10 am, Wellness Walk

May 29, Monday, Memorial Day Parade

May 30, Tuesday, Movie afternoon

JUNE 2023

June 12, Monday, 10 am, Wellness Walk

June 15, Thursday, Noon, Literature Group Picnic

June 26, Monday, 10 am, Wellness Walk

June 27, Tuesday, Movie afternoon

**2022 – 2023 BUDGET
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS**

INCOME

MEMBERSHIP DUES – Based on 125 Members	\$5,625.00
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD	\$2,480.00
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$8,105.00</u>

EXPENSES

COMMUNITY SERVICE	\$700.00
DISTRICT DELEGATES	\$100.00
FEDERATION DUES	
GENERAL FEDERATION	\$2,500.00
DISTRICT	\$30.00
GIFTS: ELEM SCH CREATIVE WRITING	\$30.00
HOSPITALITY	\$100.00
INSURANCE	\$450.00
JUDGES FOR CREATIVE ARTS	\$45.00
LEADERSHIP AWARDS	
STATE HONOR ROLL	\$25.00
HUGH O'BRIEN	\$225.00
MEMBERSHIP	\$150.00
POSTAGE, COPYING	\$800.00
P.O. BOX RENT	\$150.00
PRESIDENT'S THANK YOU GIFT	\$50.00
REMEMBRANCE GARDEN	\$500.00
SOCIAL	
EVENTS	\$700.00
ENTERTAINMENT	\$300.00
SOUPER LUNCHEON	\$100.00
STUDY GROUPS 6 @ \$50.00	\$300.00
WEBSITE	\$300.00
YEARBOOK	\$400.00
ZOOM ACCOUNT	\$150.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$8,105.00</u>

**2022 - 2023 BUDGET
RESTRICTED FUNDS**

BLACKMORE FUND

INTEREST INCOME	\$10.00
ESTIMATED ACCUMULATED INTEREST	\$865.00
EXPENSE (SCHOLARSHIP)	\$0.00

SCHOLARSHIP BUDGET

FUNDRAISER PROFIT	\$2,500.00
INTEREST	\$10.00
TOTAL SCHOLARSHIP INCOME	\$2,510.00
EXPENSE (SCHOLARSHIP)	- \$3,000.00
DEFICIT TO BE PAID FROM	

SCHOLARSHIP RESERVES - \$490.00

STATE CONVENTION BUDGET

STATE CONV. REGIS. AND MEALS	- \$500.00
GIFT BASKET FOR STATE CONVENTION	- \$50.00
OUTGOING STATE PRESIDENT'S GIFT	- \$50.00
DEFICIT TO BE PAID FROM ST CONV RESERVES	- \$600.00

ERF BUDGET: THERE IS NO ERF BUDGET FOR 2022. THE BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT IS \$341.15

LIFE MEMBERS: 2022-2023

Members for 45 years or more

Dorothy Geyer, 1965

Margaret Hay, 1969

Nancy Steele, 1969

Eileen Meyers, 1972

Joy Ford, 1973

Patricia Sutliff, 1973

Elizabeth Thacher, 1973

Jean Somerville, 1974

Patricia Fritts, 1976

Helen Gray, 1976

Marti McSharry, 1977

In Memoriam: 2021-2022

*The Delmar Progress Club holds in loving
memory ...*

Marion Michaels, 1980

Mary P. Richards, 1991

Peggy Zimmerman, 1973

APPENDIX

Announcements ...

General membership meetings: Generally held in the Bethlehem Public Library Community Room at 10 am on the first Monday of October, November, January, February, March, April and May. **Please note that the January 2023 meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 10.**

Annual dues: \$45, payable by check to “Delmar Progress Club” at the May annual meeting or mailed to Delmar Progress Club, PO Box 423, Delmar, NY 12054. Failure to remit payment by October 1 will result in termination of membership in accordance with Club bylaws.

Applications for membership: Available at the main desk and in the lobby of the Bethlehem Public Library and online at www.DelmarProgressClub.org. Please submit applications and dues to Delmar Progress Club, PO Box 423, Delmar, NY 12054, or to a member of the membership committee.

Resignations: Submit in writing to the Delmar Progress Club, PO Box 423, Delmar, NY 12054.

Changes to contact information: Submit to Membership Chair Debbie Gall.

Illness or death of a Club member or immediate family: Notify President Pam Tindall-O’Brien.

Reservations: Payment for reservations must reach the Assistant Treasurer by the due date. Club members are responsible for the expense related to the reservation unless cancelled by the due date.

Study group meetings: Club members are automatically members of ALL study groups and are invited to attend meetings of interest.

Memorial contributions: To make a memorial contribution to the Scholarship Fund or the Memorial Garden contact Treasurer Christine Doran.

Guests: Meetings held at the Bethlehem Public Library are open to the public. Meetings not held at the library are open to guests of members, provided that they do not require reservations or a reservation is available.

Snow policy: Meetings will be cancelled in cases of inclement weather. Contact an officer or committee chair to verify.

Delmar Progress Club, Inc.

P.O. Box 423, Delmar NY 12054

Organized 1901

Incorporated 1929

Member of New York State Federation 1904

Member of General Federation of Women’s Clubs (GFWC) 1916

Club colors: Pink and green

Club flower: Pink carnation

New York State Federation Honor Roll

GFWC is not only a volunteer organization, but a group of women who are committed to annually honoring clubs and club members for their many volunteer efforts and contributions to their respective communities and to the partnerships of GFWC. Each year at our GFWC-NY convention, clubs and club women are presented with award certificates and ribbons in recognition of their volunteer efforts.

All clubs may submit names of their members to be placed on the NYS Honor Roll. Each club has a committee that decides who is to be nominated for this honor based on the clubwomen having made significant contributions to their respective clubs. At the state convention, each honoree is recognized with a

short speech about her accomplishments. As an added form of recognition, women who have been placed on the Honor Roll are eligible for Order of the Rose. Each honoree receives a certificate embellished with red roses, the flower of GFWC-NY. Fees required with submissions for these honors are deposited to the State Endowment Fund or the GFWC-NY Scholarship Fund.

In 2022, Debbie Gall was placed on the Honor Roll, and Joyce Demoly and Maryalice Svare, who were placed on the Honor Roll in 2021, received Order of the Rose certificates. Carolyn Bennett is currently the GFWC-NY Honor Roll and Order of the Rose Chairman.

Pat Antonucci §

Carolyn Bennett §
 Rosemary Brown §
 Lois Busch §
 Wilma DeLucco §
 Joyce Demoly §
 Joy Ford §
 Debbie Gall
 Dorothy Geyer§
 Margaret Hay §
 Carol Jonas §
 Doris Kirk §
 Nancy Looby §
 Marti McSharry §
 Virginia Mead §
 Priscilla Miller §
 Marjory O'Brien §
 Sue Ann Ritchko §
 Maryalice Svare §
 Anne Young §

§ Denotes Order of the Rose

A Collect For Club Women

Keep us, O God, from pettiness, let us be large in thought, in word, in deed.

Let us be done with fault-finding and leave off self-seeking.

May we put away all pretense and meet each other face to face, without self-pity and without prejudice.

May we never be hasty in judgment and always generous.

Let us take time for all things; make us to grow calm, serene and gentle.

Teach us to put into action our better impulses, straightforward and unafraid.

Grant that we may realize it is the little things that create differences, that in the big things of life we are at one.

And may we strive to touch and to know the great, common human heart of us all; and, O Lord God, let us forget not to be kind!

Mary Stewart, 1904

History of the Collect

Ever wondered about “The Collect” that we recite at many of our meetings? If so, you might be interested in a little background as to its inclusion at our club and district events and at all our federation meetings.

For many years, women’s clubs in Canada, Britain, the United States and other countries have used a “prayer” at the opening or closing of their meetings and ceremonies. This prayer was written in 1904 by Mary Stewart, the principal of Longmont High School in Colorado, and has since been adopted as a club creed by women’s clubs around the world.

Mary Stewart was born in 1876 in Ohio, but spent her childhood growing up in the Rockies. As the principal of Longmont High, she was described as “a little bundle of energy, dignity, and charm”. It was during her tenure as principal that she wrote this collect. Mary Stewart worked for women’s suffrage nationally. It was her belief that women working together for large ends had need for a special petition and meditation of their own.

The collect was officially adopted by the National Federation of Business and Professional Women’s Clubs in 1920, and adopted by the General Federation of Women’s Clubs (GFWC) a few years later. It was read into the printed records of the Congress of the United States at its closing session in 1949.

It is still recited today by women’s clubs all over the world to instill a sense of unity and dedication to club goals and to one another. Something for all of us to keep in mind on the next occasion of its recitation!

Delmar Progress Club Past Presidents

*Mrs. Sherman B. Rouse	1901-1906
*Mrs. John L. Sturtevant	1906-1908
*Mrs. George S. Chism	1908-1909
*Mrs. John L. Sturtevant	1909-1911
*Mrs. Charles Maar	1911-1912
*Mrs. James E. Husted	1912-1917
*Mrs. Marcus L. Blanchard	1917-1919
*Mrs. Ellen E. Humphrey	1919-1924
*Mrs. H. Deane Phillips	1924-1925
*Mrs. Horace B. Casey	1925-1926
*Mrs. Ellen E. Humphrey	1926-1927
*Mrs. H. Deane Phillips	1927-1929
*Mrs. Charles V. Grismer	1929-1931
*Mrs. Burton M. Chase	1931-1933
*Mrs. Edwin B. Piper	1933-1935
*Mrs. Albert I. Howd	1935-1937
*Mrs. George C. Porter	1937-1939
*Mrs. Walter B. Carver (Mrs. Howard A. Dobell)	1939-1941
*Mrs. Park N. Darrow	1941-1943
*Mrs. Gilbert L. VanAuken	1943-1945
*Mrs. Joseph B. Lindsey, Jr.	1945-1947
*Mrs. Sidney L. Smith	1947-1949
*Mrs. Richard W. Bennett	1949-1951
*Mrs. Arthur C. McHugh	1951-1953
*Mrs. John D. Brown	1953-1955
*Mrs. Carroll W. Greenman	1955-1957
*Mrs. V. A. VanVolkenburgh	1957-1959
*Mrs. Addison J. Clark	1959-1960
*Mrs. Philip D. Lefevre	1960-1962

*Mrs. Robert I. Kellum	1962-1964
*Dorothy French (Mrs. Donald J.)	1964-1966
*Eleanor Sharpe (Mrs. William J.)	1966-1968
*Sibyl Selkirk (Mrs. Robert)	1968-1970
Dorothy Geyer (Mrs. Howard W.)	1970-1972
*Lee Mason (Mrs. Edward J.)	1972-1974
*Midge Baldwin (Mrs. Neal C.)	1974-1976
Margaret Hay (Mrs. G. Earl)	1976-1978
*Frances Hamer	1978-1980
Joy Ford (Mrs. Kenneth S.)	1980-1982
*May Blackmore (Mrs. William P.)	1982-1984
*Vivian Thorne (Mrs. Clifton C.)	1984-1986
*Eunice Spindler (Mrs. Harry K.)	1986-1988
*Peggy Zimmerman (Mrs. Joseph)	1988-1990
*Lois Dillon (Mrs. Edward)	1990-1992
*Mary Tinney (Mrs. William E.)	1992-1994
*Muriel Welch (Mrs. Lewis)	1994-1996
*Marian Davis (Mrs. Albert T.)	1996-1998
Marti McSharry (Mrs. James J.)	1998-2000
*Mary P. Richards	2000-2002
Anne Young (Mrs. Arthur F.)	2002-2004
Rosemary Brown (Mrs. Neil)	2004-2006
Sue Ann Ritchko	2006-2008
Marjory O'Brien	2008-2010
Patricia Antonucci	2010-2012
Wilma DeLucco	2012-2014
Carolyn Bennett	2014-2016
Joyce Demoly	2016-2018
Debbie Gall	2018-2020
Lynne Lenhardt	2020-2022
* denotes deceased	

Standing Rules (Reviewed and Accepted May 2018)

Section I

1. There shall be kept a file of motions which affect the operation of the club. It will be maintained by the recording secretary and reviewed by the bylaws committee at least every four years, starting in 2016 and each Leap Year thereafter.
2. Keys for any file cabinet at Bethlehem Public Library will be held only by the president and first vice president (president-elect).
3. The president and vice president (president-elect) may be included as *ex-officio* members of a committee at the discretion of the committee chairwoman.
4. Club records and memorabilia will be reviewed every four years by a committee of past presidents chosen by the current president. This committee was activated in 1992 to function each Leap Year thereafter.
5. The president should announce the chairwoman of the Honor Roll Committee at the January Meeting.
6. The pin and gavel worn by the president will be passed to the incoming president and a new pin will be given to the retiring president.
7. It is the duty of the Nominating Committee to inform prospective officers, members of the Board of Directors, and the Nominating Committee of their duties, including the responsibility to attend all business meetings.
8. Starting in January of the even years, the first vice president (president-elect) may select committee chairwomen and group chairwomen, pending her election as president.
9. Each new president should update the incorporation papers as necessary.

Standing Rules (continued)

10. It is important that resignations be submitted in writing to the Delmar Progress Club, PO Box 423, Delmar, NY 12054.
11. Club members are responsible for dinner, tea, luncheon or trip reservations unless canceled by the time specified by the committee. It is also important that payment for reservations reach the Reservation Chairwoman by the date designated.
12. As a courtesy, a current member should accompany a new member to the Holiday Tea in December and to the first meeting of her expressed interests.
13. Club members are automatically members of ALL interest groups and are cordially invited to attend meetings of interest. All members are urged to attend the general membership meetings.
14. The Incoming President upon election shall call a meeting of her new officers and chairwomen of standing committees and interest groups for the purpose of discussing respective duties and responsibilities of each, including those of program planning for the coming year.

Section II: Membership

1. Individuals who have not paid their dues prior to the Fall Banquet are not eligible to attend the Fall Banquet. Members who are delinquent on October 1st may be dropped by action of the Board of Directors.
2. The membership form must be filled out by the applicant.
3. Long-time active members who no longer are able to participate in club activities may be retained as inactive members by vote of the board of directors.
4. Individuals who have been active members for 45 years may be considered for Life Membership. See Bylaws Article III, Section 2.
5. The membership chairwoman will maintain a file of all members indicating dates of admission, resignation or termination.

Section III: Study Groups and Committees

1. No club member will be paid for giving or participating in a program; however, necessary supplies for the program may be covered.
2. Group and committee leaders shall be responsible for prudent fiscal expenditures within their budget and shall be required to submit a financial statement, together with an itemized bill and sales receipts, to the treasurer before reimbursement. A copy of the financial and activity reports from each chairwoman should be passed to her successor.
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4. The Community Service committee will expend its monies for Capital District needs.

Section IV: Finance

1. All monies requested in excess of a budget item must be presented in writing to the finance committee and voted by the Board of Directors. The treasurer cannot issue payments until such approval is given.
2. Delegates to General Federation of Women's Club meetings and conventions are responsible for expenses above that which is allowed in the budget.
3. Blackmore Scholarship Fund: In the event of dissolution of the Club, the remainder of this Fund will be transferred to the Bethlehem Public Library in accordance with the Will of the donor.
4. The Emergency Relief Fund shall be maintained to respond to local, national, and international emergencies and may be funded by fund-raisers or contributions.

***Please note that the Membership Directory
is being provided in a separate document.***