Woman's Club of Douglaston

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WCD NEWSBYTES
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upcoming EVENTS
2026

Mar. 25th
DEATH BECOMES HER
MUSICAL COMEDY
Matinee - Lost Fontanne Theatre

Apr. 23rd
THE ATTICK COLLECTION
10:30 AM - 4:00 PM - The Art Collection

May 13th
ANNUAL MEETING LUNCHEON
A Stroll Down Lee Champs-Elysees ...
Paris - Paris - Paris - Paris
11:00 AM - 3:30 PM - North Hills Country Club
Don't wait until the last minute. Visit our website and sign up to attend.

CLICK ON THE EVENT TITLE FOR MORE DETAILS

A Message from the President of the Woman's Club of Douglaston

Maria DiChiara

I see it not as My Mission but as Our Mission. Let us share our thoughts, ideas and talents with one another, so that we may grow in knowledge and understanding ... let us grow and strengthen new and existing friendships. Let us continue to work, tirelessly toward our philanthropic, educational and intellectual goals. Let us grow together as members of the Woman's Club of Douglaston. Let us keep smiling!

Dear Members,

As we recover from the "Bomb Cyclone" of 2026, ...my goodness that name alone creates fear and anxiety... my thoughts drift to mild sunny days and the many club events planned for the Spring.

The calendar in this month's NewsBytes will bring you up to date on what to expect. From Game Day, a trip to Broadway in March, the Pink in April and the Extravaganza not least, the highlight of our season, our Annual Luncheon Meeting in May.

As you know, last year we walked the red carpet at the Oscars, this year the theme of the luncheon is a stroll down Lee Champs Elysees. So, get out your Parisienne finery and mark your calendars for May 13th. Your invitation will be in the mail in the coming weeks so check for it daily, you don't want to miss out. We will also be sending out a digital email invite and as always it will be available on our website www.womansclubofdouglaston.com

I would like to share with you that the survey conducted last month has provided us with some suggestions for the future. but mostly has confirmed that you, our members are enjoying the programs, trips and special events planned by Committee Chairs. We thank them for their hard work and dedication.

February's program presented by FBI Agent, Rachel Cartwright on scams was excellent and well received by members. As always, you can expect more of the same quality programs in the months ahead. We are interested in your suggestions and comments so remember your feedback is very important so keep it coming.

In closing my dear ladies, let us pray for peace and never forget the women, children and their families suffering here and around the world.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on March 5th.

Be well, be safe and remember to keep smiling. Spring is just around the corner.

Sincerely,

Maria DiChiara, President

DID YOU MISS OUR SURVEY? CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE THE SURVEY

WOMAN'S CLUB OF DOUGLASTON
MARCH GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2026
1:00 PM
DOUGLASTON CLUB
600 West Drive - Douglaston

The Great American Songbook with Betina and Nick

From the witty sparkle of Cole Porter to the lush melodies of the Gershwins, Irving Berlin, Fats Waller, Burt Bacharach, Nick Russo and Betina Hardney bring the Great American Songbook to us with style and a touch of their own magic. Nick (guitar, banjo, resonator) and Betina (vocals and guitar).

Nick, a versatile instrumentalist, has appeared at venues at Lincoln Center, Carnegie Hall, and the Kennedy Center. Betina, a Bob Chiarelli Chorus Belina is known for her expressive voice and theatrical warmth; she has performed in Broadway's "Phantom of the Opera" and "Mona Lisa Smile." Together with Nick, their albums have reached #1 on the Folk Alliance International Folk Chart.

Reminisce as you sing along to: "Our Love Is Here to Stay," "On the Sunny Side of the Street," "Ain't Misbehavin'," "From This Moment On," and "Raindrops Keep Fallin' On Ma Head." We will be taken on a musical journey through the songs that shaped American music and beyond.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Until further notice no guests will be allowed to attend upcoming **WCD** General Meetings with the exception of the **Annual Meeting and Luncheon in May**. Guests are also welcome to attend any other **WCD special** event.

To access our ***Members Only Page*** and to create a secure online profile, visit our website www.womansclubofdouglaston.com home page. On the upper right corner, sign up using your email as recorded in our Membership Roster.

MONTHLY CLUB CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2026
BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet at **12:00 pm** in the Bar Room prior to our **General Meeting**. All members are welcome to share our love of books.

The book for discussion this month is **God of the Woods** by Liz Moore **The Book Club** has provided the following Book Club choices for the Spring:

April: The Magnolia Palace by Fiona Davis

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2026
THEATRE
We are all set to see "Death Becomes Her" on March 25,2026.

Meet at the Douglaston Club at 10:00 a.m. to meet the bus.

Please park your car on the street.

We will be lunching at Trattoria Trevolon on west 47th street. We will walk around the block to the LaFontaine Theater for the 2:00 p.m. showing. The bus will pick us up after the show, and return us to the club by about 6:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2026
GAME DAY
Game Day starts at 11:30 AM thru 12:00 PM.
Games will start PROMPTLY at 12:00 PM.

We will order lunch from the menu as we have done in the past. If you are not a Douglaston Club member, be prepared to pay $30.00 cash (please bring the exact amount of cash).
For any members that are new to attending Game Day, please remember you can form your own group, or inquire about joining one of our groups. If you are planning to form a group, please remember to bring cards or the game you are going to play. We look forward to seeing everyone!

If you are attending, please advise. Pat Doyle Phone 646-299-5758
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Annette Aloisio

From the Editor ...

Dear Ladies,

Do not fear – Spring is almost here! In the past several months, **WCD** has been keeping us informed and entertained and we shall continue to do so. As you will see in this Edition of Newsbytes, we have much to look forward to in the coming months. As usual, your participation is "key" in keeping our **WCD** "alive and well".

I have previously written and I write again – your Board works tirelessly to keep the **WCD** vibrant, engaging and thought-provoking. It is worth noting our most recent Board Meeting ran overtime- added proof that our commitment and enthusiasm are very much "alive and well.

Congratulations to Maura Wrynn – Woman of The Year and to Maria DiChiara – Community Service Award recipient.
Maura is a distinguished member of the Douglaston/Little Neck Community who has been tireless in her commitment to her community and is appreciated and recognized. Her works of charity and benevolence are with known. Maura has been involved with the Douglaston/Little Neck Historical Society; Douglaston Garden Club; Beautification Chairperson overseeing beautifying our neighborhood, including Catherine Richardson Park, and a a Board Member and Fund Raiser of "Hearts in the Community" a Non-Profit Charity helping people with immediate short-term financial needs, especially seniors, providing seasonal gifts to children in the community who may be "quietly in need".

Maria is committed to the Douglaston-Little Neck Community and is the current President of the **WCD**. She is also on the Executive Board of the Douglaston Garden Club where her focus is on the philanthropic, educational and beautification goals of both organizations. Local Charities supporting Women and Children in need being her main focus.

Maura and Maria join their fellow **WCD** Member Honorees: Dorothy Mulholland – Woman Of The Year – 2004 and Celeste Recalcati – Woman Of The Year – 2025, as well as past Honorees: Gloria Kemper, Joan Gariepe and Honorary Friend of the **WCD**, Lidia Bastianich. The **WCD** is blessed and honored to be a part of the Sisterhood with these outstanding Honorees.

"The achievements of an organization are the results of the combined effort of each individual." (Vince Lombardi -American football coach)

As always, thanks to our AB Team, Linda, Maria and Carolyn. "Without you- I'm nothing with you I'm something Together we're everything." (Unknown)

A.A

PONDERINGS, MUSES AND STYLE THOUGHTS

THINGS I AM TIRED OF – THINGS OF WHICH I AM TIRED: (This may be a continuing series)

HAIR CARE:

What started as a treat, something new, something different has slowly (?) evolved into an obligation and a standing date with my hairdresser!

My first memory of "colored hair" was when I was approximately 16 years of age. I had light to medium brown hair. It was long, shiny and maintenance free. In my enlightened youth, I decided I should become a red-head – not Rita Hayworth red hair – instead the hairstylist (a gorgeous man named Mac - maybe I had a crush on him) and I decided on a color – Sparkling Sherry or Sparkling Burgundy! It was perfect. Along with the color (which by the way lasted at least 8 weeks) I had my hair done in a style which lasted one week – without wearing and/or combing. The style of the day was French Twist, Beehive, Bouffant, Chignon. These hairstyles were high maintenance. There was a lot of teasing, backcombing, hairspray, bobby pins and barrettes to maintain said hairstyle with hair a washing nor a combing. I remember using a comb with a tail on it to keep the style in place and also to scratch my head (haha). Can you imagine the amount of hairspray used to keep this hairdo looking decent? It became a weekly ritual – "my hair style". (Little did I know this was the beginning!)

As the years passed, I realize I have an addiction: my hair! In my youth, I was unaware of the salon jargon: root touch up; single process; double process; lower, keratin, highlights, lowlights; hair trim; full hair cut, new style; change of color; conditioning treatment; scalp treatment and the list goes on.

I am tired of having my grey roots colored, *I am tired* of necessity of frequent haircuts. *I am tired* of blow drying my hair, *I am tired* of curling my hair, *Zip even tired* of washing my hair. *I am tired* of my dark locks indicating "tonka", "brown", "highlights" etc. Obviously this "hair-care" is time consuming and is a maintenance issue. Hair grows and I am tired of the upkeep of my hair. Nature take its course and go "au naturel", stop the haircuts, free fro my hair to grow ala Lady Godiva give up on highlights, etc. Would anyone care if they saw grey strands, hair down to my waist, dull-looking coiffure? Would anyone even notice?

Hair Care is no longer a treat, rather it has become a duty-an obligations too frequent time and my head. Hmm... Perhaps, *I am tired of the salon time* I would gain and the money I would save. Definitely *a thought to ponder!*

Over the years, the necessity for hair color and other accoutrements have gone from 2+ months to 6 weeks and now 3 weeks. *I am tired of it!*

On a Personal Note

"To add insult to injury": *My salon does not offer parking; instead it is located in a building which is oftentimes unavailable. On occasion, I am forced to drive home and have my husband drive me to and fro. (The good part about this arrangement is I save $4.00 a fro the meter.)*
"Gray hair is a crown of glory", (Proverbs)

A.A.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: ***"Do not wait for leaders; do it alone, person to person." (Mother Teresa-Nobel Peace Prize; Canonized Saint)***

A.A.

DO YOU KNOW THAT ... **There's a Town in Nebraska With a Population of 1 (one)**

In the lonesome grasslands of Nebraska near the South Dakota border lies the municipality of **Monowi**. The town's sole resident is Elsie Eiler, a woman in her 80s who is the town's mayor, clerk, librarian, and treasurer. As Monowi is an incorporated town for the purposes of the U.S. Census, Eiler receives state funding for municipal cost-work. However, she has to raise her own funds for the town's taxes to pay for the street lighting and water.

SUNSHINE

A "feel better" card was sent to Catherine Tiuvenna and an acknowledgment of the loss of her long-time pug and companion.

Please keep all our members in your prayers Please notify Sunshine Chair (Annette Aloisio – candal718@aol.com) if you know of anyone who is ill or needs to know we are thinking of them.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MARCH GIRLS

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