

DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB



MAY 2024



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Member since 1916



President's Message

I can't believe that this is my last message to you all! For the last four years, including my two as Vice-President, Delmar

Progress Club has been an important part of my life. Working with our President Lynne Lenhardt during COVID, trying to keep the club going during extremely difficult challenges. Then taking over during the transition from COVID back to some semblance of normality. It has been an interesting time, to put it mildly.

The thing I have enjoyed the most is getting to know so many of you. And I've been happy with how we are growing, slowly but surely. We've had so many terrific projects (Operation Smile, working at the Senior Services Food Pantry, decorating the trees at Ten Broeck Mansion, jewelry for Mother's Day...); so many fun social events (Holiday Teas, Scholarship Luncheons, the Souper Luncheon); and finally, we've learned so much about community organizations in our world (National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, ENGIN.org, Mothers Demand Action). We still need to grow our membership, but I think we're on the upward swing.

I hope that you will all attend our Scholarship Luncheon, and the last May meeting on the 6th, where we will elect new officers and Board members; hear from Rosemary Brown's daughter about how much the Club meant to Rosemary; and listen to a presentation about the opioid crisis in our community and what one group is doing to combat it.

Best wishes to the new Officers and Board members! I hope you support them as you have supported me!

Pam

**May Meeting
Monday, May 6
Bethlehem Public Library Community Room**

Reminder: The DPC Board will meet at 9 a.m. before each General Meeting. Please wait in the Library lobby until 9:45 before entering the Community Room for the General Meeting. Thank you!

- ***Presentation of 2024-25 DPC Budget & Vote***
- ***DPC elections & installation of officers***
- ***Presentation on opioid education***
- ***Address by Rosemary Brown's daughter, Michelle***

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

MEMBERSHIP

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



Membership Updates:

Jane O'Neill new email address-

ojane1852@gmail.com

Sue Haswell updated address- 467 Delaware Ave. Apt.
102 Delmar, NY 12054, 518-641-0802

Jean Sommerville updated address-6316 Thomas Cole
Dr. Glenmont, NY 12077

Dues Check Due...Dues Check Due...Dues Check Due

May is the month when we collect the dues for the
new Club year.

Please make this process easier by taking care of this
ASAP. It helps tremendously to get our Membership
List up to date, so that emails and mailings stay con-
sistent over the summer months.

* Letters of Resignation should be mailed to the PO
Box address below*

Please make out a check to: Delmar Progress Club in
the "new" amount of \$50.00

1. Bring a check to the May General Meeting
2. Bring a check to the Scholarship Luncheon at Reds
3. Mail a check to Delmar Progress Club PO Box 423
Delmar, NY 12054.

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

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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

Happy Birthday to...

May 1-Sue DiMuria

May 11- Lynne Lenhardt

Candice Stellato

May 15- Kathy Underwood

May 16- Sue Lamora

May 30- Pam Tindall-O'Brien



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 >>

PHOTOGRAPHER NEEDED!

We need a volunteer to take pictures at the
Scholarship luncheon. Photos of attendees and
scholarship winners will be used in the June PIP,
the DPC Facebook page and Empire Focus.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact
Barbara Kavanagh!



CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

Margaret Dilgen, Corresponding Secretary



We sent a thank you note to Jody Monroe, BCSD
Superintendent, for her presentation on the proposed 2024-
2025 School District Budget. We also sent a Get Well Card to
Joyce Demoly, who has been in rehab at the Daughters of Sa-
rah Nursing Home. Lastly, we are sending a Welcome to Your
New Home Card to Linda Graf.

OPERATION SMILE

Denise Gisotti, Coordinator

We received a thank you note from **GFWC Operations Smile:**

Dear Denise and Delmar Progress Club Thank you for your donation to Operation Smile! We have received 110 each patient gown and 2 each Play-Doh in our Logistics Department. We truly appreciate your generosity and thank you for your support of Operation Smile and the children we serve across the globe. Sincerely, Edd Basilio

Please wrap up any hospital gowns you have **in progress** this summer. Operation Smile needs have currently changed. We will evaluate them over the summer, to determine how we as a club can participate.

Thank you for your participation! If you have any questions, please contact Denise Gisotti, golfing1020@yahoo.com, 518-461-5871

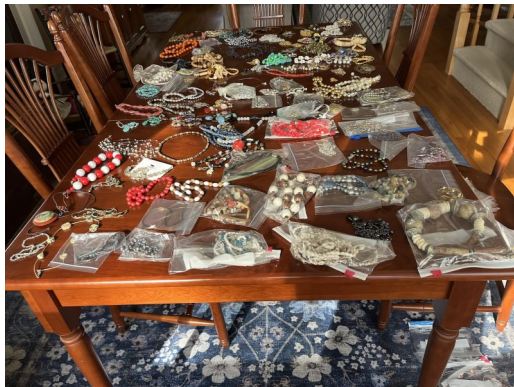
COMMUNITY SERVICE

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

WE DO NOT NEED ANYMORE JEWELRY!!!!



A HUGE thank you for the overwhelming response to our jewelry collection! Because of that response we are **NOT COLLECTING ANYMORE JEWELRY!** We received enough to make 41 bags - 1 for each child who attends the South End Children's Cafe to choose for their mother as a Mother's Day gift. Each bag contains 2 necklaces, a bracelet, a pair of earrings, and a pin. We bagged up the remaining jewelry and will donate that as well to the Cafe for them to create more bags if needed. As always, your generosity is wonderful and greatly appreciated!



WELLNESS AND THE NATURAL WORLD, Linda Graf, Chair

Wellness Walkers are planning to meet at Washington Park in Albany, NY, near the Moses Fountain on Monday, May 13th at 10:00 am. The day after the Tulip Festival is a wonderful time to enjoy the blooms without the crowds. The stunning display of colors and variety of tulip types makes for a great way to usher in the spring. Be sure to bring your camera!



Wednesday, May 29 -- National Senior Health and Fitness Day

Noon- 3:30 pm: Elm Avenue Park, FREE, but registration required -- Call 518-439-4955, option 7



Delmar Progress Club — March 4, 2024 General Meeting Minutes (Approved April 1, 2024)

Pamela Tindall-O'Brien called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m., welcomed everyone, and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kathy Raffe introduced our speakers, Jolie and Michael Hicks, who gave a very moving presentation about the need for confidential mental health services for veterans and active-duty military members. They started their organization, Hickstrong, Inc, after their son McCoy's death. The American Legions in Hudson Falls and Clifton Park are sponsoring "HugaMug" events to raise funds.

Minutes from the February meeting were distributed. Denise Gisotti moved to accept them, Joan Gavrilik seconded, and the minutes were accepted.

There was a discussion about the need to raise Club dues from \$45 to \$50 per year. Barbara Kavanagh moved to raise the dues, Phyllis Drew seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Bethlehem Recycling Coordinator, who had been scheduled to speak at the April meeting, will be rescheduled for Fall 2024.

The Scholarship Banquet will be held on May 22 at Red's Restaurant. The Scholarship Cttee has solicited applications for three \$1000 scholarships.

The Literature Study Group is leading a Field Trip to the Mount, home of Edith Wharton, on May 16. Cost of the trip, which includes a garden tour and a house tour, is \$25.

Denise Gisotti provided the latest numbers for the Operation Smile Project. To date, 97 hospital gowns have been sewn for children having facial surgery. This year's project will wrap up in April.

The GFWC NYS convention will be held the first weekend of May. Christine Doran, Lynne Lenhardt and Pam will be attending.

Pam reminded members to continue recording their volunteer hours. Her report on last year's hours will appear in PIP.

Members shared some of their artistic creations, including quilts, photography, knitting and literary creations. We are an impressive group!!

Linda Reddy asked members to contribute jewelry for a Mother's Day project with the South End Children's Café. Children will pick gifts for their moms, and get help in wrapping them.

Margaret Dilgen shared a list of members to whom she had recently sent sympathy cards or get well cards, on behalf of the Club.

The meeting ended with a Souper Luncheon. Members had prepared a variety of delicious soups and baked goodies.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Kavanagh

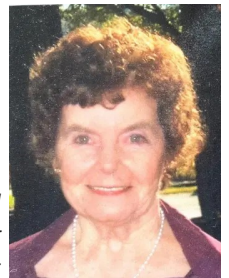
Recording Secretary

FEDERATION

Carolyn Bennett, Coordinator

The following tribute will be read at the GFWC-NY Convention memorial service on May 5 ...

Rosemary Brown joined the Delmar Progress Club and GFWC in 1979. She served on multiple committees, including Community Service, the Emergency Relief Fund, the Finance, Creative Arts and Nominating committees. From 2004-2006, she served as DPC Club President. Subsequently, she volunteered to serve on the GFWCNY Board and was voted State President in 2014. Her president's special project was breast cancer awareness.



Rosemary strongly believed that teaching and learning were important to everyone throughout their lives, but her greatest joy was her family. She enjoyed her morning crossword puzzles and reading. She also loved gardening, travel, and serving the community as well as spending time with friends and family.

Music was an important part of her life. She was an ardent supporter of the New York State Symphony Orchestra, volunteering at many levels. She later became the GFWCNY Music Chairman, a position at which she thrived. Together with husband, Neil, they would share their love of music at many of the GFWCNY state conventions.

She was an avid knitter, always making blankets and lap robes for patients at the VA Hospital. She had fondness for cameo jewelry, and her husband Neil was always looking for a reason to add yet another pin to her collection. She had sparkling blue eyes and a sweet smile. She was an amazing woman that truly lived the "volunteer spirit"!

PROPOSED 2024-2025 UNRESTRICTED FUNDS BUDGET**PROPOSED 2024-2025 RESTRICTED FUNDS BUDGET****INCOME**

MEMBERSHIP DUES	
\$50 FOR 120 members	6000.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$6000.00

EXPENSES**SERVICES and PROJECTS EXPENSES**

COMMUNITY SERVICE	700.00
LEADERSHIP AWARDS	285.00
STATE HONOR ROLL	25.00
HUGH O'BRIEN	260.00
REMEMBRANCE GARDEN	500.00
HOSPITALITY	100.00
SOCIAL	450.00
EVENTS	250.00
ENTERTAINMENT	200.00
SOUPER LUNCHEON	100.00
PROGRAMS for MEETINGS	500.00
ELEMENTARY SCH CREATIVE WRITING	30.00
JUDGES for CREATIVE ARTS	<u>45.00</u>
Subtotal (Service & Projects Expenses)	\$2710.00

CLUB EXPENSES

OUTGOING PRESIDENT GIFT	0.00
INSURANCE	450.00
DUES STATE/DISTRICT 2400/30	2430.00
MEMBERSHIP	150.00
POSTAGE/COPYING	700.00
PO BOX RENTAL	250.00
WEBSITE	300.00
YEARBOOK	<u>550.00</u>
Subtotal (Club Expenses)	\$4830.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$7540.00

DEFICIT TO BE PAID FROM UNRESTRICTED RESERVES **(- \$1540.00)**

BLACKMORE FUND

ESTIMATED ACCUMULATED INTEREST	1600.00
EXPENSE (SCHOLARSHIP)	(-1000.00)

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

FUNDRAISER PROFIT	2500.00
INTEREST INCOME	140.00
EXPENSE (SCHOLARSHIPS)	(-3000.00)
DEFICIT to be PAID FROM FUND	(-360.00)

LEADERSHIP FUND

STATE CONV. REGIS and MEALS	(-500.00)
GIFT BASKET for STATE CONVENTION	(-50.00)
OUTGOING STATE PRES. GIFT	0
DELEGATES for MID-HUDSON	(-100.00)
DEFICIT to be PAID FROM FUND	(-650.00)

ERF/CLYNK FUND

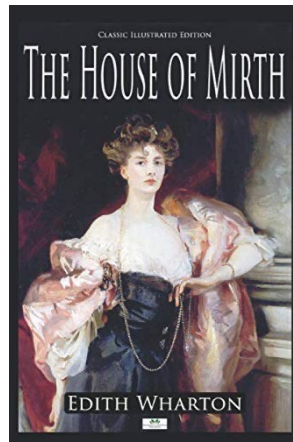
NO BUDGET for 2024-2025	
BALANCE	244.00

LITERATURE

Christine Doran, Chair

May meeting: The House of Mirth by Edith Wharton

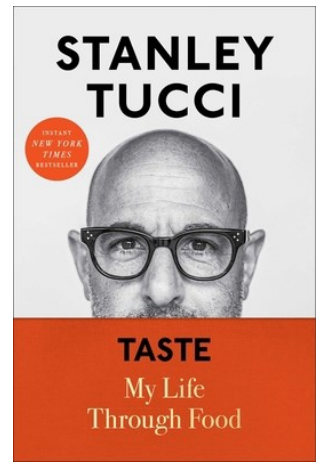
This discussion will be held at lunch during our field trip to The Mount — Edith Wharton's home in Lenox, MA on **Thursday, May 16**



June meeting: Taste by Stanley Tucci

This discussion will be held at our annual picnic to be held at Elm Avenue Park on **Thursday, June 20 at noon** — details to follow

ALL DPC MEMBERS WELCOME!



RELATED ITEM OF INTEREST

Friends of Bethlehem Public Library

Book Sale Fundraiser Saturday, May 18, 10 a.m.—4 p.m.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Once again, Delmar Progress Club has been asked by the Town of Bethlehem to help with the annual United States Postal Service Food Drive which is coming up this May. On Monday May 13th the local fire departments go to the post office with their big trucks, collect the donations from the basement of the post office and deliver them to Town hall. Last year they arrived at town hall between 10-11am.

And as stated by the Town, "As always, it takes a community to ensure no resident of Bethlehem lives with food insecurities and we are grateful for your volunteer spirit." If you can help, please contact me at ptindallobrien@gmail.com, or call me at 518 542-2690. Last time we had 17 volunteers! I'm hoping we have even more this year. If you can work for an hour or three, it doesn't matter, as long as you can help. I would also add that this is a lot of fun.



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. All proceeds are dedicated to our Emergency Relief Fund.

SAVE THE DATE: Wednesday, June 12, 4-8 p.m. Bethlehem Garden Club Garden Tour

For more info, visit BethlehemGardenClubNY.org



MAY CALENDAR

May 2-5, GFWC New York Convention, Albany Marriott

May 6, Monday, 9 am, DPC Board Meeting

May 6, Monday, 10 am, DPC General Meeting

May 13, Monday, 10 am, Wellness Walk, Washington Park, Albany

May 16, Thursday, Literature Group field trip to The Mount, Lenox MA

May 18, Saturday, 10-4, Friends of Bethlehem Public Library Book Sale

May 22, Wednesday, noon, Scholarship Luncheon

May 29, Wednesday, National Senior Health and Fitness Day, Elm Avenue Park

