

County Leitrim Society of New York



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Dear Member,

This year is just going way too fast! We are in October already and the holidays are just around the corner again. Hope you're all enjoying the beautiful Fall.

Our **October meeting** will be on **Thursday, October 19th, 2023 *in Queens!!*** The venue is the **'Nola Room'** at **Bourbon Street Restaurant, 40-12 Bell Blvd, Bayside, NY 11361 @ 7:30 pm.** Please try to attend and, if possible, maybe you can encourage someone to come. We always need help. If you would like to participate virtually via **ZOOM**, the **ID number is 530 678 7556** and **Passcode is 707748.** For **Zoom** assistance, please contact **Meg McKeon-Baker @ (718) 445-8365.**

We are now planning for our **Annual Memorial Mass/Scholarship Dance** on **Sunday afternoon, November 12th, 2023** at **Dunwoodie Golf Club, 1 Wasylenko Lane, Yonkers, NY 10701.** The evening will begin earlier this year, at **3 pm with Mass**, celebrated by our **Chaplain, Monsignor Pat Whitney**, followed by dinner, dancing and presentation of scholarships. **Please remember to return your raffle tickets and payment to Bernadette Dunleavy, 238 Blackford Ave, Yonkers, NY 10704 before November 8th.** Checks should be made payable to the **'County Leitrim Scholarship Fund'**. If you plan to attend, please make your **reservation with Bernadette at (917) 648-2144. Admission for adults is \$70.00, young adults 12 and older \$25.00 and children 12 and younger \$10.00.** This is always a lovely event in beautiful surroundings. We thank you in advance for your support.

Congratulations to **Sharon Brady** for completing the **Berlin Marathon** recently. We are all very proud of your accomplishment, especially at this difficult time. We would also like to thank the Brady family for the beautiful memorial mass for the late Helen which was held on Friday, October 6th, which would have been her 70th birthday. Sharon you gave a beautiful and meaningful eulogy. Helen is missed so much by our Society. May she Rest in Peace

Payment of dues for 2024 should be mailed to the **Financial Secretary** at P.O. Box above; dues are **\$20.00** per person, **\$30.00** per couple.

Billy Keenan has written a book, **'The Road to Resilience, The Billy Keenan Story'**. A couple of our members have already read it and report that it is a profound read. The book can be purchased on Amazon. A great suggestion for the long dark nights, or maybe a gift for Christmas for an avid reader. We wish Billy well.

The Society will take part in a **membership drive social** on **Sunday November 19th at 4:00 pm at Moriarity's on McLean Avenue, Yonkers** together with the County Clare and Mayo Societies. More details will be provided in the next newsletter.

The **United Irish Counties Association of New York** are once again offering their annual **Essay Contest**, for both **High School and College levels**. Information can be downloaded from their website at www.uicany.org/essay.html. The **closing date** for completed applications is **December 23rd, 2023**. For High School applications please email Kathleen V. Mattessich at kvmattessich@gmail.com and for College please email Mae O'Driscoll at maeodriscoll@aol.com. Good luck!

Our society is once again running an **NFL Superbowl Pool** for the game that will take place in February 2024. The fundraising effort will benefit the Co. **Leitrim GAA**. Half of the proceeds goes to the Leitrim GAA and half to winners. If you are interested in purchasing a box please reach out to **Margaret Taylor Finucane** at **917-655-1493**. Boxes are **\$100 each**. The prizes are \$1,500 for Half-time and \$3,000 final score. Please support this effort. Remember if you're not in, you cannot win! Good luck everyone.

At our September meeting Dessie McWeeney thanked Seamus and Caitriona Clarke for their support of the Leitrim Senior Football team. We are also very excited to announce that our former **Guest of Honor, Pat Gallagher** will be sponsoring the team for the next five years. We have great things to look forward to.

American Irish Association of Westchester is celebrating **49 years**. A **Mass of Remembrance and Thanksgiving** will take place on **Sunday, October 29th, 2023** beginning at **1:00 pm** in the 'Fairways at Dunwoodie'. We have enclosed a flyer with all the information.

New York GAA 2ND Hall of Fame Dinner Dance will take place on **Friday November 10th, 2023** in the **Edison Ballroom, 240 W. 47st, NY 10036**. The Leitrim Society is very proud to congratulate **Frankie Dwyer** on his induction this year. Frankie is so deserving of this award for all his years of supporting the NY GAA. Also, being inducted is **Maurice Foley** (Limerick), his wife Teresa is a Leitrim lady, and **Donal O'Sullivan** (Kerry) who founded Navillus construction. Congratulations to all.

We remember our deceased: **Joseph Fallon (Mullingar), Brother-In-Law of Donal O'Connell, Patrick Lee (Edenderry, Co. Offaly/ formerly Aughavas), Killian Murray (brother of Thomas), John James McKeon (Mohill)**. May they all 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 great work keeping us safe. Let us also pray for an end to the terrible war in Israel. We know that both American and Irish people are very affected at this time.

Happy Halloween everybody, 'Trick or Treat' and be safe!!

Sincerely,

Margaret Taylor Finucane
President

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