

# DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB



DECEMBER 2022

PROGRESS IN PRINT



## President's Message

I confess, I am a Christmas junkie. I love it all, the lights, the decorations, making gingerbread houses when my kids were young-

er, and the wonderful aromas of vanilla and almond as cookies bake. I have never been a Grinch, one who hates the additional stress and work that Christmas involves. Most of all, I love the traditions of Christmas, traditions that my children and grandchildren are carrying on.

And that may surprise many of you, that I love traditions, because I've talked a lot about changing the DPC to adapt to the times. But, I want the traditions to continue, although if necessary, to be streamlined. And one of the traditions that we are going to revamp is our Holiday Tea! Barbara Kavanagh and Carolyn Bennett, with the help of Barb Hogan, got the DPC silver from the Delmar Reform Church, and volunteers are surveying it and polishing it as we speak. On December 13<sup>th</sup>, at 2 pm, we will revive our traditional Holiday Tea with newly polished silver, and I hope, terrific attendance by you all! I am so happy that we have so many volunteers who were eager to help, and I can guarantee that although the Tea might be a little different from past Teas, what will be the same is the friendship and good will we have for one another. Happy Holidays!

Pam

**Monday, December 5, 10:30 am**

**LECTURE**

***History of the Ten Broeck Mansion***

**Bethlehem Public Library Community Room**



## Holiday Tea

*Join us in welcoming our new members!*

Delmar Progress Club  
Tuesday, December 13, 2-4 pm  
Delmar Presbyterian Church  
585 Delaware Ave, Delmar

*Entertainment by Cellist Meg Harwood*

*Holiday cookies -- Tea sandwiches -- Tea & Coffee*

Donations for our veterans  
(see list below) & the  
Bethlehem Food Pantry  
will be happily accepted!



## COLLECTION FOR VETERANS

*There is a high need for the following items for the pantry/clothing room at the VA Hospital. All the following are Men's items, must be NEW.*

- Sneakers, winter boots 9-13
  - Winter socks, hats, gloves
  - Full size stick deodorant, shampoo
  - Body wash, disposable 3 blade razors
  - Snack items in single serve packages
  - Peanut butter, jelly, canned tuna, chicken
  - Cereal, rice
  - Gift cards in \$15-\$25 amounts for groceries
- Please bring items to the Dec 5 lecture, Dec 13 Tea, or call Alison Calvagno (518-423-4066) for pick up. This collection will be repeated throughout the year, however, the list will be updated according to need.*

## MEMBERSHIP

**Debbie Gall, Second Vice President,  
Chair** ([galldebbiedpc@gmail.com](mailto:galldebbiedpc@gmail.com))



**New Members:** None

**Member Address/ Phone Updates:**

\*Lynn Millsbaugh 26 Victoria Lane Apt. E Delmar, NY 12054

\*Anna Prentiss 55 Darroch Road Delmar, NY 12054  
518-439-5346 H 518-903-4312 C

\*Debbie Gall 518-859-9734 C

**Resignations:** Maureen Nyilis

**Lapse in Membership:** Sue Ann Ritchko, Mariann Carcich

**Deaths:** None

*Please reach out to Debbie Gall regarding dues, change of contact information, birthday information, etc.*

*We want to keep our Membership List as up to date as possible...Thank You!*

## Canine Companions UPDATE:



So far this Progress Club program year (6/1/22 to date), we have collected and remitted \$652 to Canine Companions for Independence. Thanks to all who have supported this worthy program and to Marie Liddle and Debbie Mazzone, our program coordinators and cheerleaders.

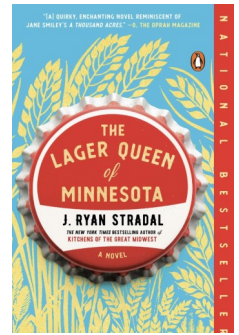
## LITERATURE

**Christine Doran, Chair**

**No December meeting**

**Thursday, January 19, 10:30  
am, via Zoom**

***The Lager Queen of Minnesota***  
by J. Ryan Stradal



*"A novel of family, Midwestern values, hard work, fate and the secrets of making a world-class beer ..."* (Amazon)

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

Mary Ellen Caporta, December 16



## BYLAWS

**Lynne Lenhardt, Chair**

The amended bylaws were approved by the membership at the November 7<sup>th</sup> General Meeting. They are posted on the website and can be accessed electronically in the December PIP email. If you don't have a computer or don't receive information about the Progress Club electronically, please call Lynne Lenhardt (518-439-7704) and she will print a copy for you.

## VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION

Reminder! If you have not yet reported your volunteer hours to DPC President, Pam Tindall-O'Brien, please do so by the beginning of January. As Progress Club members, you have each made a significant impact on our community with your time, talents and resources. If you are a committee or study group chair, please share the statistical information regarding the activities you chaired during the course of this year. It's important to report the number of hours spent in preparation and in participation. If you made in-kind donations to support the activities of our club or financial donations to any of our GFWC partnerships (i.e., Canine Companions Heifer International, St. Jude, Operation Smile, etc.) please make a list of these donations and report them to Pam. Everyone enjoys a little recognition from time to time, so please take a few minutes to provide this important statistical information. Pam can't report to GFWC without *YOUR* help!

Carolyn Bennett, Federation Coordinator

## WELLNESS AND THE NATURAL WORLD

### Chair (vacant)

**Wellness Walks** Due to upcoming holidays, impending winter weather, and members' travel plans to warmer climates, our Wellness Walks will be suspended for December and January. We look forward to picking up the schedule again in February. In the Spring we'll be making our annual visits to see the daffodils at Oakwood Cemetery in Troy, the tulips at Washington Park in Albany, and the rose garden at Central Park in Schenectady.



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](mailto:jsg85@aol.com) or 518-439-4520.

**MANY THANKS to everyone who participated in this fundraising program. In 2022, we raised \$196.40 for our Emergency Relief Fund!**

## PERFORMING ARTS

Marie Liddle and Debbie Mazzone, Co-chairs

### A BUSY MONTH OF HOLIDAY CENTERED MUSIC

The month of December is a busy one in the Capital District, and we are fortunate that several of our members are involved in upcoming concerts you may wish to attend:

#### Octavo Singers

Two of our members, Alison Calvagno and Janet Stasio, are members of Octavo Singers who will present Handel's Messiah at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 10 at Union College Memorial Chapel. Tickets are \$30 for Adults and \$25 for Seniors. If you would like to attend, please contact Alison at [akurtessis@gmail.com](mailto:akurtessis@gmail.com)

#### Albany Pro Musica

Valerie Donovan is a member of Albany Pro Musica and they will present their holiday concert, "The Many Moods of Christmas," at the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 18. Barbara Hogan has graciously agreed to be the contact person for this and also arrange car pools. She has already purchased a block of tickets for the 17 people who have expressed an interest in attending and will be purchasing a second block of tickets (\$40) on Wednesday, December 7. A Dutch Treat luncheon will precede the concert at a location in Troy, yet to be determined. **If you would like to attend please contact Barbara at [hogan.barb@gmail.com](mailto:hogan.barb@gmail.com) or call her at (518) 928-0400.**

#### Friendship Singers

Our own Marie Liddle will be directing the Friendship Singers in several holiday concerts in senior facilities, adult care centers and nursing homes, as well as in two local concerts open to the public. The first performance for the community will be held on Wednesday, December 14 at 7:00 pm at the New Scotland Presbyterian Church, 2010 New Scotland Road, Slingerlands (on the left hand side, just past the Corner Gateway, after passing the Stonewell Plaza on the right). The second public performance is on Wednesday, December 21 at 7:00 p.m at the Delmar Reformed Church near the Four Corners. Marie has also indicated that Progress Club members are welcome to attend the concert at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 15 in the Community Room of the Spinney on Van Dyke Road, where she is a resident. In addition to Marie, other Progress Club members who belong to the Friendship Singers include Mariann Carcich, Wilma DeLucco, Debbie Mazzone, Dodie Seagle and Janet Stasio. Please join us...admission is free!

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

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

Our theme this year is *"A Caring Community"*



### Upcoming events:

Saturday, December 3 - The Giving Tree (box) will be set up in the library foyer for 2 weeks until December 17th. Please drop off all of your mittens, gloves, scarves, hats etc. to be donated. Thank you!

Monday, December 5 - 10:30 - 11:30 - Lecture: History of the Ten Broeck Mansion - Bethlehem Public Library Community Room (the Bethlehem Garden Club will be joining us))

### Community Service Opportunity for the New Year

Saturday, January 7, 12:00-2:00 pm, **Moon Bee** -- Sign up to make reusable and washable menstrual management kits in an assembly line fashion for women in developing countries, First United Methodist Church of Delmar, 428 Kenwood Ave (Elevator entrance in the back)

Contact Debbie Gall for details 518-439-0455, [galldebbiedpc@gmail.com](mailto:galldebbiedpc@gmail.com)

## SEPTEMBER 19, 2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

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

Absent: Rosemary Brown

Pam Tindall-O'Brien called the meeting to order at 1:11, and welcomed everyone.

Review of minutes of July 18 meeting: members requested that minutes be emailed as soon as possible after the Board meeting. Pam will also re-send the minutes with the Agenda for the next Board meeting. Joan Gavrilik moved to accept the minutes, Lynne Lenhardt seconded, minutes approved.

Bylaws Committee: work on updating the Bylaws continues; a meeting will be held the last week of September. The committee has identified many changes that they feel are necessary; these will be distributed at October 3 general meeting. Some discussion about whether the Board should approve changes prior to submission to the general membership; this is against the Bylaws. DPC membership will vote on the proposed changes on November 7.

DPC Strategic Plan: Pam is eager for input on the Strategic Plan. There was a discussion about formal adoption of the plan; Pam will present the revised plan at the November 14 Board Meeting. Lynne suggested re-titling it the Presidential Strategic Plan, Pam wants to keep it as it is.

Fall GFWC Meetings: Several members of the Board are planning to attend the Mid-Hudson District meeting of GFWC, which takes place on October 1 in New Paltz. Attendees will include Pamela Tindall-O'Brien, Kathleen Newkirk, Carolyn Bennett, Rosemary Brown, Anne Young, Lynne Lenhardt, and Marjory O'Brien. In addition, Pam, Lynne, and Kathy will attend the Mid-Atlantic GFWC Conference in Albany on October 7-9. The GFWC International President, Deb Strahanoski, will be in attendance. Members of our Club are helping with transportation for attendees. Pam will report on DPC's activities at the Mid-Hudson meeting.

Lynne reported on some members' participation in the Pancreatic Cancer Walk on September; the members raised \$520 for the Lustgarten Foundation. Lynne wants the Club to continue to support this event, and will get the word out sooner for 2023.

## SEPTEMBER 19, 2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES (continued)

Library Relations: Debbie Gall continues to be our liaison with Bethlehem Public Library. She helped with the Fall Book Sale. DPC has also joined Bethlehem Neighbors and Friends of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation. Margaret Dilgen and Pam offered to coordinate DPC participation in "Trunk or Treat" on October 26, but Debbie asked for time to determine what she wants to do at this event. Discussion of what non-candy items might be given out. Additionally, Joan suggested that DPC might provide bookmarks for next Spring's BPL Book Sale.

Membership: Only ten members are unpaid. Debbie continues to make phone calls to all members. She has learned that some members pay dues, but prefer not to take part in Club activities. She has also updated some addresses.

There is a continuing need for technical help with the DPC website. Barbara Hogan will contact the BCHS Lab School or the High School Community Services liaison to see if an "intern" might be of help. She wondered whether our website might be too "jerry-rigged" at this point, and might need a total overhaul. It was suggested that the website include some pictures from the Pancreatic Cancer Walk.

Bethlehem Historical Assn: Barb Hogan asked the Assn about including some DPC materials to their holdings about Bethlehem in the 1950's. This may be possible in the future. Maryalice Svare asked about the Club submitting a "PSA" to OurTown about DPC events.

Fall Foliage Luncheon: Information on the Luncheon will appear again in the October PIP. Carolyn Bennett will also submit a blurb with information on the venue and menu details. Barbara Kavanagh will list her telephone number to facilitate car-pooling.

Travel: Kathy Newkirk is working on a daytrip to Longwood Gardens. She is awaiting more info from Yankee Trails. The Board was very enthusiastic about going ahead with this kind of trip. There was a discussion about possible "travel talks", with speakers including some Club members.

Margaret proposed that the Club have a speaker at the October 3 general meeting to give a short talk about the proposition on the November ballot for the Town of Bethlehem to purchase land to keep it from development. This would be informational only.

Yearbook creation and distribution: Printing of the Yearbook went well, and was under budget. The Corner Gateway provided the printing. Members had the option to receive the Yearbook via email, and Joan hopes to encourage more members to take advantage of this method. The Library held copies for those requesting paper Yearbooks with reserved books. This was fairly successful, but 61 books still needed mailing. Discussion about lengthening the hold time at the Library. Lynne wondered whether personal delivery might give us valuable one-on-one with members. Barb Kavanagh moved to cover the postage expenses incurred by Barb Hogan, Lynne seconded, motion passed.

Future Board meetings were set for November 14 at 10 a.m., January 9 at 10 a.m., and April 10 at 1p.m.

Holiday Tea: This event is set for December 13, and a chair is needed. Possible venues include Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Delmar Methodist Church, and Delmar Reformed Church. Margaret noted problems with having enough helpers to serve and pour tea. The Board discussed a menu of finger sandwiches and cookies. It was suggested that members bring poinsettias for table deco. Several suggestions were made for entertainment, including a cellist, a Senior Services vocal group, and the Friendship Singers.

Lynne moved to adjourn the meeting, Margaret seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 2:57.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Kavanagh

Recording Secretary

## TREASURER'S REPORT: September 1 – October 31, 2022, Christine Doran, Treasurer

### Key Bank Checking

Balance on 9/1/22	\$ 13,991.83
Deposits	1,550.00
Expenditures	955.36
Balance on 10/31/22	\$14,586.47

### Key Bank CD – Restricted to Blackmore Scholarship

Balance on 9/1/22	\$ 20,727.44
Interest Income	1.73
Balance on 10/31/22	\$ 20,729.17

### Key Bank Savings – Restricted to Scholarships

Balance on 9/1/22	\$8,777.28
Interest Income	.14
Balance on 10/31/22	\$8,777.42

### Key Bank CD - Restricted to Convention Expenses

Balance on 9/1/22	\$ 4,334.97
Interest Income	.36
Balance on 10/31/22	\$ 4,335.33

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### Restricted and Unrestricted Funds in Checking as of 10/31/22

Checking Account Balance	\$14,586.47
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	\$13,750.98

## CALENDAR

### 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, 13, 2 pm Tuesday, **Holiday Tea**

December 17, Saturday, Taking down Giving Tree/Box

December 18., Sunday, **Albany Pro Musica** (see Performing Arts)

December 27, Tuesday, Movie afternoon