

Leitrim Society of NY February 2019 Online Newsletter

February 8, 2019

Dear Member,

We survived a few bitter cold snaps in January but already I hear birds singing, so spring is not too far away, even the Groundhog thinks so too.

Please join us for our February meeting on Thursday February 21st, 2019 at The Heritage Bar and Restaurant, McLean Avenue, Yonkers at 7.30 PM. We invite new members, so please if you know somebody bring them along.

Mark your calendar – Our 124th Annual St. Patrick’s Day Dance will take place on Friday March 8th, 2019 at Antun’s, 96-43 Springfield, Blvd, Queens Village, NY. The deluxe cocktail hour will begin at 8:00 PM and will be followed by dinner and dancing to the McLean Avenue Band. Tickets are \$90.00 each. Please make reservations early and payment prior to the dance is greatly encouraged and appreciated. For reservations, please call Bernadette Dunleavy at (917) 648-2144. Please make all checks payable to ‘County Leitrim Society of NY’ and return to Bernadette Dunleavy, 238 Blackford Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10704 before March 3rd. If you need information about Journal Ads please contact Marie Dunleavy at (914) 409-8719. We are looking forward to a great night.

Guest of Honor will be Paul Quinn. Paul was born and raised in Drumshanbo South, Gortletteragh, Co. Leitrim. He is the third oldest of nine children born to Molly Quinn (nee Rowley) and the late Paul Quinn. Paul lives in Manalapan, New Jersey where he owns a successful plumbing business, Paul Quinn Plumbing & Heating Inc. He is married to Barbara (nee Mirabella) and they have three children, Christopher, Lisa and Jessica. Paul is very proud of his Irish heritage and is a frequent visitor back to his native Leitrim. We are delighted to have Paul as our Guest of Honor.

Our Distinguished Service Recipient is Anna Mulvey-Buggy, who is our Corresponding Secretary. Anna was born and raised in Tullynapurtlin, Ballinaglera, Dowra, Co. Leitrim, the oldest of four children born to the late Jack Mulvey and the late Mary Mulvey (nee Dolan) from Drumkeerin. Anna has three brothers, Tony, Seamus and Jackie. Anna came to New York in 1992 and works for New York Health and Hospitals as Assistant Director of Patient Scheduling in Elmhurst Hospital, Elmhurst, New York. Anna has been a member of the Leitrim Society for 20 years. She is very active in all Society events and fundraisers. She is married to Joe Buggy and they reside in Maspeth, New York. We congratulate Anna on being this year’s honoree. Scholarship - Enclosed is an application form 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 30th, 2019. The winners will be drawn at our May meeting. Please read the Rules as changes have been made.

NYC St. Patrick’s Day Parade will be on Saturday March 16th, 2019. This year County Leitrim will assemble at 10:45 AM on West 44th Street, between 5th/6th Ave. We march after Port Authority Police Emerald Society and ahead of County Armagh Association of New York. Enclosed you will find a copy of the Parade Rules. Please make sure to read and adhere.

Leitrim Center of Excellence – If you have suggestions for the inscription to go on the stone purchased by the Leitrim Society please submit to Frank Brady, 41 Halstead Ave, Yonkers, NY 10704 or text to 914-963-8729. The requirement is four lines, 26 characters per line, total of 104 characters. Please remember that commas and spaces count as a character. Full information is available on their website at <https://www.irishap.org/leitrim-gaa>

Congratulations to Caitriona Clarke on being selected as Grand Marshal of the Yonkers St. Patrick's Day Parade. County Leitrim will be the first county up in the Line of March. The Leitrim Society looks forward to marching behind Caitriona on Saturday March 23rd, 2019 at 1PM. Full details will appear in the March newsletter.

Congratulations to our member Neil Callaghan who was recently elected as Recording Secretary for the United Irish Counties Association of New York.

The Irish American Center in Mineola 69th Annual Saint Patrick's Day Parade will be on Sunday March 3rd at 1 PM. Our President Desmond McWeeney has been selected as an Aide to the Grand Marshal. Presentation of sashes will take place at the center on Sunday February 24th at 5pm at the Grand Marshal Dinner, followed by dancing to McLean Avenue Band. We congratulate Dessie and hope that some of you will be able to come and march behind him on the day. Assembly is at Noon at the back of the Courthouse (off Old Country Road). Parade will begin at 1 PM. Refreshments and music will follow at the Center.

Please remember our sick members, Lisa Cullen, Damien Murray, Eddie Verheyen, Eugene Wynne (home from Rehab), Sean Maguire, Maureen Halligan and Breege Muirhead (sisters of Donal O'Connell). We also wish Frankie Dwyer a speedy recovery from the recent knee injury he sustained.

Please pray for all our deceased members namely Patricia Creamer (Pat), wife of the late Christy, Frank Fox (Rossinver), Evelyn Musich (mother-in-law of the late Peter Bohan), Mary Holt (sister-in-law of Mary Holt Moore), Jimmy Higgins (New Jersey), Mary Callaghan (sister of John and Eddie Bohan). Please remember the families of those four young men in Donegal who died so tragically recently in a single car crash. May they all Rest in Peace.

Wishing you all a very happy Valentine's Day.

Respectfully Yours,

Desmond McWeeney
President

Anna Mulvey Buggy
Corresponding Secretary