



The County Cork B. P. & P. Association

Denis McCarthy - President



130th Annual St. Patrick's Ball & Dinner

Antun's, 96-43 Springfield Blvd., Queens Village, NY 11429

January 1, 2014

Dear Friend and Patron:

The **County Cork B.P. & P. Association of New York** invites you to join in celebrating the St. Patrick's season, at our 130th annual *St. Patrick's Ball & Dinner Dance*, on **Saturday, March 8th, 2014** at **Antun's, 96-43 Springfield Blvd., Queens Village, NY**. Deluxe cocktail hour will begin at 7:00 p.m. followed with dinner, music and dancing to the New York Show Band w/ Tommy Flynn. This year, we're delighted to recognize three distinguished honorees and four "50 Year Members" of our *Association*.

Our **2014 Cork Man of the Year & Past President Daniel McCarthy**, was born and raised in St. Theresa's of Lisieux Parish of Brooklyn, NY with his three siblings; Mary, Tommy and Michael. He's the oldest son of the late Thomas McCarthy from Skibbereen, County Cork and Brigid (nee Brennan) from Castlebar, County Mayo. He has served the Association in numerous capacities; including the office of Treasurer & President, as well as Chairman of several Committees. Dan currently serves as Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of Covenant House International which serves homeless children in the United States, Vancouver, Toronto, Mexico City, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. One of Dan's proudest moments was being asked by Past president Sean Driscoll to carry the flag for the Cork Association in the 1994 St. Patrick's Day parade prior to becoming a member. Dan is now celebrating his 20th year, since joining the County Cork BP&P Association in 1994.

Our 2014 Cork Woman of the Year - Tess Casey, born and raised in Cork City; currently resides with photographer and husband Michael Casey DiPleco in NYC and upstate New York. After attending the Crawford College of Art, she started a floral business at her grandmother and mother's store "The Shamrock" on The Grand Parade in Cork City. Upon arrival in New York in 1984, she operated the floral store at the famed Carlyle Hotel, until founding her dream in 1991 - "Aisling Flowers". Aisling Flowers specializes in floral & set design for the television and movie industry, netting a contribution towards six Emmy Award wins on "As the World Turns". In addition to her Emmy recognition, Tess received the "IBO Spirit Award" from the Irish Business Organization working on a conservation committee for St. Brendan's Cathedral in Clonfert, Co. Galway. In 1998, Tess received the IBO "Arthur Clements Award", and was recently recognized by "Irish Echo 50" Small Businesses of New York. Ms. Casey is a member of the New York Women in Film and Television, the Set Decorators Society of America, and serves on the Board of Directors for the Wilderstein Historic site.

Denis O'Sullivan is the 2014 recipient of the "**Frank T. Carvill Distinguished Service Award**". Born to the late Cornelius and Nora O'Sullivan in Kealkill, Bantry Co. Cork, Denis is the 2nd youngest of 10 children. As a member of "Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann" since 1980, Denis has promoted and preserved Irish culture particularly in the area of traditional Irish set dancing. In 2013, he became recipient of the World Medallion at The North American Convention in Washington D.C. for his 30+ years of service. Denis has also been active in the Mineola Irish American Society since 1974 where he's served on the Board of Directors and is currently 1st Vice President. Denis also serves as Eucharistic Minister for St. Aidan's Church in Williston Park, LI and administers Pastoral Care at St. Francis Hospital in Port Washington, LI for the last 14 years. He's married to Betty (nee Nolan) who hails from Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow, and is a proud father of Chrisdina and grandfather to Michael & James.

We are also very proud to recognize four 50 Year Members of the Association; **Tim Collins, Denis O'Connor, and Past Presidents Mike Dorgan & Bill O'Driscoll**.

We will publish a souvenir journal dedicated to our distinguished honorees, and invite you to include a greeting, remembrance or advertisement for your family, organization or business. Enclosed is a contract with details of the advertising rates; please note the Emerald package (discount for Emerald page & Table of 10 = \$100 savings). Please attach a "copy ready" **advert** or **greeting** and return with check payable to the "County Cork BP&P Association" to **Journal Chairwoman**:

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