

DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB



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President's Message

You know that old adage, "You can't see the forest for the trees"? Well, I realized recently that is true of the DPC's accomplishments. We talk a lot about increasing membership, doing more, but when I had to create a report for the GFWC NYS Regional meeting, I realized how much we really do!!

We have increased our book group meetings to eight months of the year, and have found that during the winter months Zoom works better. No one has to worry about the weather that way! We also do twice monthly "wellness walks" and enjoy each other's company, the exercise, and the beautiful gift of the world around us. Our Community Services projects included The Giving Tree, Ronald McDonald House (pull tabs), CLYNK, Soles4Souls, American Red Cross Blood Drives, and collections for the VA Hospital. We also helped young girls by providing them with STEM kits (which stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) and women VETS by helping furnish apartments for women who are getting back on their feet after completing their service. We did some social events, but have moved to luncheons rather than dinners. We also provided two \$1500 scholarships to very deserving and personable young ladies and celebrated with their families at an awards luncheon. We will continue that support for two others, as has been a long-standing tradition of the Club.

This year, in addition to many of the previous community service projects, we hope to participate in the "Trunk or Treat" Halloween event at the Elm Avenue Park facility; the Moon Catcher Project; The Pajama Project which will include making the washcloth teddy bears; and a Ten Broeck Mansion lecture with the Bethlehem Garden Club. We hope to continue to provide social activities, wellness activities, and community service activities for our members, and find other ways to broaden our minds and continue to be an important part of our community.

Pat yourself on the back, ladies!! Thanks to our many volunteers, we really have a lot to be proud of.



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, NOON

Red's Restaurant
12005 Rt 9W, Coxsackie
(Carpooling will be available)

Choice of Chicken Parm or Baked Haddock

rsvp by October 16 to
Phyllis Drew
35 Greenock Rd, Delmar NY 12054
Please enclose \$25 check
Payable to Delmar Progress Club

Indicate chicken or fish
on your check

For more details on the Fall Foliage Luncheon,
see page 2 >>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>

October General Meeting

Monday, October 3, 10 am

Bethlehem Public Library Community Room

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT, Barbara Hogan, Chair

We will be joined by Bethlehem Town Supervisor, David VanLuven at our October 3 meeting for a presentation about Proposition 2, which will appear on the back of the ballot on election day, Tuesday, November 8, 2022, and will authorize the town to purchase over 300 acres of historic farmland and protect it for future generations. A question-and-answer period will follow Mr. VanLuven's presentation.

MEMBERSHIP

**Debbie Gall, Second Vice President,
Chair (galldebbiedpc@gmail.com)**



New Members:

Joanne Pierotti, 501 Elkin Ct, Delmar NY 12054,
914-588-6209, lotusflower5055@gmail.com

Christine Simeone, 47 Euclid Ave, Delmar NY 12054
518-795-5289, cesimeone@msn.com

Resignations: None

Deaths: None

Membership statistics: As of October 1st, 2022, 129 dues paying members, 11 Life Members (no dues collected), total membership 140

Reach out to Debbie Gall regarding dues, changes of contact information, etc. We want to keep our Membership List as up to date as possible! *Thank you!*

Lustgarten Pancreatic Cancer Fundraiser

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Lustgarten Pancreatic Cancer Walk on September 11th and to everyone who mailed in a donation. So far, the Delmar Progress Club raised \$520 for this worthwhile cause. All of the money donated goes toward research for a cure and early detection of the disease. Thank you for your support.

Lynne Lenhardt

BYLAWS

Lynne Lenhardt, Chair

The Bylaws Committee will perform a final review of the by-laws on September 27th in preparation for a presentation at the October 3rd General Meeting. Voting on the proposed changes will occur at the November 7th General Meeting.

Canine Companions for Independence

CC and Lucky hope to see you at the Fall Foliage Luncheon on October 26. All of our Canine Companion relatives have been hard at work making the lives of their human companions much more pleasant, especially with that nasty Covid thing going around — keeping them company and helping them with the little things in life makes living easier. If you can't make the Luncheon, please consider mailing a donation payable to Canine Companions For Independence, to Delmar Progress Club, PO Box 423, Delmar NY 12054. Woof Woof,, Lucky and CC

Come one. Come all!

Please join us for lunch on Wednesday, October 26th, at twelve noon at Red's Restaurant in Coxsackie for our first big social event of the fall season. Let's celebrate together the many friendships we share with our DPC club members!

On Page 1 of this PIP newsletter is a flyer with most of the details pertaining to the luncheon. We have reserved a private room for your comfort and pleasure. A delicious plated luncheon awaits you, starting with a fresh fruit or raw vegetable plate and a mixed green salad. You may select from two entrée options: Chicken Parmesan over Linguini (or) Butter-Crumbed Baked Haddock with Home-made Mashed Potatoes. Save room for dessert though....Strawberry Cream Layer Cake!

Reservations are due to Phyllis Drew by Wednesday, October 16th at 35 Greenock Road, Delmar, NY 12054. Checks in the amount of \$25 should be made out to Delmar Progress Club with choice of fish or chicken noted in the memo line.

Car-pooling is strongly encouraged. Call your friends and make arrangements (or) if you need assistance, please contact Barbara Kavanagh at 518-898-9041 or e-mail her at bbk.shop2@gmail.com

It's an easy 30- minute drive south on Route 9W. Hope to see you all there!

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

Margaret Dilgen, Corresponding Secretary

Correspondence during July and August included remembrance cards to Mary Jeram's family, to Priscilla Miller on the loss of her husband, and to Linda MacRitchie on the passing of her brother. We also sent a Thank You note to the Zimmerman family for a donation to the Scholarship Fund.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

If you have a chance, call or email them your good wishes. (And share your birthday with us!)

Oct 2 - Mary Alice Svare
Oct 12 - Catherine Lowenski
Oct 14 - Barbara Kavanagh
Oct 22 - Lynn Millspaugh
Oct 22 - Marge O'Brien
Oct 25 - Carol Ackerman



COMMUNITY SERVICE

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

Our theme this year is '*A Caring Community*'.

On Monday, September 12, we had our annual planning meeting to plan service projects for the coming club year. We had 14 members attend. Three projects were discussed with the idea of inviting community members to participate in them, thus creating 'a caring community'. The projects we chose to support are The Moon Catcher Project; The Pajama Project which will include making the washcloth teddy bears that we have made previously; and a Ten Broeck Mansion lecture with the Bethlehem Garden Club. We will also continue to support many of the programs that we have previously supported, some of which are The Giving Tree, Ronald McDonald House (pull tabs), CLYNK, Soles4Souls, American Red Cross Blood Drives, and collections for the VA Hospital.



IT IS NOT TOO EARLY TO START THINKING ABOUT THE GIVING TREE!!!! Please start knitting/looking for/buying mittens and gloves (waterproof as well as knit), scarves, hats, etc. for our collection! Thank you!!

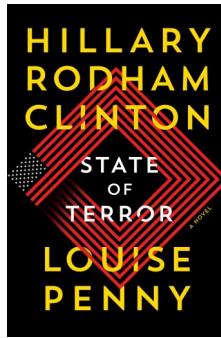
LITERATURE

Christine Doran, Chair

Thursday, October 20, 10:30 am, Bethlehem Public Library Board Room

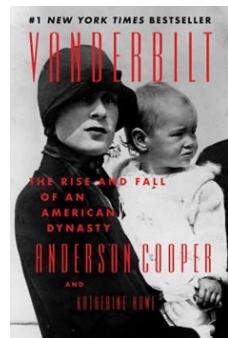
State of Terror, by Hillary Rodham Clinton and Louise Penny

This high-stakes thriller of international intrigue features behind-the-scenes global drama informed by details only an insider could know. (*Goodreads*)



Thursday, November 17, 10:30 am, Bethlehem Public Library Board Room

Vanderbilt: The Rise and Fall of an American Dynasty by Anderson Cooper and Katherine Howe



WELLNESS AND THE NATURAL WORLD: Chair (vacant)

Wellness Walks We walk twice a month — on the second and fourth Mondays of the month.

Monday, October 10, 10 am: Please join us in a walk at Thacher Park. We will meet at the Playground, behind the Visitor's Center. If you need a ride, please contact Pam Tindall-O'Brien (ptindallobrien@gmail.com or 518 439-1672). The leaves should be in full color by then!

Monday, October 24, 10 am: We will meet at the Delmar Reformed Church on Delaware Avenue and walk the neighborhood around the church. Hope to see many of you there!

PERFORMING ARTS: Marie Liddle and Debbie Mazzone, Co-chairs

Here are some Performing Arts ideas for you to consider in the coming month:

"Tiny House" at Curtain Call Theater, Latham, through October 9 [Curtain Call Theatre - Season 2021-2022 Home Page](#)

"Nine" at Homemade Theater, Saratoga Springs October 7-16 www.homemadetheater.org

"Tchaikovsky's Fifth" - Albany Symphony Orchestra - Palace Theater Saturday, October 8 at 7:30 p.m. AlbanySymphony.com
Confetti Fest (one-act plays) presented by Confetti Stage, Masonic Lodge, Albany October 7-9 and 13-16 confettistage.org

"Medea" (Live in HD) - through the Metropolitan Opera - at Crossgates Stadium 18 and Colonie Center 13 Saturday, October 22 [Metropolitan Opera | Theater Finder \(metopera.org\)](http://Metropolitan Opera | Theater Finder (metopera.org))

And remember that the group will meet on Tuesday, October 25, for a late afternoon matinee at The Spectrum Theater on Delaware Avenue in Albany ..check for film offerings in the few days prior at [Showtimes - Landmark Theatres](#) and meet in the lobby a few minutes prior to showtime. Tickets on Tuesdays are only \$7!



COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY

Barbara Hogan and Joan Gavrilik, Co-chairs

1. The 2022-23 DPC Yearbooks should be in every member's hands by now. Thank you, Joan Gavrilik, for creating this comprehensive club resource; and thank you, Debbie Gall, for making the connection with the Bethlehem Public Library. Approximately 40 members picked up their Yearbook at BPL from the "Hold" desk. We're hoping to duplicate this process next year. We will leave them at the library for a longer time period, which should make it possible for even more members to pick them up. Thank you for your flexibility as we adapted this year. How did it go for you? Contact Barbara Hogan at 518-928-0400; hogan.barb@gmail.com with any suggestions or feedback.
2. The DPC will be emailing the GFWC New York newsletter "Empire Focus" to our members. Until recently, it was emailed from GFWC-NY. If you would like a hard copy of this publication mailed to you, please send your name, mailing address and a \$10 check to the state treasurer, Betty Lamb, 734 Wadsworth St., Syracuse, NY 13208 to cover mailing costs for the four editions. Jane Lemak will be mailing the copies.
3. It's time for a new logo for the Delmar Progress Club... stay tuned for more information. We are working with some of the creative people at The Corner Gateway and should be prepared to share some ideas with you soon! In exploring a logo, we found out that the club's colors are pink and green, and that the club flower is a carnation, so we hope to incorporate those in a new design.

TREASURER'S REPORT: June 1, 2022 – August 31, 2022

Christine Doran, Treasurer

Key Bank Checking

Balance on 6/1/22	\$ 12,274.73
Deposits	6,412.30
Expenditures	4,695.20
Balance on 8/31/22	\$13,991.83

Key Bank CD – Restricted to Blackmore Scholarship

Balance on 6/1/22	\$ 20,724.83
Interest Income	.26
Balance on 8/31/22	\$ 20,727.44

Key Bank Savings – Restricted to Scholarships

Balance on 6/1/22	\$8,777.06
Interest Income	.22
Balance on 8/31/22	\$8,777.28

Key Bank CD - Restricted to Convention Expenses

Balance on 6/1/22	\$4,334.42
Interest Income	.55
Balance on 8/31/22	\$ 4,334.97

Restricted and Unrestricted Funds in Key Bank Checking as of 6/1/22

Checking Account Balance	\$13,991.83
ERF Balance	\$490.49
Donations to Scholarship Fund	\$245.00
Donations to Remembrance Garden	\$100.00
Total Restricted Funds in Checking	\$835.49
Balance Unrestricted	\$13,156.34

JULY 18, 2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Present: Pamela Tindall-O'Brien, Debbie Gall, Barbara Kavanagh. Margaret Dilgen, Christine Doran (via Zoom), Phyllis Drew, Lynne Lenhardt, Joan Gavrilik, Barbara Hogan

Absent: Carolyn Bennett, Rosemary Brown, Kathleen Newkirk, Maryalice Svare

Pamela Tindall-O'Brien called the meeting to order at 10:09, and welcomed everyone.

Review of minutes of June Board meeting: add the word "paid" to memberships; it was Pam who introduced the topic of Meet-Up. Debbie moved to approve the minutes as corrected, Margaret seconded, corrected minutes approved.

Corresponding Secretary: Margaret has sent condolences to the families of Mary Jeram and Peggy Zimmerman, who recently passed away. She also sent a sympathy card to Priscilla Miller on the death of her husband.

Treasurer's Report: Chris has received 81 paid memberships to date. There was discussion about adding a column to her spreadsheet to more easily track membership payments.

Membership: Margaret Farrell has resigned. Debbie has begun to call each member of the Club- checking in on members, offering support, and gently reminding members about dues. Barbara Hogan suggested that Debbie prioritize calls to the 18 Club members who do not have computer access. Two years ago, reminder postcards were sent. Barbara Hogan will email reminders to members who have not yet paid. Lynne expressed concern about reaching the non-computer-using members with info about Club activities, and also about members' deaths.

Joann Supan has volunteered to head the Telephone Cttee. Perhaps she and her ctte could make periodic calls to the same members to keep them in the loop. Barbara Hogan suggested that we could have a signup at the October meeting. Pam will call Joann about recruiting members for the Telephone Cttee.

Pam has been checking on "opened" DPC emails. For the last mailing, 117 were sent, of which 95 were opened. Barbara Hogan will look into combining the 2 MailChimp accounts.

Yearbook: Linda Graf has resigned as Yearbook Chair. The Yearbook Distribution Cttee is Laura Cooper and Bonnie Urso. Pam and Lynne have volunteered to proofread the final version of the Yearbook, which is ten pages shorter than last year's book. The emailed copy will include a spreadsheet of members' information. Margaret questioned whether the print or email version is preferred. The cost of the print version was \$568 last year for 150 Books. The cutoff date to add new members to the Yearbook is July 20. After that date, names of new members will be emailed to members.

Website: Barbara Hogan added the most recent PIPs to the website. She wants to start a members-only section to our website. She has reached out to the Library IT person to advise on next steps for improvement, particularly as a Marketing tool. She and Joan will meet with the Library staffer on July 28. Barbara will also explore any resources available through GFWC. Chris asked if there might be non-profit software packages that would be suitable.

October Social: The Social is scheduled as a luncheon on October 26. This eliminates the Legion Post, as their caterer does dinners only. We agreed that staying in or close to Bethlehem was important to make transportation easier. Some members are reaching out to venues:

Barbara Hogan Twisted Vine

Pam Garden Bistro and Roux

Barb Kavanagh Normanside, Colonie CC, Shriners

MeetUp: Monthly membership is \$14.99, which the Board felt was too pricey at this point. It was felt that that amount might be better spent elsewhere. Pam is going to see if there is an introductory price, and she will sign up for 2-3 months, and see if there is increased visibility for the Club that would justify the continuing expense.

Study Groups: There continues to be a problem with getting chairs for some groups. Are some groups losing their relevance/interest for our members? There was discussion of merging Creative Arts and Arts & Architecture into another group. No decision was reached.

There are several events this Winter relating to TenBroeck Mansion. At the November 7 General Meeting, we will be crafting ornaments for TenBroeck Mansion. On November 29 from 10-12, members will meet to decorate at TenBroeck Mansion. There will be a presentation about the history of Ten Broeck Mansion at the December 5 General Meeting. "Undecorating" at the Mansion will take place on January 10 from 10-12.

JULY 18, 2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES (continued)

Civic Engagement: Lynne suggested that members participate in a walk at Town Park on September 11 to raise funds for the Lustgarten Fdn, which supports research into Pancreatic Cancer. Barbara Hogan will contact Town Hall about having a presentation about the Glenmont Farm purchase at our October meeting. Barbara Kavanagh suggested that the Club sponsor a meeting at Town Hall for the general public about this hot-button issue, but Debbie felt that such an action crossed the line into politics. Pam wants to publicize our October meeting and our other activities through the Bethlehem Senior Services newsletter. Chris suggested consulting with Will Vail at Senior Services about our options. Margaret felt we should open our October meeting to the public for this presentation. Barbara Hogan will inquire about having a speaker (Supervisor or Planning Director) speak in October.

Bylaws: Lynne will contact the members of the Bylaws Cttee. Pam, Joan and Barbara Hogan volunteered to join the Cttee. Bylaws changes will be proposed at the October meeting, and voted on in November. A two-thirds majority is required for amendments and changes.

Insurance: Our current policy covers only "slip and fall" at a Club event, and does not include coverage for directors and officers. Current premium is \$423. Pam wants to get additional quotes, and to explore whether we should add D&O coverage. There are some protections for Non-profit Board members under NYS law. Barbara Kavanagh moved to authorize Pam to research options, and Joan seconded. Motion passed.

Strategic Plan: Joan has shared a strategic plan for the Club. Barbara Hogan proposed a collaborative model, meshing plans from the Futures Cttee, the Membership Cttee, and Joan's document. Joan will re-send the email about the plan. Pam would like to move forward, and has asked for comments on the Strategic Plan by August 1.

The next Board of Directors' Meeting is set for Monday, September 19 at 1p.m.

Joan moved to adjourn the meeting, Phyllis seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 12:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Kavanagh, Recording Secretary



Our bottle and can redemption program in support of our Emergency Relief Fund through the Hanford 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 .

OCTOBER 2022 CALENDAR

October 3, Monday, 10 am, General Meeting

October 10, Monday, 10 am, Wellness Walk at Thacher Park

October 20, Thursday, 10:30 am, Literature Group, Bethlehem Public Library Board Room, ***State of Terror***, by Hillary Rodham Clinton and Louise Penny.

October 24, Monday, 10 am, Wellness Walk, meet at the Delmar Reformed Church

October 25, Tuesday, Movie afternoon

October 26, Wednesday, noon, Fall Foliage Luncheon, Red's Restaurant, Coxsackie



!! Yearbook error !!!

The January 2023 General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 10 at 1 p.m. (NOT 10 a.m., as listed in the Yearbook).