

County Leitrim Society of New York



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Dear Member,

Gosh, what a deep freeze we have been in for the last few weeks! I think we can all appreciate the meaning of the term 'Snowbird' Hope you're all weathering the storm and patiently waiting for warmer temperatures. It's February already and the **Groundhog** says, **we have six more weeks of winter. Fingers crossed he is wrong - but don't put away the woolies and snow boots just yet!**

Our **February meeting will be held on Thursday, February 19th, 2026 at 7:30PM** at the **Heritage Bar and Restaurant, 960 McLean Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10704**. All are welcome to join our monthly meeting either in person or *virtually* via *Zoom*. As always, new members are encouraged to attend. The *Zoom* meeting ID number is 530 678 7556, Passcode is 707748. For *Zoom* assistance, please contact Meg McKeon-Baker at (718) 445-8365.

Dance Reminder: Our **129th Annual St Patrick's Day Dinner Dance** will take place on **Friday, March 13th, 2026** 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 **Bernadette Dunleavy** at (917)648-2144 or **Meg McKeon-Baker** at (718) 445-8365 or you can email **Bernadette** at: berniedunleavy@yahoo.com. Please make your reservations early and payment prior to the dance is greatly encouraged and appreciated. Please make all checks payable to 'County Leitrim Society of New York' and return to Bernadette Dunleavy, 238 Blackford Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10704 before March 8th, 2026. **For Journal enquiries please contact Anna Mulvey-Buggy at (347) 371-0023 or Sharon Brady at (914) 224-1158 or you can email your Ads or inquiry to leitrimsofnyjournal25@gmail.com. Time is ticking – please submit as soon as possible.**

As previously noted, our **Guest of Honor** is **Sean Kelly** (native of Dromahair) and our **Distinguished Service Award Recipient** this year is Aughavas native, **Bridie Mitchell**.

Payment of dues for 2026 are now being accepted 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.

2026 Scholarships – 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, 2026**. Scholarship winners will be drawn at our May meeting.

Congratulations to **Margaret Taylor Finucane** and **Neil Callaghan** on their recent retirement. Wishing them many happy and healthy years ahead.

Leitrim 50 Miles Challenge - Due to the severe weather our planned walk in aid of Leitrim GAA/LGFA on **Sunday February 1st, at Tibbetts Park** was postponed. The walk will take place at a later date when weather conditions are more favorable. Apologies, and please stay tuned for further information.

The Irish American Society of Nassau, Suffolk, and Queens Installation of Grand Marshal, John Doyle and his Aides will take place on **Sunday, February 22nd, 2026**, at the center, **297 Willis Avenue, Mineola**, beginning at **6:00pm**. Tickets are \$100 per person. Congratulations to **John Finucane**, husband of Margaret Taylor Finucane who has been selected as one of the Aides. The parade will be taking place on March 1st.

The Society would like to congratulate our Recording Secretary, **Ann Henry** on her new position as **President of the United Irish Counties of New York**. We are all very proud of you Ann and know that you will do an outstanding job.

The NYC St. Patrick's Day Installation Reception honoring **Robert J. McCann, Grand Marshal of the 265th NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade and his Aides**, will take place on **Sunday February 22nd, 2026 at 3:00pm in Antun's**, 96-43 Springfield Blvd, Queens Village, NY 11429. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet and greet!

Please remember our **sick members: Joseph Miceli, Brigid Buggy, Maureen Lavin, Cyrilla Ormsby and Kathleen Regan** as well as any members not listed. Wishing them all a full recovery.

The Society extends heartfelt condolences to our President, **Noeleen Bohan McGovern and family** on the death of her lovely mother, **Anna Bohan. We also remember, Peggy (Shannon) McKeon** (aunt of Meg McKeon-Baker), **Timmy Winters** (Ballinamore) and **Pat Smyth** (Aughnasheelin). Please pray for the late **Fr. Phil Brady**, former PP, parish of Ballinaglera, Leitrim who passed away recently. **May all our departed Rest in Peace.**

We continue to pray for the health and safety of our first responders.

Wishing you all a very **Happy Valentine's Day. Spread the love!**

Sincerely,

Noeleen Bohan-McGovern
President

Anna Mulvey Buggy
Corresponding Secretary

Attachments: Scholarship Application
Scholarship Rules and Regulations