



THE CORK REBEL



The County Cork B. P. & P. Association
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MEETINGS:

Thursday, January 5th – 6:30pm: Building Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 5th – 7:30pm: Officers Meeting
Sunday, January 8th – 3:30pm: General Membership Meeting

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sunday, January 15th – Memorial Mass, Installation of Officers & Scholarship Dance, Cork Hall
Friday, January 27th – United Irish Counties 113th Annual Dinner Dance, Antun's, 7:00pm
Saturday, March 4th – Cork's 133rd St. Patrick's Banquet, Antun's, 7pm

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ONE AND ALL!

ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS, INSTALLATION & SCHOLARSHIP DANCE

Join us at the Cork Hall on **Sunday, January 15th**, beginning with a Mass to honor our deceased members at 3pm celebrated by our Chaplain, Fr. James Drew. The Installation of Officers and Dinner will be followed by the presentation of the Scholarship Awards. Music will be provided by Donie Carroll. For event information contact **Chairperson Tim Murphy** at (718) 578-8761, and, for reservations, please contact **Mary Hurley** at (718) 898-1425.

2017 ST. PATRICK'S DAY BANQUET HONOREES ANNOUNCED

We are pleased to announce our **Guests of Honor** for the upcoming **County Cork B.P.&P. Association 133rd St. Patrick's Banquet on March 4th**.

- **Barry Riordan**, a Rochestown, Co. Cork, native, Past President and current Trustee of the Emerald Guild has been named *Cork Man of the Year*. Barry is also very involved raising funds for cancer and cystic fibrosis charities and post-Hurricane Sandy recovery.
- Our dedicated **Financial Secretary Kathy Feeley**, whose family hails from Millstreet, Co. Cork, has been named *Cork Woman of the Year*. A retired Verizon Central Office Technician, Kathy is also the Athletic Director at St. Sebastian's in Woodside, and coaches the girls' basketball and softball teams.
- This year's recipient of the *Frank T. Carvill Distinguished Service Award* is Donald Martin, an attorney and a true friend of the Association.

Additional biographical and event information, reservation forms and journal contracts will be included in an upcoming special mailing this month.

THE UNITED IRISH COUNTIES 113TH ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

The United Irish Counties will hold its 113th Annual Dinner Dance on **Friday, January 27th**, at Antun's of Queens Village. This year's 'Gael of the Year' is New Jersey Assemblyman Thomas P. Gilbin. The Rose Cosgrove Distinguished Service Award is being given to the UICANY's very own 1916 Commemoration Committee. Deluxe cocktail hour will run from 7:00 – 8:30pm with dinner and dancing to follow. Music will be provided by the New York Showband. Tickets are \$85pp. Kevin and Karen O'Connor are in charge of reservations – (973) 667-0776.

HOLIDAY GIFT BASKETS

For the past seven years, the Association has been sending Holiday gift baskets out to our ill or homebound members conveying our holiday wishes and letting them know that they are in our thoughts always. Many thanks to **Mary Power** for organizing this year's baskets.

THE ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY WITH SANTA CLAUS

Our annual Cork Children's Christmas Party was held on Sunday, December 11th and the magic and spirit of Christmas was on full display. In addition to snacks, coloring books, chicken nuggets and hot dogs for the little ones and a delicious assortment of lunch selections for the grown-ups, there were Christmas carols and a visit from Santa, himself. The kids and adults alike also enjoyed the magic and comedy of Magic Dave. Many thanks to all of the Cork Elves: **Deirdre O'Hea, Kathy Feeley, Mae O'Driscoll, Treasa Goodwin-Smyth, Mary O'Sullivan, Evelyn Mikicic, Kathy McCarthy, Martina O'Dowd, "Boston" Bob Coveney, and Larry Finn**. Additional thanks to the owners and staff of the Bantry Bay Publick House.



- ❖ Congratulations to **Thomas Harwood** (son of member **Mary Harwood**, nephew of **Past President Dan McCarthy**, and nephew of **Recording Secretary Kathy McCarthy**). Thomas married his beautiful bride Julia Zanfardino on October 8th. We wish them a lifetime of happiness.
- ❖ Congratulations to **Stephen O'Driscoll** on his graduation from the Police Academy. Stephen attended the College of Staten Island and was the recipient of the Cork Association's Myra O'Connor and Christopher Murphy scholarships. He is the son of member **John Stephen O'Driscoll** and the grandson of our **Past President the late Bill O'Driscoll**. Stephen joins a long line of service to the City of NY in the proud tradition of the O'Driscoll/Driscoll family who has served over 167 years in the NYPD. In the photo below, left, is Stephen with his father John Stephen (retired NYPD), and his uncle William O'Driscoll (NYPD)



As reported in our December newsletter, **Phylis Byrne Driscoll** was recently promoted to Inspector in the NYPD and we are able to share a photo from that day. While a promotion of this level is an amazing accomplishment in itself, for a woman, it is even more so. There are currently fewer than 20 women who hold the rank of Inspector or above in a police force of over 36,000. The photo at left is Phylis with her husband **John Driscoll** and Police Commissioner James O'Neill.

Get Well Wishes & Prayers

We would like to send get-well wishes and prayers to our Past President **Joe Murphy, Alice Smith, Dan O’Neill, Ed Shevlin Sr.**, and to member **Barbara Cronin** and her sister **Anne Guinee**.

Condolences

The Officers and Members of the Cork Association extend their sincere condolences to past President Jim O’Driscoll and his wife Peggy on the death of Peggy’s brother, Patrick Biesty, on Christmas Eve in San Francisco. This is Peggy’s second sibling to pass away this year.

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).

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 PUBLICANS/RESTAURATEURS: John Browne’s **Grandstand Pub & Restaurant** located on Grand Avenue in Maspeth has a beautiful dining room that is a perfect place to bring your family, small or large, for a delicious dinner or drinks. 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.

VISITATION & FUNERAL PLANNING: If you live in the Westchester area, please consider letting member **Clive Anderson** and his staff at the **Pelham Funeral Home** (64 Lincoln Avenue, Pelham) help to honor and tell the story of your loved one in the serene environment of their beautiful home. For information, call (914) 738-1060, email clive@pelhamfuneral.com, or visit www.pelhamfuneral.com.

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 or call Tim Murphy at 718-578-8761.

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**.

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.

ARE YOUR DUES IN ORDER?

Financial Secretary Kathy Feeley reminds us to renew our membership for 2017. Don’t miss out on all of the great news and events that the County Cork B.P.&P. Association has planned for 2017. Please make an effort to catch up if you’re in arrears, or contact Kathy to find out the status of your dues. You may forward dues of \$24.00 for the year 2017 to the attention of **Kathy Feeley Financial Secretary** and mail to the address noted on the masthead of the newsletter.

Start off the new year right and get your membership up to date.