



The County Cork B. P. & P. Association

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131st Annual St. Patrick's Ball & Dinner

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

January 15, 2015

Dear Friend and Patron:

The County Cork B. P. & P. Association of New York invites you to join us in celebrating the St. Patrick's season at our 131st annual *St. Patrick's Ball & Dinner Dance*, on **Saturday, March 7th, 2015** at **Antun's, 96-43 Springfield Blvd., Queens Village, NY**. Deluxe cocktail hour will begin at 7:00 p.m. followed by dinner, music and dancing to the New York Show Band with Tommy Flynn. This year, we're delighted to recognize three distinguished honorees and one 50-year member of the Association.

Our 2015 **Cork Man of the Year – Garret O'Mahony**, hails from Farranree, Cork City, the birthplace of his mother Shirley (nee Byrne); his father Tom from Barrack Street, also of the beautiful City. Garret played hurling for the North Mon and Glen Rovers. In 1981 Garret married the lovely Josephine (nee Lavin); from Cashel, Co. Tipperary. In 1987, they immigrated to New York via the Donnelly Visa program with their three children; Garret Jr., Hazel and Sharon. Garret & Josephine welcomed their fourth child Sinead in 1995 and created many family memories at their weekend home in East Durham, NY. A fellow Corkman Tom Riordan introduced Garret to the Building Service Industry, where O'Mahony's leadership has assisted many in the Residential Management sector. Garret has served as Vice President of the Emerald Guild Society and the Metropolitan Building Managers, as well as Secretary of the Hibernian Provident Society. O'Mahony is currently serving his second term as President of the New York Building Managers Association of New York; the oldest and one of the largest Resident Managers organizations in New York City.

Our 2015 **Cork Woman of the Year – Sharon Crowley**, born and raised in Crookstown, County Cork, daughter of Joseph and Margaret (nee Riordan), immigrated to New York in November of 1998. At the age of 16, Sharon found her passion working in Ireland's hospitality industry, placing at the top of the All Ireland Cook Serve Competitions. Sharon's dream of owning her own Restaurant & Bar became a reality on December 17th 2010 when she became owner of the Garth Road Inn in Scarsdale, NY. Sharon's service extends beyond the hospitality business, volunteering within her parish of St. Pius on their Midnight Run, providing food and clothing to those in need. In 2012, Sharon and family participated in an event for the St. Baldrick's foundation, raising over \$6,000 for the charitable event sponsored at the Garth Road Inn, which they look forward to sponsoring again in 2015. Sharon resides in Yonkers, NY, with her husband Miles Spisiak, where they enjoy spending time with their two boys Nicholas and Michael.

This year, we are honored to recognize both **Bridget & James Cagney** as the 2015 recipients of the "**Frank T. Carvill Distinguished Service Award**". Bridget was born overlooking the Mardyke on the Banks of the River Lee in Cork City; Jim was born in Gibbings Grove house in the parish of Milford Co. Cork. Bridget and James began their 52-year adventure together meeting at a University College Cork dance in 1957; were married at UCC's Honan Chapel in 1963, and immigrated to New York in 1967. Prior to their retirement, Bridget worked 33 years as Senior Program Specialist for the Institute of International Education. Jim was employed at Basic Adhesives in Brooklyn as an Industrial Chemist/Consultant for 46 years. Bridget and James both live a very active life volunteering in many Irish and Irish-American non-profit, civic and veteran organizations. In addition to serving as docents for the Irish Consulate, they are very proud to have helped the first responders in the aftermath of the 9/11 attacks at "*Point Thank You*". The Cagney's are proud members of the County Cork B. P. & P. Association for ten years, becoming the unofficial Ambassadors of our proud Association.

We are also very proud to recognize **50 Year Member of the Association – Mr. Daniel Cronin**.

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 by Friday, February 20th with check payable to the "County Cork BP&P Association" to **Journal Chairwoman**:

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