

County Leitrim Society of New York



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Dear Member,

We are in the middle of March madness again. Spring is in the air, birds are singing, and everyone wants to be Irish this month! Remember the **clocks go forward** this weekend, so we can enjoy longer and brighter evenings.

Thank you to everyone who marched with us last Sunday March 3rd in the **Mineola Parade**. It was a great day, glorious sunshine with lovely refreshments and entertainment provided in the **Irish American Center**.

Thank you to everyone who supported our **NFL Superbowl Fundraiser**. Congratulations to our winners; **Paddy Gormley** (Half Time) and **Meg McKeon-Baker** who won the Final.

We invite you to march with us on **Saturday March 16th 2024** in the **New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade**. **County Leitrim will assemble at 2:55 PM at West 48th Street between 5th Avenue and 6th Avenue**. We are after County Longford and ahead of County Wexford. Please read and adhere to the parade rules and regulations enclosed.

Our **March meeting** will be held on **Thursday March 21st at the Heritage Bar and Restaurant, McLean Avenue, Yonkers, NY at 7.30 PM**. Please try to attend. We invite new members. If you would like to participate 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**.

Scholarship Reminder – Please remember to 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.

Payments of dues for 2024 are now being accepted 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**.

The **New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade committee** announced its annual **College Level and High School Level Research Paper Contest**. In memory of three outstanding Parade leaders who have gone on to their eternal rewards, namely **Francis P. Beirne, Margaret O'Rourke and Rosemary Lombard**. **Three awards** will be given in each category and are based on scores from independent judges. Applicants must submit **completed Research Paper** with the **official application form** scanned and attached no later than **Thursday April 11th, 2024**. **Winners will be announced by Friday, May 17th 2024**. For information please contact **Catherine Tully Muscente** at **516-323-4710** or via email to paradescholarship@molloy.edu.

Please **mark your calendar** for the **67th Annual Yonkers St. Patrick's Parade** on **McLean Avenue, Saturday March 23rd 2024**. The day begins with **mass at St. Barnabas High School Chapel at 11.15 AM**. **County Leitrim** will assemble at **First Street and McLean Avenue (by Chase Bank) at 12 Noon**. The parade will commence at **1:00 PM**. **Please bring your sash**.

The **Bayside Parade** will take place on **Saturday April 6th, 2024 at 1pm**. Assembly is at **35th Avenue and Bell Boulevard, Bayside**. Parade **Grand Marshal is Sean Lane, Chairman – NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade**. The Leitrim Society will be marching, please join us if you are available. This is always a very enjoyable day out for all the family.

We are requesting members to consider using **email** as their primary form of communication. This helps to get information out more efficiently, and therefore reduces our mailing expenses. If this is your choice please provide an email address to any Officer or by mailing to the P.O. Box above.

Please remember our **sick members** – Brigid Buggy, Bob Stauff (recent fall), Marguerite Beirne (recovering from recent surgery) and any other members who were not made known to us. Please keep them all in your prayers.

Our deepest condolences to the **Regan family, Noreen (Leggiero), Terence and Brendan** and their families on the sad and sudden passing of their beloved brother **Michael** (Mick). The loss of two siblings within six months is very profound. Michael was a very familiar face at all Leitrim events. We will miss him at our future gatherings. Condolences to the family of **Patrick McGirl (Aughavas)** who passed away earlier this week in New Jersey, and to the family of **John Mulvey (Aughnasheelin)**. May all our departed Rest in Peace.

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

This week we celebrate International Women's Day, we salute all the great women in our Society.

Have a wonderful Saint Patrick's Day. May the sun shine on our Parade!

Sincerely,

Margaret Taylor Finucane
President

Anna Mulvey Buggy
Corresponding Secretary

Parade Rules and Regulations 2024

- 1. All units must have two (2) flags. Irish & American flags or no flags at all. NO EXCEPTIONS!!**
 - An American flag on the right end and an Irish flag on the left.
- 2. A minimum of eight (8) abreast. Ten (10) if room is available.**
 - A unit with 250+ members must march 10 abreast.
- 3. Two (2) marshals from each marching unit should bring up the rear.**
- 4. The only banners allowed are ones identifying the unit or 'England Get Out of Ireland'.**
 - ONLY ONE BANNER FOR EACH UNIT. NO EXCEPTIONS!
- 5. Green hats, sneakers or other 'odd ball' dress is not permitted.**
- 6. No animals or mascots.**
- 7. No eating, drinking or smoking in the line of March.**
- 8. No displays of any kind will be permitted.**
- 9. Units should make sure they are in proper formation before approaching Fifth Avenue**
- 10. After units get on Fifth Avenue, no stragglers should be allowed to join the unit. Unit marshals should be on the alert for this at each intersection. Please be vigilant.**
- 11. Leaders of organizations shall not delay the Parade by leaving their place for any purpose**
- 12. Shirts with advertising are NOT an appropriate form of dress. No children's pull or push wagons permitted.**
- 13. Please remember: you are on 5th Ave. for one hour, once a year and you should march with pride in your heritage and dress accordingly; BUSINESS DRESS CODE IS REQUIRED.**
- 14. Given recent protests in New York, in the event there is a protest on Fifth Avenue, no one is to engage protesters, that is the job of the NYPD**

PLEASE NOTE: Affiliated organizations will be held responsible for the conduct of their marchers