

County Leitrim Society of New York



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Dear Member,

As we begin 2022 I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very Happy, Healthy and Blessed New Year. Let us hope that this year brings an end to Covid-19 that has plagued our world for the past two years.

We had a very good attendance at our December meeting, followed by an enjoyable evening with good food and great company. Thank you to all who joined us, and for contributing to our annual collection for the Aisling Center.

Due to the current surge of **Omicron** and its very high rate of transmission, our **January meeting** will be conducted via **Zoom** on **Thursday, January 20th at 7.30pm**. If you would like to participate please contact **Meg McKeon-Baker** at **718-445-8365** for details.

At our December meeting the following Slate of Officers were elected to serve for 2022.

President: Donal O'Connell

1st Vice President: Noreen Regan-Leggiero

2nd 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

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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.

SAVE THE DATE: A reminder that our celebration of the **125th Anniversary** of the Society is scheduled for **Friday March 11th 2022 at Antun's, 96-43 Springfield Blvd., Queens Village, NY 11429**. Further details will follow later.

The **54th edition** of the '**Leitrim Guardian 2022**' is now available for purchase. If you would like to obtain a copy of this unique publication, please contact **Frank Brady at 914-963-8729**. What better way to pass a long winter night.

The **United Irish Counties Association of New York** will hold their **117th Annual Dinner Dance** on **Friday January 28th 2022** at **Antun's, 96-43 Springfield Blvd, Queens Village, N.Y. 11429**. **Deluxe Cocktail hour** will begin at **7.30 pm** followed by **Dinner and Dancing** from **8.30pm to 12.30am**. **Music is by Rumor Has It**. This year their '**Gael of the Year**' is **Joseph Kenny**, Assistant Chief, NYPD. Joseph has roots in Counties Longford and Tyrone. **Catherine T. Hogan** will receive the '**Rose Cosgrove Distinguished Service Award**'. For **Reservations** please contact **Evelyn McBride Doherty** at **(917) 698-7140**. **Congratulations to both honorees and we hope you have a great night.**

We are still working on our **Constitution and By-Laws**. A couple of minor edits need to be updated. This will be finalized at our January meeting.

50 miles in January is the challenge once again. A group of **Leitrim supporters** are **walking or running 50 miles in January**. From Cloone to Chicago, they're braving the elements to get fitter and raise funds to support all of Leitrim's inter-county teams in 2022. Here in **New York** a large group of staunch **Leitrim GAA exiles** have once again signed up for this challenge. For information regarding **participation/sponsorship** you can contact **John Conefrey** at **646-460-2702**, **Pat Reynolds** **914-879-9753**, **Seamus Clarke** **914-826-0422** or **Frank Brady** **914-536-3512**. These intrepid warriors will wind up their exertions at **Tibbetts Park, Yonkers**, on **Sunday January 30th at 09.00 am**.

In conjunction with this, **Leitrim Senior Football Team Manager Andy Moran**, and a group of officials were due to travel to New York on Thursday January 13th. Because of the current Covid situation the decision was made to cancel this trip. While this is disappointing on both sides, the safety of everyone involved is of primary concern. They are planning to travel at a later date.

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

We remember our deceased: **Hugh Doonan**, aged 91, **Dr. John McGovern (Connecticut)**, **Phil Stretton (New Haven and formerly Aughnasheelin)**, **James O'Brien**, aged 48 (son of the late **Seamus O'Brien**), **George Crawford (Cloone)** **Ann Creaney, LAOH**, and **Patrick Joseph Rooney (Glenade)** a former member. Please remember the victims of the deadly fire in the Bronx on Sunday. 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 that better days are ahead.*

Sincerely,

Donal O'Connell
President

Anna Mulvey Buggy
Corresponding Secretary