

# County Leitrim Society of New York



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Dear Member,

I am delighted to **welcome you all back** after a very hot summer. I hope it was enjoyed by everyone, and that you were all able to have some memorable family time. Hope you all had a great **Labor Day weekend**. Schools are open again so it's all systems go. We pray for the safety of all our children, parents and teachers as the school year begins anew.

**Our September meeting** will be held on **Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ the Heritage Bar and Restaurant, 960 McLean Avenue, Yonkers, NY, 7:30 pm**. Please try to attend and get involved. **Our Society can only grow and prosper with all our help**. We need a lot of help to run all these events through the year. **Let it begin with YOU**. We also urge more members to sign up to receive the newsletter via email, this will expedite getting the news out to you, and will help with our monthly expenses.

We had a very large attendance at our May meeting. It really was nice to see everyone and catch up with things. At that meeting we held the drawing for the following scholarships:

### GRAMMAR SCHOOL:

1. Thomas Dolan – **Barney Ferguson Award - \$500**
2. Liam Dolan – **Aisling Cooke Award - \$500**

### HIGH SCHOOL:

1. James Meegan - **\$1000**
2. Justine Dolan - **\$1000**
3. Kate Dolan – **Richard Reynolds Award - \$500**
4. Pierce Taylor – **Larry Dolan Award - \$500**

### COLLEGE:

1. Brendan Dolan – **Barney & Olive McKeon Essay Contest - \$2000**
2. Sean Finucane - **\$1000**
3. Sarah Dinnell - **\$1000**

**Congratulations** to these great winners. A **winning night** for the **Dolan Families**. These scholarships will be presented at our **Annual Memorial Mass/Scholarship dance** on **Sunday afternoon, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at Dunwoodie Golf Club in Yonkers**. Details will be published in next month's letter. In conjunction with this event, which is the only fundraiser for the scholarship. Raffle tickets are available at the event and on request. Please contact **Bernadette Dunleavy at (917) 648-2144 for tickets**. Checks should be made payable to the '**County Leitrim Scholarship Fund**'

**Payment of Dues for 2023 should be mailed to the Financial Secretary at the P.O. address above. Dues are \$20.00 per person or \$30.00 per couple.**

A visit to **Croke Park** is a very special occasion for Leitrim people. That certainly was the case on **Friday night, July 21<sup>st</sup>** as a large contingent of native Leitrim exiles gathered in the Assembly Hall in Dublin for the first ever **Hall of Fame** ceremony, organized by the **NY GAA**. They were there to honor a great Leitrim man, **Mike Carty** as he was bestowed with the first **GAA Lifetime Achievement Award**. A most deserving recognition for a man who has given so much to Leitrim and the GAA both on and off the field. **The Leitrim Society** is very proud to congratulate you Mike. You are an inspiration and great role model for all of us.

This was a very busy and exciting summer in the **Dunleavy**' household. **Congratulations** to **Anne and Nick, Marie and Ciaran** on their beautiful **weddings**. Wishing them every happiness for the future.

**Please mark your calendar** – A fundraising concert for **Billy Keenan** who suffered a catastrophic surfing accident on the Jersey shore in September 2013, will take place **Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>** at the **Rockland GAA in Orangeburg, NY**. This event will run from **3-7pm**. with over six hours of live music from at least twelve bands including a **very poignant musical guest**: suggested donation **\$40.00**. Please come out and support this most worthy cause.

'**Drive to Revive**' initiative will hold their **2<sup>nd</sup> "Night at the Races"** on **Saturday night, November 5<sup>th</sup>** at **Rory Dolan's 'Killeshandra Room'**. **1<sup>st</sup> race goes off @ 8 pm**. A great chance to socialize and make some new friends.

The **Aisling Irish Center's '25<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner Dance'** will take place on **Friday night, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022** at **Mulino's at Lake Isle, 660 White Plains Rd, Eastchester, NY**. One of the honorees on the night is our longtime member and great friend, **John Cassels**. John has contributed greatly to the restoration of the **Aisling Center** and is truly deserving of this recognition. For information, please see attached flyer and journal ad contract,

**Please remember our sick members: Michael O'Rourke** (in Nursing Home), **John Duggan (brother of Mike Carty's wife Caroline)** and any other member not mentioned. Please keep them all in your prayers.

In July we lost one of our dearly beloved members, **Pidge Murray**. A most charming lady with a heart of gold, a listening ear and a kind word for everyone. Our deepest condolences to **Pat, Deirdre, Raymond and Brian**, her beautiful **grand-children** and her **sister Rosemary** in **Colorado**. **Condolences** to **Catriona and Seamus Clarke** on the passing of **Catriona's mother, Bredge Kenny (Drumshanbo)** during the summer, and to **Mike Dillon** on the death of his **niece** this week in **Belfast, Caroline (Carrie) Wilson (nee Martin)** from **Ballinamore**.

**Please remember the following who passed away during the summer:**

**Pauline (McHugh) Gallagher – Corry, Drumkeerin**  
**Kathy Finucane (sister of John Finucane) – Limerick, Ireland**  
**Mary Kerrigan – Manorhamilton**  
**Fr Thomas Maguire- Sacramento, California formerly Cornamon, Glenfarne**  
**Baby Ramini Maeve Shan – infant grand-daughter of Declan Flynn**  
**Maura Devine – sister of the late Bridie Mahon**  
**Eileen Duane – sister of the late Larry Dolan**  
**Bridget McGrath – Yonkers/Drumshanbo**  
**Kathleen Bohan – Elmhurst, Queens – wife of Eddie and sister of Maurice Foley**  
**Gloria Jean Leggiero – Aunt of Mark & Noreen Leggiero**  
**Kathleen Devine (Nanuet/Cloone) – cousin of Ann Brogan**  
**C.J. Hackett – Yonkers (maternal grandparents (Horan) from Drumkeerin)**  
**Joan Murphy McWeeney (England) – sister in law of Dessie McWeeney**

**May they all 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 heroic work on the **front lines**. We thank them for their service.

On this the **21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of 9-11**, we remember all those lives lost on that awful day, which is forever etched in our memory. **We will never forget.**

**Sincerely,**

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

**Anna Mulvey Buggy**  
**Corresponding Secretary**