



THE CORK REBEL



The County Cork B. P. & P. Association

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MEETINGS:

Thursday, July 7th – 6:30pm: Building Committee Meeting

Thursday, July 7th – 7:30pm: Officers Meeting

Sunday, July 10th – 3:30pm: General Membership Meeting

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Friday, July 15th – *Last day for Cork Biennial Dinner Dance Journal Ads*

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

Saturday, October 8th – Knights & Ladies of St. Finbarr’s 112th Anniversary Dinner, Newton, MA

THE CORK BIENNIAL DINNER DANCE

On **Saturday, August 13th**, the County Cork B.P.&P. Association will join our families and friends in County Cork to honor two outstanding Corkonians, Ms. Helen Collins of Clonakilty and our esteemed member Mr. Donie Carroll from New York and Douglas.

Our **Dinner Chairperson Treasa Goodwin Smyth** has been organizing this event with the help of all of her committees in both New York and Cork and assures us that there are great things planned for all of the attendees. If you have any questions about the dance or any of the organized events, please contact Treasa at 718-651-4996.

HELEN COLLINS is the daughter of solicitor Liam Collins. Her grandfather, Johnny Collins, was the older brother of General Michael Collins. 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. Helen is also a writer and the current chairperson of the "A Taste of West Cork Food Festival". 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. Donie played football, hurling and soccer and was a Munster Boxing champion. He is a member of the Cork Ex-Boxers Association and recently received their Jack McCauliffe Medal. Donie is also a well known musician, playing with the Cork folk group Finnegan's Wake until 1993 when Donie came to NY to play a six-week gig. The rest, as they say, is history. Donie immersed himself in the Irish music scene and has recorded several CDs. He also 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 which provides a sanctuary for abandoned and abused children in the slums of Bangkok. 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.

If you will be attending the dance, please be sure to contact our **Reservations Chair 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.**

We will be publishing a commemorative journal to celebrate the evening. Please show your support by sending in your greetings or advertisements. A 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**.

JULY MEETING CHANGE: The date for the July meeting has changed in order to accommodate the Independence Day Holiday. Since this is our last meeting before the Cork Biennial Banquet and the last meeting of the summer, we hope to see you. In addition, the August meetings for the Board of Officers and the General Membership will be suspended for the summer holidays. Regular meetings will resume in September with our Welcome Back BBQ.



CONGRATULATIONS TO COACH KATHY FEELEY & THE ST. SEBASTIAN'S BANTAM SOFTBALL TEAM on winning the Brooklyn Queens Diocesan Championship by beating Our Lady of Hope 14-2 in five innings. This is Kathy's first championship in her 16 years of coaching. We know how dedicated Kathy is to her team and we are so proud of all of them!

GRADUATION NEWS: Congratulations to Kiera Murphy and Thomas O'Driscoll on their graduation from High School. Kiera will attend the University of South Carolina and Thomas will attend the College of Staten Island. Thomas is the son of member **Stephen O'Driscoll** and both are **Bill O'Driscoll's** grandchildren.

UNITED IRISH COUNTIES FEIS: Many thanks to President Deirdre O'Hea and member Dancin' Bob Sullivan who volunteered at this year's UICANY Feis on June 12th. Once again, the Feis was a huge success with over 800 competitors at the all-day event. This year's Cork Woman of the Year, Noreen Cosgrove, was on hand with her mother Mary English to cheer on Noreen's daughters. Congratulations Katie McCarthy for 1st place in the Slip Jig and 2nd place in the Treble Jig. Well done to all of the winners and participants and to the entire Feis Committee for their outstanding work putting the event together.

THE NEW YORK IRISH CENTER PRESENTS JACKIE DALY & MATT CRANITCH IN CONCERT: For many years, Jackie Daly (accordion) and Matt Cranitch (fiddle) have been among the foremost interpreters of the rich Sliabh Luachra tradition of instrumental music. The unique cultural area on the borders of northwest Cork and east Kerry provides a special repertoire of tunes as well as a very distinctive style of playing, and has long been a source of inspiration for both. **Saturday, July 9th** in Long Island City. Doors open at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$22pp or \$17pp for seniors. Call 718-482-0909 or visit www.nyirish.org.

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 OUR FRIENDS & FILMMAKERS WILLIAMS & ROSSA COLE



It's been a year since the Jeremiah O'Donovan Rossa Centenary and Cork Association members and filmmakers **Williams and Rossa Cole** have some exciting news to share about their film project.

The newly renamed film, **REBEL ROSSA**, chronicling the life, times, and family of Irish revolutionary and patriot Jeremiah O'Donovan Rossa, has been accepted as an official selection at the Galway Film Fleadh. A rough cut of the film will be screened in Galway on July 7th. There will also be a one-time showing at the Skibbereen Arts Festival in West Cork on July 23rd.

The film is still in the rough stages, but they are getting close. If you would like to lend your support to this project to help defray the costs of editing, music licensing, mixing, and other expenses, please consider sending making a donation via their website www.rossafilm.com/donate or for a tax-deductible donation please make out a check to Media Collective, Inc. (a 501c3 associated with this project) and send to Williams Cole, 20 Fillmore Place, Brooklyn NY 11211.

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**. Special prayers are requested for **baby Liam Joseph Driscoll**.

Condolences

The County Cork B. P. & P. Association is saddened to report the passing of Margaret L. Ahern on June 13, 2016. Marge was the mother of our dear friends and members Liam Ahern and the late John T. (Jack) Ahern. Margaret was born on December 2, 1928, to Mary (nee Reilly) {Granard, Longford} and William Henry {Athlone, Roscommon}. She raised her children in a loving, nurturing, faith-filled home in Flatbush, Brooklyn. Margie and Jack instilled in their children a love of God and country. They cherished their Irish heritage and culture and passed many of those traditions onto their children. Marge was predeceased by John (Jack), her loving husband of more than 47 years. She was also predeceased by her son John T. (Susan), her sister Kathleen McMurray and her brother William (Bill) Henry. She is survived by her son Liam (Nuala), her daughters Christine Rizzo (Frank) and Karen Turton (Darren), and her sister Mary Sadler of Piscataway. Marge was also the loving grandmother of 14 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.



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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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Email ads to maeodriscoll@aol.com or Dennymcc@optonline.net no later than July 15,

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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