

DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB

April
PROGRESS IN PRINT

2021

Celebrating 120 Years

President's Message



Happy Spring! The weather has improved and we can see the light at the end of the tunnel as more people are vaccinated. If you have not been vaccinated and don't already have an appointment, PLEASE call (518)439-7704 or email lynne12054@gmail.com me so that I can try to help you. If there is anyone who can help me if there are several people who need assistance, please let me know. I want you to be safe and well for yourself, your families and for our club for when we can meet together again.

With the pandemic and discussions about the future, some members have expressed interest in amending the club's bylaws. If anyone has any suggestions for changes, please send them in writing to Mary Richards, Chairperson of the Bylaws Committee. Please include the section of the bylaws that you want changed, what the changes are, and the reasons for the changes. The members of the Bylaws Committee in addition to Mary Richards are: Carolyn Bennett, Joy Ford, Joan Gavrilik, Marjory O'Brien, Joan Richardson, Pam Tindall-O'Brien, and Anne Young.

As the pandemic continued, I began thinking of ways to improve the operation of the club. I formed a Futures Committee that I renamed "Futures Discussions" to include as many people as possible. We have looked at the general purpose of the club and possible mission statements, internal and external communications, the positive qualities of DPC, modifying the business meetings to provide more member interaction, to name just a few items. This is Delmar Progress Club's 120th year and while we may not be able to have a formal celebration, I would like there to be better recognition in the community of our existence.

Keep well and enjoy Spring!

-Lynne

Stop and think...we need your help

Do you have any club pictures, records, documents, and programs from the past? We have begun the process of gathering our club history together in one place so that we may share it and learn from it before we begin the process of archiving them with The M.E. Grenander Library of Special Collections at SUNY Albany.

We hope to hold an Open House for all interested club members in September to show off the long history of the Delmar Progress Club. We think you will be very impressed to know that you are a part of a longstanding group of woman who have been an active part of their community. Thank you.



A New Home Needed

No, it's not for a dog or a cat...it is a new storage space for the club's Giving Tree. It is an artificial tree that we put up at the Bethlehem Public Library around the holidays to display handmade hats, gloves and mittens that are then donated. It is in a large box that measures 24" wide by 44" long and 20" tall. Please contact Debbie Gall at 518-439-0455 or galldebbiedpc@gmail.com

Membership Report

March 2021

New Members: None

Resignations: None

Deaths: None

Edits to Membership List:

Carol Budliger— add email address

cbudliger@comcast.net

Margaret Dilgen—change phone to 518-528-9087

IMPORTANT: Send any changes in Contact Information to me at kkwinters@verizon.net or 518-439-0706

Karen Winters Second Vice President



SPECIAL MMM EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT

April 19, 2021

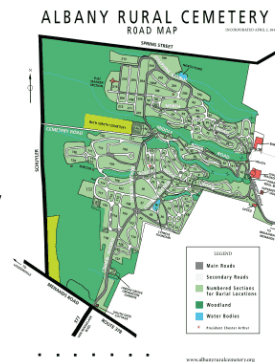
The Health and Fitness Group, and the Antiques Study Group are happy to announce that at our MMM meeting on April 19th, at 10 am,

Paul Grondahl (formerly of the Albany Times Union, now Director of the New York State Writers Institute) will do a Zoom presentation on the history of the Albany Rural Cemetery. He wrote a book on the history of the cemetery, entitled *These Exalted Acres*. (If you would like to read it before his presentation, it can be found on Amazon or you may wish to call I Love Books to see if they have it.)

The following Monday, April 26, 2021 the Health and Fitness Group will walk the cemetery, while the talk is fresh in our minds. This should be a particularly fun and interesting MMM so please join us! And for the walk on April 26th.

Pam Tindall-O'Brien (ptindallobrien@gmail.com)

Joan Kapral (jkapral18@gmail.com)



Remembrance Report

March 2021

* A "Thinking of You" card was sent to Anne Mosher. (Anne called to thank the DPC for the card.)

Josie Woods



Literature Group

Chairwoman: Kathy Schimanski

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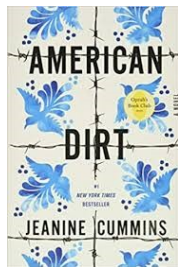
Tuesday, April 13, 2021

10:00 am (via Zoom)

American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins

Discussion facilitated by Joan Gavrilik

Lydia Quixano Pérez runs a bookstore in Acapulco, Mexico, where she lives with her husband, Sebastián, who is a journalist, and their son, Luca. When a man starts visiting her store, buying books and striking up a friendship, she has no idea initially that he will be responsible for turning her life upside down. But Lydia and Luca will have to flee Acapulco, setting them on a journey they will share



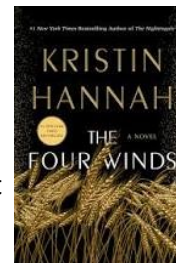
with countless other Central and South Americans-turned migrants. (Amazon)

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

10:00 a.m. (via Zoom)

The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah
Discussion facilitated by Pamela Tindall-O'Brien

In *The Four Winds*, Kristin Hannah's latest novel of historical fiction, we travel back to the harrowing years of the Great Depression--one of the most challenging eras of American story. It is 1934, and Texas and the Great Plains have been crippled by the Dust Bowl. Elsa Martinelli--like so many of her neighbors--must make an agonizing choice: fight for the land she loves or go west, to California, in search of a better life. (Goodreads)



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

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

On **Monday, April 12**, we will be exploring **Oakwood Cemetery in Troy** during the height of daffodil season (hopefully) – enjoying its panoramic views and visiting Uncle Sam’s grave.

Directions: Take I-787 N; take exit 9E to merge onto NY-7 E toward Troy/Bennington; stay to your left as you cross the bridge; as you get off the bridge, turn left onto 10th St at the light; 10th St will veer right and become Oakwood Ave/Rt 40; you will pass Frear Park on your right and then come to Oakwood Cemetery on your left.

On **Monday, April 26**, we’ll be visiting Albany Rural Cemetery -- one week after our April 19 lecture by Paul Grondahl about this historic location. This is where President Chester A. Arthur is buried, along with 34 members of Congress, 8 Presidential Cabinet members, 5 NYS governors, and 55 mayors of the City of Albany – among others.

Directions: Take I-787 N; take exit 7W (378W, Watervliet); stay on 378 toward Loudonville for about 1 mile; turn right at the light at the junction of 377 and 378 into Albany Rural Cemetery.

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Environment, Conservation and Garden Group:

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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

APRIL 2021 IMPORTANT DATES—MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April 5	Monday	10:00am	Monday Morning Musings
April 12	Monday	1:00pm	Walk Oakwood Cemetery in Troy
April 13	Tuesday	10:00am	Literature Group via Zoom: <u>American Dirt</u>
April 19	Monday	10:00am	MMM Special Event: Paul Grondahl discusses the Albany Rural Cemetery
April 25	Sunday	12:00pm	Deadline for May Progress In Print
April 26	Monday	1:00pm	Walk the Albany Rural Cemetery