

County Leitrim Society of New York



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Dear Member,

Welcome to March madness. Spring is in the air, birds are singing, and it's wonderful to see Dinner Dances and Parades being advertised again. We have waited two long years, we are so ready !

We have a **date change** this month. Because of St. Patrick's Day, our March meeting will be held on **Thursday March 10th at the Heritage Bar and Restaurant, McLean Avenue, Yonkers, NY at 7.30 PM.** Please try to attend. We invite new members. If you would like to participate via **ZOOM** the **ID Number** is **530 678 7556** and the **Passcode** is **707748.** For further assistance please contact **Meg McKeon-Baker at 718-445-8365.**

We invite you to march with us on **Thursday March 17th in the New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade.** In honor of our **125th Anniversary, Leitrim will assemble at 11:40 AM at East 44th Street between 5th Avenue and Madison.** After two years we look forward in a special way this year to celebrating our patron saint and our great Irish heritage. Please read and adhere to the parade rules and regulations enclosed.

Our long awaited '**125th Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Dance**' will take place on **Sunday, May 1st, 2022 at Antun's, 96-43 Springfield Blvd., Queens Village, NY 11429.** **A copy of the dance letter is enclosed with full details.**

Payments of dues for 2022 are also 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 **Leitrim 50 Mile Challenge** was finally completed in **Tibbetts Brooke Park, Yonkers, on Saturday February 12th** after being canceled twice due to Covid and snow. **Seamus and Caitriona Clarke**, the main sponsors of the Leitrim team, along with **Chairman Enda Stenson, Treasurer Martin McCartin and Manager Andy Moran** sent off over two hundred lively Leitrim supporters on the two mile loop around the lake. Then it was back to J.P. Clarkes for refreshments. Later in the evening Leitrim's new jerseys were unveiled by Martin Furlong, the legendary Offaly goalkeeper, and Andy Moran, Leitrim's new manager. The evening was concluded with the launching of Andy's book, titled "Lessons learned in Pursuit of Glory". Overall it was a very successful weekend with great support from the **County Leitrim Society. Seamus and Caitriona** wish to thank all who helped out and participated in the challenge, it raised approximately \$30,000 for the Leitrim team.

The **New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade committee** announced its annual **College Level and High School Level Research Paper Contest.** In memory of three outstanding Parade leaders who have gone on to their eternal rewards, namely **Francis P. Beirne, Margaret O'Rourke and Rosemary Lombard. Three awards** will be given in each category and are based on scores of independent judges. Applicants must submit **completed Research Paper** with the **official application form** scanned and attached no later than **Tuesday April 5th, 2022. Winners will be announced by Thursday, May 29th 2022.** For information please contact **Catherine Muscente at 516-323-4710** or via email to paradescholarship@molloey.edu.

Sligo Association will hold their **St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance** on **Friday, March 12th, 2022** at **'The Manhattan Club/Rosie O'Gradys', 800 7th Avenue, New York**. **Cocktail hour** starts at **7:00 PM** followed by dinner and dancing. **Tickets are \$125.00 each**. Wishing **President Ann Henry**, and her Officers a great night.

Please mark your calendar for the **Yonkers St. Patrick's Day Parade** on **Saturday March 19th 2022**. The day begins with **mass** at **St. Barnabas** at **11.00 AM**. **County Leitrim** will assemble at **First Street** and **McLean Avenue (by Chase Bank)** at **12 Noon**. The parade will commence at **1:00 PM**. **Please bring your sash**.

The **Bayside Parade** will take place on **Saturday March 26th at 1pm**. Assembly is **33rd Avenue** and **Bell Boulevard, Bayside**. This year the **Grand Marshal** is **Rita Lydon Lenz, Past President of 'United Irish Counties Association of New York'**. This is usually a very enjoyable day out for all the family.

Please note that the **United Irish Counties Association of New York** will hold their **117th Annual Dinner Dance** on **Sunday March 27th, 2022** at **3:00 PM** in **Antun's, 96-43 Springfield Blvd., Queens Village, NY 11429**. For reservations please contact **Evelyn McBride Doherty** at **(917) 698-7140**. Wishing everyone a wonderful afternoon.

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

Our heartfelt condolences to **Past President** and dear friend, **Dessie McWeeney**, his sister **Patricia O'Brien** and the extended **McWeeney family** on the tragic loss of their beloved brother **Seamus McWeeney (Aughnasheelin)**, to **Tommy Moran (Ballinamore)** on the death of his brother **Paddy Moran (Thailand)**, to the family of **Patrick Lavin, Westbury, NY (wife Margaret is a cousin of Noeleen Bohan McGovern and of Brigid Buggy)**, to **Leitrim GAA Treasurer, Martin McCartin** who had a double bereavement with the sudden deaths of his two brothers **Joe McCartin and Hugh McCartin**, last week in Ireland, and to the family of **John Browne**, (native of **Co. Cork**) well known Bar and Restaurant proprietor of **'The Grandstand', Elmhurst, Queens** who passed away recently. 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 on the front lines. At this time, we ask for prayers for peace in Russia and Ukraine and an end to this deadly conflict.

Have a wonderful St. Patrick's Day.

Sincerely,

Donal O'Connell
President

Anna Mulvey Buggy
Corresponding Secretary