

# County Leitrim Society of New York



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Dear Member,

**'Tis the season!** This year has gone by so quickly. We look forward to another **Christmas season**, hope it will be filled with many blessings.

**Thank you** to everyone who attended our **Memorial Mass/Scholarship Dance** at **Dunwoodie**. We had a wonderful evening, good music, delicious food and great company. A **special thanks** to **Monsignor Whitney** for the beautiful mass and to **Bernadette Dunleavy** and her team for organizing another great event. **Congratulations** to all our scholarship winners, wishing you all success in your chosen studies.

Our **December meeting** will be held on **Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ the Heritage Bar and Restaurant, 960 McLean Avenue, Yonkers, NY @ 7:30 pm**. This will be our **"Christmas get together"** so refreshments will follow our meeting. If you would like to participate **virtually** via **ZOOM**, the **ID number is 530 678 7556** and **Passcode is 707748**. For **Zoom** assistance, please contact **Meg McKeon-Baker @ (718) 445-8365**. We will be doing our customary **'pass the hat'** collection for the **Aisling Center** at this meeting, so 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 **2023-2024**. The **Election of Officers** will take place at our **December meeting**:

**President:** Margaret-Taylor-Finucane  
**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** Noeleen-Bohan-McGovern  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** Pat Murray  
**Corresponding Secretary:** Anna Mulvey-Buggy  
**Financial Secretary:** Neil Callaghan  
**Treasurer:** Meg McKeon-Baker  
**Recording Secretary:** Ann Henry  
**Sergeant at Arms:** Seamus McGovern  
**Trustees:** Donal O'Connell, Cathy Mitchell Miceli, Desmond McWeeney  
**Auditors:** Frank Brady, Bernadette Dunleavy, Noreen Regan Leggiero

The **Installation of Officers** will take place on **Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 7:00 pm** at the **Irish American Center, 297 Willis Avenue, Mineola, NY 11501**. For **reservations**, please contact **Anna-Mulvey-Buggy @ 718-476-1268** or **Margaret Taylor Finucane @ 516-216-5611**. Admission is **\$40.00 per person**.

At our **November meeting**, a motion was made to donate **\$5,000.00 to the NY GAA in honor of Mike Carty's induction into the GAA Hall of Fame**. This notice will be published in three consecutive newsletters, and will be voted on at our **February meeting**.

**A note** from our **Financial Secretary** – In accord with our Constitutional obligation to our membership, notification of arrears will be sent out to those members who are 3 years or more behind in their dues. If you have been notified of your arrears, please update your membership asap, thank you in advance. A return envelope was included with this mailing to facilitate your renewal. **Payments of dues for 2023** are now being accepted 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**. We would like to extend **a warm welcome** to two new members, **Siobhan McTague** and **Frank Beirne**. We also **'welcome back'** a familiar face, **Charlie Connolly**. We look forward to having you join us at our future meetings. It's great to have fresh eyes on board!

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We are delighted to announce **two great honorees** for our **St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance 2023**. Full details will be published in the New Year but for now, our **Guest of Honor** is a lady who has been supporting the **Society** for more than 40 years. **Esther Flynn** was born and raised in **Unchinagh, Ballinamore, Co. Leitrim**. She is the **third oldest of four children** born to **Pat and Agnes (nee Lohan) O'Hara**. Esther lives in Flushing, Queens. She was married to **Pat Flynn of Carrick-on-Shannon, R.I.P.** She is the **proud mother** of **Brian, Keith** and the **late Mark (R.I.P.)** Esther is an **avid Irish set dancer** and is involved in the **Irish American Centers** in Mineola and Long Island City. Esther is delighted to be the **Guest of Honor** for 2023.

The **Distinguished Service Award** recipient will be **Sharon Margaret Brady**. Sharon is a **former Chairwoman of the Scholarship Committee**. She has held the office of **Vice-President** and had the distinction of being the **youngest President** of the **Society** from **2016-2017**. Sharon was born in the **Bronx, NY** and has grown up with an immense love for all things Leitrim as her parents, **Frank (Manorhamilton)** and **Helen (nee Clancy; Glenade) Brady** are natives of the lovely county. Sharon has **one brother, Douglas**, who is a **Sergeant in the Yonkers Police Department** and resides in Yonkers with his **wife Kelly, twin boys Owen and William** and **daughter Emma**. Sharon works as a **Speech-Language Pathologist** for an outpatient clinic in **Sheldon, Connecticut** and is contracted out to Stratford schools. An avid runner, she has **completed 13 marathons in 7 years!** Sharon has been an active member of the Society for almost 30 years and is very appreciative of this recognition.

The **55<sup>th</sup>** edition of the '**Leitrim Guardian 2023**' makes a **great Christmas gift!** If you would like to obtain a copy, please contact **Frank Brady @ 914-536-3512** or [frank.brady@liu.edu](mailto:frank.brady@liu.edu).

Please remember our sick members: **Mary Callaghan** (our **Second Vice President**), **Martin Beirne**, **Pat O'Brien**, **Angelo Leggiero** (**father of Mark Leggiero**). We wish them all a speedy recovery.

**Condolences** to the **O'Rourke** family on the sad passing of **past President**, longtime member and dear friend **Michael O'Rourke** at the great age of **96**. **Father Anthony Mulvey** (**uncle of Anna Mulvey Buggy and Seamus Mulvey**) who died in **Dundalk** recently in his **101<sup>st</sup>** year, **Mary McInerney** (**sister in law of the late Joe McInerney**), **Joe Vaccarino** (**husband of Christina Reilly-Vaccarino from Cloone**). 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 keeping us safe.

**A farewell message from our President ...**

**"Dear Officers and members of the Leitrim Society,**

*For the last three years I have been privileged and honored to be the **President of the County Leitrim Society**. It has been a fast three years. It was not without its challenges, **Covid-19**, and having to adjust to **Zoom** for our meetings being the main ones. Because of a great slate of Officers and loyal attendees, we can look back with a great sense of accomplishment. Thank you for all your support during my time as President. May our Society continue to thrive. **Merry Christmas** to you and your families and May God bless you always.*

**Donal"**

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

**Sincerely,**

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

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