

County Leitrim Society of New York



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Dear Member and Friends:

The 125th Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Dance of the County Leitrim Society of New York will be held on Friday, March 13, 2020 at Antun's, 96-43 Springfield Blvd., Queens Village, NY 11429. The deluxe cocktail hour will begin at 8:00 PM and followed by dinner and dancing to the McLean Avenue Band. Tickets are \$90.00 each. Please make reservations early and payment prior to the dance is greatly encouraged and appreciated.

As we celebrate this milestone anniversary and the beginning of a new decade, we have decided this year to have as our guests of honor a special group of people that have made a huge contribution to our society over the past 50 years. Many of whom are octogenarians and some are nonagenarians. These members represent the very best quality and principles that guided our society to the success it is today. All of these men and women immigrated many years ago, yet have never forgot the customs and traditions of our native county that they grew up with. We are thankful for their work commitment and dedication to our society in keeping these traditions alive and well in their adopted country. We are delighted to have them as our guests and will forever be grateful for everything that each of these members represent. Congratulations to the following 10 deserving honorees:

Agnes Beirne, Carrick-on-Shannon - Former 2nd Vice President, Trustee and Dance Committee Chairperson.

Mike Dillon, Cloone – Former 2nd Vice President, Auditor, Welfare and Journal Chairperson.

Myra Fisher, Cloone – Former Corresponding and Financial Secretary.

Rose Halpin, Gortletteragh – Former Corresponding and Financial Secretary and Scholarship Chairperson.

John Maguire, Newtowngore – Former 2nd Vice President, Auditor and Welfare Chairperson.

Pat Murray, Ballinamore – Former Vice President, Trustee and Journal Chairperson.

Mary O'Keefe, Leitrim Village – Former Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Trustee and Scholarship Chairperson.

Michael O'Rourke, Carrigallen – Past President.

Joe Taylor, Eslin Bridge – Past President, Trustee and Welfare Chairperson.

John Taylor, Eslin Bridge – Past President, Auditor and Sergeant At Arms.

The Distinguished Service Award recipient this year is **Bernadette Dunleavy**. Bernadette is currently an Auditor and Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee, and has held the office of Vice President and President of the Society (2014-2015).

Bernadette was born in the Bronx, NY to the late Mary Cullen (nee Flynn) who was raised in Drumkeerin, Co. Leitrim and Tommy Cullen from Arigna, Co. Sligo. Bernadette has one brother, Thom, who resides in Richmond, Virginia with his wife, Kathy.

Bernadette attended Misericordia School of Nursing and started her career in St Elizabeth's Hospital. She spent 10 years working as an operating room nurse in Union Hospital of the Bronx. In 1986, she and her husband, Tony, opened the Shamrock Irish Gift Shop and continued the business until she was busy with her children. After a hiatus of raising her three children, she became a NYC Public School Nurse where she has been working for the past 14 years. In 2015 she was awarded the UFT District 11 SRP Award for service and compassion for her students.

Bernadette married Tony Dunleavy, native of Co. Mayo in 1984 and they now reside in Yonkers with their three children, Gerard a stationary engineer in Local 30 Union, Marie, a nurse and Anne a physical therapist. Bernadette has been an active member of the Leitrim Society for the past 15 years since her cousin, Helen McAlinden, brought her to her first meeting. She is very proud of her Leitrim heritage and is very appreciative of this recognition. We congratulate her on this well-deserved honor.

We are publishing a Souvenir Journal in conjunction with the dance and a contract is enclosed. Please strongly consider placing an advertisement in our Journal as it offers the benefit of wide exposure to the Irish Community in the tri-state area. A return addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience. If you have any questions, please call Marie Dunleavy at (914)409-8719 or any member of the committee.

For reservations, please call Noeleen Bohan McGovern at (914)693-7592. Please make all checks payable to 'County Leitrim Society of NY' and return to Noeleen Bohan McGovern, 45 Southfield Avenue, Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522 before March 9, 2020.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you on Friday, March 13.

Yours sincerely,

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