

Leitrim Society of NY October, 2019 Online Newsletter

October 8, 2019

Dear Member,

Our September meeting drew a very large attendance. It was nice to look around the room and see so many faces, so we hope this trend will continue.

Our **October meeting** will be in **Queens** at **The VFW Hall, 198-09 33rd Avenue, Bayside** (just off Francis Lewis Blvd) **on Thursday October 18th, 2019 at 7.30pm**. We hope to see you there. Please see directions at bottom of letter.

Reminder – Our Annual Memorial Mass/Scholarship Dance will take place on **Sunday November 10th 2019** at The Fairways, Dunwoodie Golf Club beginning with mass at 4:00 PM celebrated by our Chaplain, Msgr. Patrick Whitney. This will be followed by Dinner and presentation of scholarships. Admission for Adults \$50.00, Minors aged 10-21 \$25.00 and Children under 10 are \$10.00. Scholarship winners must be present to receive their award. If for any reason the recipient cannot attend please contact Bernadette Dunleavy at 917-648-2144. Please remember to return your raffle tickets, sold and unsold to Bernadette Dunleavy, 238 Blackford Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10704 as early as possible. Checks should be made payable to 'County Leitrim Society Scholarship Fund'. For reservations please contact Bernadette Dunleavy at 917-648-2144. Please reserve if you plan to attend as the caterers need to prepare accordingly. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Payment of dues for 2020 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**.

Once again we appeal to members to consider receiving your newsletter electronically. This is much more efficient and cost effective. If you decide to please send your email information to Neil Callaghan, Financial Secretary at neilcallaghan56@gmail.com or to the P.O. Box address above. This helps us get information to you immediately.

The **United Irish Counties Association of New York** is sponsoring both a High School and a College Essay contest. For information and Application Forms please contact Ms. Mae O'Driscoll via email maeodriscoll@aol.com. Applications must be completed and **postmarked no later than December 6th, 2019**.

Next Year in 2020 **The Leitrim Society will celebrate 125 years**. To commemorate this momentous occasion we are proposing a **'Trip to Leitrim'** for the August Bank Holiday weekend. This trip will be for approx 10 days and will include many sightseeing tours, historic places of interest, music, shopping and maybe a few surprises. If you are interested in joining us please contact our President, Dessie McWeeny at 516-443-0485. Suggestions are welcome.

I am delighted to announce that we have launched a **new and improved Website**. It just went live this morning. Please check it out at www.leitrimsofny.com

Mark your calendar: New Haven Gaelic Football & Hurling Club 36th Annual Banquet November 23rd at 7pm at Cascades Banquet Hall, 480 Sherman Avenue, Hamden, CT. This year they are honoring two very deserving recipients from County Leitrim. **Irish Woman of the Year is Carmel McCabe Larese (Aughavas)** and **Irish Man of the Year is Gerry Roddy (Drumcong)**. For information and reservations contact Angelique Burke 203-623-0708 or Mike Faherty 203-640-8927. Please support if you can.

Congratulations to our Second Vice President Noreen Regan Leggerio on being named 'Employee of the Year' by her employer, Aramark Food and Catering. We are very proud of you.

Niamh Flanagan, native of Aughawillan and a certified American Red Cross Instructor is offering CPR, First Aid and Defibrillator courses. The duration is 2.5 hours and the cost is \$100.00 per person. If you are interested in signing up please contact her at 914-310-0190.

A young family needs help. On July 25th 2019 **Ollie Cox** from Clondra, County Longford was involved in a horrific road accident resulting in life changing injuries. He severed his spinal cord leaving him paralyzed from the waist down. He is the father of two young boys, and his wife Jasmine will give birth to their third child next week. His wife is a niece of our member Patricia Heslin from Gortletteragh. She has had to give up her job to care for him. Ollie has been in Tullamore hospital since the accident and has recently been transferred to the Rehabilitation Center, Dun Laoghaire, Dublin. A **GoFundMe** page has been set up to make donations – **Ollie Cox Injury Fund**. If you would like to donate please know it will be greatly appreciated.

Your prayers are requested for our sick members: John Maguire, Aileen Kilcommons who is recovering from recent surgery, Michael and Margaret O'Rourke, Lisa Cullen, Damien Murray, Maureen Halligan (sister of Donal O'Connell), Eddie Verheyen and Margaret Mitchell McManus (sister of Cathy Miceli), We wish them all a full recovery.

Please remember our deceased Paddy McGreevy, John Ambrose (owner of Tiki Bar), Alan Crowe, Frederick Soto and Frankie Mulvey (Ballinaglera) who died suddenly two weeks ago. May they all Rest in Peace.

Happy Halloween everyone. Trick or Treat

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