

DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB



APRIL 2023



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President's Message

We had the DPC Planning Meeting on Thursday, March 16th. We had a good attendance, and more importantly, a good representation of our members. We had two new members, who were incredibly helpful in assessing things they think we need to do for new members, and other members who had institutional history and could explain why we do certain things the way we do. We all agreed that the future is what we need to focus on, moving forward in a way that honors but is not bound by our past.

I wanted to tell you the highlights of what the group discussed. First, we covered some housekeeping matters. Honor Kennedy volunteered to be co-chair of the Social Committee, with Barbara Kavanagh. Thank you ladies! We also need two individuals to attend the GFWC conference in Albany on April 28-30th at the Albany Marriott. Please contact me or Carolyn Bennett if you would like to attend.

We talked about the Study Groups, and decided that the decision to incorporate much of what those groups formerly did into our General Meetings, as we did Arts and Crafts into the March meeting, is working well. Literature, and Health and Wellness will continue to do monthly meetings/walks, except for summer months. We also decided to keep Movie Day. It was felt that even if only a few people come to the movies or on the walks, the ability to get to know one another at these activities was worthwhile. However, we are switching the Movie Day to **the last Thursday of the month, starting March 30th**. More to follow via News and Notes.

Debbie Gall was contacted by Bethlehem Senior Services to tell us that they are getting out of COVID mode and will be re-establishing Senior Services luncheons starting in the fall. DPC had traditionally provided two meals a year, one in the fall, and one in the spring. The group felt that this was something of value to the community, something we did pre-Covid, and so we should again take it on as a project. Priscilla Miller volunteered to chair the Fall Senior Services luncheon and Rosemarie Carey volunteered to chair the Spring 2024 luncheon. Again, thanks to these ladies! We will have a sign-up sheet for volunteer cooks and helpers when the time comes. This is not

an onerous task, since they only serve 15-30 people.

In addition, our new members said that a meeting where the different activities we engage in were explained would be very helpful so that new members could determine where they would like to put their volunteer efforts. So in September we're going to have a "What's New for the 2023-24 DPC year", then after the general overview, host a Programs/Committee "Fair" for members to browse, so that different representatives could explain what they do and what help they could use. This may help enlist additional volunteer help.

Bigger questions were asked. What is it our members really value? The group was pretty clear that it values **Community Service, Civic Engagement, and Social Activities**. **If anything, we would like to increase all three of those.**

How do we become relevant in Delmar? How do we make our presence in the community known to younger families? Suggestions were that we collaborate with a Library event, and focus on a family/kids activity. For example, put up a table at the semi-annual Book Sale with a craft, or story, or something that would attract families so that they know we exist.

The last issue was a very difficult one. There was a general consensus that many of our members are not interested in the GFWC, our state and national organization. Other members of long-standing, however, see the GFWC as integral to the DPC's identity and mission. The GFWC takes \$20 out of every \$45 paid in dues, which is a substantial portion. This is a **discussion for the future, with all of the club's members involved**. We need a full discussion, including the repercussions if a decision pull out of the GFWC were made by the MEMBERSHIP.

That's a lot to take in. I'll see you April 3rd, I hope, when we will talk about "Issues in Mental Health", a priority of our New York State GFWC President. Hope to see you there!

Pam

April General Meeting

Monday, April 3, 10 am

Bethlehem Public Library Community Room

Issues in Mental Health

MEMBERSHIP

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



New Members:

Jane ONeill 87 Walden Fields Drive, Delmar NY 12054
518-852-0546, jane@sourcerx.com

Membership Information: To streamline our **Attendance** sign in at our meetings, it will be done by a checkmark next to your name on an online attendance list. This is in an attempt to avoid a line at the door. We are also working to streamline our record of **Volunteer Hours**. This is important information we need for reporting purposes, but hard to remember on the spot while others are waiting in line behind you.

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!



Wednesday, May 17, Noon

Red's Restaurant
12005 Route 9W, West Cocksackie NY
(Need a ride? Call Barbara Kavanagh,
518-898-9041, after April 1)

Menu:

Fresh Crudities Platter
Horseradish-infused Cheddar Spread with Crackers
Mixed Green Salad with Balsamic Vinaigrette
Choice of entree:
-- Butter-crumbed Haddock with Duchess Potato
-- Chicken ala Red's (Breast of chicken in egg-parmesan batter, sauteed & finished with a delicate lemon/sherry sauce, served over rice pilaf)
Dessert: French Cheesecake with Blueberry-strawberry sauce
Hot coffee, Decaf & Hot Tea

Please send \$28 check
payable to "Delmar Progress Club" to
Phyllis Drew, 35 Greenock Rd, Delmar NY 12054
*Indicate choice of haddock or chicken on check
*Reservations due by Friday, May 5

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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

Happy Birthday to...

Margaret Krause – April 7

Barbara Hogan – April 11

Christine Doran – April 14

Laura Cooper – April 15

Doris Beckman – April 21

Deanne Sodergren – April 23

Barbara Robertson – April 24

Mary Crangle – April 26

Teresa Dexter – April 26

Virginia Mead – April 26

Marie Liddle – April 28



NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Susan Haswell, Chair

In May, the Club needs to elect two Board members, one Nominating Committee member, and two delegates to the State Convention. Also, the position of First Vice President (President-Elect) remains vacant.

Club responsibilities are spread among officers, directors, committees and study groups -- a strong infrastructure that enables the Club to remain active and productive without any individuals having to take on undue burdens. We thank everyone for their participation and we encourage every member who is able to consider the vacant positions this year and in the future.

Anyone interested in serving as First Vice President or as a Convention delegate should contact the Nominating Committee.

The nominees for the other open positions are:

Board Members: Mary Ellen Caporta & Rose Marie Carrey

Nominating Committee: Honor Kennedy

WELLNESS AND THE NATURAL WORLD

Chair (vacant)

Wellness Walks

The Health and Wellness Group is hoping to see many of you on our Spring Walks! We will go, weather permitting:

-- On April 10th, at 10 am, to Oakwood Cemetery to see their lush display of daffodils. (We hope!)

-- On May 8th, we will walk in Washington Park at 10 am to see the tulips.

-- On June 8th, we'll go to Schenectady to see the Rose Garden in Central Park.

We would love to have many of you join us, especially to see the Rose Garden. Their website says "Experience the breathtaking delight of strolling among 4,000 rose bushes, enjoy our tiered center fountain, cross over a babbling brook or simply sit listening to birdsong by the spring pond. We have chronicled the many changes to the garden in our annual Garden Notes publication; [click here to view.](#) "

As always, if you need a ride to these rides, please contact me at 518 439-1672 or email me at ptindallobrien@gmail.com. Pam



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.

Town of Bethlehem Spring Recycling Events

Spring Recycle Fest: Saturday, April 22, 10 am - 1 pm -- Elm Avenue Park

Clothing and textile reuse & recycle -- secure document shredding -- book reuse & recycle -- bicycle reuse -- composter & rain barrel sale (pre-order required)

Pharmaceutical Collection: Saturday, April 22, 10 am - 2 pm -- Elm Avenue Park

Bring expired or unwanted medications for safe & anonymous disposal.

LITERATURE

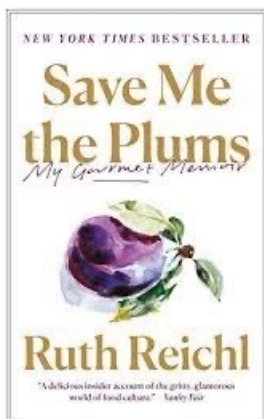
Christine Doran, Chair

Thursday, April 20, 10:30 am, BPL Board Room

Save Me The Plums: My Gourmet

Memoir by Ruth Reichl

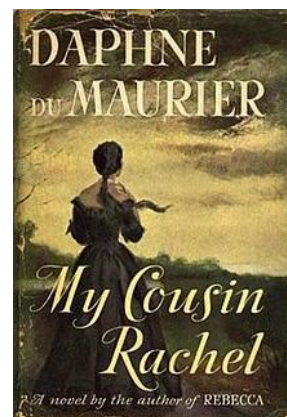
Reichl "chronicles her groundbreaking tenure as editor in chief of *Gourmet*" magazine. --Amazon



Thursday, May 18, 10:30 am, BPL Board Room

My Cousin Rachel by Ruth

Daphne du Maurier



PERFORMING ARTS

Marie Liddle and Debbie Mazzone, Co-chairs

Homemade Theater will be staging " 'night Mother" by Marsha Norman for its second weekend on April 1 at 7:30 pm and April 1 and 2 at 2:00 pm. at the Dee Sarno Theater, 320 Broadway, Saratoga Springs. For reservations visit www.homemadetheater.org or call (518) 587-4427.

The Albany Symphony will perform Beethoven's Ninth on Saturday, April 22 at 7:30 pm and Sunday, April 23 at 3:00 pm at The Troy Savings Bank Music Hall. For tickets go to AlbanySymphony.com or call (518) 694-3300.

ALBANY
SYMPHONY

Circle Theater Players and Harbinger Theater will jointly present "Dig," at Sand Lake Center for the Arts in Averill Park on April 21, 22, 28 and 29 at 8 pm and April 23 and 30 at 2:30 pm. For tickets go to slca-ctp.org or call (518) 674-2007.

Schenectady Civic Players will host a Staged Reading of "Twilight Bowl" on Sunday, April 2 at 2:30 pm. This is a "Pay-What-You-Will" performance at the theater, 125 Church Street, Schenectady. No tickets required!

COMMUNITY SERVICE

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



Our club has been doing an incredible job of collecting pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House! Please continue to keep saving them. The funds generated from recycling these aluminum tabs help to offset the House's expenses.



OPERATION SMILE

Denise Gisotti, Coordinator golfing1020@yahoo.com

The history that led to making children's hospital gowns.

"At the GFWC International Convention in June 1998, Nancy Meek, 1996–1998 GFWC Director of Junior Clubs, asked the clubs to make hospital gowns for the children treated during Operation Smile medical missions. Ms. Meek was a team member on the 1998 Operation Smile/GFWC medical mission to the Philippines where she saw children come to the hospitals in their best clothing hoping to be selected for surgery. Many wore these same clothes into the operating room because the hospitals did not have child-sized gowns for them to wear. " -- GFWC Operation Smile Tool Kit

How you can help!

- Donate 1 package of Extra wide Double Folded bias tape - any color
- Donate 1 yard of 44-45" fabric (cotton is requested, children prints are appreciated and prints that can be used for appropriate gender or non-gender specific)
- Request a pattern and instructions to sew gowns (available at the May Meeting)

Debbie Gall and Barbara Bradford will be at the April meeting to collect any donations you may have.

Continue to check the PIP monthly for real life stories and information of this gratifying affiliation of **GWFC and Operation Smile!**

Angel is very happy with her new beautiful smile!



TREASURER'S REPORT: February 1 – February 28, 2023

Christine Doran, Treasurer

Checking

Balance on 1/31/23	\$ 11,449.36
Deposits	1,627.00
Expenditures	100.00
Balance on 2/28/23	\$ 12,976.36

Blackmore Scholarship CD

Balance on 1/31/23	\$ 20,812.03
Interest Income	43.69
Balance on 2/28/23	\$ 20,855.72

Scholarship Savings

Balance on 1/31/23	\$ 3,000.54
Interest Income	.02
Balance on 2/28/23	\$ 3,000.56

Scholarship CD

Balance on 1/31/23	\$ 5,798.87
Interest Income	10.97
Balance on 2/28/23	\$ 5,809.84

Leadership CD - Restricted to Convention Expenses

Balance on 1/31/23	\$ 3,749.69
Interest Income	7.09
Balance on 2/28/23	\$ 3,756.78

(note: all accounts are at Key Bank)

Restricted and Unrestricted Funds in Checking as of 2/28/23

Checking Account Balance	\$ 12,976.36
Emergency Relief Fund	556.44
Scholarship Fund	2400.00
Remembrance Garden	100.00
Leadership Fund	600.00
Canine Companions	37.00
Total Restricted Funds in Checking	\$ 3,693.44
Balance Unrestricted	\$ 9,282.92

Delmar Progress Club -- February 6, 2023 General Meeting

Pamela Tindall-O'Brien called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. She led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance, and introduced two new members, Linda Berry and Betty Scott, who were present at the meeting. Carol Berry is another new member. There were 32 members in attendance.

Pam called attention to the display of pajamas and children's toiletry items that had been donated by members. The Community Service group will report later on which groups receive the donation.

Priscilla Miller reported that the group had donated numerous knitted items (57 hats, 21 pairs of mittens and gloves, 1 scarf, 4 children's blankets, and one pair of socks) to the Giving Tree. The items were distributed to the Albany County Sheriff for the Hilltowns Holiday Party, Delmar United Methodist Church, and Mater Christi Church in Albany.

Margaret Dilgen shared a list of organizations and individuals who sent thank yous to the Club.

Our scheduled speaker from the Cooperative Extension cancelled, so Pam demonstrated the two recipes for meatless entrees, with great results. Members sampled Black Bean Patties, and Garbanzo Bean Spread.

Marie Liddle shared that members of the group would be attending a performance of "Barefoot in the Park" on February 11.

Barbara Kavanagh reported on the search for a venue for the Scholarship Banquet in May. The committee has decided on Red's Restaurant in Coxsackie.

There will be a planning meeting on March 16 at noon, to discuss options for increasing volunteer participation. All are welcome.

The minutes of the January meeting were presented. Carol Jonas moved to accept the minutes, Lynne Lenhardt seconded. The minutes were approved.

The meeting ended with a craft project. Using materials assembled by the Community Service Cttee, members made washcloth Teddy Bears, which will be distributed with the Pajamas donated by Club Members.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Kavanagh, Recording Secretary

APRIL CALENDAR

April 3, Monday, 10 am, **April General Meeting**, Bethlehem Public Library Community Room

April 10, Monday, 10 am, **Wellness Walk, Oakwood Cemetery**, Troy

April 20, Thursday, 10:30 am, **Literature Group, My Cousin Rachel** by Daphne du Maurier, Bethlehem Public Library Board Room

April 27, Thursday, **Movie Day**

April 28-30, Friday - Sunday, **GFWC New York Convention**, Albany Marriott

