

Woman's Club of Douglaston



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UPCOMING EVENTS

2026

October 1st GENERAL MEETING

1:00 PM - 6th Expo of Scarves and Shawls (Shared treasures, timeless beauty, stronger together).

October 30th GAME DAY AT DOUGLASTON CLUB

12:30 Games start.

2027

February 25th GAMES AND BINGO FUNDRAISER

Il Bacco Restaurant, Little Neck, NY - [Read more ...](#)

March 4th BABY SHOWER FOR BRIDGE TO LIFE

Bring your donation of baby articles to our General Meeting. [Read more ...](#)

March 10th "ALL SHOOK UP"

Stay tuned for further details.

May 6th THE SOUTH BEACH "HAT LUNCHEON"

Annual Meeting Luncheon at North Hills Country Club, Manhasset, NY - [Read more ...](#)

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

Unity is strength; when there is teamwork and collaboration, truly wonderful things can be achieved. We all possess unique talents and strengths and sharing them empowers those around us. Through our combined efforts, we don't just reach our goals, we build lasting friendships.



Dear Members,

Welcome to the **2026-2027 season of the Woman's Club of Douglaston**. I am humbled and honored to have been elected your 52nd President. Thank you for this opportunity and I am confident that with your support we will have a successful season.

I hope all of you have had an enjoyable summer with time to relax doing all the things that bring joy to your life.

We have a wonderful program planned beginning with a glamorous **Designer Scarf Expo** scheduled for the October 1st meeting. Programming Chairs, Helene Schutz and Sharon Lee along with Mary Taylor are working hard to bring you this elegant event. We appreciate your participation.

The Theatre and Museum Committees are at work and will keep you updated in the next few months. They are looking into trips to local places where transportation will be more practical and less costly.

More details about programs, trips and events are available in your Program Booklet, in our monthly newsletter NewsBytes, and on the Woman's Club website at www.womansclubofdouglaston.com

A new, fun-filled program of music and dance is planned for the December meeting. This program offers us a different kind of holiday music and we are also working on adding a touch of the holidays to our refreshments.

We continue to support local charities; The Bridge to Life, Hour Children, and Ozanam Hall Nursing Home. The Charity Committee is working on exploring other local charities where we can support women and children in need.

Our [Fundraising Committee](#) is planning another fun filled [Game Day/ Bingo Fundraiser](#). It will be held on [February 25th at Il Bacco restaurant](#). Join us and bring a friend to play Bingo, or your favorite game and enjoy a delicious lunch. More details on the attached invitation below and at the October meeting.

I encourage all of you to participate in our programs, join us on our trips and encounter new members that eventually will become your friends. When you meet new people, you expand your world.

I am looking forward to seeing you at our monthly meetings beginning with the first of the season on October 1st. Come and enjoy the Scarf Expo but most of all enjoy getting together with members and friends.

Thank you in advance to our hard-working Board Members:

[Executive Board](#): Laurretta Mulholland, Sandy Hart, Barbara Buckley and Carolyn Karoff.

[Committee Chairs](#): Linda Akers, Annette Aloisio, Cecilia Cody, Maria DiChiara, Arlene McGillick, Marilyn Stone, Carolyn Karoff, Gloria Brehl, Laurretta Mulholland, Dorothy Mulholland, Margaret Warren, Helene Schutz, Sharon Lee, Mary Taylor, Aida Ieraci, Pat Doyle, Helena Wong, Jeri Lynett, Joan Will, Diane

Polland, Mary Burke and Maura Wrynn.

All of you are the backbone of the WCD.

Sincerely,

Margarita Autz, President

WOMAN'S CLUB OF DOUGLASTON OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2026

1:00 PM

DOUGLASTON CLUB

600 West Drive - Douglaston

PROGRAM

6th Expo of Scarves and Shawls

A special celebration of beauty, creativity, memory, and connection through the treasured pieces we collect and cherish over the years.

Scarves and shawls often carry stories with them — gifts from loved ones, keepsakes from travels, handmade heirlooms, or simply favorite pieces that make us feel elegant and unique. This annual expo is a wonderful opportunity for our membership to come together, share these personal treasures, and appreciate the artistry, culture, and sentiment woven into every fabric.

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

MEMBERSHIP

We welcome our new members: Aideen Finnegan, Stephanie Josephs, Barbara Sinclair, Rosemarie Sheridan and Marcia Tu.

If you have not paid your dues to renew your membership with the Woman's Club of Douglaston for the 2026–2027 year, please submit your payment as soon as possible to be included in our Membership Roster.

Please click below to view and print the Annual Dues Renewal Form.

[\[2026–2027 Annual Dues Renewal Form\]](#)

[To pay your dues online click here](#)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2026

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet at 12:00 pm in the Bar Room prior to our General Meeting. All are welcome to join the Book Club. We would welcome your insights to add to an inevitable lively, and fun hour. Remember, just because we are all reading the same book we do not all have the same opinions.

The book for discussion this month is "The Lion Women of Tehran" by Marjan Kamali

The Book Club has provided the following Book Club choices for the Fall and Spring of 2027:

Fall 2026

November - "The View from Lake Como" by Adriana Trigiani

December - Readers Choice

Spring 2027

February - "Broken Country" by Clare Leslie Hall

March - "Culpability" by Bruce Holsinger

April - "On Gold Mountain" by Lisa See

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2026

GAME DAY

Please arrive 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 in 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

Email crxbeach@aol.com

NEWS FLASH: We are delighted to announce that we will be offering **FREE** Beginner Canasta lessons hosted by

Linda Akers.

Ready to Master one of the world's favorite card games?

Join us for our upcoming Beginner Canasta Lessons!

Whether you are brand new to the game or need a refresher on the basics, these fun, hands-on classes will get you playing with confidence in no time.

When: Every Game Day

Class Setup: Small-group instruction with only 3 tables (4 players per table) for maximum hands-on guidance.

Class Duration: 1 hr. per session. 10:00 – 11:00 am (before regular games begin)

regular games begin.

Skill Level: Complete Beginners (No prior experience needed!)

What's Included: Step-by-step instruction, hands-on practice play, and clear reference cheat sheets.

What to Bring: Just yourself! All cards and materials will be provided.

How-to Sign-Up: Space is limited to ensure everyone gets personalized attention at the tables.

A one time \$5 suggested donation per person (helps cover card decks, materials, etc.)

To Register: Contact Pat Doyle CRXBEACH@AOL.COM -
Cell: 646 299-5758

Come for the game, stay for the fun and friendship!

SAVE THE DATE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2027

GAMES/BINGO FUNDRAISER

Our Fundraising Committee is planning another fun filled Game Day/Bingo event.

It will be held on February 25th at Il Bacco restaurant in Little Neck. Join us and bring a friend to play Cards, Bingo, or your favorite game, win prizes and enjoy a delicious three course lunch.

Print and see more details on the [attached Invitation Flyer](#).

Cost to attend is \$58 (\$60 if paying online). Bring your check and get your name on the list at the October meeting.

Don't Miss the Excitement!

Bring your friends and family—the more, the merrier!

[PRINT/SEE THE INVITATION HERE](#)

The Game Day and Fundraiser Committees of WCD
 Invite you and your guests to attend a Cards, Games, and Bingo Fundrais
 or
Thursday, February 25, 2027



Schedule of Events:
 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM Play time (Cards and Games)
 12:30 - 2:30 PM Lunch
 2:30 PM Bingo for All

IL SACCO RESTAURANT
 253-24 Northern Blvd., Little Neck
 (Free Self-parking in their private parking lot)

\$58 PER PERSON
 Includes Lunch (2 appetizer selections, 3 entrée selections, dessert, and soft drinks)
 Playtime and Bingo
Prizes, 50/50 Raffle, Spin the Wheel, and Lots of Fun!
All guests (including gentlemen) are welcome

 Name: _____ Cell Phone: _____
 Captain of Table Email: _____

I/WE ARE PLAYING: CANASTA _____ BRIDGE _____ MAHJONG _____ RUMMIKUB _____
 OTHER _____, *(Please bring your own games)*
 Other people sitting at my table:

1: Name _____ Cell Phone: _____
 2: Name _____ Cell Phone: _____
 3: Name _____ Cell Phone: _____

(She reserves seats to fit more people if needed.)
☐ I do not have a table but would like to join just for lunch and bingo
 I cannot attend but here is my donation of \$ _____
 Please make checks payable to Women's Club of Douglaston

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 Linda Akers Tel: 917-941-2536 - Email: Llnakers@yahoo.com

THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2027

CHARITY

BABY SHOWER FOR BRIDGE TO LIFE

Bring your donation of baby articles to our March General Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2027

THEATRE

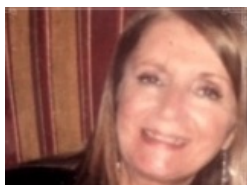
"ALL SHOOK UP"

Hempstead Theatre - Babylon, NY

Stay tuned for further details.

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Annette Aloisio



From the Editor ...

Dear Ladies.

Dear Ladies,

Welcome Back! I hope you were able to enjoy the beauty and leisure time of the Summer Season. I wonder how many times I have written: “Where did the Summer go”? Between the intense heat, the frequent rain, and the busyness of everyday life, it’s hard to believe September is almost over, and October is upon us. Here we are “home again” at our WCD Meeting Place . *“There’s no place like home.” (Said Dorothy –Wizard of Oz; prior to that - a song from the 1823 Opera The Maid of Milan)*

As is expressed so eloquently in our President’s Letter to Members, it’s going to be a very rewarding season. I know all the efforts put forth by the Board and Committee Chairs will be appreciated by all.

We are so pleased to welcome our new President, **Margarita Autz**, who will always be available to address members’ concerns in her gracious and hard-working manner. *Welcome Madame President!*

I look forward to seeing you at our first Meeting on October 1st, 2026.

“Welcome back my friends to the show that never ends. We’re so glad you could attend; come inside, come inside.” (Ralph Waldo Emerson)

As always, thanks to our NB Team, Linda, Carolyn and Maria. “Without you-I’m nothing-with you-I’m something-Together we’re everything.” (Unknown)

A.A.

PONDERINGS, MUSES AND IDLE THOUGHTS:

DEFINITION OF NEIGHBOUR: “A neighbor is a person who lives near or next to you...” (Merriam-Webster Dictionary)

BIBLICAL DEFINITION: “A neighbor is not just the person who lives next door, but any fellow human being in your path who needs compassion, care, or moral love.” (Oxford Learner’s Dictionary)

DEFINITION OF FRIEND: “A friend is a person you know

well, like and trust, who is usually not a member of your family.” (Cambridge Dictionary)

I was thinking...when do neighbors become friends? I read somewhere: “A neighbor is someone who lives beside you-a friend is someone who becomes a part of your life.” (Unknown)

When we moved to Beverly Road 50+ years ago, as I was bringing items into our new abode, a “neighbor” with long black curly hair and cat-like stunning green eyes

approached me; she introduced herself and said that while she could not offer me a cup of coffee as she didn’t cook, she would be happy to offer me a cup of tea! If you know me, you know I am not a coffee drinker-so her offer sounded great to me.

As the days, weeks, months and years went by, many a cup of tea was enjoyed on her front porch. We talked, we laughed, we shared joys and sorrows; we shared our mutual love of books; of course, we borrowed a “cup of sugar” every now and again. Eventually, inevitably, we became friends. Not only was she stunning, she was smart and had a great sense of humor.

My daughter became her dog-sitter; my son became her helper with small household tasks.

Fast forward many years, we were invited and attended her step-daughter’s wedding-red roses were everywhere!

At this time, I would like to mention that her stepson was away at college when we became neighbors. Sadly, my neighbor-friend passed away (*never to be forgotten*) ... gone too soon.

The irony is that her stepson remained in the house; married a lovely gal. They have four children (now all grown up). Last year we attended their daughter’s wedding-roses were everywhere! History repeats itself: our “neighbors” are our dear “friends”.

On a Personal Note: *When my daughter was to be married, several relatives were not invited. In their stead, were our neighbors-our friends who shared our lives for so many years.*

“The only way to have a friend is to be one.” (Ralph Waldo

Emerson

A.A.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: *"To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else is the greatest accomplishment."* (Ralph Waldo Emerson-Essayist, Lecturer, Philosopher, Minister, Abolitionist, Poet)

A.A.

DO YOU KNOW WHO IS THE ONLY WOMAN EVER FEATURED ON U.S. PAPER MONEY? *First Lady Martha Washington holds the distinction of being the only woman to be prominently featured on U.S. paper currency to date. Her portrait appears on the \$1 silver certificate, which was first introduced in 1886, 17 years after the legal tender dollar bill featuring George Washington.*



SUNSHINE

A Sympathy card was sent to **Joan Curran** whose husband, Donald passed away. A Memorial Mass was offered by the WCD on September 20th. A Thank You Card was received.

A Get Well Card was sent to **Maria Santalessa**.

A.A.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER BIRTHDAY GIRLS

SEPTEMBER

Annette Aloisio
Carolyn Lippmann
Maria Santalessa

Marilyn Stone
Dolores Felice
Maura Wrynn
Peggi Abularrage

OCTOBER

Florence Clark
Mary Ann Canfield
Celeste Beccalori
Cecilia Cody
Mary Taylor
Arlene McGillick
Dorothy Mulholland
Joan Lange

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