

County Leitrim Society of New York



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Dear Member,

As we begin 2023, I am beginning my term as **President**, 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 will be filled with many blessings for us all. I would like to thank outgoing **President Donal O'Connell** and his **Officers** for their great work during a very challenging time. A great job was done by all.

We had a lovely crowd 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 Irish Center**.

Our January meeting will take place on **Thursday, January 19th at 7:30pm** at the beautifully refurbished **Aisling Irish Center, 990 McLean Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10704**. This is a great opportunity to see the transformation of the old building into a state-of-the-art facility. Please try to attend, and if so, bring someone. We are always looking for new members. 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**.

Payment of dues for 2023 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.

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

The **55th edition** of the '**Leitrim Guardian 2023**' is still available for purchase. If you would like to obtain a copy of this unique publication, please contact **Frank Brady at 914-963-8729** or email him at frank.brady@jiu.edu. What better way to pass a long winter night!

Preparations are currently under way for our **St. Patrick's Day Dance**. The dance will take place on **Friday March 10th at Antuns, 96-43 Springfield Blvd, Queens Village, NY**. 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**. 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 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. Sharon has one brother, **Douglas**, who 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 Shelton, Connecticut and is contracted out to Stratford schools. An avid runner, she has completed 13 marathons in 7 years! Sharon has been an active participant of the Society for **almost 30 years**, a member for 17 and is very appreciative of this recognition. **Congratulations to our two wonderful Guests!**

For additional information, please contact our **Dance Chairperson, Donal O'Connell** at **914-356-7228**; further details are included with this letter, including information on how **you** can support the Society by taking out an ad in our souvenir journal.

The **Leitrim Society of New York** is running a '**Superbowl Pool**' this year to benefit the **Leitrim GAA**. Half of the proceeds goes to **Leitrim GAA** and half to winners. If you are interested in purchasing a box please reach out to **Margaret Taylor Finucane** at **917-655-1493**. Boxes are **\$100.00 each**. Remember if you're not in, you cannot win! Good luck everyone.

The **United Irish Counties Association of New York** will hold their **118th Annual Dinner Dance** on **Sunday, January 29th, 2023** at **Antun's**, 96-43 Springfield Blvd, Queens Village, N.Y. 11429. Deluxe Cocktail hour will begin at **3:00 pm** followed by Dinner and Dancing from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Music is by '**Rumor Has It**'. This year's '**Gaels of the Year**' are **Charlotte Moore & Ciaran O'Reilly**, co-founders of the **Irish Repertory Theatre**, a theatre company in New York City. **Tom Tuffy**, Past President of the **Sligo Association & UICANY** will receive the '**Rose Cosgrove Distinguished Service Award**'. For Reservations please contact **Ann Henry @ (917) 566 9360** or via email UICANY.Reservations@gmail.com. Congratulations to all the honorees and we hope you have a great night!

Brooklyn St. Patrick's Day Parade Dance and Fundraiser will be held on **Saturday, February 4th, 2023** at **St. Patrick's Gymnasium, Bayridge, 97th Street and 4th Avenue** from **8:00 p.m. - Midnight**. The **Brooklyn St. Patrick's Day Parade** will be held on **Tuesday, March 14th, 2023**. This year the parade will be '**In Memory**' of the late **John Dunleavy**, the former **Chairman of the NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade, & 2015 Grand Marshal of Brooklyn Parade**; **Catherine Collins, 2009 Parade Aide** and **James Houlihan, the 2017 Parade Grand Marshal**. Your support is always appreciated.

Leitrim Ladies New York will hold their **1st Dinner Dance** on **Saturday, February 11th, 2023** at **Lake Isle Country Club**. '**Guest of Honor**' is **Noeleen O'Neill** who played in the first ever Leitrim Ladies in New York game against Westmeath. '**Junior player of the Year**' is **Niamh Doheny (mother is Geraldine McMorrow from Ballinaglera)** and the '**Sean Maguire Award for Dedication and Loyalty**' will be presented to a very dedicated and hardworking power couple, **Seamus and Caitriona Clarke**. The Leitrim Society congratulates all these very worthy honorees. For more information, contact **Sharon Redican @ (914) 374-6458** or **Lisa Sorohan @ (914) 309-3093**. A great night is in store.

'**50 miles in January challenge**' is happening 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 2023. 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**, **Frank Brady @ 914-536-3512**, **Dessie McWeeney @ 561-443-0485** and **Caitriona Clarke @ 914 623-3826**. The finale will take place in **Tibbetts Park, Yonkers**, on **Saturday, January 28th at 10.00 a.m.** Refreshments will be served afterwards @ **JP Clarke's** in Yonkers.

We welcomed a new member into the Society at last month's meeting, **James Gannon**, a 3rd generation member, whose father and grandfathered joined the Society earlier this year. **Fáilte!**

Please remember our sick members: **Mary Callaghan, Martin Beirne, Pat O'Brien, Sean Clarke (brother of Seamus Clarke)** who suffered a heart attack and is currently in hospital in Dublin), **Angelo Leggiero** and anyone who is not mentioned here. Wishing them all a speedy and full recovery.

We remember our deceased: **Mae Maguire, Blauvelt (wife of John)**, a longtime member and dear friend, **Eugene Wynne (native of Dowra, brother in law of Helen Brady, uncle of Sharon Brady)**, **Gerry Guihen (relative of Helen Lavin)**. 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. **We hope that better days are ahead.**

Sincerely,

Margaret Taylor-Finucane
President

Anna Mulvey Buggy
Corresponding Secretary