

Leitrim Society of NY April, 2019 Online Newsletter

April 7th, 2019

Dear Member,

After a very busy month of March with Dances and Parades it's nice to look back and say, "It was a great month." The daffodils are blooming, and birds are singing. Spring is here and soon we will be getting ready for Easter.

We had a very successful Annual Dinner Dance. The numbers in attendance and very large Journal speaks volumes of our two great guests, Paul Quinn and Anna Mulvey Buggy. Thank you to everyone who was involved in any way in making it such a wonderful night. A special congratulations to Joe and Margaret Taylor on being honored for 60 years of attendance at Leitrim dances. That's dedication and loyalty to their native county.

We had a great day at the New York St. Patrick's Day Parade. It was nice to get on the Avenue so early. We had the largest support in recent years. Thanks to Tommy and Treasa Smyth for the wonderful coverage as we passed by. Mary Grace Mulvey and Shane Murphy both did a wonderful job as Miss Erin and Uncle Sam. Thanks to those who attended the Dance and marched in the Mineola parade. I was very honored to be chosen as an Aide. We also had another great day at the Yonkers parade, and it was especially proud for the Society to march behind our lovely Grand Marshal, Caitriona Clarke on McLean Avenue. Despite the wind gusts County Leitrim won the 'Timothy Murphy Memorial Trophy' for the Best Marching Unit - Irish Counties category. Well done to everyone.

Our April meeting will take place in Queens. This month because of Easter Week we will hold our meeting on TUESDAY April 16th at 7.30pm at the VFW Hall, 198-09 33rd Avenue, Bayside (just off Francis Lewis Blvd). Please see directions at bottom of letter. We hope to see more Queens members and maybe a few new faces.

Payment of dues is being accepted and can be paid at this meeting or by mailing to the Financial Secretary at the P.O. Box address above. Dues are \$20.00 per person or \$30.00 per couple.

Detective Barney Ferguson 5th Annual May Day fundraiser will take place on Thursday May 30th, 2019 from 6-10 PM at Juliano's Caterers, 700 Main Street, New Rochelle, NY 10801 (914) 633 3700 (I-95 North to Exit 15 New Rochelle. At the end of ramp, 1/2 mile North to Juliano's on the right). Please support this worthy event if you can.

Leitrim Weekend in Catskills Friday, June 14th to Sunday June 16th, 2019, Gavin's Irish Country Inn. For Reservations please call (518) 634-2582 or visit www.gavins.com. Please book early as rooms go fast.

Saturday March 30th, 2019 is a date that will forever be remembered by many. While Leitrim may have lost the game in Croke Park the event turned into the most extraordinary outpouring of county pride. It brought people together from all parts of the world. Stella McGirl from Ballinamore and the infamous Seamus O'Rourke were the highlights of the Late

Late Show the night before the game, and Stella finally got her wish and made front page news in the Leitrim Observer.

A Final Reminder – Closing date for completed applications for the Scholarship is April 15th, 2019. Don't be late, get them in on time

Friends of Irish Freedom's Annual Easter Mass will be on Sunday, April 21st at Downey's Bar & Grill, 5790 Mosholu Ave in the Bronx (west of Broadway) at 10.00 am. Breakfast will follow, cost is \$30.00 per person. Republican speakers will attend and musicians will provide enlightenment for the day. For Reservation and tickets call Friends of Irish Freedom at 718-601-1150.

Please remember our deceased, Pat Clarke (brother of Albert), Tommy Fitzpatrick (brother of Eddie, New Jersey) and Eddie Brady of Bayside. May they all rest in peace.

Your prayers are requested for the following Eddie Verheyen, Joe Cornyn, Damien Murray, Sean Maguire, Lisa Cullen, Maureen Halligan and Breege Muirhead.

Wishing you and your families a Happy and Blessed Easter.

Respectfully Yours,

Desmond McWeeney, President
Anna Mulvey Buggy, Corresponding Secretary

Directions to VFW Hall Bayside

Coming from Bronx/upstate take Throggs Neck Bridge to Queens. Follow Clearview Expressway to 35th Avenue exit. Make a right and continue to Francis Lewis Blvd, make a right, then turn right at 33rd Avenue. VFW is on your left.

From Long Island get off at Francis Lewis Blvd, turn right and continue straight to 33rd Avenue, make a right and VFW is on your left