

DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB

MAY

2021

Celebrating 120 Years

PROGRESS IN PRINT

President's Message



It appears that we are approaching the light at the end of the tunnel but we must remain vigilant even though we have been vaccinated. However, I am hoping we can have an informal gathering outside in September for members to become reacquainted with each other. Delmar Progress Club is celebrating its 120th Anniversary this year and we hope to have some special events to recognize our long history.

We are already working on next year's Yearbook and will publish it even if we can't fill in all the dates.

Please continue to support the club by paying your dues.

We had an exceptional program on Monday Morning Musings with Paul Grondahl sharing information on the illustrious history of Albany Rural Cemetery. The recording of this session can be accessed with the following link: His talk was followed up on Monday, April 26th with additional history from tour guides and a walking tour of some of the graves in the cemetery. I want to especially thank Pamela Tindall-O'Brien for arranging this outstanding event!

On Monday, May 3rd at 10 a.m., Bethlehem Central's Chief Financial Officer Judith Kehoe will share highlights of the upcoming budget vote. She will also discuss how the pandemic has affected student learning and what the district expects will occur in the near future.

Please note the Nominating Committee report and the 2021-2022 Budget in this newsletter. Like last year, since we can't hold a business meeting this month, the reports will be considered accepted. However, if you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

Also, please pay close attention to information on page 3. The Communications and Technology Committee is sending out an SOS for help! Look at the list of tasks and consider helping out. Many hands make light work!

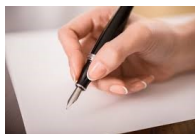
I want to thank the volunteers (Carolyn Bennett, June Boluch, Mary Ellen Caporta, Christine Doran, Debbie Gall, Linda Graf, Barbara Hogan, Carol Jonas, Priscilla Miller, Kathy Newkirk, Kathy Raffe, and Pam Tindall-O'Brien) who telephoned all our members. I am sure they heard some interesting stories from our members. This pandemic has been difficult in so many ways and I want you to know that you can reach out to me or others at any time.

Enjoy the nice spring weather and the emergence of greenery and beautiful flowers!

-Lynne

Corresponding Secretary's Report

A thank you note was sent on behalf of DPC members to Paul Grondahl who spoke to us during our MMM Zoom Group meeting. His talk about the Albany Rural Cemetery was well researched and very informative. Also on behalf of DPC members a thank you note was sent to Paula Lemire who is the Historian of the Albany Rural Cemetery thanking her for the tour of the Cemetery she gave us.



The DPC received correspondence from three organizations that we support. Soles4Souls thanked us for our recent donation of 28 pairs of shoes. The NYS Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership asked us to sponsor a student for a three day virtual seminar. And Canine Companions sent us a magazine.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Millspaugh
Corresponding Secretary

Please continue to save your pull tabs for the **Ronald McDonald House!** The funds generated from recycling these aluminum tabs help to offset the House's expenses. You can drop them off at my house, 261 Kenwood Avenue, or call me and I will pick them up. Thank you! Linda Reddy—518-475-1257



Soles4Souls

Do you have shoes in your closet that haven't been worn in ages? Like the pretty high heels you wore to work with your pretty suits? Or last year's sneakers that got a bit worn from over a year taking walks because what else could we do during the pandemic? Bring them to me and I will send them to Soles4Souls so they can again become useful.

Wilma DeLucco—518 694-1238

Membership Report April 2021



New Members: None
Resignations: None
Deaths: None

Important Changes to Phone Numbers:

Barbara Kavanagh 518-898-9041
Sue Ann Ritchko 518-635-1125
Bonnie Urso 518-253-4056

REMINDER: It's that time of year again !!!

Annual Dues are now due. We won't have a May meeting or a Spring banquet this year so please Mail your \$45.00 check to: **Delmar Progress Club P.O. Box 423, Delmar, NY 12054**

Please send any changes to your Contact Information to Karen Winters kkwinters@verizon.net or 518-439-0706
Karen Winters Second Vice President

Environment, Conservation and Garden Group:

Secure Document Shredding: Saturday, May 8; 10 am - 1 pm; Elm Avenue Park

Bethlehem residents only (bring your ID: driver's license, tax or utility bill showing your Town address). Limited to 3 boxes of documents (copy paper size) per household. All participants must wear a mask and maintain adequate social distance. Please do not bring extra passengers in your vehicle.



Remembrance Report—April 2021

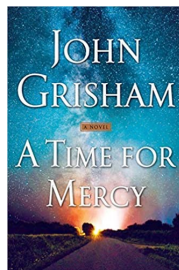
- Sympathy card to Marie Liddle on the loss of her husband
- Sympathy card to Jan Messina on the loss of her mother
- Sympathy card to Ann Jeram on the loss of her nephew
Josie Woods

Literature Group

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

**Tuesday, May 11, 2021
at 10:00 am (via Zoom)**

**A Time for Mercy, by John Grisham
Discussion facilitated by: Kathy Schimanski**



In last month's PIP it was announced that we would be discussing The Four Winds by Kristen Hannah at the May meeting. Recently one of our astute members discovered that there are over 300 requests for it at our Library. When we discuss a book we like to include all those who want to read the book. For that reason we are postponing "The Four Winds" until further notice.

Instead, we will be discussing John Grisham's A Time for Mercy. Jake Brigance, a main character in an earlier Grisham book is back. This time he is at the epicenter of a sensational

murder trial that bitterly divides the citizens of Clanton, Mississippi. Jake is the court appointed lawyer for Drew Gamble, a young man accused of murdering a local deputy. Many in Clanton want a swift trial and the death penalty but Brigance sees it another way. Once he learns the details of the case, he realizes he has to do everything he can to save Drew --who is sixteen. Jake's commitment to the truth puts his career and safety of his family at risk. (Goodreads)

ANNUAL LITERATURE PICNIC

Please mark your calendars for our annual picnic which will be held on **Tuesday, June 8th from noon until 2:00 p.m.** at the Slingerlands Fire Department Pavilion. More information will follow.



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.



Have you been to the website lately?

We're updating information and moving some things around. Check it out and give us some ideas and suggestions.

Barbara Hogan - hogan.barb@gmail.com
Joan Gavrilik - jsg85@aol.com

MAY 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. . Please note – because the days are getting warmer, we are now walking at **10 a.m.**

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

Monday, **May 10**, 10 a.m. -- **Washington Park in Albany** during the Albany Tulip Festival, which is running for the entire month of May this year. Directions: Let's meet up at the corner of Madison Avenue and Willett Street in Albany

Monday, **May 24**, 10 a.m. – **Albany County Helderberg-Hudson Rail Trail – from Voorheesville**

Directions: Take Rt 85 (New Scotland Rd) heading south

- Turn right onto Rt 85A (at the corner of 85 & 85A, Stonewell Plaza is on your right)
- After 1.7 miles, you will reach a traffic circle – take the 2nd exit (going into Voorheesville)
- Coming out of the circle, take your first right onto Pine St. (before you reach Hannaford)
- Take Pine St. to the end (1/3 mile)
- Take a right at the end of Pine St. & then an immediate left onto Grove St.
- Take Grove St. to its end (1/4 mile) where you will see a large gazebo & parking lot on your right
- See you there! (Ignore any other "Rail Trail Parking" signs you see along the way.)

Contacts:

Health and Fitness Group:

Pam Tindall-O'Brien

Environment, Conservation and Garden Group:

Joan Gavrilik

We're looking for the helpers...

Remember Mr. Rogers' famous advice? In times of difficulty, look for the helpers. The pandemic has challenged all of us in different ways. For our club's communications, the challenge has been to create and maintain ways for us to stay connected when we can't gather face to face. We use Mail-Chimp, an email software program, to send information about Monday Morning Musings, weekly activity reminders, occasional announcements, and, when things are especially busy, an issue of News & Notes. We use Microsoft Publisher to create the Progress In Print every month now, and mail hard copies to approximately 45 members without consistent email access. That requires copying at Corner Gateway in Slingerlands, folding, stuffing and mailing the 45 hard copies after the electronic version gets sent to the majority of the membership. Our Facebook page is maintained by Joan Gavrilik and always has interesting photos of the club doings. Lastly, our website is looking better after recent updates, but there is still much to do to make an appealing site that accurately reflects our membership, communicates our mission and encourages new membership. Give Barbara Hogan a call at 518-928-0400. Let's find a way for you to be one of the Helpers!



MAY 2021 IMPORTANT DATES—MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May 3	Monday	10:00am	Monday Morning Musings—Judith Kehoe, Bethlehem Schools CFO
May 10	Monday	10:00am*	Walk Washington Park, Albany
May 11	Tuesday	10:00am	Literature Group via Zoom: <u>A Time for Mercy</u>
May 13	Thursday	10:00am	Delmar Progress Club Board Meeting
May 17	Monday	10:00am	Monday Morning Musings
May 24	Monday	10:00am*	Albany County Helderberg-Hudson Rail Trail – from Voorheesville
May 25	Tuesday	12:00pm	Deadline for June Progress In Print

* Note the time change back to walking in the morning as the weather gets warmer

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

Due to COVID-19 virus restrictions we physically will not be together at our May General Meeting to vote or have a show of hands on the following business matters: Unless there is opposition to the proposed slate of officers (see attached document), the Recording Secretary shall have the authority to cast one unanimous ballot for the new slate of officers and they will be declared elected by acclamation. If there are questions pertaining to the slate, they should be directed to Josie Woods, Nominating Chairperson. Unless there is opposition to the proposed budget (see attached document), the budget will be approved by a majority vote. If there are questions pertaining to the budget, they should be directed to Carolyn Bennett, Finance Committee Chairperson.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

In accordance with Article VIII, Section 6 of the Bylaws, and on behalf of the Nominating Committee, I (Josie Woods) am pleased to report the following slate of officers and delegates for the upcoming term of office:

Nominating Committee – Marjory O’Brien

Board of Directors – Margaret Dilgen and Kathleen Newkirk

Delegates to District Meeting – Lynne Lenhardt and Pam Tindall-O’Brien

Delegates to GFWC-NY State Convention – Lynne Lenhardt and Pam Tindall-O’Brien

DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB

PROPOSED 2021 - 2022 RESTRICTED FUNDS BUDGET

BLACKMORE FUND

INTEREST INCOME	200.00
ESTIMATED ACCUMULATED INTEREST	865.00
EXPENSE (SCHOLARSHIP)	0.00

SCHOLARSHIP BUDGET

FUNDRAISER PROFIT	2,000.00
INTEREST ON CD	75.00
TOTAL SCHOLARSHIP INCOME	2,075.00
EXPENSE (SCHOLARSHIP)	- 2,500.00
DEFICIT TO BE PAID FROM SCHOLARSHIP RESERVES	- 425.00

STATE CONVENTION BUDGET

EXP. - STATE CONV. REGIS. AND MEALS	-950.00
EXP. - GIFT BASKET FOR STATE CONVENTION	-50.00
DEFICIT TO BE PAID FROM ST CONV RESERVES	-1000.00

ERF BUDGET

THERE IS NO ERF BUDGET FOR 2021. THE BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT IS \$546.00

FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN,
CAROLYN BENNETT

DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB
PROPOSED 2021 – 2022 UNRESTRICTED FUNDS BUDGET

INCOME

MEMBERSHIP DUES (150 Members)	6,750.00
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EXPENSES

COMMUNITY SERVICE	700.00
DISTRICT DELEGATES	100.00
FEDERATION DUES	
GENERAL FEDERATION	3,000.00 (150 Members)
DISTRICT	30.00
GIFTS	
ELEM SCH CREATIVE WRITING	30.00
HOSPITALITY	100.00
INSURANCE	500.00
JUDGES FOR CREATIVE ARTS	45.00
LEADERSHIP AWARDS	
STATE HONOR ROLL	25.00
HUGH O'BRIEN	225.00
MEMBERSHIP	150.00
POSTAGE, COPYING	1,100.00
P.O. BOX RENT	120.00
PRESIDENT'S FUND	25.00
REMEMBRANCE GARDEN	600.00
SOCIAL	
EVENTS	700.00
ENTERTAINMENT	600.00
SOUPER LUNCHEON	100.00
STUDY GROUPS 6 @ 100.00	600.00
WEBSITE	250.00
YEARBOOK	400.00
ZOOM ACCOUNT	125.00

TOTAL	9,525.00
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DEFICIT TO BE PAID FROM UNRESTRICTED RESERVES <2,775.00>

