

DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB



OCTOBER

PROGRESS IN PRINT

— 2021 —
Celebrating
120 Years



President's Message

Thanks to everyone who helped make our first in-person dinner since the pandemic began a success. I especially want to thank Carolyn Bennett, Pam Tindall-O'Brien and Debbie Gall for arranging the place, the delicious food and the historical decorations. It was so great to see people. One member found a picture of her mother, a past member, that she had never seen before among the pictures and other memorabilia on display!

I had the privilege to attend the GFWC-NY Annual Convention in Albany on September 17 – 19. There were many reports and workshops on membership and using the computer link for legislative action. The Club received several rewards including an Anniversary Scroll for our 120 years of service to the community; first place for Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention; first place for Fundraising Advancement; second place for Advocates for Children Projects; second place for our *Progress in Print* Newsletter; second place for Women's History & Resource Center Advancement Area; second place for Leadership Advancement Area; third place for Civic Engagement and Outreach; third place for Education and Libraries; and honorable mention for Communications & Public Relations Advancement Area. In addition, Joyce Demoly and Maryalice Svare were named to the GFWC-NY Honor Roll. It was also very interesting to hear what clubs are doing in other areas of the state.

Some of you received emails that appeared to be sent by me requesting that you purchase gift cards for a (bogus) veterans' organization. If you looked carefully, you would see that it was not my email address and I certainly wouldn't sign something as "Pres". But it had my name on the email so I can understand the confusion. I

would never send a request like this to everyone as most donations are asked through a committee like Community Service, for example. If you do receive a suspicious email or phone call, please let me know and please don't respond to it or provide any personal information.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the October 4th General Meeting at the Library. Be well and keep safe.

-Lynne Lenhardt

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Karen Winters, Second Vice President , Chair

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New Members: None

Resignations: None

Deaths: None



Congratulations to Our Newest Life Members

Patricia Fritts '76

Helen Gray '76

Congratulations to Our Newest 25 Year Members

Sandra Barrett '96

Alison Calvagno '96

Anne Mosher '96

Sue Ann Ritchko '96

DUES REMINDER

If you have not paid your 2021-2022 dues, please do so now! Send a check payable to "Delmar Progress Club" in the amount of \$45 to ... **Delmar Progress Club, PO Box 423, Delmar, NY 12054.** Thank you!

September 9, 2021
120th Anniversary Celebration



Many thanks to Pam Tindall-O'Brien and Carolyn Bennett for organizing the event.



Membership Chair Karen Winters welcomes newest member Barbara Kavanagh.



Photos by
Barbara Hogan



STUDY GROUP NEWS

ANTIQUES

Joan Kapral, Chair

On **October 13 at 1p.m.** Town Historian, **Susan Leath**, shares her favorite people and their stories from her walks at Bethlehem and Elmwood Cemeteries.

People include the locally famous, like Albert and Catherine Slingerland, and James and Elizabeth Selkirk who have hamlets named after their families. And the less famous folks who experienced pivotal points in history, like John Eddy with his Wild West adventure and Alidia Holliday who cast her vote in 1880, a generation before the 19th amendment was passed. Throw in a lighthouse keeper, an elevator man, plenty of farmers and war veterans and we'll have an interesting cross section of Bethlehem folks to talk about.

Please note that this talk was originally scheduled for the Board Room at the Library, but due to Covid concerns will now be conducted via Zoom. Please join us for an always interesting and informative hour with Susan.

LITERATURE

Kathy Schimanski, Chair,
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Tuesday, October 12, 2021, 1:30 pm, Bethlehem Public Library (*masks required*)

The Sparrow by Mary Doria Russell

Discussion facilitator Pam Tindall-O'Brien.

The Sparrow takes you on a journey to a



distant planet and to the center of the human soul. It is the story of a charismatic Jesuit priest who leads a twenty-first-century scientific mission to a newly discovered extraterrestrial culture.

November: Tuesday, 11/9, 1:30 pm
The Book of Lost Names by Kristin Harmel



PERFORMING ARTS

Marie Liddle and Debbie Mazzone, Co-chairs

The Performing Arts Committee is pleased to be able to offer a fascinating program this coming month. Elizabeth Stack from the Irish American Heritage Museum in Albany will be with us through Zoom on **Wednesday, October 27 at 1 p.m.** to discuss **Irish Women in Literature and Drama**. Elizabeth is a charming individual with a wealth of knowledge (and a beautiful accent!). She will discuss Irish culture and music, provide some slides and musical samples and allow time for your questions. Please join us on the 27th for what promises to be an educational, uplifting and entertaining program!

Other local cultural events you may wish to explore on your own this month include Albany Symphony Orchestra (Beethoven Eroica, Oct 9, Palace Theater), Albany Pro Musica (Let's Talk About Love, Oct 24, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall), and Home Made Theater (Almost Maine, Oct 1-3, Saratoga Arts—Dee Sarno Theater).

WELLNESS AND THE NATURAL WORLD

Pam Tindall-O'Brien, Chair, 518-439-1672, ptindallobrien@gmail.com

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, October 11, 10 a.m.: Thacher Park, Voorheesville

Monday, October 25, 10 a.m.: Pine Bush Preserve, Albany



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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS & RELATED ITEMS

COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE

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

Community Service Planning Meeting Summary

Theme: Empowering Women of All Ages Debbie Gall, Linda Reddy and Kathy Raffe (Co-Chairs) met in person at the Library on Sept. 13th to plan service projects for the coming club year. We were very pleased to welcome 14 members to the meeting even though the entire club is welcome and invited to participate in our projects. We will be reaching out through the year with opportunities for the Delmar Progress Club to support Local, Capital Region and International service goals.

*Here are some examples of organizations we have chosen this year: To Life! — YMCA STEM program — Girls on the Run — Christopher House — Operation Smile — South End Children's Café — USCRI/RISSE

*It is important to remember that the following programs are supported year round by our club: American Red Cross — Ronald McDonald House — Knitting Group — Soles 4 Souls — Canine Companions — CLYNK — Heifer International **Many Hands and hearts make light work!**



*CC and Lucky have missed being with you. We have been hard at work trying to better some people's lives, making them happier and more independent. If you can spare a few dollars, please send them, or a check, to **Canine Companions For Independence**, and mail your check to the Delmar Progress Club. Debbie Mazzone (Lucky) and Marie Liddle (CC) thank you in advance and look forward to meeting you personally very soon.*

Community Service Committee Updates The knitting group that gathers under the leadership and expertise of Leda Loux is calling for all knitters and women who crochet, or who want to learn. The dates for casual come as you can meetings are as follows on Fridays at 10:00am at the Bethlehem Public Library: September 24th, October 29th, December 17th, January 28th. Please keep in mind that we work on projects for "gifting & giving". We donate to several organizations where the need for scarves, hats, mittens, etc. are greatly appreciated. Our group is a source for many varied patterns of all levels. Please join us and bring a friend!



CORRESPONDING SECRETARY REPORT

The DPC received cards from four club members when they paid their annual dues. Pat Antonucci wrote us a note saying how she enjoyed reading the PIP and all of our activities in spite of the pandemic. Pat wishes to be remembered to all of us.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Millsbaugh



GFWC-NY MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Carolyn Bennett, 2nd Vice President, State Membership Chairman

On the weekend of September 17th, the New York Federation of Women's Clubs gathered at the Marriott Hotel in Albany to celebrate the accomplishments of our state clubs. It was my responsibility at this gathering to welcome seven new members attending Convention for the first time and to honor club women who have been in their respective clubs for many years.

At the Saturday night banquet we honored six members who have been members of GFWC for fifty years and twelve members that celebrated twenty five years of membership. I am pleased to report that four of our Delmar Progress Club clubwomen were honored at this gathering: Sandy Barrett, Alison Calvagno, Anne Mosher, and Sue Ann Ritchko. Our congratulations to each of them!

The Delmar Progress Club was also congratulated on the 120th anniversary since our formation in 1901.

A membership workshop entitled "Hats off to Membership" was an educational and fun event of this conference as well. We are all optimistic about recruiting new members for our club in the days ahead!

~ Remembrance Garden~

For many years, the Delmar Progress Club honored deceased members by donating money to the Bethlehem Library to purchase a book reflecting the interests of deceased members; for example, gardening, cooking, travel, etc. Club members also volunteered at the Library's annual book sale. In doing so, we discovered many of the books, displaying our contribution, often were placed in the sale.



The club subsequently decided to change our remembrance program by providing funds to the library to plant and maintain a remembrance garden. We now have a lovely garden at the library maintained by Ann VanDervort, Priscilla Miller and other volunteers from our club. As a 501(c)(3) organization, your tax-deductible contribution will help maintain this garden. You simply need to write your check to the Delmar Progress Club and indicate on the check the person who you are remembering. Your donation in memory of deceased members is a beautiful way to honor them.

– Anne Young

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

OCTOBER 2021			
October 4	Monday	10 a.m.	General Meeting, BPL Community Room
October 11	Monday	10 a.m.	Wellness Walk: Thacher Park, Voorheesville
October 12	Tuesday	1:30 p.m.	Literature Group: <i>The Sparrow</i> by Mary Doria Russell
October 13	Wednesday	1 p.m.	Antiques Study Group: Susan Leath via Zoom
October 25	Monday	10 a.m.	Wellness Walk: Pine Bush Preserve, Albany
October 27	Wednesday	1 p.m.	Performing Arts Group: Irish Women in Literature and Drama via Zoom
October 29	Friday	10 a.m.	Knitting Group, BPL Board Room
NOVEMBER 2021			
November 1	Monday	10 a.m.	General Meeting, BPL Community Room
November 8	Monday	10 a.m.	Wellness Walk
November 9	Tuesday	1:30 p.m.	Literature Group: <i>The Book of Lost Names</i> by Kristin Harmel
November 22	Monday	10 a.m.	Wellness Walk
DECEMBER 2021			
December 13	Monday	1 p.m.	Wellness Walk
December 17	Friday	10 a.m.	Knitting Group, BPL Board Room
December 27	Monday	1 p.m.	Wellness Walk

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
January 24	Monday	1 p.m.	Wellness Walk
January 28	Friday	10 a.m.	Knitting Group, BPL Board Room

FEBRUARY 2022

February 7	Monday	10 a.m.	General Meeting, BPL Community Room
February 14	Monday	1 p.m.	Wellness Walk
February 15	Tuesday	1:30 p.m.	Literature Group: <i>The Four Winds</i> by Kristin Hannah
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 (Book selection to be determined)
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	1 p.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	1 p.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