



# THE CORK REBEL



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

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## 2015 BOARD OF OFFICERS

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## MEETINGS:

Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 pm: Building Committee Meeting

Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup> – 7:30 pm: Officers Meeting

Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> – 3:30 pm: General Membership Meeting

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> – The Mercy Centre Gala Fundraiser, NY Irish Center, Long Island City

Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> – Cork Children's Christmas Party, Cork Hall

Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Installation of Officers & Scholarship Awards Dinner, Cork Hall

Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Cork's 132<sup>nd</sup> St. Patrick's Banquet, Antun's of Queens Village

Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Cork Biennial Dinner Dance in Ireland, Rochestown Park Hotel



## FAREWELL, MAUREEN O'HARA

Maureen O'Hara will be remembered by many as a Hollywood legend and proud Irishwoman. Here in Long Island City, she is also known as a long-time friend and honorary member of the County Cork B.P.&P. Association, and, for that, we are forever grateful.

Born Maureen FitzSimons on August 17, 1920, in Ranelagh, on the outskirts of Dublin, she was the second of six children. Ms. O'Hara began appearing in school plays as a child and was accepted as a student at the Abbey Theater in Dublin when she was 14. A screen test in 1938 helped launch a career in movies that spanned from 1939 until her last screen appearance in 2000.

Past President Joe Murphy, a very close friend of Maureen, was instrumental in inviting her to be the Association's Guest of Honor at the annual St. Patrick's Banquet in 1985. Several years later, Maureen accepted the honor again at the 1997 Biennial Dinner Dance held in Ireland. In fact, she attended many Cork Dinners and even installed our Officers on a few occasions.

In 1999, Maureen served as the Grand Marshal of the New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade. The County Cork B.P.&P. Association contingent proudly marched up 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Maureen was always welcome at the Cork Hall. One evening she shared the stage with An Taoiseach Jack Lynch (RIP) and together they entertained all those gathered with songs and stories. Jack Lynch sang *The Banks of My Own Lovely Lee* that night and Maureen sang the *Isle of Innisfree*. Every single person who had the honor of spending time in her company recalls her humor, her graciousness and her indomitable Irish spirit.

Maureen O'Hara passed away at the age of 95 on October 24<sup>th</sup>, and is survived by her daughter, a grandson and two great-grandchildren.

Many will remember her as a glamorous and talented actress, but the County Cork Association is honored to be able to call her our very dear friend. Slán abhaile a Mhairín! Slán abhaile!

## NOMINATION OF 2016 OFFICERS

The Association held our Nomination of Officers at the meeting and, since there were no challenges for any of the offices, we would like to congratulate the nominated leaders of 2016, who'll be officially elected by single ballot at the general meeting of November 1<sup>st</sup> as the 2016 Officers elect.

### Our 2016 Board of Officers:

President – **Deirdre O'Hea**  
1st Vice President – **Treasa Goodwin-Smyth**  
2nd Vice President – **Gary Power**  
Treasurer – **Catherine O'Shea**  
Recording Secretary – **Kathleen McCarthy**  
Financial Secretary – **Kathy Feeley**  
Corresponding Secretary – **Eileen O'Hea**  
Sergeant at Arms – **Larry Finn**  
Trustee – Past President **Patrick Hurley**  
Current Trustees: **Mary Power & Mary Waters**

## COUNTY CORK B.P.&P. ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION IS NOW OPEN

The Scholarship competition is open to members and children of members in good standing as of 11/1/15. There are two competition levels:

**Christopher Murphy College Scholarship:** Open to applicants who graduated high school in 2015. Applicant must submit SAT scores and an essay on **Diarmuid Lynch: A Forgotten Irish Patriot**. The award will be based on the highest SAT score with a special award for best essay.

**Myra O'Connor High School Scholarship:** Open to eighth grade students graduating into high school in 2016. Applicant must submit an essay on **The Life and Legacy of Jeremiah O'Donovan Rossa**.

To request an application, please contact Kathy McCarthy, Scholarship Chairperson, at 516-536-9395 or email [mcleen16@aol.com](mailto:mcleen16@aol.com).

**DEADLINE FOR ALL ENTRIES: JANUARY 4, 2016**

**Winners will be announced at the Annual Awards Dinner – Sunday, January 17, 2016.**

**OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING:** Thank you to all of the members who attended the meeting last month. We were especially pleased to see **Past President and Trustee Mary Waters** and long-time member **Joe Wall** back in their regular seats. In addition, we were also delighted to see **Maureen Crowley**, daughter of **Mike and Frances Dorgan**, who came to the meeting to officially rejoin.

**UNITED IRISH COUNTIES SCHOLARSHIP – DEADLINE OCTOBER 30TH:** The UIC is sponsoring a Middle Grades (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>) and Junior High (9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>) Research Essay Contest. For information on the topics, requirements, prizes and UIC contact information, please visit [uicany.org/United\\_Irish\\_Counties/Essay\\_Contest.html](http://uicany.org/United_Irish_Counties/Essay_Contest.html) **Entries must be postmarked by OCTOBER 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**PATRICK COFFEY ART EXHIBITION:** Master Carver and Gilder Patrick Coffey will have an exhibition of his work at the Irish Consulate General's residence **November 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 10am and 2pm**. Viewing or attending the exhibition is by **reservation only**. To schedule a viewing, please call 718-651-7336.

You may also view Patrick's extraordinary work on his website [patrickcoffeyart.com](http://patrickcoffeyart.com). As you may recall, Patrick presented last year's St. Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshall, His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan, with a beautifully carved walking stick. Patrick is also the brother of our First Vice President, **Treasa Goodwin-Smyth**.

**GALA FUNDRAISER FOR THE MERCY CENTRE:** There will be a fundraising concert at the New York Irish Centre (Long Island City) on **Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>**, to benefit the Mercy Centre of Bangkok. Founded in 1971, the Centre builds and operates schools, improves family health and welfare, protects street children's rights, combats the AIDS crisis, responds to daily emergencies, and offers shelter to orphans, street children and children and adults with AIDS.

The all-star concert will feature our own **Donie Carroll, Mick Moloney, Jerry O'Sullivan, Barry Tierney, Benda Castles, Sheanachie Dan Larkin** and many more.

Full cocktail reception, hosted by **John Browne**, begins at 7pm, with the concert starting at 8:15pm. Tickets are \$70pp. Tickets: contact Donie Carroll (917) 723-7488 or email [ducksysc@earthlink.net](mailto:ducksysc@earthlink.net)



## CORK CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>

The Cork Children's Christmas Party, will take place on Sunday, 12/13. The Cork Association's official committee of elves will be contacting Santa himself to come on down and visit with the kids. The sign up form is on the back of this newsletter so you can list the names and ages of all of the children who will be coming. **Please be sure to send the form to Deirdre as soon as possible so they can be sure to let the North Pole know.**

**SAVE THE DATE: 2016 INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS & SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS** Join us on **Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>**. Mass to honor deceased members will take place at 3pm, with the Installation of Officers and Scholarship Awards commencing at 4pm.

**GET WELL WISHES AND PRAYERS:** We would like to send get well wishes and prayers to our Past President **Joe Murphy** and to member **Tom Evans**. Please continue to pray for the restoration of health for **Bill O'Driscoll, Jerry Mahoney, Patrick & Karen Cross**. Continued prayers for **Mary English, Kitty Spedden** and **Dan O'Neill**.

**GOOD & WELFARE:** To report any births, marriages, illnesses, recoveries or deaths of a member or family member, contact **Eileen O'Hea @ 516-557-7105**.

**ARE YOUR DUES IN ORDER?** Please forward dues of \$24.00 for the year 2015 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 contact Kathy to find out the status of your dues.

**ADDRESS CHANGES:** If you are moving or have moved recently, **please** notify the Cork Association at the address listed on the letterhead. Or you can contact **Corresponding Secretary Eileen O'Hea @ (516) 557-7105**.

**CORK PHONE NOTIFICATION SYSTEM:** Sign up 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)**

**ENTERTAINMENT:** **Donie Carroll** hosts the Sunnyside Singers Club at Café Aubergine (Wednesdays, 8pm) on Skillman Avenue, Sunnyside. **Eileen Cronin** hosts the "Long Ireland Show" on Saturdays from 2-5pm on WRHU 88.7 FM Hofstra University [www.WRHU.org](http://www.WRHU.org). **Treasa Goodwin Smyth** and husband Tommy Smyth host the show "Ireland Calls" every Saturday. Listen live at [irelandcallsradioshow.com](http://irelandcallsradioshow.com) at 6pm or on WVOX 1460 AM (Twitter: @irelandcalls).

**CORK PUBLICANS/RESTAURATEURS:** The **Bantry Bay Publick House & Restaurant** has the best food in LIC and offers meal discounts to members. Plus, the Cork Hall is available to all members for parties/functions at special rates 718-784-9500. Enjoy great food & drink at John Browne's **Grandstand Pub & Restaurant** and come down for American Idol Karaoke on Friday nights. Visit Pat Burke's **Brickyard Gastropub** in NYC, **The Courtyard** in Sunnyside, or **Woodbines** in LIC. Check out **Nevada Smiths**, located at 100 Third Avenue, NYC, for the ultimate soccer viewing experience. Be sure to visit Sharon Crowley and her staff at **The Garth Road Inn**, Scarsdale, for great food and great craic and a traditional Seisun on Sunday afternoons.

## Condolences

### TIM CRONIN

The Officers & Members of the County Cork BP&P Association extend their deepest sympathies to our members Noreen and Jeremiah Harrington, on the passing of Noreen's brother, Tim Cronin, on August 30<sup>th</sup>. Originally from Bantry, Co. Cork, Tim was a retired Garda Sergeant who lived in Pickardstown, Tramore, Co. Waterford. Tim was the husband of the late Anne (nee O'Donovan), beloved father of Adrian and Tadhg, grandfather to Sean; will be sadly missed by Lorraine and Sharon, his brother Michael, his sisters Marian, Ann and Noreen, nieces, nephews, relatives, family and friends.

### DANIEL SUGRUE

Sincere condolences to member John Sugrue on the passing of his brother, Daniel, on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Dan lived in Brooklyn and was a native of Innishannon, Co. Cork. He leaves behind his beloved wife Sarah (nee Durkan) his loving children Colleen Ford, Patricia Higgins and son Daniel Sugrue, his 5 grandchildren, his brothers Michael and John, and sisters Margaret McHugh and Mary Looney.

### THOMAS A. FITZPATRICK

Condolences to Anthony & Tina O'Driscoll of Youghal, Co. Cork, on the death of Tina's sister, Kathleen Wilkinson. Kathleen passed away in England in October. Kathleen was a native of Ardmore, Co. Waterford. She is survived by her husband, daughter and extended family.

### THOMAS A. FITZPATRICK

The Officers & Members of the County Cork BP&P Association extend their deepest sympathies to member Marianne Fitzpatrick Donahue and family on the loss of her brother, Thomas, on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

*Ar Dheis Dé Go Raibh a Anam*

## TRINITY COLLEGE DUBLIN FREE ONLINE LECTURE SERIES IRELAND IN REBELLION 1782 – 1916:

Trinity College Dublin has begun a **free online lecture series** covering the 1916 Easter Rising and its origins. The 14-week course is available on YouTube.com beginning on 10/2. As of Week 4 there are already 20 lectures available. Each lecture is approximately 11-17 minutes long. To view the lectures, please go to [YouTube.com](http://YouTube.com) and search for Ireland In Rebellion.





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Deirdre O'Hea, President



## Children's Christmas Party w/Santa!

Registration Form  
Sunday, December 13, 2015 @ 2:00 PM

Please List Names of Attendees in the Spaces Provided Below

Members Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

# of Adults planning to attend \_\_\_\_\_

**CHILDREN - (Aged 10 and under only!) PLEASE PRINT!**

<u>BOYS</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>GIRLS</u>	<u>Age</u>
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Please return this form to  
Deirdre O'Hea @ 193 Radcliffe Rd., Island Park, NY 11558  
**NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2015.**

Any questions, please call  
Deirdre O'Hea @ (516)398-6204 - Mary Hurley @ (718)898-1425  
Kathy McCarthy @ (516)314-6440

