

# County Leitrim Society of New York



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Dear Member,

How can it be November already! It feels like time is flying faster every year. Hope you are all enjoying this beautiful fall weather. Holidays are coming soon!

We had a great October meeting in Queens. It was made extra special with the surprise visit of our former **Chaplain Fr. Matt Greer**. Fr. Greer is now retired and moved back to live in Dublin. He looks great and is very happy being home in Ireland.

**Final reminder - Our Annual Memorial Mass/Scholarship Dance** is set for **Sunday afternoon, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022** at **Dunwoodie Golf Club, 1 Wasylenko Lane, Yonkers, NY 10701**. The evening will begin @ **4pm** with a **Mass**, celebrated by our **Chaplain, Monsignor Pat Whitney**, followed by dinner, dancing and presentation of scholarships. **Please remember to return your raffle tickets and payment to Bernadette Dunleavy, 238 Blackford Ave, Yonkers, NY 10704 before November 8<sup>th</sup>**. Checks should be made payable to the '**County Leitrim Scholarship Fund**'. If you plan to attend, please make your **reservations with Bernadette @ (917) 648-2144**. **Admission for adults is \$50.00, young adults 12 and older \$25.00 and children 12 and younger \$10.00**. This is always a lovely event in beautiful surroundings. We thank you in advance for your continued support.

Our November **meeting** will be held on **Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022** at the **Heritage Bar and Restaurant, 960 McLean Avenue, Yonkers, NY @ 7:30 pm**. Please try to attend and, if possible, maybe can encourage someone to come too! We always need help. 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 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.

It is time again to think about our **St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance for 2023**. We are inviting suggestions for **Guest of Honor** and **Distinguished Service Awards**. Please mail your suggestions to **Donal O'Connell, President** at the **PO Box** address above.

Congratulations to **Sharon Brady** on completion of the **Dublin City Marathon** at the weekend. Two marathons in 28 days, great achievement Sharon!!

**We'd like to extend a warm welcome** to two new members who joined us at our October meeting in Queens, **Renee and Emily Grasso, grandnieces of former President, Joe Taylor** (Emily was sworn in at our October meeting). We look forward to having you girls join us at our future meetings. We'd also like to welcome **Paul and Jeanne (Murphy) Stone** who applied for membership by mail recently (Jeanne is a cousin of **Ann Brogan**). The couple resides down in **Baltimore** so hopefully they will be able to virtually join us on our **ZOOM** meetings in the near future. Lastly, we'd like to welcome **Patrick Gannon Sr. & his son Patrick Gannon Jr.** who joined up during the summer. **Welcome to one and to all!**

The **United Irish Counties Association of New York** are once again sponsoring both a **High School and College Essay Contests**. The closing date for completed applications is **December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022**. For application forms and eligibility requirements please visit [www.uicany.org/essay.html](http://www.uicany.org/essay.html) or email **Mae O'Driscoll** at [maeodriscoll@aol.com](mailto:maeodriscoll@aol.com). For more info on their HS Essay, please email **Kathleen Mattessich** @ [kvmattessich@gmail.com](mailto:kvmattessich@gmail.com).

The **St. Barnabas Gaelic Football Club of New York** will hold their '**50<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner Dance**' on **Saturday night, November 26<sup>th</sup>** @ the **Lake Isle Country Club, 660 White Plains Road, Eastchester, NY 10709**. **Cocktails** are from 7-8pm followed by Dinner and Dancing till midnight. For further information please contact **Albert Clarke** at **914-438-0863**. **Please see attached flyer for journal & RSVP information.**

Please remember our sick members: **Michael O'Rourke, John Duggan (brother-in-law of Mike Carty), Pat O'Brien (past honoree and longtime supporter), Martin Beirne (son of the late Frank Beirne)** who is recovering from a serious auto accident, and all others who are dealing with health issues. Wishing them all a very speedy recovery.

November is the month of the **Holy Souls**. Let us stop and think of all those who have departed, and say a silent prayer. We are saddened to hear of the passing of **John Dunleavy (83)**, former **Chairperson** of the **NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade**. We have lost a great supporter of everything Irish, Irish America and the Parade. John was a man of many talents as demonstrated by his lifelong dedication as a volunteer to the New York City St Patrick's Day Parade, of which he served 22 years as Chairperson. We will miss him! Please remember his family in your prayers at this sad time.

May all our departed 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 great work on the **front lines**.

**Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving to you all.**

Sincerely,

**Donal O'Connell**  
**President**

**Anna Mulvey Buggy**  
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