

Leitrim Society of New York November 2021 Online Newsletter

Dear Member:

We had a lovely afternoon on Sunday at our **Memorial Mass/Scholarship Dance**. It was great to see so many faces, and to be together to remember our deceased and to present our Scholarships. Thank you to **Monsignor Pat Whitney** for a beautiful mass. The food was delicious and it was good to hear live music and enjoy some dancing. A big thank you to Bernadette Dunleavy and her team for a most enjoyable evening.

Our November **meeting** will be held on **Thursday, November 18th, 2021** at the **Heritage Bar and Restaurant, McLean Avenue, Yonkers, NY at 7.30 pm**. Please try to attend and, if possible, maybe you can encourage someone to come.

Payment of dues for 2022 are also 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.

At our May meeting a **motion was made** that the Society makes a **donation of \$10,000** to the **Aisling Irish Center** to help with their fundraising effort. This motion will be voted on at the November meeting.

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 15th, 2021**. Please visit the UIC website for further details <https://www.uicany.org/essay.html> For information regarding College Essay you can email **Mae O'Driscoll** at maeodriscoll@aol.com and for High School Essay you can email **Kathleen Mattessich** at kvmattessich@gmail.com.

St. Barnabas Gaelic Football Club of New York 49th Annual Dinner Dance will take place on **Saturday November 27th, 2021** at **Lake Isle country Club, 660 White Plains Road, Eastchester, NY 10709**. Cocktails are from 7-9pm followed by Dinner and Dancing from 8pm-12am. For Information please contact **Albert Clarke** at **914-438-0863**.

AOH-Bronx County Dinner Dance will take place on **Sunday November 21st, 2021** at **Rory Dolan's, 890 McLean Ave** from **3-7pm**. One of the honorees is **Nuala Purcell**, well known **photographer** to the Irish community and **President of County Tipperary Association**. For information please call **Bob Nolan** at **347-880-1403**. The Society congratulates Nuala on this well deserved recognition.

We have been working at updating our **Constitution**. This will be finalized at our November meeting.

A **Fundraiser** will be held for **Billy Keenan** on **Sunday November 14th 2021** at **Growler & Gills Gastro Pub, 148 E. Route 59 West, Nanuet, NY 10954** (between Toys R Us and Kohls) from **1-5pm**. Billy suffered a life altering injury while surfing in 2013 leaving him paralyzed. Since then he has struggled financially and emotionally. Numerous fundraising events were held for him in 2014, unfortunately his medical bills etc. just keep on mounting.

This fundraiser will help defray additional expenses incurred in recent times. Online donations can be made via the following:

1. Venmo- venmo@milestogo
2. Paypal: <https://paypal.me/milestogoproject>
3. GoFundMe: <https://gofund.me/14790ab3>

Please support this in whatever way you can. Every little helps.

Please remember our sick members: **Pidgie Murray** (recovering from a fall/surgery during the summer), **Mary Bohan (sister of Noeleen Bohan-McGovern)** recovering from a car accident in Ireland, **John Duggan (brother of Mike Carty's wife Caroline)** and **Betty McLoughlin (recent knee surgery)** and any other members who are suffering for whatever reason. Please keep them all in your prayers.

We remember our deceased **Mary (Walsh) Murray (Aughnasheelin)**, mother of **Hughie Murray**, sister of **Una Walsh** and aunt of **John Maloney**, **Paddy McPartlan (Mohill)** and late of **Corry, Drumkeerin**, and **Bridget Cornyn (Glangevlin, Co. Cavan)**, cousin of **Anna Mulvey Buggy**. **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 great work on the **front lines**.

Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving to you all.

Sincerely,

Donal O'Connell
President

Anna Mulvey Buggy
Corresponding Secretary