

County Leitrim Society of New York



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Dear Member,

It's **February** and the **Groundhog** says, ***we have an early Spring.*** Hope he's right.

Our **February meeting** will be held **Thursday February 15th, 2024 at 7:30PM** at the **Heritage Bar and Restaurant, 960 McLean Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10704**. All are welcome to join our monthly meeting in person or ***virtually via Zoom***. As always, new members are encouraged to attend. The **Zoom** meeting's **ID number** is **530 678 7556**, **Passcode** is **707748**. We look forward to **'seeing'** you all there. For Zoom assistance, please contact **Meg McKeon-Baker at (718) 445-8365**.

Dance Reminder: Our 127th Annual St Patrick's Day Dance will take place on **Friday March 8th, 2024 at Antun's, 96-43 Springfield Blvd, Queens Village, NY 11429**. The deluxe cocktail hour will begin at **7:00pm**, followed by dinner and dancing to **'Rumor Has It Band'**. Tickets are **\$125.00** each. For reservations please contact **Meg McKeon-Baker at (718) 445-8365** or email to Leitrim.Reservations@gmail.com. Please make all checks payable to "County Leitrim Society of NY". For Journal enquiries please contact **Anna Mulvey-Buggy at (347) 371-0023** or **Sharon Brady at (914) 224-1158** or you can email to leitrimsocnyjournal24@gmail.com. Please make your reservations early; payment prior to the dance is greatly encouraged and appreciated. Please make checks payable to 'County Leitrim Society of NY' and return to **Meg McKeon-Baker 5-17 125th Street, College Point, NY 11356** before **March 1st, 2024**.

As previously noted, our **Guest of Honor** is **Alice O'Brien-Bermejo** who is a native of **Drumkeerin, Co. Leitrim**. Alice and her husband have three businesses in the Bronx. She was the founder of the **Irish Chipper Truck on McLean Avenue**.

The **Distinguished Service Award Recipient** will be **Patricia Heslin-Clarke**, who was born in **Cattan, Mohill, Co. Leitrim** in the parish of **Gortletteragh**. Patricia has been a long-time supporter of the Leitrim Society and all its events.

Thank you to everyone who supported our **Superbowl Fundraiser**. We sold all 100 boxes. Good luck to everyone. Hope you have the winning numbers!

Payment of dues for 2024 are 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 \$20.00 per person or \$30.00 per couple**.

AOH Rockland County Emerald Ball will take place on **Saturday, February 24th, 2024 at the Pearl River Hilton at 7pm**. Cocktail Hour 7-8pm followed by Dinner and Dancing with the **McLean Avenue Band**. Tickets **\$150.00 per person**. Businesspersons of the Year, **Ryan and Courtney Traynor, All Boro Flooring**.

Scholarship – Please visit our Scholarship page for an application form for the Scholarship along with a copy of the rules for participation. Please return the completed form to **Bernadette Dunleavy, 238 Blackford Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10704** by **April 15th, 2024**. The winners will be drawn at our May meeting.

The Installation Reception honoring Maggie C. Timoney, the 2024 Grand Marshal of the 263rd NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade and her **Aides** will take place on **Sunday February 25th, 2024 at 3pm** in **Antun's, 96-43 Springfield Blvd, Queens Village, NY 11429**. We congratulate Aide at Large Treasa C. Goodwin-Smyth. This is an opportunity to meet and greet!

Hudson Valley 15th Anniversary "Irish Fest Fundraiser" on **Sunday March 10th, 2024 at 7pm** at **Paramount Hudson Valley Theater**. Daisy Jopling Band (featuring local talented students) and The Narrowbacks. For more information, please email **Dan Dennehy** at dandennehy@hotmail.com.

Mark your calendars – Yonkers St. Patrick's Day Parade on McLean Avenue will be on **Saturday March 23rd, 2024**. Grand Marshal is Moira Kiernan. More details next month.

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. Your support is greatly appreciated. A flyer is attached with all the information.

"The **50 Mile Challenge – January 2024 Fundraiser**" for the **Leitrim GAA** was a fantastic success again this year. Congratulations to all those who took part. Final results are not published yet, donations are still coming in. Walkers from more than **58 countries** participated in the challenge. It has also become a huge social media event with people posting beautiful pictures of Leitrim and locations all over the world, not to mention all the health benefits derived from being in the outdoors. Further information will be published later.

Please remember our **sick members**: Brigid Buggy who is receiving ongoing treatment. We also remember any other member who is not listed. Wishing them all a full recovery.

Please pray for our deceased: Steven Slevin (son of Maisie and Bill) who died in Florida. **May all our departed Rest in Peace.**

Wishing you all a very **Happy Valentine's Day.**

Sincerely,

Margaret Taylor Finucane
President

Anna Mulvey Buggy
Corresponding Secretary

Attachments: Kevin Bell Repatriation Trust Fundraiser