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Dear Member,

We would like to extend a warm welcome back to everyone and hope you all had a wonderful summer, and we are looking forward to getting started for another year. It was a very hot and humid summer but hope the weather did not dampen your spirits.

Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday, September 17th, 2026, at 7:30 PM** at the **Heritage Bar, 960 McLean Avenue, Yonkers, NY**. All members, new and old, are invited to attend. If you would like to participate virtually via Zoom, the Meeting ID is **530 678 7556** and the Passcode is **707748**. For further assistance, please contact Meg McKeon-Baker at **718-445-8365**.

Our May meeting brought together a great crowd of members for an enjoyable evening. As part of our annual scholarship program, the drawing was held that evening, and the following names were selected to receive scholarships:

GRAMMAR SCHOOL

1. William Brady – Detective Barney Ferguson Award – $500
2. Keira Allyn McKeon – Aisling Cooke Award – $500

HIGH SCHOOL

1. Kevin Taylor – Pidgie Murray Award – $500
2. Brendan Gannon – Richard Reynolds Award – $1,000
3. Mary Grace Mulvey – Larry Dolan Award – $500

COLLEGE

1. Sean Baxter – Barney & Olive McKeon Essay Contest – $2,000
2. Christopher Baxter – $1,000
3. Quinn Murray – Helen Brady Memorial Award – $1,000
4. Katelyn Brogan – $1,000

Congratulations to all our lucky winners!

The above scholarships will be presented at our **Annual Memorial Mass/Scholarship Dance on Sunday, November 8th, 2026 at Dunwoodie Golf Club**. Details will be published in next month's letter. This is our only fundraiser for the scholarship program. Please find enclosed two books of raffle tickets. We kindly ask that you return the tickets and payment to **Bernadette Dunleavy, 238 Blackford Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10704, before November 1st**. Checks should be made payable to the **County Leitrim Scholarship Fund**.

Thank you to everyone who participated in and contributed to the **50-Mile Challenge 2026**. A total of **€115,000** was raised, which includes **€10,000 raised here in New York**. Well done to everyone who took part and helped make this such a tremendous success!

Payment of dues for 2027 is now being accepted. Dues may be paid in person at any upcoming meeting or by mailing your check to the Financial Secretary at the P.O. address above. Dues remain **$20.00 per person or $30.00 per couple**.

Thank you to everyone who purchased boxes for our **All-Ireland Football Final Pool fundraiser**. Congratulations to **PJ Murray**, who won the Half-Time score, and **Anna Mulvey-Buggy**, who won Full-Time. We greatly appreciate your continued support.

Congratulations to our President, **Noeleen**, and her husband, **Seamus**, on the birth of their beautiful granddaughter, **Charlotte Grace**. Grandma Noeleen will surely be spoiling her rotten!

The presentation of our historic banner on **Friday, August 14th**, to the **Kiltyclogher Heritage Centre and Seán MacDiarmada Museum** was a huge success and a very memorable day for the Leitrim Society. A large group of officers and members traveled to Kiltyclogher for this historic event, which brought together members of the community, local representatives, historians, visitors, and friends from Leitrim to celebrate the retirement of our beloved banner. The Society extends its sincere appreciation to **Pat Gallagher and family of Leitrim & Kent** for their generous donation and for making this homecoming possible. It certainly was a proud and meaningful day for the Leitrim Society of New York. Please visit the **Leitrim Society** and **Kiltyclogher Heritage Centre Facebook pages** for photographs from the day.

The **5th Annual Golf Outing, in memory of Lisa Marie Cullen**, will take place on **Friday, September 25th, at Sprain Lake Golf Course**. The shotgun start is at **12:20 PM**. All proceeds from the event will go to the **Kevin Bell Repatriation Trust**. Please contact **Paul Friel at (914) 316-1841** to sign up to play golf or to sponsor a hole. Refreshments will follow at **Ireland's 32**.

Please also save the date for the **Aisling Irish Community Center Annual Dinner Dance**, which will take place on **Friday, September 25th, at Mulino's at Lake Isle, Eastchester, NY**. Please contact the Center at **(914) 237-5121** for tickets and further information.

Please remember our sick members: **Kathleen Regan, Brigid Buggy, Maureen Lavin, Joseph Miceli, Shane Doheny, Joseph O'Connell, Eugene Mitchell**, and all our other sick members who are not mentioned here. Please keep them all in your prayers.

It is with great sadness that we learned of the sudden passing of our dear friend and fellow member, **Bridie Mitchell**, on Wednesday, August 26th. **Bridie** was this year's **Distinguished Service Award recipient.** We will always remember **Bridie** with great affection and appreciation of her friendship and dedication to the Leitrim Society. She will be greatly missed and fondly remembered. Our heartfelt sympathy and prayers are with **Bridie's** family and friends at this difficult time. May she rest in peace.

Please also remember the following who passed away during the summer: **Michael Flanagan**, brother of Brendan, **Clare Heslin**, sister of Patricia Heslin-Clarke, **Monsignor James Curran**, Aughavas and Camden, NJ, former Chaplain, **Vera Brennan**, Ballinamore, **Joe Early**, Leitrim Village, father of Breffni Early, James Donnelly (Ballinamuck), cousin of Donal O'Connell, and **Alan Creamer**, Mohill, aged 19, who died tragically in Ballinamore.

We also remember all those who have lost their lives on the Irish roads over the summer. **May they all Rest in Peace.**

We continue to pray for the health and safety of all our first responders, medical staff, and essential service employees. Please also pray for peace around our troubled world.

Sincerely,

Noeleen Bohan McGovern
President

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