

YEARBOOK



2023-2024

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**DPC Past and Current Presidents -- Debbie Gall, Lynne Lenhardt,
Rosemary Brown, Anne Young, Pam Tindall-O'Brien (current President),
Carolyn Bennett, Marge O'Brien and Wilma DeLucco
-- at the Spring Scholarship Luncheon --**

**Past Presidents Dorothy Geyer, Margaret Hay, Joy Ford,
Marti McSharry, Sue Ann Ritchko, Patricia Antonucci, and Joyce Demoly
were not in attendance**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I start my second year of my presidency, I am hopeful. The first year yielded thirteen new members, the best we've had since before COVID. Just as important, we had some wonderful community service projects; donated \$500 to the Slingerlands Fire Department with the Emergency Relief Fund for the benefit of individuals and family in our community who suffered a dreadful fire; decorated the Holiday Tree at the Ten Broeck Mansion; had a beautiful Holiday Tea; gave out two scholarships to very impressive young ladies; and did a host of other things to contribute to our community. Finally, we had FUN! I know I did. Making bean patties and chickpea dip was a blast, although I am afraid we left the room smelling of onions....

I want this year to be as much fun, with meaningful community service, educational programs that enlighten us, and social events that help us maintain lifelong friendships. Here's to 2023-2024!

Delmar Progress Club, Inc.

P.O. Box 423, Delmar NY 12054

Organized 1901, Incorporated 1929

Member of New York State Federation 1904

Member of General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) 1916

Club colors: Pink and green / Club flower: Pink carnation



Welcoming new members at the Holiday Tea!

GENERAL AND STATE OFFICERS

President, General Federation: Deb Strahanoski, Joliet, IL

New York State President: Kathy Meyers, East Aurora, NY

New York State President-Elect: Jane Lemak, Peekskill, NY

Mid-Hudson District Director: Karen Wells, Wallkill, NY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Officers:

- President: Pam Tindall-O'Brien
- First Vice President: Vacant
- Second Vice President (Membership): Debbie Gall
- Recording Secretary: Barbara Kavanagh
- Corresponding Secretary: Margaret Dilgen
- Treasurer: Christine Doran
- Assistant Treasurer: Phyllis Drew

Club Advisor: Lynne Lenhardt

At-large members:

- Term expiring 2024:
Joan Gavrilik and Kathleen Newkirk
- Term expiring 2025:
Barbara Hogan and Maryalice Svare
- Term expiring 2026:
Mary Ellen Caporta and Rose Marie Carey

2023-2024 GENERAL PROGRAM

Fall Social -- October 25

Donations will be accepted at the Fall Social in support of Canine Companions for independence (canine.org)

Holiday Tea -- December 6

Donations will be accepted at the Holiday Tea in support of Heifer International in memory of DPC Past President Mary Richards (heifer.org)

Spring Scholarship Luncheon -- May 22

STANDING COMMITTEES

Audit: Audits the accounts of the Treasurer and presents a written report for filing before July 31, which is presented at the first General Meeting in the fall. **Deanne Sodergren, Chair**

Bylaws: Receives all proposals for amending the Bylaws, drafts the proposals, records adopted amendments, and reviews the Bylaws at least every four years. The Committee is also responsible for amendments of the Standing Rules and assuring that they are consistent with the Bylaws.

Lynne Lenhardt, Chair, Joan Gavrilik, Pam Tindall-O'Brien, Anne Young

Civic Engagement: Keeps informed of the actions of the Bethlehem Town Board and the Bethlehem Central School District Board of Education, reporting significant actions to the Club. **Barbara Hogan, Chair**

- Town Board meetings can be viewed at www.bethlehemtownny.iqm2.com
- School Board meetings can be viewed at www.bethlehemschools.org
- GFWC legislative action can be viewed at www.GFWC.org

Club Archivist: Maintains records of the Club in accordance with its records retention policy and works with M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives of The University Libraries, UAlbany ("the library"), and ensures that appropriate records are transferred to the library every four years. **Debbie Gall, Chair**

STANDING COMMITTEES (continued)

Community Service: Recommends, and provides leadership for, projects which will benefit the local community in need of voluntary assistance and contributes to other educational or charitable institutions. **Debbie Gall, Kathy Raffe and Linda Reddy, Co-chairs**

Red Cross Blood Drives: Phyllis Drew, Coordinator

Community Service Committee Annual Meeting
Monday, September 11, 2022, 10 am
Bethlehem Public Library Community Room
All Members Welcome

Communications and Technology: Supports the internal and external communications of the Club using a variety of methods. The Committee is available as a resource on the use of technology in relation to Club activities.

Barbara Hogan and Joan Gavrilik, Co-chairs

Website: www.delmarprogressclub.org (Barbara Hogan, Contact person)

Facebook page: www.facebook.com/delmarprogressclub.org (Joan Gavrilik, Contact person)

Progress in Print: Issued monthly September through June. Submit content by the 25th of the month to Joan Gavrilik.

Emergency Relief Fund: Responds to local, state, national and international emergencies. **Chair, First Vice President, vacant**

Federation: Informs the Club of activities in the General and State Federations. **Carolyn Bennett, Coordinator**

GFWC partnerships include ...

- **Canine Companions for Independence, Marie Liddle and Debbie Mazzone, Coordinators**
- **Heifer International, Debbie Gall, Coordinator**
- **Operation Smile, Denise Gisotti, Coordinator**
- **UNICEF**

STANDING COMMITTEES (continued)

Finance: Acts in an advisory capacity upon all questions involving appropriations of money and presents the budget for the coming year at the annual meeting in May. **Deanne Sodergren, Chair; Christine Doran, Treasurer; Phyllis Drew, Assistant Treasurer; Carolyn Bennett, Joan Gavrilik, Lynne Lenhardt, Marge O'Brien, Anne Young**

Legislative: Keeps informed of current legislation of interest to the Club, brings important measures to the attention of the Club, and presents resolutions for consideration by the State Federation. **Chair, vacant**

Membership: Receives applications for membership; notifies the Club of life members, resignations, and deaths; arranges recruits and personally welcomes for new members; handles the Club name tags; and maintains a file of all members, including dates of admission, resignation or termination. **Second Vice President Debbie Gall, Chair**

Nominating: Presents slates of candidates. **Lynne Lenhardt, Chair, term expiring 2024; Joan Gavrilik, term expiring 2025; Marjory O'Brien, term expiring 2026; Deanne Sodergren, term expiring 2027; and Honor Kennedy, term expiring 2028**

Program: Plans the entertainment for the Fall and Spring Banquets and the Holiday Tea. **Chair, First Vice President, vacant**

Scholarship: Confers with the proper authorities in the selection of suitable candidates for State, District or other scholarships, and selects recipient(s) of the Club scholarship. **Maryalice Svare and Lynne Lenhardt, Co-chairs**

Social: Responsible for procuring refreshments for special occasion designated by the President and makes arrangements for Fall/Spring Banquets and Holiday Tea, excluding programs. **Barbara Kavanagh and Honor Kennedy, Co-chairs**

Telephone: Contacts members on an as-needed basis, for informational purposes and on occasion to keep in touch with members. **Jo Ann Supan, Chair**

Yearbook: Responsible for the publication and distribution of the Yearbook. **Joan Gavrilik and Barbara Hogan, Co-chairs**

STUDY GROUP PROGRAMS

Our DPC study groups have changed over time, as would be expected as members and interests change. This was particularly true during and immediately after the “pandemic years” due to constraints beyond our control.

During the height of Covid restrictions, two groups were able to adapt, and even flourish, at a time when members were seeking activities, as well as contact with other members. Our avid readers in the Literature Group were able to meet via Zoom. And those able and anxious to walk met up in person at various locations throughout the Capital District on a regular basis. And both groups extended their activities throughout the summer months.

Obviously, other study groups found it more difficult, if not impossible, to plan events during and after the worst of Covid, as many individuals were rightly cautious of in-person events for a variety of reasons and event cancellations were common.

Life has changed over the past three years -- for individuals, businesses and organizations – including the Delmar Progress Club. In an effort to assess current interests of DPC members and, at the same time, to continue certain activities and events which have been popular in the past, the study groups will operate as follows for the 2023-2024 program year:

The Literature and Wellness groups will continue. (Other groups, including performing arts, creative arts, antiques, and travel have been temporarily suspended.)

Certain activities previously presented as separate study group events have been folded into the programs for our monthly General meetings, which have been well received.

Certain activities previously handled by study groups will be handled on an *ad hoc* basis. Please volunteer and participate to the extent that you are interested and able.

If you would like DPC to conduct a specific event, if you are interested in reconvening a study group, or if you have ideas as to how the Club might restructure how these groups operate, please contact our DPC President Pam Tindall-O’Brien.

Your interest, participation and ideas will determine the future direction of our Club’s activities.

STUDY GROUP PROGRAMS (continued)

LITERATURE

Christine Doran, Chair

Thursday, September 21, 10:30 am -- ***Horse*** by Geraldine Brooks

Thursday, October 19, 10:30 am - ***Finding Me*** by Viola Davis

Thursday, November 16, 10:30 am - ***The Other Wes Moore*** by Wes Moore

Thursday, January 18, 10:30 am - ***Klara and the Sun*** by Kazuo Ishiguro

Thursday, February 15, 10:30 am - ***The Blackhouse*** by Peter May

Thursday, March 21, 10:30 am - ***House of Mirth*** by Edith Wharton*

Thursday, April 18, 10:30 am - ***Wish You Were Here*** by Jodi Picoult

Thursday, May 16, 10:30 am - ***Lessons in Chemistry*** by Bonnie Garmus

Thursday, June 20, noon - ***Taste*** by Stanley Tucci, Literature Group Picnic

All meetings will be held in the Bethlehem Public Library Board Room, except in the event of inclement weather, in which case they will be held via Zoom.

* ***Spring trip to The Mount, Edith Wharton's home in Lenox, MA. Details TBD***

WELLNESS AND THE NATURAL WORLD

Linda Graf, Chair

Created from combining two study groups, **Health & Fitness** and **Environment & Conservation**, the **Wellness Study Group** focus is on physical movement to keep our bodies healthy. We also appreciate all the aspects of nature and our relationship to it. We strive to be active stewards of the environment in our daily lives.

CLYNK Program: Our bottle and can redemption program in support of our Emergency Relief Fund through the Hannaford CLYNK program is ongoing. You can pick up CLYNK bags at the monthly meetings or contact Joan Gavrilik.

Library Gardens: The Progress Club Memorial Garden and the garden beds at the Bethlehem Public Library are maintained by a collaboration between Club volunteers and the Library custodial staff, with the expertise and leadership of DPC members Ann VanDervort and Priscilla Miller.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS

Bethlehem Senior Luncheons: Food donated by the Club Membership and Community Service Committee

Fall 2023, October 30: Priscilla Miller, Coordinator

Spring 2024, TBA: Rose Marie Carey, Coordinator

Ten Broeck Mansion: Debbie Gall will coordinate efforts between the Delmar Progress Club and the Ten Broeck Mansion to decorate a tree at the Mansion for the holidays. Watch for announcements on how to participate and volunteer.

Holiday Gifting (December 2-16) Coordinator needed

We will collect hats, mittens and scarves made or donated by Club members and the general public in the entrance hall of the Bethlehem Public Library.

Holiday Cookie Decorating: Monday December 4, 10 am, Bethlehem Public Library

Operation Smile Workshop:

Monday, January 22, 9 am - noon, Bethlehem Public Library

Mission for Marcus: We will learn about this foundation that has been set up to raise awareness for opioid addiction. (April)

Jewelry for Mother's Day gift making: (May)

Fundraiser walks: You may wish to participate in these opportunities on your own, (We will NOT be participating as a Club.)

- **Pancreatic Cancer Research Walk:** Sunday, September 10, Elm Avenue Park, Delmar (contact Lustgarten.org/Albany)
- **NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Walk:** Saturday, October 7, Washington Park, Albany (contact namiwalks.org)

Please watch the monthly PIP and "News and Notes" emails for details on programs and events as they develop throughout the year.



***Decorating a holiday tree
at the Ten Broeck Mansion!***

2023 – 2024 BUDGET**Unrestricted Funds****Income**

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| Membership Dues – Based on 135 Members | \$6,075.00 |
| Total Income | <u>\$6,075.00</u> |

Expenses

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| Community Service | \$700.00 |
| Federation dues | |
| General Federation | \$2,700.00 |
| District | \$30.00 |
| Gifts: Elem Sch Creative Writing | \$30.00 |
| Hospitality | \$100.00 |
| Insurance | \$450.00 |
| Judges for Creative Arts | \$45.00 |
| Leadership Awards | |
| State Honor Roll | \$25.00 |
| Hugh O’Brien | |
| \$225.00 | |
| Membership | \$150.00 |
| Postage, Copying | \$700.00 |
| P.O. Box Rent | \$200.00 |
| President’s Thank You Gift | \$50.00 |
| Programs for Meetings | \$400.00 |
| Remembrance Garden | \$500.00 |
| Social | |
| Events | \$250.00 |
| Entertainment | \$200.00 |
| Souper Luncheon | \$100.00 |
| Website | \$300.00 |
| Communications Consulting | \$150.00 |
| Yearbook | \$450.00 |
| Total Expenses | <u>\$7,755.00</u> |
| Deficit from Unrestricted Reserves | (\$1,680.00) |

2023 - 2024 BUDGET

Restricted Funds

Blackmore Fund

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| Interest Income | \$170.00 |
| Estimated Accumulated Interest | \$1,295.00 |
| Expense (Scholarship) | (\$1,000.00) |

Scholarship Fund

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| Fundraiser Profit | \$2,500.00 |
| Interest | \$120.00 |
| Expense (Scholarship) | (\$3,000.00) |
| Deficit to be Paid from | |
| Scholarship Reserves | (\$380.00) |

State Convention Budget

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| State Conv. Regis. and Meals | (\$500.00) |
| Gift Basket for State Convention | (\$50.00) |
| Outgoing State President's Gift | (\$50.00) |
| Delegates for Mid-Hudson | (\$100.00) |
| Deficit to be Paid from St Conv Reserves | (\$700.00) |

ERF Budget

There is no ERF Budget for 2023-2024. The balance in the account is \$556.00.

IN MEMORIAM:

2022-2023

*The Delmar Progress Club
holds in loving memory ...*

Patricia Fritts, 1976

Susan Klein, 2009

Joan Richardson, 1984

2023-2024 CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2023

September 10:, Sunday, **Pancreatic Cancer Research Walk** (Lustgarten.org)

September 11

Community Service Committee Annual Meeting

Monday, September 11, 2023, 10 am

Bethlehem Public Library Community Room

All Members Welcome

September 21, Thursday, 10:30 am., **Literature Group**

OCTOBER 2023

October 2, Monday, 10 am, **General Meeting** : “DPC program fair” & making decorations for the Bethlehem Senior Luncheon

October 7, Saturday **Mental Health Walk** (NAMI.org)

October 9-20, **The Great Give Back**, TBA

October 19, Thursday, 10:30 am, **Literature Group**

October 25, **Fall Social**

October 30, Monday, **Bethlehem Senior Luncheon**

NOVEMBER 2023

November 6, Monday, 10 am, **General Meeting** (Speaker TBD and creating ornaments for the Ten Broeck Mansion tree

November 16, Thursday, 10:30 am, **Literature Group**

DECEMBER 2023

December 2, Saturday, **Holiday Gifting** set-up at Bethlehem Public Library

December 4, Monday, 10 am, **Holiday Cookie Decorating**

December 6. Wednesday, **Holiday Tea**

December 16, Saturday, **Holiday Gifting** take-down at Bethlehem Public Library

2023-2024 CALENDAR (continued)

JANUARY 2024

January 8, Monday 10 am, **General Meeting**, Town Supervisor & Wellness presentation

January 18, Thursday, 10:30 am, **Literature Group**

January 22, Monday, **Operation Smile Workshop**, 9 am - noon

FEBRUARY 2024

February 5, Monday, 10 am, **General Meeting**, Hug Mug Community Service Project, HicksStrong.org

February 15, Thursday, 10:30 am, **Literature Group**

MARCH 2024

March 4, Monday, 10 am, **General Meeting**, Crafts & Soup Luncheon

March 21, Thursday, 10:30 am, **Literature Group**

APRIL 2024

April 1, Monday, 10 am, **General Meeting**, School District Budget and Mission for Marcus

April 18, Thursday, 10:30 am, **Literature Group**

MAY 2024

TBA: **Jewelry donations for Mother's Day Gifts Community Service Project**

May 6, Monday, 10 am, **General Meeting** (Annual Meeting)

May 16, Thursday, 10:30 am, **Literature Group**

May 22, Wednesday, **Spring Scholarship Luncheon**

May 27, **Memorial Day Parade**

JUNE 2024

June 20, Thursday, Noon, **Literature Group Picnic**

ANNUAL REPORT -- 2022-2023

Program Highlights

General Meetings ... The focus of these monthly meetings shifted from business items (now reported in the PIP monthly newsletter) to programmatic presentations. Topics included mental health issues, the Bethlehem Central School District budget, the Town Supervisor's "State of the Town" address, healthy meals, native plants, and member arts and crafts.

Community Service and related activities ...

- Pajama project (collected children's pajamas, books and toiletries)
- Participated in Pancreatic Cancer Research Walk
- Conducted a MoonBee for the MoonCatcher Project
- Created bows for Mental Health Awareness Month
- Assisted the Bethlehem Food Pantry providing items in short supply and sorting items from collection drives
- Collected winter hats, scarves, gloves and mittens
- Donated \$325 to Bethlehem Senior Projects for the Food Pantry, \$325 to Bethlehem Community Fund and \$50 to the South End Children's Cafe
- Raised and donated \$466 to Canine Companions
- Raised \$211 through the CLYNK program for the Emergency Relief Fund
- Provided assistance at Red Cross Blood Drives

Other activities throughout the year included ...

- A lecture on the history of the Ten Broeck Mansion
- Decorating a holiday tree at the Ten Broeck Mansion
- Amendments to DPC Bylaws and Standing Rules
- 8 book discussions led by the Literature Group, including an annual picnic
- Outing to Albany Pro Musica's holiday concert at Troy Music Hall
- 10 issues of Progress in Print and 2 versions of the Yearbook
- New DPC logo, brochure, and business cards
- A chair yoga class
- Fall Luncheon, Holiday Tea, and Scholarship Luncheon
- Two \$1,500 scholarships

AND last, but not least, we welcomed 13 new members !!!



A very successful Community Service project!

ANNUAL REPORT

2022-2023 Final Financial Report

Checking Account

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|-------------------------------------|--------|------------|
| Restricted Funds in Checking | | \$1,141.44 |
| Emergency Relief Fund* | 624.49 | |
| Scholarship Fund | 25.00 | |
| Remembrance Garden | 25.00 | |
| Leadership Fund | 466.95 | |
| Unrestricted Funds in Checking | | 7,426.11 |
| Checking Account Balance on 5/31/23 | | \$8,567.55 |

Income \$10,067.30

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| Dues** | 5,985.00 |
| Canine Companions Donations | 466.00 |
| CLYNK | 211.30 |
| Leadership CD Withdrawal | 600.00 |
| Rem. Garden Donations | 125.00 |
| Scholarship Donations | 2,680.00 |

Expenses \$10,774.59

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| Program and Admin.*** | 6,705.54 |
| Scholarship Awards | 3,000.00 |
| Canine Companions | 466.00 |
| Leadership | 133.05 |
| Remembrance Garden | 470.00 |
| (donations + \$370 from prior year) | |

Blackmore Scholarship CD****

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|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Balance on 6/1/22 | 20,724.83 |
| Interest Income 6/1/22 – 11/25/22 | 5.22 |
| Interest Income 11/25/22 – 5/31/23 | 256.71 |
| Penalty for Early Withdrawal 11/25/22 | -5.11 |
| Balance on 5/31/23 | \$ 20,981.65 |

Scholarship Savings****

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|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Balance on 6/1/22 | 8,777.06 |
| Interest Income | .58 |
| Withdrawal 11/25/22 (moved to CD) | - 5,777.00 |
| Balance on 5/31/23 | \$ 3,000.64 |

2022-2023 Final Financial Report (continued)

Scholarship CD*****

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| Opening Balance 11/25/22 | 5,777.00 |
| Interest Income | 64.44 |
| Balance on 5/31/23 | \$ 5,841.44 |

Leadership CD - Restricted to Convention Expenses ****

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| Balance on 6/1/22 | 4,334.42 |
| Interest Income 6/1/22 – 11/25/22 | 1.09 |
| Interest Income 11/25/22 – 5/31/2 | 41.71 |
| Withdrawal 11/25/22 (moved to checking) | - 600.00 |
| Balance on 5/31/23 | \$ 3,777.22 |

NOTES:

*\$500 from the Emergency Relief Fund was paid in June 20203 to help the victims of the Deer Run Apartments fire (and therefore not reflected here)

**Dues are the only source of income for program and administrative expenses. All other income is dedicated to a specific purpose. Expenses for program and administration exceeded dues by about \$720.

***Program and Administration Expenses Detail

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|----------------------------|----------|--------------|--------|
| Community Service | 700.00 | PO Box | 182.00 |
| District Delegates | 35.00 | Post/Copying | 592.66 |
| Federation & District Dues | 2,550.00 | Rem. Garden | 500.00 |
| Hospitality | 18.12 | Social (net) | 266.46 |
| Insurance | 442.38 | Study Groups | 260.87 |
| Hugh O'Brien Award | 225.00 | Website | 267.81 |
| State Honor Roll | 25.00 | Yearbook | 320.00 |
| Membership | 170.23 | Zoom acct | 149.90 |

****On November 25, 2022, funds from the Blackmore Scholarship certificate of deposit (CD) were withdrawn and used to open a new CD. The penalty incurred due to the early withdrawal was more than offset by the higher interest rate. Also, on that date, \$5,777 was moved from the Scholarship Savings account to another CD, and the Leadership CD was renewed. The interest rates for these new CDs are substantially higher than those of the previous CD and savings account. This report breaks out the interest earnings on these accounts into pre-11/25/22 and post-11/25/22 amounts.

If you have any questions, please contact Christine Doran, Treasurer.

APPENDIX

ANNOUNCEMENTS ...

General membership meetings: Generally held in the Bethlehem Public Library Community Room at 10 am on the first Mondays of October, November, January, February, March, April and May. The January 2024 General Meeting will be held on January 8 due to the holiday.

Annual dues: \$45, payable by check to “Delmar Progress Club” mailed to Delmar Progress Club, PO Box 423, Delmar, NY 12054. Dues are payable on June 1 and should be paid by September 1 to maintain uninterrupted membership in the Club, in accordance with Club bylaws.

Applications for membership: Available in the lobby of the Bethlehem Public Library and online at www.DelmarProgressClub.org. Please submit applications and dues to Delmar Progress Club, PO Box 423, Delmar, NY 12054, or to a member of the membership committee.

Resignations: Submit in writing to the Delmar Progress Club, PO Box 423, Delmar, NY 12054.

Changes to contact information: Submit to Membership Chair Debbie Gall.

Illness or death of a Club member or immediate family: Notify President Pam Tindall-O’Brien.

Reservations: Payment for reservations must reach the Assistant Treasurer by the due date. Club members are responsible for the expense related to the reservation unless cancelled by the due date.

Study group meetings: Club members are automatically members of ALL study groups and are invited to attend meetings of interest.

Memorial contributions: To make a memorial contribution to the Scholarship Fund or Memorial Garden, contact Treasurer Christine Doran.

Guests: Meetings held at the Bethlehem Public Library are open to the public. Meetings not held at the library are open to guests of members, provided that they do not require reservations or a reservation is available.

Snow policy: Meetings will be cancelled in cases of inclement weather. Contact an officer or committee chair to verify.

FEDERATION

All members of Delmar Progress Club are members of the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) – as well GFWC-New York.

GFWC

Delmar Progress Club was organized in 1901 and became a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs in 1916.

Jane Cunningham Croly, better known by her pseudonym "Jennie June", was a pioneer author and editor of women's columns in leading newspapers in New York City. She founded the Siroris Club for Women in New York in 1868 and in 1869 founded the Federation of Women's Clubs. GFWC is now the largest women's club in the world expanding across the United States to many countries across the globe. GFWC currently has 60,000 members worldwide, including members of Delmar Progress Club. The primary focus is on "living the volunteer spirit" and on financially supporting numerous partnerships including Canine Companions for Independence, Shot for Life, Heifer International, St. Jude's Research Hospital, Operation Smile, UNICEF and others. Their corporate headquarters are located in Washington, DC where their international officers lobby for programs that impact the quality of life for women and children across the world.

You can access their website at gfwc.org for additional information about their programs and support. Once you log into the website, you can create a password to access the member portal for a variety of club resources to help with membership recruitment, leadership skills, and opportunities to help us in adjusting to new ideas for the future. You can also register to receive its *News & Notes* announcements.

GFWC-New York

You can access the website for the State organization at gfwcnny.org with the password Bluebird. The State newsletter, *Empire Focus*, is forwarded to you by Delmar Progress Club.

NEW YORK STATE FEDERATION HONOR ROLL

GFWC is not only a volunteer organization, but a group of women who are committed to annually honoring clubs and club members for their many volunteer efforts and contributions to their respective communities and to the partnerships of GFWC. Each year at our GFWC-NY convention, clubs and club women are presented with award certificates and ribbons in recognition of their volunteer efforts.

All clubs may submit names of their members to be placed on the NYS Honor Roll. Each club has a committee that decides who is to be nominated for this honor based on the clubwomen having made significant contributions to their respective clubs. At the state convention, each honoree is recognized with a short speech about her accomplishments. As an added form of recognition, women who have been placed on the Honor Roll are eligible for Order of the Rose. Each honoree receives a certificate embellished with red roses, the flower of GFWC-NY. Fees required with submissions for these honors are deposited to the State Endowment Fund or the GFWC-NY Scholarship Fund.

In 2023, Joan Gavrilik was placed on the Honor Roll, and Debbie Gall, who was placed on the Honor Roll in 2022, received an Order of the Rose certificate. Carolyn Bennett is currently the GFWC-NY Honor Roll and Order of the Rose Chairman.

Pat Antonucci §
Carolyn Bennett §
Rosemary Brown §

Lois Busch §
Wilma DeLucco §

Joyce Demoly §

Joy Ford §

Debbie Gall §

Joan Gavrilik

Dorothy Geyer §

Margaret Hay §

Carol Jonas §

Doris Kirk §

Nancy Looby §

Marti McSharry §

Virginia Mead §

Priscilla Miller §

Marjory O'Brien §

Sue Ann Ritchko §

Maryalice Svare §

Anne Young §

§ Denotes Order of the Rose

A COLLECT FOR CLUB WOMEN

Keep us, O God, from pettiness, let us be large in
thought, in word, in deed.

Let us be done with fault-finding and leave off
self-seeking.

May we put away all pretense and meet each other face
to face, without self-pity and without prejudice.

May we never be hasty in judgment and always
generous.

Let us take time for all things; make us to grow calm,
serene and gentle.

Teach us to put into action our better impulses,
straightforward and unafraid.

Grant that we may realize it is the little things that
create differences, that in the big things of life
we are at one.

And may we strive to touch and to know the great,
common human heart of us all; and, O Lord
God, let us forget not to be kind!

Mary Stewart, 1904

HISTORY OF THE COLLECT

Ever wondered about “The Collect” that we recite at many of our meetings? If so, you might be interested in a little background as to its inclusion at our club and district events and at all our federation meetings.

For many years, women’s clubs in Canada, Britain, the United States and other countries have used a “prayer” at the opening or closing of their meetings and ceremonies. This prayer was written in 1904 by Mary Stewart, the principal of Longmont High School in Colorado, and has since been adopted as a club creed by women’s clubs around the world.

Mary Stewart was born in 1876 in Ohio, but spent her childhood growing up in the Rockies. As the principal of Longmont High, she was described as “a little bundle of energy, dignity, and charm.” It was during her tenure as principal that she wrote this collect. Mary Stewart worked for women’s suffrage nationally. It was her belief that women working together for large ends had need for a special petition and meditation of their own.

The collect was officially adopted by the National Federation of Business and Professional Women’s Clubs in 1920, and adopted by the General Federation of Women’s Clubs (GFWC) a few years later. It was read into the printed records of the Congress of the United States at its closing session in 1949.

It is still recited today by women’s clubs all over the world to instill a sense of unity and dedication to club goals and to one another. Something for all of us to keep in mind on the next occasion of its recitation!



***A special award for Past President Rosemary Brown,
presented by Past President Carolyn Bennett***

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October 2023

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November 2023

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December 2023

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February 2024

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March 2024

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April 2024

Reported on __/__/__ (date)

May 2024

Reported on __/__/__ (date)

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