

DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB



JANUARY 2023

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President's Message

I was so thrilled with our December Holiday Tea! Besides welcoming 7 new members, we were a large group of 63 women, happy to be together again! I've already thanked all who contributed, especially Carolyn Bennett and Barbara Kavanagh, who did yeoman's work getting it all together.

But what struck me the most was how many volunteers we had, helping in the kitchen, making sandwiches, baking cookies, setting up tables, decorating, providing last minute entertainment for us....*and the volunteering was as much fun as the Tea itself.* We have the most fun working together, not only at the Tea, but also making the crafts for the Holiday Tree at Ten Broeck Mansion, and then decorating it, and doing community service projects. That is the value of our Club, working together to make things better for our community, while enjoying each other's company.

Please join me January 10th at 1 pm in the Library's Community Room for our January meeting. We will have a presentation from the Town Supervisor, David VanLuven, about the State of the Town. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO INVITE SPOUSES AND FRIENDS TO THIS PRESENTATION, BECAUSE WE WANT THE ROOM TO BE FULL. (My husband, for example, is coming.)

I hope you all had as good a holiday season as was possible under your circumstances. Mine was wonderful, but my family is all healthy, and that is what really makes the difference. I know some of you were not as fortunate, and the holidays may have been very difficult for you. Know that we, your fellow DPC members, are thinking of you. We all have these hard times in life, and what can get us through is the support of friends and family. You have ours!

Pam

January General Meeting

Tuesday, January 10, 1 pm

Bethlehem Public Library Community Room

Speaker: Town Supervisor David VanLuven

State of the Town

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Maryalice Svare, Chair

Our scholarship fund is off to a good start. Thank you to everyone who has already been able to contribute to the fund. Last year we were able to award two \$1500 awards to Bethlehem Central graduating seniors. Our goal is to keep the scholarship fund at least at the same level.

At this point we are not quite at the half way point for donations. We would appreciate your continued support for the long standing tradition of Delmar Progress Club scholarships. You can send your donation to Deanne Sodergren, 22 Sheffield Dr, Delmar NY 12054.

Thank you and Happy New Year!



MEMBER OUTREACH

I wanted to thank all of you who brought cards and cookies to members who could not attend the Tea. **Kudos to Barbara Hogan** who took it on, wrote cards, and with Debbie Gall's assistance, made sure they were delivered. AND to all of you who made the deliveries! It may not seem like much, but Denise Gisotti said that on one of her deliveries, the woman started to cry at the thought that the club remembered her. Doesn't that make you happy that we did this?

As a result of this success, we are thinking about trying to make more routine outreach to our members who can't come to meetings or events. We could write cards, make phone calls, or do other outreach? If enough of us volunteer, it would be a minimal time commitment. Let's discuss it at the January meeting

Pam

MEMBERSHIP

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



New Members: none

Member Address/ Phone Updates: none

Resignations: none

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!

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

Mary Ellen Quinlan, 1/2

Jo Ann Supan, 1/5

Phyllis Drew, 1/9

Barbara Mladinov, 1/10

Ronnie Blendell, 1/12

Lynn Rhodes, 1/19

Kathy Raffe, 1/23

Joyce Becker, 1/26

Ann VanDervort, 1/30



JOB OPENING: OPERATION SMILE COORDINATOR

Pre-Covid, DPC regularly supported Operation Smile by making bags, arm bands, and hospital gowns. These events were always very productive and well attended. During Covid, these efforts were suspended as they were not accepting donations. However, the November GFWC newsletter indicated that these efforts have resumed. Interested in coordinating this important effort for DPC? Please contact Pam Tindall-O'Brien.

And thanks to Marge O'Brien, who successfully coordinated these efforts for many years.

REPORTING VOLUNTEER HOURS

Ladies, I have to report our volunteer hours to the GFWC in a yearly report. (Lynne tells me it's the worst thing about my job!) I know many of you volunteer, driving the car or van for Senior Services, working on the library garden, at soup kitchens, and for DPC. PLEASE send me a list of your volunteer hours for the year as soon as possible!! I know many of us are bad about reporting this--I confess that I personally was pretty terrible about reporting my hours to Lynne! And with COVID, it was more difficult to volunteer. But remember that there are a lot of ways you volunteer, even if you don't think of it as volunteering. Did you knit for the Mitten Tree? Put it down! Did you bake cookies that were delivered to DPC members who could not make it to the Tea? Put it down! Work at a blood drive? Or call people to work at community events like a blood drive? It counts. All you have to do is put it down and email or mail it to

me. ptindallobrien@gmail.com or 1 West Lane, Latham, New York 12110. Please do it soon and send it to me. Pam

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

Margaret Dilgen, Corresponding Secretary

A sympathy card was sent to Lynn Millspaugh and her family on the passing of her mother Marie Millspaugh.



CONTESTS, CONTESTS, CONTESTS!

Time to show off your creative skills everyone! As a member of GFWC, the Delmar Progress Club customarily participates in a variety of creative contests, including arts, crafts, writing, and photography. These contests are open to all club women and to Bethlehem Central students. In March, our club is scheduled to have an Arts and Crafts festival at our annual soup luncheon where the results of our efforts are displayed. Members have routinely submitted knitted and crocheted items, handmade quilts, paintings, and photographs for consideration at the spring conference of GFWC-NY. Student submissions are also on display. Prior to the pandemic, several elementary students were recipients of creative writing awards while many of our local high school students were honored for their art work. Some contests include monetary awards as well. Details regarding due dates and rules were included in the recent edition of the Empire Focus that was sent to you electronically in December. Check it out!

WELLNESS AND THE NATURAL WORLD

Chair (vacant)

Wellness Walks Due to the holidays, impending winter weather, and members' travel plans to warmer climes, our Wellness Walks have been suspended for 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 on-going. You can pick up CLYNK bags at the monthly meetings or contact Joan Gavrilik at jsg85@aol.com or 518-439-4520.

PERFORMING ARTS

Marie Liddle and Debbie Mazzone, Co-chairs

The Albany Symphony Orchestra will welcome back Dame Evelyn Glennie on Percussion for two performances on Saturday, January 14 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, January 15 at 3:00 pm, both at the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall. For tickets, please go to albanyorchestra.com or call (518) 694-3300.

Schenectady Civic Players will stage Edward Albee's "The Goat, (Or Who is Sylvia?) January 20-22 and 25-29 at The Playhouse, 12 S. Church Street. For tickets, please go to www.civicplayers.org or call (518) 382-2081.

If members are interested, there is a movie afternoon on the schedule for Tuesday, January 31 at the Spectrum Theater and matinees are only \$7 on Tuesdays. Watch for a notice about a film title and show time closer to the date.

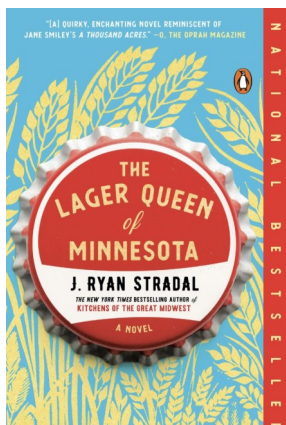
LITERATURE

Christine Doran, Chair

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

The Lager Queen of Minnesota
by J. Ryan Stradal

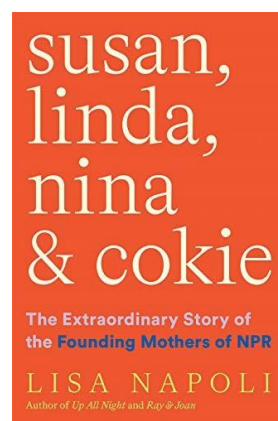
"A novel of family, Midwestern values, hard work, fate and the secrets of making a world-class beer ..." (*Amazon*)



Thursday, February 16, 10:30 am, via Zoom

Susan, Linda, Nina & Cokie: The Extraordinary Story of the Founding Mothers of NPR by Lisa Napoli

Check out the Author Talk about this book at [LSC | Watch | Bethlehem Public Library Webinars and Online Events \(libraryc.org\)](https://www.libraryofcongress.org/watch)



COMMUNITY SERVICE

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

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



Moon Bee

If you signed up to make reusable and washable menstrual management kits for women in developing countries you will receive an email confirmation from me with the following details:

When: January 7th 2023, 12:00-2:00 pm Where: First United Methodist Church of Delmar, 428 Kenwood Ave. Elevator entrance in the back

Contact Debbie Gall with questions 518-439-0455, galldebbiedpc@gmail.com

Service Committee Project for February Meeting

This program will be presented by the Service Committee at the January meeting and is the only project this year that requires any financial commitment.

Bedtime rituals help children to get a good night's sleep which is important for growth and for learning. Challenges – including low family income, housing insecurity, and family instability – prevent many children from following a bedtime routine, feeling comfortable and secure at night, and getting the sleep they need. The Pajama Project is a National Organization which collects NEW Pajamas, books, and necessary bedtime materials to promote good bedtimes and good sleep for children. They are provided to local community organizations.

At the February meeting, to honor Valentine's day, and our motto of "A Caring Community", we will collect the following:

NEW Pajamas: Warm cozy pajamas (no nightgowns) from infant through adult (for teens). Tags should be left on all donations. The size 8 to 3XL are often overlooked when people donate. No see-thru or transparent material, inappropriate images, or wording.

NEW Books: story books for birth to young adult that do not focus on culturally inappropriate topics or focus on defined family roles. No coloring or activity books accepted.

NEW Hygiene Materials: Children's toothbrushes, toothpaste, soaps.

At the meeting, we will make washcloth teddy bears as a project to go with the other bedtime materials. Feel free to bring a friend.



Please continue to save the pull tabs from soda/seltzer/beverage cans for the **Ronald McDonald House**. These tabs are recycled and the funds raised by this recycling are used to help support the day to day operations of the Ronald McDonald House. Thank you!

Soles 4 Souls Collection

Many of you have donated used shoes over the years to this GFWC Partnership. Until further notice, we will no longer collect and ship shoes. Many thanks to Wilma DeLucco and Debbie Gall for their part in this service opportunity.

... a very busy DECEMBER

Albany Pro Musica's "Many Moods of Christmas" concert on December 18 was a magical combination of classic, traditional, and international holiday music. The Troy Savings Bank Music Hall was filled to capacity and sprang to their feet for a standing ovation, our group of 17 among them. Many thanks to Valerie Donovan, our very own Albany Pro Musica member, for helping us make this fun event possible and to Barbara Hogan for making the arrangements.



After a Covid hiatus, DPC resumed its tradition of helping decorate the **Ten Broeck Mansion** in Albany for the holidays. At our November General Meeting, our members created hand-made decorations in muted colors in keeping with this year's theme of Colonial Williamsburg. Afterward, we hosted the Mansion's Executive Director Kathryn Kosto, who spoke to us about its history and invited the Bethlehem Garden Club to join us.



A shoutout of THANKS....

The Bethlehem Garden Club would like to thank the Delmar Progress Club for inviting us to the joint program on "The History of the Ten Broeck Mansion". It was fascinating to learn about our local history and how important this area was in the emerging state of New York and indeed our nation. The mansion provided us with a reference point into the people and life of the times and Kathryn Kosto was a fascinating speaker!

At our **Holiday Tea**, we honored our seven new members --

*Rose Marie Carey
Honor Kennedy
Diane Leary
Barbara Nussbaum
Joanne Pierotti
Mary Sheevers
Christine Simeone*

-- five of whom were able to attend the Tea, pictured here with Membership Chair Debbie Gall. (For more photos from the Holiday Tea, visit our Facebook Page at [Delmar Progress Club | Facebook](#))



Strawberry Cream Tea Sandwiches with Pistachio and Mint



Ingredients:
Toasted hearty, thin-sliced bread
Whipped cream cheese
Strawberry preserves
Pistachios, lightly crushed
Fresh mint leaves, chopped
Fresh ground pepper

- Spread toast with cream cheese, covering toast completely
- Top with strawberry preserves, spreading so that every wedge has some
- Sprinkle with pistachios, mint and black pepper.
- Cut an X diagonally to make 4 triangles
- Toss extra pistachios & mint on the plate
- Enjoy the compliments!

Many thanks to Karen Kirchofer!

TREASURER'S REPORT: November 1 – November 30, 2022

Christine Doran, Treasurer

Checking

Balance on 11/1/22	\$ 14,586.47
Deposits	1,287.95
Expenditures	377.00
Balance on 11/30/22	\$ 15,497.42

Blackmore Scholarship CD

Balance on 11/1/22	\$ 20,729.17
Interest Income	.88
Penalty for Early Withdrawal*	5.11
Balance on 11/30/22	\$ 20,724.94

* new CD earns 2.5% interest; old CD earned 0.05%

Scholarship Savings

Balance on 11/1/22	\$ 8,777.42
Withdrawal (Move to CD)	\$ 5,777.00
Interest Income	.07
Balance on 11/30/22	\$ 3,000.49

Scholarship CD

Opening Balance (11/25/22)	\$ 5,777.00
Interest Income	- 0 -
Balance on 11/30/22	\$ 5,777.00

Leadership CD - Restricted to Convention Expenses

Balance on 11/1/22	\$ 4,335.33
Interest Income	.18
Withdrawal (move to checking)	600.00
Balance on 11/30/22	\$ 3,735.51

(note: all accounts are at Key Bank)

Restricted and Unrestricted Funds in Checking as of 11/30/22

Checking Account Balance	\$ 15,497.42
ERF Balance	556.44
Scholarship Fund	265.00
Remembrance Garden	100.00
Leadership Fund	600.00
Total Restricted Funds in Checking	1,521.44
Balance Unrestricted	\$ 13,975.98

CALENDAR JANUARY 2023

January 7, Saturday, noon - 2 pm, **Moon Bee**, First United Methodist Church of Delmar

January, 10, Tuesday, 10 am, Take down decorations at Ten Broeck Mansion (Snow date — Wednesday, January 11)

January 10, Tuesday, 1 pm, General Meeting (**Note change of date & time**) -- **Speaker: Town Supervisor David VanLuven**

January 19, Thursday, 10:30 am, Literature Group via Zoom -- ***The Lager Queen of Minnesota*** by J. Ryan Stradal

January 31, Tuesday, Movie afternoon