

County Leitrim Society of New York



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Dear Member,

I cannot believe we are almost half way through the year already and winding down our Society activities for summer break. The time goes by so fast each year.

Our **May meeting** will be held on **Friday, May 19th, 2023 at 7:30pm in the Heritage Bar, 960 McLean Avenue, Yonkers, NY**. All members are welcome to attend. If you would like to participate virtually via **ZOOM**, the **ID Number is 530 678 7556 and Passcode is 707748**. For further assistance, please contact **Meg McKeon-Baker at 718-445-8365**. We will have the drawing for the Scholarship winners at this meeting. Refreshments will be served. **Please note date change!**

'Welcome' to our new members: **Rory McNamee** and **Bernard McNamee**. We thank you for becoming part of the **Leitrim Society** and look forward to seeing you at an upcoming meeting.

An **International Famine Day Commemoration** will take place on **May 21st 2023**. There will be a walk back in time to retrace the steps of our Irish Ancestors on land and water during the years of **The Great Hunger**, and to help paint a clearer picture of the Irish Famine emigrant experience in America.

* **Meeting place is Whitehall Terminal, Manhattan 1:00 PM.**

***Depart on Staten Island Ferry 1:30 PM.**

***Arrive at St. George Terminal, Staten Island 1:55 PM.**

***FAMINE WALK and HISTORY OF THE IRISH FAMINE VICTIMS' ARRIVAL, TREATMENT and JOURNEY through THE MARINE HOSPITAL and QUARANTINE STATION on STATEN Marine Hospital & Quarantine Station Staten Island, New York, 25 Central Ave Staten Island, NY 10301-2501.**

***Laying of wreaths and memorial flowers on mass Irish Famine Victim's Grave at 2:45 PM.**

Distribution of commemorative ribbons to those in attendance. Please bring biodegradable flowers/offering to leave on the mass grave. Lynn Rogers of Abandoned and Forgotten Cemeteries of Staten Island will talk about the History of the Marine Hospital and Quarantine Station and its connection with the Irish Famine, commonly referred to as '**An Gorta Mor**', or **The Great Hunger**. Loretta Leary discusses the connection with the Irish Great Hunger Museum of Fairfield Great Hunger Museum's exhibit by Rowan Gillespie – Statistic 1 & 2. For **questions** please contact **Pat Gannon (215) 990-9801**.

Payment of dues for 2023 should be mailed to the **Financial Secretary** at the **P.O. Box** address above. **Dues are still only \$20.00 per person or \$30.00 per couple.**

'Mark your Calendar' – The **GAA of Greater New York 89th Annual Banquet** will be held on **Saturday, June 10th, 2023** at the **Fairways at Dunwoodie**. We are very proud to congratulate our own **Frank Brady**, who will receive this year's **'Lifetime Achievement Award'**. A most deserving honoree, having done so much for GAA both on and off the field. A lifetime of dedicated service. Please see attached flyer with all the information about this event. We know this will be a great night.

The **United Irish Counties Association of New York** will hold their **83rd Annual Feis** on **Sunday June 11th 2023** at **Saunders Trades and Technical High School, 183 Palmer Road, Yonkers, NY**. Volunteers are always needed on June 10th and 11th for both setting up and keeping the day running smoothly. If you are available to help please contact Regina at (914) 513-4476. For Information please check their website at <https://www.uicany.org/> or you can email them at UICANYFeis@gmail.com. Feis registration is available at <https://feisweb.com/> . **Deadline for entries is June 4th, 2023. For more information,** please contact **Cathy Hogan @ 646-489-5258**. **The Leitrim Society has donated a trophy in memory of a great lady who is dearly missed, Pidgie Murray.**

Please remember our sick members: **Mary Callaghan, Martin Beirne, Angelo Leggiero, Maureen Winters** and **Mary Mitchell** (sister of Cathy Miceli) who is recovering from recent surgery. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

Condolences to the family of **Agnes Beirne**, a longtime member and very loyal supporter, who passed away recently at the **age of 97**. We thank the family for their kind consideration of the **Scholarship Fund** in their suggestion for donations. Condolences to the family of **Aidan Scott, Port Washington, NY** (native of **Carrick-on-Shannon**), who sadly passed away while vacationing in Ireland, and to the family of **Kevin O'Donnell (Corry, Drumkeerin)**. Mary 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** who continue their heroic work on the **front lines**. We thank them for their continued service. Please continue to pray for peace in our torn world.

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers in our Society! We also remember all those no longer with us on this day.

Sincerely,

Margaret Taylor Finucane
President

Anna Mulvey Buggy
Corresponding Secretary