



# THE CORK REBEL



The County Cork B. P. & P. Association

33-01 Greenpoint Ave. Long Island City, NY 11101

2019

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## MEETINGS:

Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> – Building Committee @ 6P

Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup> – Officers Meeting @ 7P

Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> – General Membership Meeting @ 3:30P

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup> – Emerald Isle Fall Fundraiser @ Rosie O'Grady's 6P to 830P

Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> – Irish Guide Dogs For The Blind @ Rory Dolan's 3P to 6P

Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> – Children's Christmas Party @ Cork Hall 1P

Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup> – Installation of Officers & Scholarship Awards

**2020 Cork Officers Elected:** Congratulations to President Gary Power, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Martina O'Dowd, new 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Taryn Ahern, Treasurer Catherine O'Shea, Recording Secretary Kathy McCarthy, Financial Secretary Kathy Feely, Corresponding Secretary Mary Hurley, Sergeant at Arms Larry Finn and Trustee Martin Hurley for all being re-elected. Chaplain Fr. James Drew and Trustees Tim Murphy and Mary Power carry on in their current roles. See you all on January 19<sup>th</sup> at the Cork Club for the Installation of all 2020 Officers.

**Association Wins 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Marching Award:** County Cork B.P.&P. Association of NY was awarded 3<sup>rd</sup> place for Marching in 2019 NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade. Congratulations to the Cork County Pipe Band led by Kevin Healy, Marshal Noel Hayes who both led us up the avenue & of course all the members for tuning on the style.

**2020 Cork Association Scholarship Program:** Is open to all children of members in good standing of the County Cork B.P. & P. Association as of November 1, 2019. Students who are Seniors in High School and Freshman in College are eligible for the two competitions. High School students will write an essay about **Terence MacSwiney – Lord Mayor of Cork** while College students will be required to submit an essay about the **Burning of Cork** in November 1920.

The winners of the College Scholarship competition are eligible to receive scholarship tuition ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,500. This money will be paid directly to the college or accredited institution of higher learning which the entrant is currently attending, for tuition only. The Christopher Murphy Memorial Scholarship will be awarded based on SAT scores for 2018. Additional scholarships will be awarded by lottery.

All application forms and essays must be received no later than midnight, January 2, 2020. All applications/essays should be sent to Scholarship Chair Kathy McCarthy via email [mclean16@aol.com](mailto:mclean16@aol.com). Correspondence can be sent U.S. Mail as well, but email is preferred.

All forms will be housed on [www.nycorkassociation.com](http://www.nycorkassociation.com) which will included mailing address for Scholarship Chair. Good luck to All!

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**United Irish Counties 2019 Essay Contest:** Students who are Seniors in High School and Freshman in College and who are sons, daughters, grandchild, niece or nephews of members in good standing of an organization affiliated with the UIC in 2019 are eligible to enter the contest. High School essay is on “The Life & Legacy of Robert Emmet & College essay is on “The Life & Work of Constance Markievicz”. All entries must be received no later than December 6<sup>th</sup>. We will host entry forms and requirements on the Cork B.P.&P. website or reach out to Mae O’Driscoll @ [maeodriscoll@aol.com](mailto:maeodriscoll@aol.com) for information regarding College essay or Kathleen Mattessich @ [kvmattessich@gmail.com](mailto:kvmattessich@gmail.com) for High School essay.

**Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind:** The New York Branch will hold its annual fundraiser on November 3<sup>rd</sup> at Rory Dolan’s in Yonkers from 3P to 6P. Charity is dedicated to helping persons who are blind or visually impaired as well as families and children with autism. For additional information please call **Margaret Fogarty @ 914.337.3295**.

**Condolences:** To Judy Murphy on the passing of her husband Past President Joe Murphy on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019. A native of Cullen, Co. Cork Joe made major contributions to the Cork Association & Irish-American community in the USA. Abridged obituary is below. Ar dheis De go raibh a anam.

**Prayers & Well Wishes:** Continued get-well wishes and prayers to Past President **Denis McCarthy, Dan O’Neill, Anne Guinee, Marjorie Hayes, Patricia Young O’Connor, Tim Hegarty & Dan Murphy**.

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### **Joe Murphy**

Community activist and scribe, Joe was one of the elder statesmen of the County Cork Association and, indeed, of the entire Irish American Community. A native of Cullen, Co. Cork, the youngest of ten siblings, Joe was educated in the local national school, the “North Mon” in Cork City, and St. Augustine’s College, in Dungarvan, Co. Waterford. He immigrated to the United States in 1956, first to California and then to New York City. He continued his academic pursuits at Long Beach State College and at New York City’s Fordham University.

Joe first secured employment in the banking profession, working both for the Bank of America and the Bank of New York. In the 1970s, he took a position as advertising director with the *Irish Echo* newspaper, in New York, for which he already wrote a popular weekly column. Joe broadened his journalistic experience as the New York correspondent for the, then, Cork Examiner, and for RTE. In that capacity, he was proud to work as an analyst, with the late Michael O’Hehir, on the broadcasting of two National Football League finals from New York’s Gaelic Park.

In 1987, Joe helped found the Irish Voice newspaper, and in the late 1990s, he co-founded *Irish Connections* magazine. He also wrote a weekly column in the NYC Irish community newspaper, *Home and Away*. No history of the Irish American Fourth Estate would be complete without a chapter on the Cullen man. Fittingly, in the early 1980s, the Kerryman’s Association of NY honored him for his contribution to Irish American journalism.

Joe was a dedicated member of the Co. Cork Association for 42 years and served as President (1981-84). In 1984, the centenary year of the County Cork Association, he led the organization in an emotional and historic visit to Ireland. Also in that year, together with Rebel stalwarts, he moved the organization to its present home in Long Island City. In 1983 under Joe’s leadership the organization also accepted women as full members. In 1987, Joe, with other members of the Association, was an essential player in the foundation of the IIRM, which went on to secure thousands of visas for Irish immigrants. He also served as the Vice Chairman of the Korean War Irish Memorial Committee, in its long, and eventually, successful campaign to obtain posthumous U.S. citizenship for those Irish immigrant servicemen, who made the ultimate sacrifice in that conflict.

Joe’s contribution, as a community activist, was recognized by many organizations, including New York’s Young Ireland Camogie Club, The Rebel Cork Association of San Francisco and New York, Millstreet Football Club, and the Cork GAA Board. He was also named in Irish America “Who’s Who”.

Joe met his wife the former Judy O’Connor from Ballygar, Co. Galway at a dance at the Red Mill Ballroom and they were married at the Cathedral in Galway in 1975. They resided in Whitestone, NYC.

**ENTERTAINMENT:** Donie Carroll hosts the Sunnyside Singers Club at Café Aubergine (Wednesdays, 8pm) on Skillman Avenue, Sunnyside.

**Irish Radio:** Eileen Cronin hosts the “Long Ireland Show” on Saturdays from 2-5pm on WRHU 88.7 FM Hofstra University [www.WRHU.org](http://www.WRHU.org). Treasa Goodwin Smyth and husband Tommy Smyth host the show “Ireland Calls” every Saturday. Listen live at [irelandcallsradioshow.com](http://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 11A-12P. Listen to “Voice of Ireland” on WRSU.org, Sundays 6P to 7P hosted by Joe O’Sullivan and colleagues.

**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 [The Distillery](#) in NYC, [The Courtyard](#) in Sunnyside, or [Woodbines](#) in LIC.

**COMPUTER SALES, SERVICES, AND REPAIRS:** Visit the Village Computer Shop at 17 Boniface Circle in Scarsdale for all of your home or business computer needs: computer sales, network services, POS business solutions, diagnostics, repairs. Contact Miles Spisiak, proprietor, for information, call (914) 574-4900 or visit [www.villagecomputershop.com](http://www.villagecomputershop.com).

**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](mailto:clive@pelhamfuneral.com), or visit [www.pelhamfuneral.com](http://www.pelhamfuneral.com).

**IRISH EXAMINER USA ONLINE:** Keep up to date on the important news, entertainment, and sports from Ireland thanks to member Paddy McCarthy who publishes this great paper. Go to [www.irishexaminerusa.com/digital](http://www.irishexaminerusa.com/digital) to read the online edition.

**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.

**GOOD & WELFARE:** To report births, marriages, illnesses, recoveries or deaths of a member or family member, contact Mary Hurley at 917.886.4196.

**CORK PHONE NOTIFICATION SYSTEM (ROBO-CALL):** 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](mailto:nycorkbpp@gmail.com) or call Tim Murphy at (718) 578-8761.

**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 Mary Hurley at 917.886.4196.

**PLANNING A SPECIAL EVENT?** The Cork Hall is available for rental to all members at special rates. The Bantry Bay Publick House & Restaurant, which has the best food in Long Island City, will provide for all your catering needs. Plus, Association members receive discounts on meals. Call Matt, Jimmy, or Erika at (718) 784-9500 for information.

### **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 2019. Please try 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 2019 to the attention of **Kathy Feeley Financial Secretary** and mail to the address noted on the masthead of the newsletter.

**Keep your membership up to date!**