

# County Leitrim Society of New York



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(1884-1916)

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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, or not!** It has been very mild and dry so far, the birds are singing, so hopefully we are in for a short season this year.

Our **February meeting** will be held **Thursday February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7:30PM** at the **Aisling Irish Center, 990 McLean Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10704**. 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**.

**Dance Reminder: Our 126<sup>th</sup> Annual St Patrick's Day Dance** will take place on **Friday March 10<sup>th</sup> at Antun's, 96-43 Springfield Blvd, Queens Village, NY 11429**. The deluxe cocktail hour will begin at **7:00pm**, followed by dinner and dancing to '**Rumor Has It Band**'. Tickets are **\$125.00** each. For reservations please contact **Noeleen Bohan McGovern at (914) 693-7592**. For **Journal** enquiries please contact **Frank Brady at (914) 963-8729** or **Helen McAlinden at (475) 222-5292**. Please make your reservations early; **payment prior to the dance is greatly encouraged and 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 March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**.

As previously noted, 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**.

**The Distinguished Service Award Recipient** will be **Sharon Margaret Brady**. Sharon is a former Chairwoman of the Scholarship Committee and held the office of Vice-President and was the youngest President of the Society. 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. Please contact our **Dance Chairperson, Donal O'Connell at 914-356-7228** for additional information.

Thank you to everyone who supported our **Superbowl Fundraiser**. We sold all 100 boxes. Good luck to everyone. Hope you have the winning numbers!

The Society will be marching in the **Irish American Society's 73rd Annual Saint Patrick's Parade**, in **Mineola NY** on **Sunday, March 5, 2023**. We will line up at **Courthouse Drive (Garden City)**. The parade route is just over 1 mile long. Line up at 12 noon, step off at 1 sharp. **Mary P. Coyne-Byrne** is **Grand Marshal**. Please join us.

**Payment of dues for 2023** 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 2023 NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade Installation of Grand Marshal Kevin J. Conway** and his **Aides** will take place on **Sunday February 26<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 3pm** in **Antun's, 96-43 Springfield Blvd, Queens Village, NY 11429**. This is an opportunity to meet and greet! As previously mentioned **Kevin J. Conway** has Leitrim ancestry from **Drumshanbo**. **The Leitrim Society** will be very proud to march up 5<sup>th</sup> avenue behind him this year.

"The **50 Mile Challenge – January 2023 Fundraiser**" for the **Leitrim GAA** was a fantastic success again this year. Congratulations to all those who took part. Final results are not published yet, donations are still coming in. Walkers from **58 countries** participated in the challenge. It has also become a huge social media event with people posting beautiful pictures of Leitrim and locations all over the world, not to mention all the health benefits derived from being in the outdoors. Further information will be published later.

**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 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023**. The winners will be drawn at our May meeting.

Congratulations to **Steven Baxter** who will be the **2023 Grand Marshal** for the **41<sup>st</sup> Bergen County Saint Patrick's Day Parade** in **Bergenfield, NJ** which takes place on **Sunday Marcy 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023** down Washington Avenue at **2:00 PM**. Steven traces his ancestry back to Drumbo, Mohill. Hope you have a wonderful day

Please remember our **sick members: Mary Callaghan, Martin Beirne, Pat O'Brien, Angelo Leggiero, Maureen Winters** (sister of Mike and Frankie Dwyer), **Carrick-on-Shannon, Tommy Moore, Sean Clarke, brother of Seamus** who today was transferred to **Sligo Hospice** but continues his fighting spirit. We send our good wishes to **Mike Dwyer** and wish him a speedy recovery from his recent **Knee Replacement** surgery. We also pray for anyone not mentioned here. Please keep them all in your prayers.

Please pray for our deceased: **Francis (Frank) McGovern** (uncle of Ann Henry) native of **Aughnasheelin, Michael John McTigue** (Drumshanbo) father of **Sean, James McGovern**, (Aughavas/Dublin) former Guest of Honor, publican, longtime friend and loyal supporter of Leitrim, **Susan Darcy** (aunt of Seamus McGovern), **Steve Ralph** (Bronx/Ballinamore), **Francis Flanagan** (Aughnasheelin), **Peter Kilkenny** (Staten Island/Cloone), **Mary (Rosaleen) Murray** (formerly Aughnasheelin), **Una Maguire** (mother of the late Sean Maguire and Ann-Marie Heron) and **John Daly** (Drumkeerin). **May all our departed Rest in Peace.**

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

Sincerely,

**Margaret Taylor Finucane**  
**President**

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

**Attachments: Scholarship Application**  
**Scholarship Rules and Regulations**