Leitrim Society of New York February 2021 Online Newsletter

**Dear Member,**

Hope everyone is doing well despite the ongoing restrictions. Evenings are getting brighter, days are getting longer, a sure sign that spring is coming soon. Vaccines are rolling out, giving us much hope that 2021 is going to be better.

Our **February meeting** will be conducted via **Zoom** on **Thursday, February 18th**, **2021 at 7.30PM**. If you would like to participate, please contact **Meg McKeon-Baker at 718-445-8365** for details.

Our **2021 St. Patrick’s Day Dinner Dance** has sadly been **postponed indefinitely.** We will continue to review regulatory updates and inform you of any positive changes as they impact our holding this event in the future.

**Payment of dues for 2021** should be mailed to the **Financial Secretary at the P.O. Box address above**. Dues are **$20.00 per person** or **$30.00 per couple**.

***‘Congratulations’*** to **Leitrim GAA** on their very successful ‘**50 Miles in January’** **challenge**. A lot of walking/running has been done by Leitrim natives all over the world. To date, the fundraiser has raised more than **$102,600**. Congratulations to the **Leitrim Society** group who braved the bitter cold to finish up last Sunday morning at **Tibbetts Park**. It is worth noting that there were **8 former Presidents** there. At our January meeting the Leitrim Society **donated $1,000.00** to the fund. Thank you for all your great support, loyalty and generosity. It was a tremendous success. Well done to all involved.

**Scholarship** – Please visit the Scholarship page of this website to view the Rules and Regulations and download an application form. Please return the completed form to **Bernadette Dunleavy, 238 Blackford Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10704** by **April 15th 2021**. The winners will be drawn at our May meeting.

***‘Congratulations’*** to our former President, **Michael O’Rourke** who recently celebrated his **95th birthday! ‘*Happy Birthday’*** Michael, wishing you many more.

***Congratulations’* to Douglas Brady,** member of the **Yonkers Police ESU,** the son of **Frank & Helen,** on his recognition by the ***FBI*** for his act ofheroism lastyear**,** being presented with their**Federal Law EnforcementFoundation’s Award *as ‘Investigator of the Year’. ‘Well done’ Doug, ‘congrats’*** also on your most recent and richly deserved promotion to **Yonkers Detective!**

**Elizabeth Keenan Papierowicz,** born in **Gortletteragh,** emigrated here in 1951 and graduated from **Baruch College** in 1978 with a **Bachelor’s degree in Business** **Administration**, has kindly bequeathed ***two $40,000 life*** ***insurance policies*** to the **Baruch College Fund**. In recognition of this generosity, the College has named **Room 9-170** of the **Newman Vertical** **Campus,** the ‘**Elizabeth Keenan Papierowicz ‘78** **Classroom’. ‘Congratulations’** Elizabeth, well done paying it forward.

Please remember our sick and their families: **Aileen Kilcommons**, **Lisa Cullen**, **Noreen Regan-Leggiero**, **Anne Bohan, Elizabeth Keenan Papierowicz, Kay Quinlivan** and **Terence Regan** and all those suffering with Covid-19 both here and abroad. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

Please pray for all our deceased members, along with departed family members and friends of our Society, namely; **Mary Traynor** (**Syosse**t), formerly **Kinlough**, **Michael McCabe (Bronx, formerly Cloone**), ***brother in*** ***law of Kathleen O’Keefe***; **Anita McTiernan** (**Dromahair**) who died in Kenya this past November; **Fr. Joe Flynn** (**Drumkeerin**), who died recently in Dublin, a member of the **St. Patrick’s Fathers**, was well known to many of the Society in earlier years; **Noeleen Mitchell Doonan** (formerly ***Mohill***) who passed away February 6th, the wife of **Des Doonan,** **(*Cloone*)** and sister of **Mary Dolan** and **Pat Joe Mitchell** of the Leitrim Society; **Mary** ‘**Maize’ Slevin** (**nee Keegan**), sister of our late president **Bridie Keegan,** passed away last Saturday February 6th, who along with her husband **Bill** were very ardent supporters of the Leitrim Society; **Cecilia Rohan**, a past President of ***County* *Galway Association*** who passed away Feb 5th. Finally, please remember in your petitions the **victims of the** **Mother and Baby Homes** who suffered and perished in Ireland over the last century as well as the survivors of this moral travesty. May they and all our departed, ***Rest in Peace.***

Please continue to pray for all our **first responders**, **medical staff** and all **essential service employees** who continue to work on the front lines.

**Wishing you all a very happy Valentine’s day.**

Sincerely,

Donal O’Connell Anna Mulvey Buggy

President Corresponding Secretary