

Leitrim Society of NY May, 2019 Online Newsletter

May 2nd, 2019

Dear Member,

It seems such a short time since January 1st and already we are in the month of May. It is nice however to see the signs of spring and we look forward to bright and beautiful days. Hope you all enjoyed a lovely Easter holiday with your family and friends.

Our May meeting will take place on Friday May 17th at the Heritage Bar, McLean Avenue, Yonkers at 7.30 PM. This is our last meeting before we break for summer recess so we would like to see a large attendance. The drawing will take place for our Scholarship winners. Good luck to all our entrants. Refreshments will follow.

Final Reminder - Annual Leitrim Weekend in the Catskills at Gavin's Irish Country Inn will be from Friday June 14th to Sunday June 16th 2019. You can call Gavin's at 518-634-2582 or go to their website www.gavins.com. If you have not reserved your room you better hurry, remember time is running out.

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.

There was great media attention for the recent Leitrim game in Croke Park. Mike Carty and Rosie O'Grady's received a well deserved mention in the Sunday Independent by Colm O'Rourke for their generosity to all things Leitrim and the GAA.

The new Leitrim GAA Centre of Excellence at Annaduff has captured the attention and imagination of people from every parish in the county. The fundraising to complete the development continues. By purchasing a brick for the Wall at the entrance, you will be contributing to the completion of this wonderful Centre and ensuring that our young men and women have facilities that enable them to compete with the best. Earlier in the month we mailed out information with an Order Form. If you decide to purchase a Brick, please complete the order form and return to the committee. For information please contact Frank Brady (914) 536-3512 or Albert Clarke (914) 438-0863.

The United Irish Counties Feis will be held on two days this year, Sunday June 2nd at St. Barnabas Elementary School, 413 East 241st Street, Bronx (Music, Singing and Language Competitions) and Sunday June 9th at Saunders Trades & Technical High School, 183 Palmer Road, Yonkers, NY 10701 (Dance Competitions). Volunteers are always needed. For information please contact Tom Tuffy (914) 774-6997. This year the Leitrim Society will donate a trophy in memory of Mary Verheyen.

We have recently learned that Monsignor Patrick Whitney will retire from his duties at St. Peter of Alcantara in Port Washington. He will be leaving at the end of June and will relocate to Patchogue, New York to assist with the Pastor of that parish. We wish him continued health to perform his ministry and hope that he will be very happy in his new home. We are delighted that he will remain as our Chaplain and look forward to seeing him at our Leitrim gatherings.

Prayers are requested for all our sick: Damien Murray, Joe Cornyn, Eddie Verheyen, Sean Maguire, Maureen Halligan, Lisa Cullen and Margaret O'Rourke.

Please remember our deceased: Rita Wienko (sister of Joe and John Taylor) and aunt to Margaret Taylor Finucane, Breege Muirhead (sister of our 1st Vice President Donal O'Connell) Patrick Hanrahan (uncle of Catriona Clarke) Teresa Clyne (mother of Tommy) and Margie McGee Dwyer from Drumshanbo. May they all Rest in Peace.

Hope you all have a relaxing and enjoyable summer. Looking forward to seeing you all in September. Be safe.

Wishing all mothers a very happy Mothers' Day

Respectfully Yours,

Desmond McWeeney, President
Anna Mulvey Buggy, Corresponding Secretary