

County Leitrim Society of New York



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Dear Member,

Hard to believe we are in November already! It feels like time is flying faster every year. Hope all our **'Trick or Treaters'** had a great day on Halloween. What can we say about the weather.

Our November meeting will be on **Thursday November 21st, 2024** in the **Heritage Bar and Restaurant, 960 McLean Avenue, Yonkers, NY @ 7:30 pm**. If you cannot attend and 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** at **917-294-2391**.

Our Annual Memorial Mass/Scholarship Dance was a very enjoyable afternoon on Sunday, November 3rd, with good food, great music in the company of friends and family. Thank you to Monsignor Whitney for the lovely mass, and to Bernadette Dunleavy and all her team for a job well done.

The **Leitrim Ladies** football team, the **All-Ireland Intermediate champions** completed a whirlwind tour of New York. The victorious squad visited several well-known Leitrim hostels in New York City, the Bronx and Yonkers. The grand finale of the trip was attending the County Leitrim Scholarship dance at Dunwoodie where they were wined and dined. County Leitrim Society President Margaret Taylor-Finucane presented Captain Michelle Guckian with a commemorative trophy that depicted the New York skyline.

Payment of dues for 2025 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.**

Don't forget to get your box for our **NFL Superbowl Pool** for the game taking place in February 2025. Half of the proceeds goes to the **Leitrim GAA** and half to winners. Boxes are **\$100 each** and can be purchased from **Meg McKeon-Baker** at **718-445-8365**. **Half-time score is \$1,500** and **Final score \$3,000**. Don't wait as these boxes are snapped up fast.

Congratulations to our member and friend Bob Stauff who was recently honored by St. Margaret of Cortona and St. Gabriel's for his service as Cantor to both parishes. This is a very nice recognition for his dedication.

The recent Project Children Picnic and 5K Fundraiser at Rockland GAA was a great success. There were 1200 people registered and 950 people showed up for the run. The event was well supported by Leitrim. Our own Frank and Sharon Brady were both hands on helping out on the day.

Reminder: The *United Irish Counties Association of New York* are once again sponsoring both **High School** and **College Essay Contests**. The closing date for completed applications is **December 28th 2024**. For further information regarding their College Essay, please email Kit Smith @ holagh@aol.com. For more info on their HS Essay, please email **Kathleen Mattessich** @ kvmattessich@gmail.com. All the information is available on their website at www.uicany.org/essay.html.

Please remember all members and others who are dealing with health issues, John Maguire, Brigid Buggy, Tommy Clyne and Maureen Lavin. 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 remember especially Mary Ellen Kelleher (aunt of Declan Flynn and cousin of Bernadette Dunleavy) Sean McCabe (brother of Helen Shields). We also pray for husband and wife, Sean O'Neill and Arlene Connolly-O'Neill who died so tragically recently and we pray for their three young boys. May those mentioned above and 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. We must also pray for peace around the world.

Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving to you all.

Sincerely,

Margaret Taylor Finucane
President

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Corresponding Secretary