

## Leitrim Society of NY January 2020 Online Newsletter

Dear Member:

It's 2020 and the beginning of a new decade. It is also the beginning of my term as **President** and I want to wish you and your families a very Happy, Healthy and Peaceful New Year. We have a very busy year ahead and I am excited to get started.

We had a lovely gathering for our December meeting and Christmas party. Good food and great company in beautiful surroundings, a very enjoyable night was had by all. Thank you to everyone who contributed so generously to our annual Christmas collection which was donated to **The Aisling Center** on McLean Avenue in Yonkers, N.Y.

Please join us for our **January meeting on Thursday January 16th, 2020 at The Heritage Bar and Restaurant, 960 McLean Avenue, Yonkers at 7.30 pm.** We always invite new members to come, so please, if you know somebody, bring them along! We will have a Dance meeting following our regular meeting.

**Mark your calendar – Our Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance** will take place on **Friday March 13th, 2020 at Antun's, 96-43 Springfield Blvd, Queens Village, NY.** This year we will honor a special group of people, namely: **Joe Taylor, Pat Murray, Mike Dillon, Agnes Beirne, Rose Halpin, John Maguire, Mary O'Keefe, Michael O'Rourke, John Taylor and Myra Fisher.** These members have been the backbone of the Society for more than **40 years**, many of whom are **Octogenarians** and some are **Nonagenarians.** These members were instrumental in keeping our traditions and culture alive over this period and this has shaped our Society into the great one we have today. As we celebrate our **125th Anniversary**, it is only fitting that we honor their contribution. We all look forward to what will be a wonderful celebration.

Our Distinguished Service Recipient is **Bernadette Dunleavy.** Bernadette is currently Chairperson of the Scholarship and past President of the Society in 2014-2015. Bernadette was born in the Bronx, NY to the late **Mary Cullen (nee Flynn)** who was raised in **Drumkeerin, Co. Leitrim** and **Tommy Cullen** from **Arigna, Co. Sligo.** Bernadette is married to **Tony Dunleavy** from **Mayo** and they reside in Yonkers. They have **three children, Gerard, Anne and Marie.** Bernadette has worked as a **School Nurse** with **New York Department of Education** for the past 14 years. Bernadette is very active in all society events and fundraisers including the **Annual Memorial Mass and Scholarship Dance.** We congratulate her on being selected for this award and look forward to a great dance. Full details will follow later.

**Payment of dues for 2020** 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.**

**The United Irish Counties Association of New York's 116th Annual Dinner Dance** will take place on **Friday January 31st, 2020** at Antun's, **96-43 Springfield Blvd, Queens Village, NY**. Cocktail hour begins at **7:30 pm** followed by dinner and dancing. 'Gael of the Year' is **Eileen Flannelly Mackell** and **Martin Dunne** will receive the 'Rose Cosgrove Award for Distinguished Service. **Congratulations** to both honorees. For reservations, please contact **Cathy Hogan @ 646-489-5258** or email to [\*\*uicany.reservations@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:uicany.reservations@gmail.com).

**Congratulations** to **Detective Brendan Regan, NYPD** who will be an honoree at the **Irish Echo's Law and Order Awards** for 2020. This event will take place on **Friday January 24th, 2020** in **The Manhattan Club at Rosie O'Grady's, 800 7th Avenue, 5.30 pm to 9 pm**. For enquiries, call **Tracey Quilligan @ 212-482- 4818**. Brendan and the Regan family are members and have been long time supporters of the Leitrim Society.

The **2020 & 52nd edition** of the **Leitrim Guardian** is available. Copies can be obtained from **Frank Brady @ 914-963-8729**. **Congratulations** to **Noel McPartland** from **Drumshanbo** on being named their **Leitrim Person of the Year**.

Your prayers are requested for our sick members: **Aileen Kilcommons, Michael O'Rourke, Margaret Mitchell McManus, Ollie Cox, Damien Murray, Eddie Verheyen, Lisa Cullen, Maureen Halligan, Anna Bohan, Kathleen Regan and Margaret Devine McTiernan**. We wish them a speedy recovery

Please remember our deceased especially **Sr. Frances Rooney** (from **Glenade**), **Kathleen Barry, Drumshanbo (sister of John Barry)** and **Ann McGovern, Connecticut (wife of Dr. John McGovern)**. Condolences to our great friend and former **Guest of Honor, Pat Gallagher** and his family, on the death of his wife **Mary (nee Boylan)**, native of **Ballybay, Co. Monaghan**. Mary's funeral took place in **Kent, England** last Saturday January 4th. May she and all our departed rest in peace.

Sincerely,

**Donal O'Connell**  
**President**

**Anna Mulvey Buggy**  
**Corresponding Secretary**