



# THE CORK REBEL



The County Cork B. P. & P. Association  
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**MEETINGS:**

Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6:30 pm: Building Committee Meeting  
Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7:00 pm: Officers Meeting  
Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> – 3:30 pm: General Membership Meeting

***NOMINATION OF OFFICERS WILL TAKE PLACE AT  
THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING***

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> – Aisling Irish Community Center 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner Dance, Maestro’s, Bronx  
Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> – Irish American Society’s Harvest Moon Ball, Antun’s of Queens Village  
Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup> – Emerald Isle Immigration Center Dinner Dance, Astoria Manor  
Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> – Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind Fundraiser, Rory Dolan’s, Yonkers  
Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup> – “Corcaigh Craic Seisiún & Fundraiser” at the Cork Hall



## President’s Message

*“Oh once the harp of Innisfail - Was strung full high to notes of gladness - But yet it often told a tale - Of more prevailing sadness.”* Thomas Campbell (1777-1844)

Why do the Irish sing sad songs to make them merry? The 1<sup>st</sup> stanza of Thomas Campbell’s poem, “O’Connor’s Child,” shares a compelling narrative of Ireland, referring to Innisfail – the Island of stones and warriors. There are many fine examples of this dichotomy.

Whether the narrative was of gladness: 352 AD (St. Ciaran), 432 AD (St. Patrick), 451 (St. Brigid), 489 (St. Brendan), 550 (St. Finbarr) 597 (St. Columba), 800 (Book of Kells), 999 (Brian Boru), 1014 (Battle of Clontarf), 1670 (Turlough O’Carolan), 1814 (Thomas Davis), 1829 (Catholic Emancipation), 1854 (Oscar Wilde), 1856 (George Bernard Shaw), 1865 (William Butler Yeats), 1882 (James A. Joyce), 1884 (Corkmen’s Association & the GAA), 1893 (The Gaelic League), 1998 (Good Friday Agreement).

Or of sadness: 1172 (Henry II-Lordship of Ireland), 1366 (Statutes of Kilkenny), 1534 (Kildare Rebellion), 1541 (Henry VIII-King of Ireland), 1556-1641 (Plantation/ Re-colonization of Ireland), 1601 (Battle of Kinsale), 1607 (Flight of Earls), 1641 (Irish Rebellion), 1642-53 (Irish Confederate Wars), 1662 (Transplantation Act of Ulster), 1695 (Penal Laws until 1829/1920), 1798 (United Irishmen), 1803 (Robert Emmett Rebellion), 1845-1850 (An Gorta Mor), 1848 (Young Irelander Rebellion), 1867 (Fenian Rising), 1913 (Dublin Lockout), 1916 (Easter Rising), 1921 (War of Independence, 1922 (Assassination of Michael Collins), 1921-23 (Irish Civil War), 1972 (Bloody Sunday), 1980-81 (Hunger Strikes).

The indomitable spirit of the Irish people has resulted from much tribulation and subjugation throughout the centuries, a product of a spirited DNA, turbulent environment and history, which defines to a large extent our identity, beliefs and culture.

So it’s fitting to remember, as well as reflect as we did this past September 11<sup>th</sup>, those who have sacrificed their time, their energy and their lives for their fellow men and women. Reviewing Ireland’s history during the most difficult years of An Gorta Mor reveals the equivalent of one 9-11 Twin Towers tragedy – 2,606 (2,996 total) deaths – occurred every day over a three year period between 1847-1851. Over 3.5 million people were lost to The Great Hunger: more than 1.5 million to death by starvation and related diseases, and more than 2 million to emigration.

Our Association has recognized the historical significance of these events, recognizing the Centennial of the Titanic & legacy of Irish immigration and most recently the Centennial of Irish Labor & the Dublin Lockout. I am honored and privileged to continue sharing our legacy for historical commemoration, as Chairman of the Easter Rising Centennial for the UIC-United Irish Counties.

## CORCAIGH CRAIC SEISIÚN & FUNDRAISER

NOVEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>  
AT THE CORK HALL

**Corcaigh Craic Seisiún & Fundraiser** will be held on Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at the Cork Hall (33-01 Greenpoint Avenue, Long Island City) from 3pm – 7pm. Join us for an afternoon of music and dancing and enjoy coffee, tea, sandwiches and soda bread. Raffle & prizes. Tickets \$20pp. For information, please see enclosed flyer for details.

*Come on down and support the Association. Proceeds will go toward upgrades to the Cork building and Hall.*

## EMERALD ISLE IMMIGRATION CENTER ANNUAL DINNER

The Emerald Isle Immigration Center Annual Dinner will be held on Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, at the Astoria World Manor (25-22 Astoria Boulevard, Astoria). Cocktail hour begins at 7pm with dinner and dancing to follow at 8pm. Honorees for the evening are Bronx Borough President Hon. Ruben Diaz Jr., Businesswoman Mary McMahon and Michael Mulgrew of the UFT. Entertainment by New York Show Band. Tickets are \$90pp.

For reservations or journal information, please contact or Lisa McGovern (718) 324-3039 ext. 102 or Sandra Boyle (718) 478-5502 ext 211 or you may email [eiicdinnerdance@gmail.com](mailto:eiicdinnerdance@gmail.com).

## KILMEEN DRAMA GROUP US TOUR 2014

The **Kilmeen Drama Group** of West Cork, founded in 1954 in St. Mary's Theatre, Rossmore, will bring their multi-award winning production of *The Playboy of the Western World* by J.M. Synge to the U.S. in October.

♦ **October 24/25:** The Rose Nagelberg Theater, Baruch College NY. Curtain 8pm; Tickets \$25. Contact the Box Office (212) 352 3101 or [baruch.cuny.edu/bpac](http://baruch.cuny.edu/bpac)

♦ **October 29/30:** The Ware Centre, Millersville University, Lancaster, PA. [millersville.edu/muarts/about-us/ware-center](http://millersville.edu/muarts/about-us/ware-center)

For more information on the U.S. Tour, contact Michael O'Mahony at 086-8102208 or [omahonyma@yahoo.com](mailto:omahonyma@yahoo.com)

**NOMINATION OF OFFICERS** will be held at the October General Membership meeting on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm.

**Article X: No Member shall be eligible for nomination unless he/ she shall have been one year continuously a member prior to the date of the election, and shall be financially in good standing before the close of the business on the day of nomination. No member can be nominated in their absence, or elected to any office, unless they signify in writing, a willingness to accept.**

**AISLING IRISH COMMUNITY CENTER ANNUAL DINNER DANCE** will be held on Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at Maestro's Caterers, 1703 Bronxdale Avenue, Bronx. Cocktail Hour will run from 8-9pm followed by dinner and dancing from 9pm-1am. Music by New York Show Band. For reservations or journal information, please call 914-237-5121 or email [dinnerdance@aislingcenter.org](mailto:dinnerdance@aislingcenter.org).

**IRISH AMERICAN SOCIETY'S HARVEST MOON BALL** will be held on Friday October 3<sup>rd</sup> at Antun's (96-43 Springfield Blvd, Queens). Cocktail hour begins at 7:30pm with dinner and dancing starting at 8:30pm. Tickets are \$80pp. Music will be by Billy Keenan's Primetime Showband. To reserve your spot, please call 516-746-9392 or email [irishamericansocietyny@gmail.com](mailto:irishamericansocietyny@gmail.com).

**IRISH GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND ANNUAL FUNDRAISER** will take place on Sunday, October 26<sup>h</sup>, at Rory Dolan's (890 McLean Avenue, Yonkers) from 2-7pm. Music provided by Dermot Henry, Mary Courtney and others. Tickets are \$30pp and includes a buffet meal. Info: Kevin Kennedy at 212-534-8867, email [KerryBlue72@optimum.net](mailto:KerryBlue72@optimum.net).

**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.

**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.

**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

**SEPTEMBER MEETING ROUNDUP:** Our September meeting was great fun and well-attended. It was so great to see **Ted Flanagan** who is up from Florida, **Kay Hallacy** and **Gay Reilly** at the meeting. Photos from the Welcome Back BBQ are on the next page. *If you haven't been to a meeting in a while, please try to join us soon. We love to stay connected and reconnect with all of our members.*

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:** Welcome to **Kathleen Rea Doherty** (Mallow, Co. Cork) and her husband **Michael Doherty** (Belleeks, Co. Armagh) who joined at our September meeting.

**WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH SAFE TRAVELS** to our member **Brian Clancy** who will be serving in Lebanon for six months with the Irish Army. Stay safe and come home soon – and we hope to see you at a meeting when you return. Go dté tú slán.

**GET WELL WISHES AND PRAYERS:** Continued prayers for **Kitty Spedden**, **Dan O'Neill** and **Maisie Brophy**. We wish them good health and speedy recovery.

**News and entertainment:** **Donie Carroll seisiúns:** Sunnyside Singers Club at Café Aubergine (Wednesdays, 8 pm) and The Globe (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.

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

**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.

## Congratulations

Hearty congratulations to our very own Cork Woman of the Year, **Eileen Cronin**, who was recently honored at the Nassau County AOH 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Feis & Festival.

Congratulations to immediate **Past President Timothy Murphy** who is being honored and recognized on Friday, October 3rd, at the inaugural First Responders Award by the Irish Echo, being held at Rosie O'Grady's in Manhattan, NY. We congratulate him and are proud of his service to New York's Bravest, where he serves as a Lieutenant in the FDNY Emergency Planning & Preparedness Group.

Congratulations to **Timmy and Jeannine McCarthy** on the birth of their son, Hudson James, on June 1st. Timmy is the youngest brother of **President Denis McCarthy**. This is the twelfth grandchild for **Denis (Sr.) & MaryAnne McCarthy**.

Congratulations to member **Gary Scanlon** on the wedding of his daughter Nicole to Jake. Nicole's grandmother is Peggy Scanlon.

Best wishes on the upcoming November wedding of **Patrick Browne to Cynthia** at St. Cecilia's Church. Patrick is the son of member **Cathy Browne**

## Condolences

### MAUREEN MAHONEY (NEE SULLIVAN)

The Officers & Members of the County Cork BP&P Association extend their deepest sympathies to our member Jerry Mahoney and his family on the loss of his beloved wife Maureen (nee Sullivan) who passed away on September 20th. Maureen was a native of Co. Kerry. Loving mother of Michelle (John) McDermott and Mark Mahoney. Cherished grandmother of Cassidy, John and Emilee. She is survived by 3 loving sisters and 2 brothers.

Our sincere condolences to Pat Murray, Past President of Co. Leitrim, and his family on the tragic loss of their 14-year old granddaughter, Aisling Cooke, who passed away in a car crash.

*Ar Dheis Dé Go Raibh a Anam*

### 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**.

# WELCOME BACK BARBEQUE

A great time was had by all who attended the *Welcome Back Barbeque* after the September meeting last month. Fearless chefs **Denis McCarthy**, **Noel Hayes** and **Deirdre O’Hea** manned the grill, cooking up hot dogs, hamburgers, grilled bangers and chicken, served alongside wonderful salads and a scrumptious cake and home-made desserts. Many thanks to our Grill Masters, along with **Tim Murphy**, **Bob Sullivan**, **Mary Hurley** and all who made the barbeque such a success.

