

DGC May Newsletter

He who plants a garden, plants happiness.
Chinese Proverb

Dear Members,

We will have a General Meeting of the DGC on Tuesday, May 18 at 1:00PM in the parlor of the CCD. There will be no program. The election of the Executive Board will be held at this time. Nominations from the floor will be encouraged and accepted prior to the vote. Following the election, we will have the installation of our officers. Marisa Katzurin, our member, as well as a member of the FGCNYS Board will perform the ceremony for us.

We are still limited in the number of people in attendance, but that number has increased to 35. All in attendance must wear masks, have their temperature taken, and stay socially distant.

If you wish to attend this meeting, YOU MUST RSVP BY MAY 11. Simply call me at 718-428-1914 or respond to this email ASAP. I will get back to everyone and let you know if you will be able to attend or if you will be on a waiting list.

We now have permission to serve food at our meetings. Although this is a blessing and shows us that COVID restrictions are lessening, the guidelines for preparing and serving food are a bit more than we at the DGC can handle at this time. You can, however, bring your own lunch with you or still enjoy a nice lunch at home before you arrive. There will be no coffee or tea provided but you can bring a to-go cup of your own or a water bottle. Please remember not to park in the numbered spaces.

There was a very successful "It's My Park Day" event at Glenwood Landing on April 10. Volunteers from DGC were present to help and give moral support. April 23 marked our first civic beautification/teaching project with PS221. The current in-person fifth grade students participated in a planting event in the front of their school and the atrium. Community members have requested a Park Cleanup at MS67 and that is in the works. PS 98 has also requested our help in starting a butterfly garden for their new playground. Since the construction will be a long process, our assistance will not be needed immediately, but more likely in 2022. More information will follow.

In addition to the already mentioned Civic Beautification projects two others are in the works. We will be assisting the CCD in choosing and planting some new perennials for the front of the Church. We are also going to partner with CWNYS, the Center for the Women of NY Sustainability and Gardening Program at Fort Totten, an organization which advocates for Women's Rights.

We on the Board of the DGC are thinking of putting together a simple luncheon. It will most likely be in June. We will plan a menu with a set price. There will be no raffles. There seems to be a good amount of interest among our members to get together for a meal and to enjoy each others company until we meet again in September. Information regarding a venue and a price will be sent to you when the details are finalized.

Our vacant Trip Chairperson slot has been filled by two of our members, Fran Bello and Pam Timoyanis. Fran is going to plan our bigger, longer bus trips and Pam will be in charge of planning smaller, more local trips. In addition we welcome Sarah Milunec onto the Board as our new Historian and Margarita Autz who will be in charge of Ways and Means along with Maria Falco and Amparo Minogue.

Please keep checking our website, douglastongc.org for the latest photos of our activities.

To all our mothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters and role models to our children, both young and adult, I wish you a blessed and happy Mother's Day.

Be well, stay safe. Hope to see you on May 18th.

Best Regards,
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