

DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB



APRIL 2024



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President's Message

The day after the Souper Luncheon Ray and I took off for Palm Beach, Florida, for six days. I'm not a huge lover of Florida but this time of year is when Ray seems to long for flowers and sun, so we went and had a great time at the beach. We also went to an art show, which had both fine arts and crafts, and as I walking through the buildings, I thought that many of our members do as well as these exhibitors. I am always in awe at the many talents displayed at the Souper Luncheon.

And I hope you all saw the picture of DPC that was published in the Spotlight, showing our contribution of 100 smocks to Operation Smile! Very impressive! We've been trying for years to get them to cover some of our events, and it finally happened. Kudos to all!

Our April meeting will have School Superintendent Jody Monroe to give an overview of the proposed School Budget for 2024-2025. REMEMBER TO BRING ANY JEWELRY YOU NO LONGER WANT OR NEED FOR OUR MOTHER'S DAY CONTRIBUTION TO THE SOUTH END CHILDREN'S CAFÉ! I was in NYC visiting a friend, and she gave me some when she found out about the project. And I just got an entire box from Linda Graf, who is moving at the end of this month, but thankfully not out of Delmar!

As I write this, I have only two months to go as President of the DPC. It's been four years, really, counting the two I spent as Vice President, and life will change appreciably when I no longer have this responsibility. Believe it or not, I am sad about leaving. I have gotten to know all of

you much better as a result of being in a leadership position. I am proud of all we've accomplished in the last two years. Debbie and then Lynne held us together during COVID, and as a result of that, I was able to step into a still-going concern when my time came to be President. We have made a lot of changes in the last two years, had a lot of fun, and done some amazing things. We have also learned a lot about the needs of our community. When I asked you all to contribute diapers, my husband said "The Town Pantry will be overwhelmed with all the diapers you guys contributed! When you ask DPC to help out, you get more than you ever thought you would!" I am proud to be part of an organization that does what is needed when it is needed, and even more than is needed!

Pam

April Meetings

Monday, April 1

Bethlehem Public Library Community Room

Reminder: The DPC Board will meet at 9 a.m. before each General Meeting. Accordingly, we ask those attending the General Meeting to wait in the Library lobby until 9:45 before entering the Community Room. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

9:00 — DPC Board Meeting

9:45 — Doors open

10:00 — DPC General Meeting

***BCSD Superintendent Jody Monroe
Proposed 2024-25 School District Budget***

MEMBERSHIP

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



New Members:

Eileen Clarke, 88 Honeysuckle Way,
Glenmont, NY 12077
meclarke49@gmail.com 315-657-7534

Update to Membership Information:

Sue Haswell correct phone # 518-641-0923
Paula Moskowitz email address: pgmosk@earthlink.net

Resignations: none

Deaths: Pamela Burns

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!

SAVE THE DATE >>> Monday, May 13

The annual **U.S. Postal Service Food Drive** will be held on Saturday, May 11. On **Monday, May 13**, the donations will be delivered to Town Hall (10-11 a.m.). Volunteers are needed to sort, check dates, and stock the pantry — typically done by 1-2 p.m. If you can arrive early to help set up tables, label bins, etc., that that would be great too. It takes a community to ensure no resident of Bethlehem lives with food insecurities.

DUES FOR 2024-25 PROGRAM YEAR

Please note that dues will increase to \$50 for the program year beginning June 1, 2024. This increase was approved by the membership at the March 4 General Membership meeting. Please mail your dues check to Delmar Progress Club, P.O. Box 423, Delmar, NY 12054, or give me your dues payment at the May 6 meeting.

Thank you, Christine Doran, Treasurer

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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

Happy Birthday to...

Eileen Pasquini - April 5
Margaret Krause - April 7
Barbara Hogan - April 11
Christine Doran - April 14
Doris Beckman - April 21
Deanne Sodergren - April 23
Barbara Robertson - April 24
Ginny Mead, Mary Crangle and Theresa Dexter
- April 26
Marie Liddle - April 28



NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Lynne Lenhardt, Chair

Election to be held at the May General Meeting

Slate of Officers (2-year term)

President – Christine Doran
First Vice President – VACANT
Second Vice President – Debbie Gall
Recording Secretary – Denise Gisotti
Corresponding Secretary – Margaret Dilgen
Treasurer – Honor Kennedy
Assistant Treasurer – Lynn Millspaugh

Club Advisor (ex officio) – Pamela Tindall-O'Brien

At-Large Members of the Board of Directors (3-year term)

Linda MacRitchie Graf and Barbara Kavanagh

Nominating Committee (5-year term) – Joan Kapral

Delegates to the 2024 GFWC State Convention

Pamela Tindall-O'Brien and Christine Doran

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

Margaret Dilgen, Corresponding Secretary

We sent sympathy cards to the family of Pamela Burns and to Wilma DeLuco on the loss of her sister Judy.

We sent a Get Well card to Kathy Pilhofer and Thinking of You cards to Joy Ford, Dot Geyer, Marti McSharry and Anne Mosher.

And we sent a Thank You note to "HicksStrong" for their outstanding presentation in March.



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.



Wednesday, May 22, Noon

Red's Restaurant
12005 Route 9W, West Coxsackie NY
Carpooling will be available

Menu:

Fresh Crudities Platter
Horseradish Sharp Cheddar Spread with Crackers
Mixed Green Salad with Balsamic Vinaigrette
Choice of entree*
-- Roasted Vegetable Lasagna
-- Chicken ala Red's (Breast of chicken in egg-parmesan batter, sauteed & finished with a delicate lemon/sherry sauce, served over rice pilaf)
Dessert: Warm Brownie Sundae with vanilla ice cream & chocolate drizzle
Coffee, Tea

Please send \$30 check
payable to "Delmar Progress Club" to
Phyllis Drew, 35 Greenock Rd, Delmar NY 12054
*Indicate choice of lasagna or chicken on check
<< Reservations due by Monday, May 6 >>

WELLNESS AND THE NATURAL WORLD

Linda Graf, Chair



Wellness Walkers are planning to meet at the Crossings in Colonie, on Monday, April 8th at 10:00 am. Gather at the Gazebo by the lake to watch the ducks. This peaceful venue has several walking trails to enjoy. Hopefully we will have great spring weather for our outing and a stop at Colonie Center or Trader Joe's is always fun before heading home!

For our second walk of April, we will meet in the parking lot at Oakwood Cemetery in Troy NY., on Monday, April 22nd at 10:00 am. to see the daffodils and enjoy a leisurely stroll through this historic venue. Some highlights include Uncle Sam's grave, gorgeous examples of Celtic crosses, and the Meneley bell. Many of Troy's wealthiest and most influential families have their own elaborate tombs here.



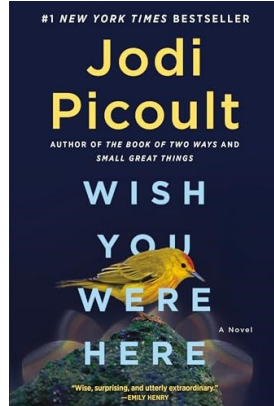
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Christine Doran, Chair

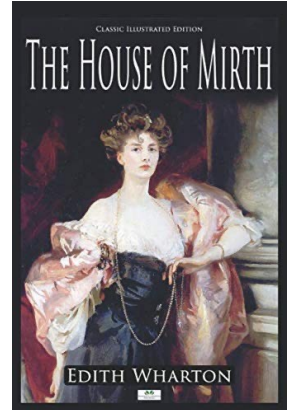
April meeting: Wish You Were Here

by Jodi Picoult on **Thursday, April 18 at 10:30 am**, Bethlehem Public Library Board Room

"A deeply moving novel about the resilience of the human spirit in a moment of crises." — *Goodreads*



May meeting: The House of Mirth by Edith Wharton on **Thursday, May 16 at The Mount** (Edith Wharton's home — see below)



May 16 Trip to The Mount

We will be taking a trip to The Mount in Lenox, Massachusetts on Thursday, May 16. Any Progress Club member is welcome to come, and is welcome to bring a guest.

This trip is organized by the Literature Study Group and we will be reading Wharton's *The House of Mirth* for our May book selection. We will take a morning guided tour of the house and garden, and then have a picnic lunch in the gardens. The exact time of our tour will be determined after we know how many people are going. Lunch will be brown bag, bring your own. Please note, there is no concession at The Mount.

We will carpool to the Mount. The cost for the tour will be \$25 per person. If we have 10 or more people, we will get a private tour with our own docent. If we have less than 10 people, we will take a regular tour. Please let Christine Doran know (phone 518-598-8051, email christinedoran9@gmail.com) by **April 15** if you are interested and if you will bring a guest.

RELATED ITEM OF INTEREST

Saturday, April 6, NYS Writers Institute Albany Film Festival at the University at Albany

For more information and trailers, visit albanyfilmfestival.org



Delmar Progress Club — February 5, 2024 General Meeting Minutes

Pamela Tindall-O'Brien called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m., welcomed everyone, and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were several announcements:

Progress Club is in charge of the Bethlehem Senior Luncheon on March 25. Please contact RoseMarie Carey for details.

Denise Gisotti shared the news that Progress Club members have completed 78 smocks for donation to Operation Smile. Deadline for more donations is April 1st.

Treasurer Christine Doran presented information about a potential dues increase for the Club. The Progress Club Board will discuss the issue this afternoon, with a potential vote by the membership in March.

Our March 4 meeting will combine our Souper Luncheon with an informal exhibit of members' art and crafts creations. Pam asked that six members volunteer to provide soup.

For the "main event" of our meeting, five members of the group "Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America" came from Dutchess County to inform our Club of their efforts to bring awareness of the problem of gun violence in America. The group has 10 million members across the United States, and their advocacy is in many different areas of concern, including suicide prevention, Red Flag laws, and safe gun ownership practices, among others.

For those wanting more information, their website is momsdemandaction.org.

Minutes from the January meeting were distributed. Marie Liddell moved to approve the minutes, Judy Kehoe seconded, and the motion to accept the minutes passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Kavanagh, Recording Secretary



At our March meeting, we heard a moving presentation from the founders of HicksStrong, Inc., whose mission is to save military lives by linking veterans & active duty service members with confidential mental health therapists via telehealth & covering the cost of their care.

A collection totaling \$352 was made to HicksStrong at the meeting. They were very grateful and enjoyed staying to enjoy our "Souper Luncheon."

OPERATION SMILE

Denise Gisotti, Coordinator

At our March 4 meeting, we took a photo of our club holding the hospital gowns. This was to celebrate the completion of making **97 hospital gowns** which will bring smiles to children. The picture appeared in The Spotlight.

Fun fact: 97 gowns equates to: 97 packages of bias tape, 97 yards of fabric, donated thread, and lots of Love: shopping, cutting and sewing.

We have been given donated fabric for **Four** gowns, and I have prepared **6 pre-cut kits** with instructions. We also have patterns to make arm bands. At our next sewing date in January of 2025, we will be making **arm bands and hospital gowns**. Please let me know if you would like a hospital gown kit, and/or an arm band pattern and start sewing for next year.

After the April 1, meeting I will be shipping the hospital gowns to **Operation Smile**. Please bring any completed gowns you may have to the April meeting, or drop them off at my home.

If you have any questions, please contact me: Denise Gisotti,



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Debbie Gall, Kathy Raffe and Linda Reddy, Co-chairs

Jewelry Collection!!!!

As mentioned at our last meeting, the Community Service Committee will be collecting jewelry that our members no longer wear to give to the South End Children's Cafe for the children who attend there to use as Mother's Day gifts. You may donate as many items as you would like, we are hoping to collect at least 40 pieces. Once collected, we will place each piece into a gift bag which the children will be able to peek into and choose something that they would like to give to their mother for Mother's Day. We will be collecting at both the April and May meetings - you can give your donation to Debbie Gall, Kathy Raffe or Linda Reddy. Thank you!



APRIL CALENDAR

April 1, Monday, 9 am, DPC Board Meeting

April 1, Monday, 10 am, DPC General Meeting

April 8, Monday, 10 am, Wellness Walk, The Crossings, Colonie

April 18, Thursday, 10:30 am, Literature Group, Bethlehem Public Library

Wish You Were Here by Jodi Picoult

April 22, Monday, 10 am, Wellness Walk, Oakwood Cemetery, Troy

