



# THE CORK REBEL



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**MEETINGS:**

**PLEASE NOTE DATE/TIME CHANGE FOR JULY MEETING**

Thursday, July 10<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 pm: Cork Banquet Committee Meeting  
Thursday, July 10<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 pm: Building Committee Meeting  
Thursday, July 10<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 pm: Officers Meeting  
Thursday, July 10<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 pm: General Membership Meeting

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Monday, July 14<sup>th</sup> – Last day for Cork Biennial Dinner Dance Journal Ads  
Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup> – Cork’s Biennial Dinner Dance in Ireland - Rochestown Park Hotel



## President’s Message

“One Final Gift” by Irish poet D.H. Cramer extols the Gift; of self, of family and of time. The poem refrains also – the greatest Gift, and the mutual affection we gain in honoring the times we shared with each other. As presiding officer of this benevolent, patriotic & protective association, I was never more proud to share in the honorable tribute of officers and members to our dear friend & beloved member ~ **JACK AHERN**.

We are grateful to Jack for his friendship, leadership and support. The Ahern legacy is an intrinsic part of this association, and will remain so for generations to come. Jack received a joyful send-off & tribute in song from family and friends, similar to the Mass reading... **Ecclesiastes 3:4** “A time to weep and a time to laugh; A time to mourn and a time to dance.” Ar Dheis Dé Go Raibh a Anam!

The officers and members are proud to celebrate our 20<sup>th</sup> Biennial Cork Reunion Banquet in Douglas, Co. Cork, Ireland on Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup> 2014. Cocktail reception will begin at 7 pm, followed by full course Dinner & Dancing. Music will be provided by Jimmy Scanlon and the SCAS Band.

This year, the Cork Association is delighted to recognize and honor two outstanding Corkmen from both sides of the Atlantic - Past President **JAMES J. O’DRISCOLL** and successful businessman **JAMES A. BARRY**.

**JIM O’DRISCOLL** is a proud 30 year member of the Co. Cork Association, who’s served the Association in numerous capacities as officer, chairman and, ultimately, as President in 2004. Jim is also well known on the Island of Cape Clear, where he was awarded the distinction of Honorary Life President by the Cape Clear Island Historical Museum in 1997.

**JAMES A. BARRY** was born and raised in Banteer, son of the late James Barry, who fought in the United States Army in World War I. Barry is owner and founder of the successful Barry Group; one of the most respected wholesale distribution groups in Ireland whose company headquarters are based in Mallow. Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday – Up Cork!

**ONE FINAL GIFT**

Scatter me not to the restless winds ~ Nor toss my ashes to the sea.  
Remember now those years gone by ~ When loving gifts I gave to thee.  
Remember now the happy times ~ The family ties are shared.

Don't leave my resting place unmarked ~ As though you never cared.  
Deny me not one final gift ~ For all who came to see.  
A simple lasting proof that says ~ I loved and you loved me.  
(D.H.Cramer)

**20<sup>TH</sup> BIENNIAL REUNION  
BANQUET IN CORK**  
*JOURNAL ADS DUE  
JULY 14<sup>TH</sup>*

**The 20<sup>th</sup> Biennial Reunion Banquet** will take place on **August 9<sup>th</sup>**, 2014 at the Rochestown Park Hotel in Douglas, Co. Cork. Held every two years, the Dinner Dance is always a great time, and this year's event is certain to be memorable and is being run by **Chairman Dan McCarthy**.

This year's honorees are **Past President Jim O'Driscoll** (New York and Cape Clear) and Cork businessman **James A. Barry** (Banteer).

There are 30 rooms reserved at the Rochestown Park Hotel. Rates are €99/person for a Double and €89/person for a Single. Rooms are going fast, so please contact the hotel to reserve your spot and then notify our **Reservations Chairpersons Treasa Goodwin Smyth** (718-651-7336) and **Timothy Murphy** (718-578-8761).

There will be a Souvenir Journal to commemorate the event. **Mae O'Driscoll is the Journal Chairperson. Journal Ads are due July 14<sup>th</sup>.**

Please see the Banquet letter and Journal Contract/Reservation form included with this month's newsletter.

## STAY INFORMED

**Cork Phone Notification system:** Be sure to sign up for the Cork Phone Notification system to get important updates on your phone. Send an E-mail with your telephone numbers or email address to the **new Cork E-Mail: [nycorkbpp@gmail.com](mailto:nycorkbpp@gmail.com)**

**Address Changes:** If you are moving or have moved recently, **please** remember to send a change of address card to the Cork Association at the address listed on the letterhead. Or you can contact **Corresponding Secretary Eileen O'Hea** (516) 557-7105

**JULY MEETING TIME CHANGE:** The date and time for the July meeting has changed in order to accommodate the Independence Day Holiday. Since this is our last meeting before the Cork Biennial Banquet and the last meeting of the summer, we hope to see you.

**NOTICE OF MOTION: Suspension of the August Officers and General Membership meetings** – That the County Cork B. P. & P. Association suspend the August meetings for the Board of Officers and the General Membership for the summer holidays. Regular meetings will resume in September.

**EXHIBITION AT THE IRISH CONSULATE OF NEW YORK:** The Irish Consulate is hosting an exhibition A Monumental Legacy: Archbishop John J. Hughes and The Building of St. Patrick's Cathedral. It tells the story of Archbishop Hughes, the visionary and driving force behind the Cathedral, and the evolution and impact of Irish America in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Members **Jim and Bridget Cagney** are docents at the exhibition and give it high marks. The exhibition is open 11am – 4pm weekdays by appointment only. Call 212-319-2555 to schedule your tour. The Consulate is located at 345 Park Avenue. **Hurry! The exhibition closes on 7/31.**

**News and entertainment: Donie Carroll seisiúns:** Sunnyside Singers Club at Café Aubergine (Wednesdays, 8 pm) and The Brogue (Fridays, 9:30 pm). Both venues are located on Skillman Avenue, Sunnyside. **Treasa Goodwin Smyth** co-hosts the show "Ireland Calls" with her husband Tommy Smyth. Tune in on Saturdays at 6 pm to WVOX 1460 AM [irelandcallsradioshow.com](http://irelandcallsradioshow.com) (Twitter: @irelandcalls). **Eileen Cronin** hosts the "Long Ireland Show" on Saturdays from 2-5 pm on WRHU 88.7 FM Hofstra University [www.WRHU.org](http://www.WRHU.org). **Hugh O'Rourke** hosts the Leitrim Ceili on Tuesdays at 8pm on 90.3 FM.

**Planning a special event?** The **Cork Hall** is available for rental to all members for parties/functions at special rates. **Bantry Bay Publick House & Restaurant** ([www.bantrybaypub.com](http://www.bantrybaypub.com)), which has the best food in Long Island City, will provide for all of your catering needs. Plus, Association members receive discounts on meals. Call Matt, Artie or Jimmy at (718) 784-9500 for information.

**Cork Publicans/ Restaurateurs:** Enjoy great food & drink at John Browns' **Grandstand Pub & Restaurant**, where on Friday nights you can practice for American Idol - Karaoke. Check out Pat Burke's **Brickyard Gastropub** ([www.brickyardnyc.com](http://www.brickyardnyc.com)), **Woodbines** ([www.woodbinesnyc.com](http://www.woodbinesnyc.com)), in Long Island City or the **Courtyard** ([www.courtyardalehouse.com](http://www.courtyardalehouse.com)) in Sunnyside, Queens. For the ultimate soccer viewing experience, visit **Nevada Smiths** ([www.nevadasmiths.net](http://www.nevadasmiths.net)), located at 100 Third Avenue (between 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> Streets).

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To Siobhan Dennehy and our friends at the Emerald Isle Immigration Center on the success of The Celtic Cruise on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Several of our members attended, including **Mae O'Driscoll, Deirdre O'Hea, Noelle Clancy, Paddy McCarthy, Past President Dan Dennehy, and President Denis McCarthy.** The craic was mighty for all these seafaring Corkonians.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To **Aileen McCarthy,** daughter of **President Denis McCarthy** and his lovely wife Bridget, on receiving a trophy at the recent UIC Feis on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks to all of the Cork volunteers who spent the day helping out at the Feis, including **Dancin' Bob Sullivan, Deirdre O'Hea, Mae O'Driscoll and Mary Waters.** There was a phenomenal turnout of talented dancers, singers and musicians keeping the tradition alive.

**Get Well Wishes and prayers:** Get well wishes to **Eileen Martin** as she recovers from surgery. Continued prayers for member **Daniel O'Neill** and Mary Anne McCarthy's sister **Kitty Spedden.**

**Good and Welfare:** to report any births, marriages, illnesses or deaths of a member or family member, or any other news of that sort, contact **Mary English @ 718-426-6867.**

**ARE YOUR DUES IN ORDER?** Please forward dues of \$24.00 for the year 2014 to the attention **Kathy Feeley - Financial Secretary** and mail to the address noted on the masthead of the newsletter. Please make an effort to catch up if you're in arrears, or ask Kathy and she will let you know the status of your dues.

**County Cork Pipe Band:** is always looking for new members! Practices are held every Wednesday from 7pm – 9pm at the Cork Hall. Anyone interested can check out their Face book page. Many Colleges offer Scholarships to experienced pipe & drum players, such as IONA and Manhattan College, among others. Please check out the following websites for more information on scholarships:  
<http://fraser.cc/pipes/bands.html#USAU>  
<http://www.pipesdrums.com/ViewObject.aspx?sys-Portal=57&sys-Class=Article&sys-ID=18784>

## Condolences

### JOHN (JACK) T. AHERN

The Officers & Members of the County Cork BP&P Association celebrated the life and legacy of devoted third generation member and 125th Anniversary honoree - John (Jack) T. Ahern who passed away on June 17, 2014. Born and raised in Brooklyn, his paternal roots hail from Kilbrittain, County Cork, Ireland. Jack served Local 30 as Business Manager and Financial Secretary, spanning a legacy of 40 years as a proud labor leader and trade unionist. Jack was recognized and honored by numerous Irish organizations in New York and beyond and was especially proud to represent his Cork Rebel heritage as Grand Marshal of New York City's 253rd St. Patrick's Day Parade this year. We extend our condolences to his wife Susan, three children Corey (Jennifer), Taryn, and Michael. Condolences also to Jack's mother, Margaret Ahern, his brother Liam Ahern (Nuala), sisters Christine Rizzo (Frank), and Karen Turton (Darren), 11 nieces and nephews, 4 grandnieces and grandnephews, as well as a multitude of extended family, friends, and fellow union members.



*Picture from the 2013 Cork Banquet  
(Jack Ahern – David Cahill – Joe Giacini – Denis McCarthy)*

### JAMES "BARNEY" FERGUSON

The County Cork Officers & members extend their deepest sympathies to the family of James "Barney" Ferguson, who passed away on May 31<sup>st</sup> after a long illness. Barney was the Grand Marshal of the New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade in 1978.

*Ar Dheis Dé Go Raibh a Anam*



## CORK ~ OUT & ABOUT

The Association teamed up with the **Cork GFC** and the **Celtic GFC** to sponsor the inaugural **Family Field Day and Picnic** on Sunday, **June 1<sup>st</sup>**, at the VE Macy Park in Ardsley. Over 100 people attended and enjoyed the matches, the great food...and even a medieval knight who let the kids practice their swordsmanship. Many thanks to Murphy's for donating some adult beverages and to all of the volunteers who helped make it a special day. Special thanks to "chefs de cuisine" Jeremiah and John Harrington.



**UIC Feis** performers, Meghan Doherty and Aileen McCarthy, along with Deirdre O'Hea, Mae O'Driscoll, Bridget McCarthy and Dancin' Bob Sullivan.

