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20th Biennial Reunion Banquet

August 9th, 2014 at the Rochestown Park Hotel, Douglas, County Cork, Ireland

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Dear Friend and Patron,

The County Cork B. P. & P. Association of New York invites you to join us as we celebrate our 20th. Biennial Reunion Banquet in our native County at the Rochestown Park Hotel in Douglas, Cork, on Saturday, August 9th, 2014. The festivities will begin with a cocktail reception at 7:00 p.m. followed by dinner and dancing to the music of Jimmy Scanlon and the SCAS Band. Tickets are \$70 Dollars or €50 Euro each. This year we are delighted to honor two outstanding Corkmen – Past President **JAMES JOSEPH O'DRISCOLL** and businessman **JAMES A. BARRY**.

JAMES JOSEPH O'DRISCOLL is one of three siblings born in Brooklyn to the late James Joseph O'Driscoll, Cape Clear, Co. Cork and Mary Catherine (nee Grimes) from Armagh City, Co. Armagh. Jim was educated at St. Teresa of Avila Grammar School, Boys' High School and the New York Institute of Finance. Jim served his country in the US Army in the 76th Tank Battalion, 11th Airborne Division, at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. During his career Jim worked for Pan American Airlines and in the financial industry on Wall Street before joining the NY Telephone Company where he worked for thirty years, also serving his fellow members in the CWA as Business Agent before retiring. Jim is a proud 30 year member of the Co. Cork Association, and has served in many capacities as officer, chairman and, ultimately, as President in 2004. Jim is also well known on the Island of Cape Clear, as an advocate and benefactor in establishing the Cape Clear Island Historical Museum and in 1997 was awarded the distinction of Honorary Life President. Jim lives with his wife Peggy (nee Biesty) in Lynbrook, NY, and enjoys sunny Florida during the winter months. They are the proud parents of Jimmy & Maryanne, as well as three lovely grandchildren, James, Blake and Dayna.

JAMES A. BARRY was born in Banteer in 1929 and is one of seven siblings born to the late Margaret and James Barry who fought with the United States Army in World War One. James A. spent his formative years growing up in Banteer. In 1959 James A. married Pauline and they have seven children, Kevin, Ann, Jim, Paul, Evonne, Eileen and Mark. James A. first went into business in 1955 selling fruit and sweets from a van to various small shops and pubs in Banteer. He quickly earned a reputation for his dedication and service and his business thrived despite a very difficult environment. As his customer base and business grew, he moved his company headquarters to Mallow and further expansion followed as a result of his own hard work and that of his family. The Barry Group rose to become one of the most respected wholesale distribution groups in Ireland and James A. still plays an active role in the company today. James A's experience and counsel continues to be invaluable to the company. The Barry Group now is one of the most respected wholesale distribution groups in Ireland.

We will publish a souvenir journal dedicated to our honorees. We invite you to include a greeting or advertise your business. Enclosed is a contract with advertising rates and ticket reservation information. Please note that the deadline for journal submissions is July 14th, 2014.

We appreciate your continued support and look forward to welcoming you on August 9th.

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