## **County Leitrim Society of New York**



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AUDITORS Frank Brady Margaret Taylor Finucane Bernadette Dunleavy Dear Member,

Soon it will be Christmas and the end of 2021. It certainly has been another eventful year, but thank God life has slowly returned to more normality. I hope that you and your families can celebrate this beautiful season safely together.

Our December meeting will be held on Friday, December 17th, 2021 at the Heritage Bar and Restaurant, McLean Avenue, Yonkers, NY at 7.30 pm. This will be our Christmas get together so refreshments will follow our meeting. It will be nice to be able to celebrate together. If you would like to participate via **Zoom** please contact Meg McKeon-Baker at 718-445-8365 for details. We will be doing our annual 'pass the hat' collection for the Aisling Center at this meeting, please bring any spare change. We look forward to seeing you.

At our November meeting the current slate of Officers were nominated to serve for 2022.

President: Donal O'Connell

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Noreen Regan-Leggiero

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Mary Callaghan

Corresponding Secretary: Anna Mulvey-Buggy

Financial Secretary: Neil Callaghan Treasurer: Meg McKeon-Baker Recording Secretary: Ann Henry Sergeant at Arms: Seamus McGovern

**Trustees:** Noeleen Bohan-McGovern, Pat Murray, Desmond McWeeney **Auditors**: Frank Brady, Margaret Taylor Finucane, Bernadette Dunleavy

The Election of Officers will take place at our December meeting.

Payment of dues for 2022 are also being accepted now and can be paid in person at any upcoming meeting or by mailing in your check to the Financial Secretary at the P.O. Box address above. Dues are \$20.00 per person or \$30.00 per couple per year.

Reminder – The closing date for the United Irish Counties Association of New York High School and College Essay Contests is December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021. If you wish to participate please get your applications in as soon as possible.

**SAVE THE DATE**: A reminder that our celebration of the **125**<sup>th</sup> **Anniversary** of the Society is scheduled for **Friday March 11**<sup>th</sup> **2022**. Further details will follow later.

We have been working to update our **Constitution and By-Laws**. A couple of minor edits need to be updated. This will be finalized at our December meeting.

The 54<sup>th</sup> edition of the **'Leitrim Guardian 2022'** will be available next week. Unfortunately, the recent launching was postponed due to Covid-19 restrictions. This year's **'Person of the Year'** is our former **Guest of Honor**, **Pat Gallagher**. Hopefully the rescheduled date will be published soon. If you would like to obtain a copy of this good book, please contact **Frank Brady at 914-963-8729**.

Please remember our sick members: Pidgie Murray (recovering from a fall/surgery), Hugh Doonan, John Duggan (brother of Mike Carty's wife Caroline), Anna Bohan (Noeleen McGovern's mother), Michael O'Rourke and Agnes McBrien (Cloone), sister of Pat Murray and any other members who are suffering at this time. Please keep them all in your prayers.

We remember our deceased: Pete Coyle, a long-time member and great supporter of the Leitrim Society, Thomas Mulvey (Blauvelt and formerly Kilnagross), Dennis Dolan (Drumshanbo) — brother of Cllr. Gerry Dolan, and uncle of Helen Dolan. Condolences to Patricia Heslin-Clarke and her husband Thady on the passing of his mother Frances Clarke (Kells, Co. Meath) at the age of 96 years. May all our departed Rest in Peace.

Please continue to pray for the health and safety of all our *first responders*, *medical staff and all essential service employees* who continue their great work on the **front lines**. We hope for better days ahead.

## A Christmas message from our President ...

To all our members. Enjoy the season of good will in health and happiness with family and friends. Merry Christmas and may God bless you always. Donal

A Very Happy and Blessed Christmas to you all. Stay safe and well.

Sincerely,

Donal O'Connell President Anna Mulvey Buggy Corresponding Secretary