Dear Members:

This is the WCD January 2023 Announcement. It is in lieu of our regular Newsbytes.

General Meeting - THURSDAY, February 9, 2023 1:00 p.m. @ DOUGLASTON CLUB. Please note this is the second Thursday in February.

PROGRAM - Asian Lunar New Year - The Year of the Rabbit is upon us!

Come help us welcome the **Year of the Rabbit** on Thursday, February 9th! Please wear red or bright colors to set the stage for our celebration.

We have assembled a renowned Chinese calligrapher, a musical duo playing an ancient Chinese instrument and a colorful dance troupe to help us celebrate the Lunar New Year.

**Mr. Chen Hing Li**, celebrated Chinese calligrapher and owner of a Flushing calligraphy center, will write a Chinese New Year's banner to help us kick off the festival.

While he concentrates on his artwork, **Zhengming Zither Performers Ms. Junling Wang** and **Ms. Tess Ma** will delight us with their performance on an instrument that dates back to the Qin Dynasty (221-206 BCE), when it was used to entertain emperors and nobles of China.

An elegant **Asian dance group** will then transport us to a world of beauty and grace with captivating cultural choreography, sure to charm and bring smiles.

During the Lunar New Year, the louder and more raucous the celebration, the luckier the coming year, so let's get together and make some noise!

We expect a special guest to join us at the end of the program, so please make plans to stay for the entire event, or else you might miss out on your treat!

Help usher in serenity, peace and good luck, by joining us for an Asian dance performance, Chinese music, Asian Treats and zodiac predictions.

#### The Book Club

Meets at **12:00 p.m**. Join Chairwoman **Joan Curran** and other Book Club members in the **Bar Room** prior to our General Meeting. Book for this month and next are as follows:

**February 9 -** *The Lincoln Highway,* Author, Amor Towles **March 2 -** *Before You Know Kindness,* Author Chris Bohjalian **April 6 -** *A Man Called Ove,* Author Fredrik Backman

# **AFTERNOON OF CARDS AND GAMES**

FRIDAY, February 17, 2023 Time: 12:00-3:00 p.m. (Optional Lunch: \$25.00 - cash only for non-Douglaston Club members.)

We will meet at the **Douglaston Club** for mingling with fellow members while enjoying your favorite table game. (*Bridge, Canasta, Scrabble, Dominoes, Poker*)

12:00 - 1:00 am (Greet, meet, organize tables) 1:00 p.m. (Play commences)

For further information please contact Pat Doyle: <a href="mailto:crxbeach@aol.com">crxbeach@aol.com</a> or Tel.718-631-1609

Save the following Friday for 2023: March 10 and April 14, 2023

### Theatre Chair - Maura Wrynn and Pat Doyle

Wednesday, April 19, 2023 Broadway Musical "Moulin Rouge"

30 members have signed up to attend. If you are one of them please bring a check or cash for \$130.00 to the February Meeting. The \$130.00 includes Orchestra seats, bus and tip. Back by popular demand lunch will be at Daniella's. Price TBD. Further details to follow. Contact Maura Wrynn at maura.wrynn@gmail.com

# Museum Chair - Pat Doyle and Maura Wrynn

Wednesday, March 22, 2023 Teddy Roosevelt Museum in Oyster Bay. More details to follow, please contact Pat Doyle at <a href="mailto:crxbeach@aol.com">crxbeach@aol.com</a>

# Save the Date:

Wednesday, May 3, 2023 - Annual Meeting and Luncheon Fundraiser. North Hills Country Club. The WCD Annual Fundraiser event will feature "A Day at the Races" or "Armchair Races" entertainment. This highly anticipated afternoon of fun includes a race simulcast, raffles and vendors. Contact Linda Akers at Linakers@yahoo.com for details.

### Sunshine

Sympathy Card - Helene Schutz

Get Well Card - Martha Gotz; Margaret Warren; Maria Falco, Marilyn Stone

Thinking of you Card - Amparo Minogue; Sandy Hart

Happy and Healthy New Year to you and your family.

Warmest Regards,

Sarah Milunec Corresponding Secretary