



APRIL 2018

*Let's be Adventurous
It's Spring and I go out on my bike.
I ride all the way to Union Turnpike.
I have flowers to my left and water to my right.
Wow, this is an outstanding sight.
By Ava Barrett
Daughter of Maureen Barrett, DGC member.*



OUR NEXT MEETING is on April 17th, 2018 at 1:00 PM at the Community Church of Douglaston, 2nd floor Parlor.

PROGRAM: Flower Show Preparation/ Discussion and demonstration of Design Classes in Flower Show by Marion Romeo. In this program, Marion will work on samples of designs that we are having in our May Flower Show. Be sure to attend as this will certainly help getting our creative juices flowing.

2018 FLOWER SHOW: In preparation for our Tuesday May 15th, 2018 Flower Show, we will have one last workshop on **April 17th at 9:30 am** in the Fellowship

Hall. Everyone doing a design should try to attend and bring containers and plant material/dried items as we will be working their designs. **DO NOT MISS THIS LAST CHANCE TO ASK CAROLYN FOR ADVICE!**

Carolyn is happy to report that at this point in time all design openings have been filled!

CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION NEWS:

Mark your calendars for our 2018 It's My Park Spring Clean-up days:

- **Saturday April 21st at the Glenwood Landing Park 39th Road, Little Neck - 9:30 am - 4pm with the participation of volunteers from the Westmorland Association, Inc.**
- **Saturday April 28th at Catharine Richardson-Turner Park 40-50 Douglaston Pkwy - 9:30 am -4pm with the participation of St Anastasia Boy Scout Troup #153, led by Nam & Patrician Yoon.**

We are happy to confirm that this year again that Jeff, the owner of TOSKANA Pizzeria <http://www.toskanapizza.com> has offered to donate several pizza pies to our volunteers!

New: At both It's My Park Days events, we will have an informational table on the Douglaston Garden Club with application for memberships available. We need volunteers for this! If you are proud of your Club, please come forward and contact either Patricia Yoon: yoopatricia3@gmail.com or me: c.touwsma@gmail.com

On March 30th, a meeting with NYC Parks Managers, myself, Patricia Yoon and Suzanne Campese took place. Several options were outlined to us as to what the Horticultural section of the NYC Parks could provide to enhance the Catharine Turner Richardson and Glenwood Landing Parks. To be followed on April 28th! This is yet another sign of our extremely good cooperation with them with one goal: the beautification of our neighborhood!

SPRING BAKE SALE: Our semi-annual Bake Sale will take place on April 28th in front of Douglas Montgomery's Home NY Real Estate Office: 40-60 Douglaston Parkway, Douglaston NY 11363. **This is a very important fund raising event for the Douglaston Garden Club, so this year more than ever, we ask all members to bake more!** Drop off is either on Friday April 27th between 4 PM- 6Pm or Saturday, April 28 from 9 AM- 10 Am at HOME NY Real Estate office. **Volunteers will be needed setting up around 9AM and to help during the sale.**

JUNE ANNUAL LUNCHEON: Thursday June 14th is confirmed to take place at the Douglaston Club, 600 West Drive, Douglas Manor NY 11363. **Cost pp will be \$55** – An invitation will be sent out to all members in May. Please be mindful that this fundraiser portion of our June Luncheon is necessary to keep our programs alive during the year and of course, it adds loads of fun to our luncheon. The Luncheon Committee counts on your creativity and production. Baskets should be completed and well presented -- no odd and ends, please!

-- **Raffle Prizes for Luncheon:** Completed raffle baskets should be brought to the Douglaston Club on the day of the luncheon between 9 AM – 11AM so that the raffle committee can number each basket before all the guests arrive. Please be sure to attach a card on your basket donation notating a theme and basket contents. Kindly contact Martha Gotz, 718 -225 2135

WEBSITE UPDATE: www.douglastonqcc.org

Thanks to the help of Kevin of CelesIT, Inc.: I am pleased to report that our newly created org website has just been updated with our most recent Philadelphia Trip pictures, our February and March Newsletters as well as Mary Tobacco's Horticultural Tidbits. Since we are such a busy and productive group, this is an on-going project!

A special thank you Kevin. Please note that Dr." Kim makes house calls! So, do not hesitate to reach out to him @ 929/267 5800 --CelesIT, Inc.: 251-11 Northern Blvd, Little Neck, NY11362

APRIL HOSPITALITY:

Please deliver hospitality offerings by 12:30-12:45 PM as hospitality time begins promptly at 1:00 PM.

Centerpiece	Mary Tobacco			
Cookies	Eileen O'Flannigan	Pam Timoyanis		
Sandwiches	Erika Palafox	Gianna Negovetti	Mary Taylor	Maria Santalesa

Plus, we will be celebrating Helen Kubis' 98th birthday!

MEMBERSHIP. A new member from Great Neck who was voted in at our last March board meeting. Her name is Marisa Katzurin. Welcome to our Club, Marisa! Applications should be addressed to maura.wrynn@gmail.com

OUTREACH. Please continue to bring new small toiletries to Gloria Brehl for the Madonna Heights Women's Shelter.

AROUND TOWN:

Sunday April 15: --HoneyGramz Store opening:

We are pleased to announce that Ruth Harrigan our dear beekeeper and DGC member will be opening a new store in Queens at the New World Flushing Shopping Center located 136-20 Roosevelt Ave, Flushing NY 11354. Check her website for other locations where to buy her pure and delicious honey. <http://honeygramz.com>

Thursday April 19: --APEC Green Gala

Terrace on the Park – Flushing Meadows Corona Park
52-11 111th St, Flushing, NY 11368

To support the center and purchase sponsorships, please call 718-229-4000

Saturday April 21: --Spring Cleaning – Shred Day:

The Queens Office of Daniel Gale Sotheby's International Realty is hosting a free community event with Shred-It to help our local residents with Spring Cleaning: 10:00 am- 1:00pm in the Divine Wisdom Academy Parking Lot 45-11 245th St. Douglaston NY. For more information, please call 718 762 22 68.

Monday April 23: -- 2nd District Spring Meeting & Luncheon @ Mediterranean Manor – 303 E Main St. Patchogue NY 11782.

Lunch served at 12:30pm, followed by Floral Designer Renee Tucci. Cost \$50. For your reservations, checks should be made out to the Douglaston Garden Club and sent out to our Treasurer Gloria Brehl or could be given to her at our next April 17th meeting.

Thursday May 3: --The Woman's Club of Douglaston invites you and your friends to their "Annual Luncheon & Meeting at the Manhasset Bay Yacht Club, Port Washington. NY – Cost \$55 pp, check made out to Woman's Club of Douglaston and sent out to Linda Akers: 105 Grosvenor St, Douglaston NY 11363-- RSVP by April 23

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