



The County Cork B. P. & P. Association

33-01 Greenpoint Avenue, Long Island City, NY 11101

Diarmuid Connolly - President

24th Biennial Reunion Banquet

August 9th, 2025, at the Rochestown Park Hotel, Douglas, County Cork, Ireland



2025

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May 30, 2025

Dear Friend and Patron,

The County Cork B. P. & P. Association of New York invites you to join us as we celebrate our 24th Biennial Reunion Banquet at Rochestown Park Hotel in Douglas, Cork, on Saturday, August 9th, 2025. The festivities will begin with a complimentary cocktail reception at 7:00 pm followed by dinner and dancing to the music of Con Collins and Friends Band. Tickets are \$85 Dollars or €75 Euros each. This year we are delighted to honor two outstanding Corkonians – **Mary Desmond Power** former President of the County Cork B.P. & P. Association and Grenagh native and **Cllr. Tony Fitzgerald**, former Lord Mayor of Cork.

Mary Desmond Power, originally from Grenagh, Co. Cork, is a dedicated community leader, proud mother, and longtime resident of New York City. After immigrating to Manhattan in 1969 with her husband Tom, Mary built a life centered around faith, family, and service. A former employee of New York-Presbyterian Hospital with over 30 years of service, she also played an active role in her neighborhood, parish, and her sons' schools. A key figure in the County Cork B.P. & P. Association of New York, she served as president during its 125th anniversary and was honored as Cork Woman of the Year in 2012. In retirement, she enjoys time with her grandsons and continues to be a proud matriarch of a close-knit family. Mary's beloved husband Tom passed away in 2022.

Cllr Tony Fitzgerald has served as a dedicated Fianna Fáil representative on Cork City Council since 2004, consistently re-elected by the Cork City Northwest community. A strong supporter of the County Cork B.P. & P. Association of New York, he has worked to preserve transatlantic ties. As Lord Mayor of Cork in 2017, he helped lead the city's expansion and gained international recognition. A committed advocate for public health and youth development, he serves on national and European health committees, including with the World Health Organization. He currently chairs Cork City Council's Housing Strategic Policy Committee. Tony is a proud husband, father, and grandfather.

We are excited to announce the upcoming publication of our **Souvenir Journal**, dedicated to honoring this year's distinguished honorees. We warmly invite you to be a part of this special tribute by including a **greeting message** or an **advertisement for your business**.



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Enclosed, please find the contract outlining advertising rates and ticket reservation details for our upcoming event. We invite you to join us in celebrating our honorees with a tribute ad or greeting in our commemorative journal.

Submission Deadline:

Please submit your ad or greeting by **June 30, 2025**.

You may upload your submission at: <https://form.jotform.com/251296381406054>

Or email it to: countycorkassociation@gmail.com

Thank you for your generous support and for helping us honor our distinguished guests in such a meaningful way. We truly appreciate your continued commitment and look forward to welcoming you on **August 9th** for a joyful evening filled with connection, community, and **Cork pride!**

Sincerely

Diarmuid Connolly
President
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Denis McCarthy
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The Rochestown Park Hotel in Cork offers comfortable accommodation with breakfast included:

- **Single Room:** €205 per night
- **Twin/Double Room:** €225 per night

To make a reservation, you can contact the hotel directly:

- **Phone:** +353 21 489 0800
- **Email:** res@rochestownpark.com

For more information or to book online, visit the official website: rochestownpark.com.

If you need assistance with booking or have any other questions, feel free to ask!