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**FROM THE EDITOR:**

**AU REVOIR 2019 – BON JOUR 2020!**

**GOODBYE 2019 – HELLO 2020.**

As we are already into 2020, we decided it would be interesting to reflect on some thoughts. **“Where does the time go”?** How many times have we said: “I didn’t have time to call...”; “I didn’t have time to see...”; “I just don’t have time to help you out right now”. “There’s simply not enough hours in the day to .....!!!! (*fill in the blanks with your own procrastinations*)”.

Yet as has been pointed out, we all have exactly the same number of hours per day that were given to Helen Keller, Louis Pasteur, Michelangelo, Mother Teresa, Leonardo Da Vinci, Thomas Jefferson and Albert Einstein. *Need we say more!!!*

It has also been said that: in truth, people can generally make time for what they choose to do. It is not really the time, but the will that is lacking.

Another notable quotable: “The bad news is time flies. The good news is you're the pilot”.

Of course, if we are organized and focused, then that person, **YOU**, in the same 24 hours (*which we all have*), can accomplish just about anything on her agenda.

Case in point: when we inquired of a young cardiologist we know who practices in a very successful busy medical group, how he does it all. (*An*

*aside: He has two young children aged 3 and 5, a wife, a home, etc.)* He revealed that he arrives at the hospital between 4:30 and 5:00 A.M.; tends to all his paper work; prepares reports, billing, etc. so when he sees his first patient, he is fully ready to face the day. This schedule allows him to leave the hospital/office in time to see his young children, have dinner and share the nighttime ritual. We are truly impressed by such organization and dedication. We call it getting the job done *(and happily we might add)*.

So ladies, **LET US RESOLVE** to use our time in a wiser, more efficient manner. **LET US RESOLVE** to use our time to remember our women members who would love a phone call *(it may be their only contact all day)*. **LET US RESOLVE** to visit our women members who may be ill or unable to socialize *(you may be the only person they will have seen in a while)*. **LET US RESOLVE** to take the time *(remember we all have the same 24 hours)* to help one another in any way, great or small *(perhaps a lunch date you have been meaning to arrange with someone because you just don't have the time to chat at the Club)*. **LET US RESOLVE** that in this new year we shall take/make the time *(same 24 hours)* to volunteer in some capacity – be it hospital, library, school, or perhaps, your own Woman's Club! ***There is always a need somewhere.***

**Find it!**

And, finally, **LET US RESOLVE** that when 2021 rolls in, we can say with great satisfaction: **"I read the book"; "I visited my friend"; "I called my neighbor"; "I volunteered my services no matter how small to those in need";** and , **"I volunteered to serve on a committee of my Woman's Club"**.

***I did it all because I am a woman, and I can, and I did!***

***Wishing you all a Happy and Healthy New Year***

## **ST. VALENTINE'S DAY, 2020**



**"Tis better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all".**

**"If I had a flower for every time I thought of you... I could walk through my garden forever"  
(Alfred Lord Tennyson)**

"The best thing in life to hold onto in life is each other". (Audrey Hepburn).

There are many descriptions of **St. Valentine's Day**, which dates back to the Roman Empire anywhere from 270 A.D. to 498 A.D. It is written that Valentine was a priest who became a Saint. He supposedly went against an oppressive state and stood for lovers. Later he was arrested and beheaded!  
***(Personally, I would rather have chocolate or flowers than a head!)***

Yet another historian indicated its origin as a Western Christian Feast Day honoring two early Saints named **Valentine**. It is recognized as a significant, cultural, religious and **commercial** celebration of romance and

romantics in many regions around the world. The first commercially made **Valentine's Card** dates back to 1840s.

While we recognize, realize and acknowledge that **Valentine's Day** is a day set aside in the U.S. and other countries, for lovers, sweethearts, soul mates, husbands, wives, girlfriends, boyfriends, wife/wife, husband/husband, can we not simply acknowledge it as a **day of love for all mankind** – a day for us to love each other – for us to love our mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, children, grandchildren, friends, etc. **What a lovely way to spend the day - loving.** Let's embrace the day – of course, enjoy the chocolates, the flowers, etc., but share the loving gifts with each other. Perhaps bring a flower or two to your neighbor; share your candy with a friend. **Most important, share the love! Spread the love – it is infectious after all – "Love thy neighbor as thyself".**

It is written that there is no greater love than a mother for her child. While we are not all mothers, we all have or had a mother. We, hopefully, all know a mother's love. How would it feel if we didn't know the joy and magnificence of love? Love is not exclusive to humans. We love our pets. We love our country. We love our God. **Let's remember to love each other.**

We women of the **Woman's Club of Douglaston** share our love with each other and our community. We stand proudly with each other, and we are there for each other in good times and in bad. **That, my friends in my humble opinion, is what love is.**

**Happy Valentine's Day!**

### ***The Woman's Club of Douglaston***

will meet on

**Thursday, February 13, 2020**

**at 1:00 pm**

at the

Douglaston Club  
600 West Drive Douglaston, NY

## *Program and Meeting Highlights:*

### **Louis Armstrong, Jazz Legend, and Queens Resident**

Jazz history comes to life in Corona, Queens, where ["Satchmo"](#) chose to live with his wife, Lucille, from 1943-1971. Although celebrated and world famous, he lived in a working-class neighborhood, was unpretentious, and enjoyed the company of neighbors—especially the children who lived near him on the block. The house is now a museum owned by the City of New York and run under the auspices of Queens College.

Lucille generously bequeathed the house to honor her beloved husband's life and perpetuate his memory and extraordinary achievements. You will be given a video tour of the museum and see interesting artifacts, unusual furnishings that reflect Lucille's decorating tastes (which were at times extravagant), and an array of appliances from the period that will bring back memories and feelings of nostalgia in many of us.

Overall, the museum is an amazingly, well-preserved time capsule of the period.

We will examine the life of this acknowledged musical genius and humanitarian through narrated video and discussion.

**Ricky Riccardi** is the Director of Research Collections for the Louis Armstrong House Museum. He is a radio commentator and author of ***What a Wonderful World: The Magic of Louis Armstrong's Later Years.***

**The Book Club** will meet at **12:15 p.m.** Join Joan Curran and other Book Club members **in the Bar Room** prior to our General Meeting. ***This month's selection is Pearl by Mary Gordon. Joan recommends reading this book prior to Mary's appearance at our March meeting.***

**AS THE WCD GOES DIGITAL MEMBERS WHO DO NOT HAVE EMAIL WILL RECEIVE NOTICES BY MAIL.**

**Remember: "A good friend is a connection to life -- a tie to the past, a road to the future, the key to sanity in a totally insane world. More people are focusing on friendships later in life -- and research reveals the many health benefits".**

**Stay socially connected at the Woman's Club of Douglaston!**

Warm regards,

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