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Dear Member,

All the signs point to **Spring!** We were blessed with such a mild winter this year and it's lovely to watch the season change and see rebirth and growth all around us. Now it's time to get out and enjoy the long bright evenings.

We had a very busy but exciting month of **March**. Our **Dinner Dance** was a big success, thanks to our two great guests **Esther** and **Sharon**. A big **'Thank you'** to everyone who attended and contributed in any way to making it such a great night. We had large and enthusiastic groups marching with us in the **NYC, Yonkers** and **Mineola** parades. Thanks to **Uncle Sam (Patrick O'Hara)** and **Miss Erin (Vivienne Bustamante)** for doing such a great job leading us up **5th Avenue**. A great Day!

Our **April meeting** will be held on **Thursday April 20th IN QUEENS!!** **The venue is 'Bourbon Street Bar & Restaurant, 40-12 Bell Blvd, Bayside, NY, 11361 at 7.30 PM.** All members, new and old, are invited to attend. If you would like to participate virtually, via **ZOOM** the **ID Number** is **530 678 7556** and the **Passcode** is **707748**. For further assistance, please contact **Meg McKeon-Baker at 718-445-8365**.

All roads will lead to **Gaelic Park** on **Saturday April 8th** for the **'Big Game'** between **Leitrim** and **New York**. Very large crowds are expected and there are many events organized to coincide with the big day. Please see the attached information.

Payment of dues for 2023 are also being accepted now and can be paid in person at any upcoming meeting, or by mailing your check to the **Financial Secretary** at the **P.O. address above**. **Dues are still only \$20.00 per person or \$30.00 per couple.**

Scholarship Reminder – Closing date for applications is **April 15th, 2023**. Don't delay, remember **if you're not in you can't win**. The drawing will take place at our May meeting.

At our March meeting it was announced that **Caitriona Clarke** had stepped down from her role in the **Aisling Center on McLean Avenue**. Caitriona has done a tremendous job since taking up her position and the Irish community owes her a huge debt of gratitude. We wish her a very well deserved rest. The future of the Center is in capable hands under the watchful eyes of **Siobhan Henry** and **Nuala Purcell**.

Please remember our **sick members: Mary Callaghan, Martin Beirne, Pat O'Brien, Angelo Leggiero, Maureen Winters**, and any other sick member(s) not mentioned here. Please keep them all in your prayers.

Heartfelt condolences to **Seamus and Caitriona Clarke** and family on the sad news that his dear brother **Sean Clarke** passed away. We all hoped and prayed that he would get that 'Miracle'. Condolences to **Pat Murray** and family on the death of his sister, **Agnes McBrien**, in Ireland last week, to **Cathy Miceli** who was bereaved by the loss of two cousins **Maureen Zamuner** and **Francie O'Neill (Gortletteragh)**, and to the family of **Monica (nee O'Rourke) Richmond, sister of the late Michael O'Rourke**, who passed away recently in **Washington D.C.** May these and all our departed Rest in Peace.

We continue to pray for the health and safety of all our **first responders, medical staff** and all **essential service employees**. Please pray for peace in Ukraine, Russia and all around the world as we approach **Holy Week**.

Wishing you and your families a very **Happy and Blessed Easter**.

Sincerely,

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