



THE CORK REBEL



The County Cork B. P. & P. Association

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MEETINGS:

Thursday, January 4th – 6:30 pm: Building Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 4th – 7:30 pm: Officers Meeting

Sunday, January 7th – 3:30 pm: General Membership Meeting

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sunday, January 14th – Installation of Officers & Scholarship Awards Dinner, Cork Hall

Saturday, March 3rd – Cork's 134th St. Patrick's Banquet, Antun's of Queens Village

A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TREASA GOODWIN-SMYTH

I hope you all had a very happy Christmas and enjoyed the special time with family and friends. This is such a great time of year to make happy memories and to look forward to new adventures in the coming year.

And happy memories were certainly made at our annual Children's Christmas Party. We had a packed hall filled with children and adults alike ringing in the season together. I would like to thank Past President Deirdre O'Hea who chaired the event and to the entire team of Elves who helped decorate the tree. Kathy Feeley, Eileen O'Hea, Evelyn Mikicic, Martina O'Dowd, Mary O'Sullivan, Jim and Bridget Cagney, and, of course, Larry Finn. Thanks, also, to our magician, Dave Cremin, who kept even the parents speechless, and to the Bantry Bay for the wonderful food. This event is always such a highlight of the year and this year proved to be as magical as ever.

Family and friends are such an important part of Christmas, so it was lovely to be able to pay a visit with Mae O'Driscoll and John Browne to our dear friends Past President Joe Murphy and his lovely wife Judy (who is a Past 1st Vice President). We presented him with his gift basket and shared some great stories of bygone days.

I can't believe how fast the year has gone since I took on the position of President. What a privilege and honor it has been. I would like to extend a sincere thank you to all of the Officers and the Building Committee for all of your work during the year. You once again showed your dedication and that wonderful Rebel Spirit and Teamwork. Go raibh mile maith agat go lear.

Looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting on January 7th, and then on January 14th at our Installation of Officers and Scholarship Awards Dinner. Until then, wishing you all a very happy and healthy New Year.

Ar mian leat sona sásta agus slaintiúil Athbhliain.



Pictured at left is our dear friend and member Dan Murphy over in Cork enjoying the gift basket sent by the Association on the occasion of his 93rd Birthday!



President Treasa Goodwin-Smyth and Past Presidents John Browne and Mae O'Driscoll paid a lovely Christmas visit to present Past President Joe Murphy and his wife Judy a Holiday Gift basket on behalf of the Association.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER: We'd like to welcome back **Dan Curtin** (Shanballymore/Yonkers) who was reinstated at the December meeting.

2018 INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS & SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS takes place on **Sunday, 1/14**. There will be a Mass to honor deceased members which will begin at 3pm. The Installation of Officers and Scholarship Awards follows at 4pm. For event information and to reserve your table, contact Chairperson Tim Murphy at (718) 578-8761

WELCOME TO THE WEST CORK CHORAL SINGERS CHOIR from Skibbereen who will be participating in a performance at Carnegie Hall on Monday, January 15th at 7pm. They will join other choral groups from around the world to perform the music of Sir Karl Jenkins. They will also be feted at the Irish Consulate at a Welcome Reception on January 12th. The group, which was formed 25 years ago, has performed all over West Cork, Cork City, and Navan, and have also travelled to Denmark, Sweden, Wales, and the Czech Republic. Tickets are available at www.carnegiehall.com.

LINE DANCING AT THE CORK HALL: Due to the busy holiday season, Line Dancing will not be taking place this month. We plan on having an event in February, so watch out for news. Plan a night out with your friends at the Cork Hall. Entry is just \$5/pp. Yeehaw!

HOLIDAY GIFT BASKETS: For the past 8 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.

NOTICE OF MOTION: REIMBURSEMENT: That the County Cork BP&P Association reimburse Eileen O'Hea the sum of \$1773.75 for the annual purchase of envelopes for the Association.



Cork Children's Christmas Party was a spectacular success and the Hall was filled with the sound of laughter and good cheer. Magician Dave Cremin amazed us and Santa arrived right on time with bags filled with goodies. Thanks to all members and friends who attended. Special thanks to Chairperson Deirdre O'Hea and all the the Cork Elves who do an amazing job with this special event!



Get Well Wishes & Prayers

We would like to send continued get-well wishes and prayers to our Past President **Joe Murphy**, **Alice Smith**, **Dan O'Neill**, **Ed Shevlin Jr.**, **Anne Guinee**, **Liam Ahern**, and **Marjorie Hayes**. Get Well wishes to **Patricia Young O'Connor** who is in rehab recovering from hip surgery after a recent fall, and to **Tim Hegarty** who fractured his ribs in a fall and is now home from rehab.

Condolences

The County Cork B.P.&P. Association offers its sincere condolences to our member, Paddy McCarthy, on the sudden passing of his brother, **Kevin McCarthy** of Ballyphehane, Co. Cork. Kevin is survived by his beloved husband Philip Ludlow, his siblings Joe, Paddy, Michael, Bernard, John, Kieran, Mary, and Phyllis, sisters-in-law Helen, Geraldine, and Patti, brother-in-law Gerald, mother-in-law Susan, nephews, nieces, relatives and a large circle of friends.

The Association sends its deepest sympathies to our member Judy Murphy on the death of her brother, **Thomas O'Connor** of Athlone, Co. Westmeath and formerly of Ballinamore Bridge, Ballinasloe, Co. Galway. Thomas is survived by his loving wife Bríd, sons Turlough and Liam, daughters Sinéad and Aisling, brothers, sisters, in-laws, grandchildren Ryan, Jessica, Dean, Michelle, Fionn, Norman and Elsi-Mai, nephews, nieces, relatives and many friends.

GOOD & WELFARE: To report any births, marriages, illnesses, recoveries or deaths of a member or family member, contact **Eileen O'Hea** at (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 nycorkbpp@gmail.com or call **Tim Murphy** at (718) 578-8761.

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.

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). Tune in to hear **Gary Power** on his radio show “Full Irish” on WHPC 90.3FM on Saturdays from 11am-12pm.

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**, 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, Jimmy, or Erika 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 and Trivia Quiz Night every Tuesday at 7:30pm.

VISITATION & FUNERAL PLANNING: Member **Clive Anderson** and his staff at the **Pelham Funeral Home** (64 Lincoln Avenue, Pelham) will help to honor and tell the story of your loved one in the serene environment of their beautiful home. Repatriation services also available. For information, call (914) 738-1060, email clive@pelhamfuneral.com, or visit www.pelhamfuneral.com.

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** at (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 for 2018. 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 2018 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.

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