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MEETINGS:

Tuesday, May 31st – 6:30pm: Building Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 31st – 7:30pm: Officers Meeting

Sunday, June 5th – 3:30pm: General Membership Meeting

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Wednesday, June 8th – EIIC Celtic Cruise, New York City, 6pm Boarding, 6:45pm Sailing

Sunday, June 12th – United Irish Counties 78th Annual Feis, 9am, Yonkers

Saturday, June 18th – AOH Campaign Fundraiser for Dan Dennehy, 12-5pm, Brooklyn

Tuesday, June 21st – Emerald Guild Golf Outing, Pelham Golf Course, 11:30am

Saturday, August 13th – Cork Biennial Dinner Dance, Rochestown Park Hotel, Douglas, Co. Cork

HONOREES FOR THE CORK BIENNIAL DINNER DANCE ANNOUNCED

We are delighted to announce that we are honoring two outstanding Corkonians - Helen Collins, a solicitor and partner in Wolfe & Co Solicitors in Skibbereen, and our esteemed member Donie Carroll from New York and Douglas, well known musician and one of Cork's favorite balladeers. **Our Dinner Chairperson is Treasa Goodwin Smyth 718-651-4996.**

HELEN COLLINS was born in Clonakilty, Co. Cork, daughter of solicitor Liam Collins. Her grandfather, Johnny Collins, was the older brother of General Michael Collins, and, each year, Helen delivers the Collins family address at the Michael Collins commemorative service at Beal na mBlath. She is a graduate of University College Cork and has practiced law for the past forty years. In 2014 she wrote A Short Guide to Divorce Law in Ireland: A Survival Handbook for the Family. She is the former chairperson of the West Cork Arts Centre in Skibbereen and is the current chairperson of the "A Taste of West Cork Food Festival" which showcases and promotes West Cork nationally and internationally. The mother of three children, Helen continues to practice law full time in her legal practice and tirelessly promotes all things West Cork.

DONIE CARROLL is a native of Douglas and the youngest of ten children born to the late Paddy and Julie Carroll. A true sportsman, Donie played football, hurling and soccer. He was a Munster Boxing champion and is a member of the Cork Ex-Boxers Association who recently honored him with the Jack McCauliffe Medal. Music has always been a part of Donie's life. In Ireland, he played with the Cork folk group Finnegan's Wake and, in 1993, at the invitation of good friend Paddy McCarthy, Donie came to NY to play a six-week gig. The rest, as they say, is history. Donie quickly immersed himself in the Irish music scene and has recorded several CDs. After his rise in the music world, Donie made his acting debut at the Irish Repertory Theatre in John B. Keane's play *Sive*. Donie's greatest passion is his involvement with the Mercy Centre located in Bangkok's slums. It is operated by Redemptorist priest Fr. Joe Maier and provides a sanctuary for abandoned and abused children. Donie is the proud father of two sons and has four grandchildren who reside in Cork. He owns and operates Doncar Wallcovering and Painting Company.

RESERVATION INFORMATION: Contact **Kathy McCarthy** at **516-314-6440** or **mcleen16@aol.com** to make your dinner and room reservations. We have reserved 30 rooms at Rochestown Park Hotel for our guests at a special rate – which includes breakfast: **Single rooms - €99.00 / double/twin - €110.**

JOURNAL INFORMATION: A journal contract has been included on the last page of this newsletter. Please forward journal ads **BY JULY 15th** to **Mae O'Driscoll** at **maeodriscoll@aol.com** or **Denis McCarthy** at **dennymcc@optonline.net**.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES: Our member Eileen Cronin called to share two pieces of news. Her grandson Mike Cronin Jr. recently became engaged to Samantha Palmer. Mike and Samantha met in college when they attended the University of Connecticut. A May 2017 wedding is planned. And, just recently, her grandson Patrick Cronin graduated from the State University of New York at Albany. Patrick recently completed an internship in Washington, D.C., and has taken a job in Albany at the New York State Senate.

OPENING OF THE MICHAEL COLLINS HOUSE MUSEUM: On April 23rd, Councillor John Paul O’Shea, Mayor of the County of Cork and recent visitor to the Cork Hall, opened the Michael Collins House Museum in Clonakilty. The Master of Ceremonies for the event was Ms. Helen Collins, grand niece of Michael Collins and an Honoree at our upcoming Biennial Dinner Dance in Cork this August. Ms. Collins was joined onstage by Ms. Eileen Quill, the great granddaughter of Jeremiah O’Donovan Rossa, and a number of other dignitaries from the Cork County Council.

EMERALD ISLE IMMIGRATION CENTER CELTIC CRUISE will set sail on **Wednesday, June 8th**. The evening includes a launch party at 6pm, boat ride setting sail at 6:45pm, and after party beginning at 10pm. Enjoy live music, food, cocktails, and great company, plus, you’ll be supporting a great organization that does so much to help the Irish and immigrant community. Tickets are \$100pp in advance (\$110 at the dock). Launch time is tbd at this time, but you may reserve your tickets by going to www.celticcharity.com or calling 212-717-9955.

UNITED IRISH COUNTIES 78TH ANNUAL FEIS will take place on **Sunday, June 12th**, beginning at 9am at Saunders High School (183 Palmer Road, Yonkers). Competitions will be held in Irish Dance, Singing, Traditional Music and Irish Language Recitations. For more information visit www.uicany.org. ***Volunteers are also needed.*** If you would like to help out during the Feis, please contact Mae O’Driscoll at 718-891-0338.

AOH CAMPAIGN FUNDRAISER FOR DAN DENNEHY: Come out to support Dan Dennehy’s campaign for AOH National Director on **Saturday, June 18th**, taking place from 12 to 5pm at AOH Division 19 “Baile Na nGael”, 2750 Gerritsen Avenue, Brooklyn. Enjoy a tasty BBQ, refreshments and live music by The Brooklyn Bards. Donation is \$25 per person. For information and tickets, please contact NYS AOH Vice President Vic J. Vogel at 631-513-9721 or NYS AOH Treasurer John J. Manning at 917-589-0047.

EMERALD GUILD 16TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING: Get tee’d off with the Emerald Guild on **Tuesday, June 21st**, at the Pelham Golf Course. This year’s event is in memory of Timothy J. O’Connor and all proceeds will go toward Jonathan Murphy and his family. Registration and Cookout BBQ Lunch begins at 11:30am, Shotgun Start at 1pm, followed by dinner and an awards ceremony at 6:15pm. For information, call Committee Chairman Andrew Ward at 646-745-7934 or email Andrew.Ward@ellimanpm.com

KNIGHTS & LADIES OF ST. FINBARR CORK CLUB OF BOSTON: Save the date and mark your calendars. Our Cork brothers and sisters in Boston will hold their 112th Anniversary Dinner Dance coming up on **October 8th**. The event will be held at the American Legion, Nonantum Post 440 (295 California Street, Newton, MA). Music by Erin’s Melody with Margaret Dalton (Youghal). Cocktail hour, dinner, dessert, and dancing from 8 to 12 pm. Tickets are \$50/pp. For information or reservations, please contact President Mary Tannian (Leap) at 978-664-4652 or Vice President Richard Archer (Crosshaven and Cork City) at 718-326-0388.

MESSAGE FROM THE BUILDING COMMITTEE

Rehabilitation work has begun on the next door building, 33 -11 Greenpoint Avenue to cure structural deficiencies in that building. The NYC DOB mandated project necessitates the encroachment on County Cork Association property. Unfortunately, this has involved the temporary condemnation by NYC DOB of six to seven parking spaces, in the northern area of our parking lot abutting the affected property. Consequently, **parking opportunities in the lot are severely curtailed**. The Building Committee is fully apprised of these developments. Notwithstanding the duration of the project, the Building Chairman, guided by legal counsel, is working closely with the NYC DOB and the owner of the affected property to ensure that the parking spaces are returned to us as soon as possible for safe use. More details will follow at the General Meeting.

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. **Treasa Goodwin Smyth** and husband Tommy Smyth host the show “Ireland Calls” every Saturday. Listen live at irelandcallsradioshow.com at 6pm or on WVOX 1460 AM (Twitter: @irelandcalls).

CORK PUBLICANS/RESTAURATEURS: 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. 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.

PLANNING A SPECIAL EVENT? The **Cork Hall** is available for rental to all members for parties and functions at special rates. The **Bantry Bay Publick House & Restaurant** (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.

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

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

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**.

ARE YOUR DUES IN ORDER? Don’t miss out on all of the great news and events that the County Cork B.P.&P. Association has planned. Please make an effort to catch up if you’re in arrears, or to find out the status of your dues. Please forward your dues of \$24.00 to the attention of **Kathy Feeley Financial Secretary** and mail to the address noted on the masthead of the newsletter.

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 Facebook page. Many Colleges offer Scholarships to experienced pipe & drum players, such as IONA and Manhattan College, among others.

Get Well Wishes & Prayers

We would like to send get-well wishes and prayers to our Past President **Joe Murphy**, Past President **Bill O’Driscoll**, **Karen Cross**, **Alice Smith**, **Dan O’Neill**, and **Brendan Brophy**. Please also pray for **Jonathan Murphy**, the young man for whom our friends at the Emerald Guild are raising funds, who is due to undergo surgery for his seizure disorder on June 28th.

Condolences

The Cork Association extends its deepest sympathies to the family of **Mr. Harold “Howie” Smith** who passed away on April 29th. Howie was a member of the Association and the husband of long-time member Ellen Smith. Ellen was honored several years ago as a 50-year member and was a past officer of the Association. Howie is also survived by his daughters Sheila, Eileen, and Agnes, their husbands, his grandchildren, and extended family and friends. May he rest in peace.

We are saddened to report the passing of a dear friend of the Association, **William “Bill” Kelleher**, who passed away on May 4th. Bill was from Mogeely, Co. Cork, and shared his time between New York and Ft. Lauderdale. He and his lovely wife, Heather, were regular attendees of the Cork Dinner Dances for years. Bill is survived by his wife, his son, Paul, his daughter, Barbara, son-in-law, Declan, who is a member of the Association, daughter-in-law, Johanna, his grandchildren Dylan, Ailish, Breanna, and extended family. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family.

Deepest condolences to the family of **Kevin Kennedy** who passed away on May 23rd. Kevin was a past president of the County Galway Association, and past officer and longtime delegate to the United Irish Counties Association. He worked tirelessly to raise funds and awareness for the Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind for which he was the New York Branch Chairman. Kevin was a fixture at Irish events with his ever-present camera around his neck. He will be missed.



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Deirdre O'Hea, President



21ST BIENNIAL BANQUET

Saturday, August 13, 2016
Rochestown Park Hotel, Douglas, Cork

~ Honoring ~

HELEN COLLINS & DONIE CARROLL

JOURNAL CONTRACT

Gold ... \$200	White Page ... \$100	Half Page ... \$60
Covers Outside Back ... \$500		Inside Covers ... \$400
MEMBER RATE: Non Commercial	White... \$60	Gold... \$100

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I'd like _____ tickets/_____ table(s) Enclosed is a check-in-the-amount of \$ or €..... \$70 OR €50 each

Name _____ Address: _____

Phone #: _____ E-Mail: _____

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