County Leitrim Society of New York



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Dear Member,

It's already **February** and if you believe what the **Groundhog** says, **we have six more weeks of winter.** Hopefully his prediction will be wrong this year.

Our February meeting will be held Thursday evening, February 17th, 2022 @ *the Heritage Bar & Restaurant*, 960 McLean Avenue in Yonkers, 7:30 pm. All are welcome to join our monthly meeting in person or *virtually* via *Zoom*. This is a great way to "*see*" old friends, to get to know what is happening in the *Society* and become involved. As always, new members are encouraged to attend. The *Zoom* meeting's ID number is 530 678 7556, Passcode is 707748. We look forward to 'seeing' you all there. For additional information or assistance, please contact Meg McKeon-Baker at (718) 445-8365.

After careful consideration and much discussion, it was decided to *postpone* our Dinner Dance scheduled for March 11th, 2022. The '125th Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Dance' of the County Leitrim Society of New York will now take place on Sunday afternoon, May 1st, 2022 at Antun's, 96-43 Springfield Blvd., Queens Village, NY 11429. The deluxe cocktail hour will begin at 3:00 pm, followed by dinner and dancing to 'Rumor Has it' Band. Tickets are \$100.00 each. For reservations, please call Noeleen Bohan McGovern @ (914) 693-7592. Pre-payment for dance tickets is encouraged and greatly appreciated. Please make checks payable to 'County Leitrim Society of NY' and return to Noeleen Bohan McGovern, 45 Southfield Avenue, Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522 before April 25th, 2022. In this our 125th year, we pay honor to a special group, people that have made huge contributions to our Society over the past 50 years. Our ten "Guests of Honors" are: Agnes Beirne, Mike Dillon, Myra Fisher, Rose Halpin, John Maguire, Pat Murray, Mary O'Keefe, Michael O'Rourke, Joe Taylor and John Taylor. Our "Distinguished Service Award" recipient will be Bernadette Dunleavy.

Like everyone, we look forward to finally coming out of this **pandemic** and getting out enjoying ourselves, with no restrictions. We hope to see you all **Sunday, May 1**st for what will surely be a wonderful day of joy and celebration. We thank you as always for your steadfast support and patience, especially after so many pauses for this event. Full details of our **Dance** will be included in next month's mailing.

Payments of dues for 2022 are 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 \$20.00 per person or \$30.00 per couple.

"The 50 Mile Challenge – January 22nd Fundraiser" for the Leitrim GAA was a fantastic success. Over €135,000 euros was raised to date, and still counting. Walkers from 58 countries participated in the challenge. New York's supporters will finish up the challenge, Saturday, February 12th with a final 2 mile walk around Tibbetts Brook Park in Yonkers @ 10:00 am. Enda Stenson, Co. Board Chairman & Andy Moran, Leitrim Senior Football Team Manager will lead the walkers that day. Please join us afterwards for light refreshments served at J.P. Clarke's Saloon, 947 McLean Avenue in Yonkers where Andy Moran will be available to autograph copies of his new book, "Andy – Lessons Learned in Pursuit of Glory". Book cost \$30.00. Leitrim are already off to a good start with their great win over Tipperary on Sunday. We might be heading for Croke Park before you know.

Andy Moran's official New York book launch will take place at *J.P. Clarke's Saloon* on Saturday evening, February 12th from 4:00 – 9:00 PM. There will be live music, special guests, raffle for All-Ireland tickets and many spot prizes. See flyer attached. If you are unable to attend the walk or book launch, and wish to purchase a copy of Andy's book, please contact Seamus Clarke @ (914) 237-0115 or email ipclarke.ny@gmail.com.

Scholarship - Enclosed is an application form for the **Scholarship** along with a copy of the rules for participation. Please return the completed form to **Bernadette Dunleavy, 238 Blackford Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10704** by **April 15th, 2022**. The winners will be drawn at our May meeting.

'Congratulations' to our *First Vice President*, Noreen Regan Leggiero on her selection as '*Aide to the Grand Marshal'* in the 'Sleepy Hollow St. Patrick's Day Parade', Sunday afternoon, March 13th, 2022. The Society is very proud of you, and we know you will wear the Green with pride.

Please note that the United Irish Counties Association of New York's '117th Annual Dinner Dance' was rescheduled from Friday evening, January 28th, 2022 to Sunday, 3 pm on March 27th, 2022 @ Antun's, 96-43 Springfield Blvd., Queens Village, NY 11429. This year's UIC "Gael of the Year" is Joseph Kenny, Assistant Chief, NYPD. Joseph has roots in Counties Longford and Tyrone. Catherine T. Hogan (Clare/NY) will receive the UIC's "Rose Cosgrove Distinguished Service Award". For reservations, please contact Evelyn McBride Doherty @ (917) 698-7140. Congratulations to all honorees, wishing the UIC every success.

The **Society** would like to wish past **President**, **Michael O'Rourke**, a very **happy 96**th **birthday** with best wishes of health and happiness his way for many more to come. We welcome our two newest members, **Kellyanne Farrell** and her **mom**, **Geraldine Farrell** who joined us at last month's meeting. **Fáilte romhat!**

'Congratulations' to Fr. Anthony Mulvey, CSsr (formerly *Ballinaglera*), *uncle* of Anna Mulvey-Buggy, who celebrated his *100th birthday* on January 30th in Esker Monastery, Athenry, Co. Galway. He is also the **oldest Redemptorist priest in Ireland**, a truly wonderful achievement.

Please remember our sick members: Pidgie Murray, John Duggan (brother-in-law of Mike Carty), Agnes O'Brien (sister of Pat Murray), Paddy Moran (Thailand; brother of Tommy Moran, Ballinamore), Anna Bohan (mother of Noeleen Bohan McGovern) and any other members suffering for whatever reason. Please keep them all in your prayers.

Please pray for our deceased: Bridie Murray (sister-in-law of Pat Murray), Danny Maloney, (Liffey Van Lines), Mary Flynn (*Drumkeerin*), *mother* of Declan Flynn and all deceased members of our families. May they *Rest in Peace*.

We continue to pray for the health and safety of all our *first responders*, *medical staff* and all *essential service employees* who continue their work fighting the pandemic.

Wishing you all a very *Happy Valentine's Day*.

Sincerely,

Donal O'Connell Anna Mulvey Buggy
President Corresponding Secretary

Attachments: Scholarship Application

Scholarship Rules and Regulations Flyer for Andy Moran's Book Launch