

County Leitrim Society of New York



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Dear Member,

Spring is in the air! We were blessed with another mild winter this year and it's lovely to watch the rebirth and growth all around us. Now it's time to get out and enjoy the long bright evenings. Hope you all had a lovely Easter and that the Easter Bunny stopped by with some goodies!

We had a very busy but exciting month of **March**. Our **Dinner Dance** was a great success, thanks to our two great guests **Alice** and **Patricia**. A big **'Thank you'** to everyone who attended and contributed in any way to making it such an enjoyable night. We marched in the **Mineola** and **NYC** parades, and representation will also be on **McLean Avenue** and in **Bayside** on **Saturday March 6th**. Thank you to all those who came along and for helping with carrying Banners and Flags.

For those marching on McLean Avenue the day begins with **mass** at **St. Barnabas** at **11.00 am**. **County Leitrim Society** will assemble at **First Street** and **McLean Avenue (by Chase Bank)** at **12.30**. The **parade commences** at **1:00 pm**. **Please bring your sash.**

If you are marching in **Bayside** the **Leitrim Society** will assemble on **214th Place** between **34th** and **35th Avenue (off Bell Blvd)** at **12:30**. The **parade commences** at **1.00 pm**. **Please bring your sash.**

Our **April meeting** will be held on **Thursday April 18th** at **'Bourbon Street Bar & Restaurant, 40-12 Bell Blvd, Bayside, NY, 11361** at **7.30 PM**. All members, new and old, are invited to attend. If you would like to participate virtually, via **ZOOM** the **ID Number** is **530 678 7556** and the **Passcode** is **707748**. For further assistance, please contact **Meg McKeon-Baker** at **718-445-8365**.

Leitrim supporters came out in throngs last Saturday hoping the team would be home some silverware. However, this was not to be this time, but the excitement and anticipation lifted the whole county, and brought Leitrim people together from all over. It was a great achievement that they got to play in **Croke Park** again, and being promoted to Division 3. Wishing Andy Moran and his team the very best of luck. In contrast, his u20 team gave a stellar performance, beating Mayo 3-12 to 0-16 this week in Ballinamore. The best is yet to come!

The **Leitrim 50 Mile Challenge** was a huge success again this year. The support was very much appreciated by Leitrim GAA and LGFA.

Payment of dues for 2024 are also being accepted now and can be paid in person at any upcoming meeting, or by mailing your check to the **Financial Secretary** at the **P.O. address above**. **Dues are still only \$20.00 per person or \$30.00 per couple.**

Scholarship Reminder – Closing date for applications is **April 15th, 2024**. Don't delay, remember ***if you're not in you can't win***. Please return the completed form to **Bernadette Dunleavy, 238 Blackford Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10704**. The drawing will take place at our May meeting.

Reminder - A Fundraiser to benefit the **Kevin Bell Repatriation Trust (KBRT)** will take place in the **Irish American Center, 297 Willis Ave, Mineola, NY, 11550** on **Sunday April 14th 2024** beginning at **2pm**. This organization has helped to repatriate close to 1700 remains home to their families in Ireland from all over the world. Donation at the door. Super Raffle, Chinese Auction and 50/50 Raffle. Live Music all day. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Please remember our **sick members**: Brigid Buggy, Bob Stauff, Marguerite Beirne, Sean Payne (Connecticut), Tommy Moran (Ballinamore), and any other sick members not mentioned here. Please keep them all in your prayers.

Condolences to our Treasurer, **Meg McKeon-Baker** on the recent death of her brother-in-law **Dennis Lynch**, to the **Fee family** in **Glenfarne** who suffered a double bereavement recently. Peter Fee passed away in New York, and days later his sister Stella McGuire died at home in Leitrim, and to the **McGarty** family on the passing of Ellen (Ella), wife of famed Leitrim Footballer, **Packy**. Please pray for the family of Longford native, **Sarah McNally** (41), who lost her young life so tragically at her workplace, in Maspeth, Queens on Easter Saturday night. May her soul and all our deceased Rest in Peace.

We would also like to send condolences to Councillor Justin Warnock, Cathaoirleach, Leitrim County Council, who attended our Dinner Dance. Sadly, he had to make an unexpected trip home for the funeral of his sister, Mary Curneen, Kinlough. He traveled back again to New York and marched with us in our parade up 5th Avenue.

We continue to pray for the health and safety of all our ***first responders***, ***medical staff*** and all ***essential service employees***. Please pray for peace around our troubled world.

Sincerely,

Margaret-Taylor-Finucane
President

Anna Mulvey Buggy
Corresponding Secretary