



THE CORK REBEL



The County Cork B. P. & P. Association

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MEETINGS:

Monday, December 30th 2013 – 6:30 pm: Building Committee meeting & newsletter mailing

Monday, December 30th 2013 – 7:00 pm: Officers Meeting (*Please assist with newsletter mailing*)

Sunday, January 5th 2014 – 3:30 pm: General Membership Meeting

DATES TO REMEMBER:

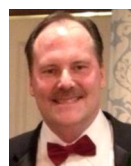
Sunday, January 19th 2014 – Memorial Mass, Installation of Officers & Scholarship Dance, 3 pm

Friday, January 31st 2014 – United Irish Counties Dinner Dance – Antuns of Queens Village, 7:30 pm

Saturday, March 8th 2014 – Cork's 130th St. Patrick's Banquet – Antuns of Queens Village, 7 pm

Saturday, March 8th 2014 – 17th Annual White Plains St. Patrick's Day Parade, 12 noon

Saturday, August 9th 2014 – Cork's Biennial Dinner Dance in Ireland - Rochestown Park Hotel



President's Message

Wishing you a blessed Christmas season, a hopeful & joyous New Year in 2014! As we begin the New Year, I'm reminded of the past; all the members present and before us who have given of themselves and contributed to this organization, since 1884.

As a student of history, I continue to be amazed about the struggles and success of the Irish people; the pride of our local heritage/tribe-surname/Club or sub-part of County Cork, the Immigrant spirit of nationalism for both native Ireland and adopted country and home within the USA, the organized contributions of the collective Irish experiences to society within Labor, Politics, the Military, the Archdiocese and charitable organizations, such as the County Cork Benevolent Patriotic and Protective Association.

I'm honored to be a part of continuing this legacy, and to benefit from networking, making great friends, learning and socializing with some of the best people in the Irish American community.

Looking through the 125th Anniversary edition journal, a book replete with the history of this organization, I'm amazed at the challenges and successes of the generations before us. Turning through these journal pages, I learn how Past President Sean Keating (Kanturk) was a founding member of the Irish Institute, holding numerous official positions in New York City and the US Government, as well as becoming Grand Marshal to the NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade in 1956. The legacy continues as our 125th Anniversary honoree – Jack Ahern (Brooklyn & Kilbriain) marches up Fifth Avenue as the Grand Marshal of the 253rd NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade this year in 2014. The Irish Institute continues today under the direction and expertise of Jim Lombard, who also served New York City with honor and distinction in the New York City Council.

I read further of the success of the Cork Ladies Auxiliary who raised funds for the Irish Republican Army in 1916, had organized an employment agency for new immigrant Cork women, as well as raising funds for the Carmelite religious order - until finally uniting with the Corkmen's Association in 1983 to become the County Cork BP&P Association. Where would we be without the women in our association today? The majority of our events are chaired, co-chaired and orchestrated by Cork women.

I continue reading...about "Cork, the Rebel County" of Michael Collins, of Lord Mayors of Cork: Tomas Mac Curtain and his successor Terence McSwiney depicted and memorialized on the three giant portraits of the Cork hall. Mary Naughton documents the gallant and courageous exploits of the Cork Flying Columns led by Commandment General Tom Barry, and Past President Patrick Hurley pens the amazing history of "The Boys of Kilmichael". We revere the courage of these brave men, as well as our departed member SSG Frank Carvill who died in Operation Iraqi Freedom, serving the New Jersey National Guard. We remember and honor Frank through presenting the "Frank Carvill Distinguished Service Award" at our annual St. Patrick's Dinner Dance.

This 125th Anniversary journal is where we discovered the original name of our newsletter and re-instituted it appropriately: "The Rebel". So the legacy continues in true Rebel Spirit..."For the Boys that beat the Black & Tans were the Boys from the County Cork!"

"We celebrate the past to awaken the future" – John F. Kennedy

The Annual Memorial Mass, Installation & Scholarship Dance: will take place on **Sunday, January 19th, 2014**, beginning with a **Mass** for 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. Donie Carroll and friends will provide music for dancing. For reservations, please contact **Kathy Feeley @ 718-476-1983** or **Mae O'Driscoll @ 718-899-6776**. For event information, please contact **Chairperson John Driscoll at 917-854-1248** ceajd@msn.com or see the flyer included with the Newsletter.

The County Cork B.P. & P. Association's Annual Scholarship awards will be presented at the Installation of Officers on **Sunday, January 19th, 2014**. The Scholarship competition is open to members and children of members in good standing as of November 1, 2013. There are two competition levels – Elementary School & High School. The Elementary School applicant must be an eighth grade student graduating into high school in 2014. Elementary School applicant must complete a minimum 500 word essay on “**Labor Leader - James Connolly**”. The High School (College freshman) applicant must have completed high school in 2013, and submit SAT scores for that year. High School applicant must complete a minimum 1000 word essay on “**The historical significance of the Dublin Lockout - 1913**”. An additional scholarship award will be awarded for the High School (College) best essay. Anyone interested in applying should contact **Kathy McCarthy @ 516-314-6440** or email mcleen16@aol.com for information. *Essays must be received by the Cork Association and postmarked no later than January 6th, 2014.*

Commodore John Barry Memorial Dedication: Commodore Barry, born in Co. Wexford, is widely credited as "The Father of the American Navy". In 1794, President George Washington made him the first American commissioned naval officer, giving him the title of Commodore. He continued to serve until his death in 1803. A dedication of his memorial monument will take place on **Saturday, May 10**, at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. The program begins at 9:30 am with a Catholic Mass. The dedication of the memorial will begin at 11:30 am and will feature bagpipes, the U.S.N.A. Color Guard, recognition by naval leaders, both U.S. and Irish government leaders and the AOH and LAOH. A gourmet lunch will follow the dedication. Reservations are needed for the lunch, which costs \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. For more information about this event, reservations or directions, please contact Seamus Boyle at Shay39@comcast.net.



Annual Children's Christmas Party with Santa Claus: took place on **Sunday, December 15th** at the Cork Hall. Over 20 Cork kiddies and their parents took part in the festivities, which included snacks, coloring books and chicken nuggets. **President Denis McCarthy** led the children in Christmas carols just before Santa Claus, himself, arrived bearing toys for all. The excitement on the children's faces was a joy to see. Many thanks to **Deirdre O'Hea** and her elves: **Jim & Bridget Cagney**, **Mae O'Driscoll**, **Treasa Goodwyn-Smith**, **Kathy McCarthy**, **Eileen O'Hea**, **Bob Sullivan**, **Mary Hurley** and **Larry Finn**. Thanks also to **Bantry Bay** for the wonderful food and to our waitresses, **Cookie** and **Linda**, for taking such good care of us.

Holiday Gift Baskets: For the past four years, the Association has been sending Holiday gift baskets to our homebound and sick members. This year, four beautiful baskets filled with fruit, truffles and nuts from *Harry & David* were sent to convey our best wishes for the holidays and to let our members know that they are always in our thoughts. Thank you to **Mary Power** for organizing this year's baskets. If you know of anyone whom we may have missed, please let us know by emailing nycorkbpp@gmail.com.

News and entertainment: **Donie Carroll** hosts a seisiún at Lillie's Traditional Irish Pub, 13 East 17th Street, NYC. Donie can also be seen and heard at the seisiúns at Murphy's Bar on Skillman Avenue in Sunnyside on Friday and Saturday nights starting at 9:30 pm. **Treasa Goodwin Smyth** co-hosts the show "Ireland Calls" with her husband Tommy Smyth. You can tune in on Saturdays at 6pm to WVOX 1460 AM irelandcallsradioshow.com. **Eileen Cronin** hosts the "Long Ireland Show" on Saturdays from 2-5 pm on WRHU 88.7 FM Hofstra University www.WRHU.org. **Hugh O'Rourke** hosts the Leitrim Ceili on Tuesdays at 8pm on 90.3 FM. And check out The Irish Examiner, **Paddy McCarthy's** weekly Irish newspaper.

Also, **Siusan O'Rourke & Zig Zeitler**, a music duo from Michigan, will be performing with musical guests **Donie Carroll** and **John Nolan** on Saturday, January 11th at the New York Irish Center. Tickets are \$22 (Seniors/students/unemployed - \$11). Doors open at 7:30 pm. There will be a cocktail hour with discount beer and wine bar. The show starts at 8:30 pm.

Cork Publicans/ Restaurateurs: The **Bantry Bay Publick House & Restaurant** has the best pub grub in Long Island City; Association members receive discounts on meals, thanks to Matt, Artie & Jim (<http://www.bantrybaypub.com>), and the Cork Hall is available to all members for parties/functions at special rates (718) 784-9500. Also, great food & drink at John Browns' **Grandstand Pub & Restaurant**, where on Friday nights you can practice for American Idol - Karaoke. If you're in Manhattan - Hell's Kitchen area, check out Pat Burke's **Brickyard Gastropub** (<http://www.brickyardnyc.com>), his place in Sunnyside, Queens, **the Courtyard** (<http://courtyardalehouse.com>), or his newest, **Woodbines**, in Long Island City (<http://www.woodbinesnyc.com>). Check out **Nevada Smiths** (www.nevadasmiths.net), located at 100 Third Avenue (between 12th & 13th Streets) - now boasts four floors, three bars and huge TV screens to broadcast all the matches you want to see!

Get Well Wishes and prayers: continued prayers for **Jack Ahern** and **Liam O'Donovan**, who are both recovering from post-surgical procedures; to **Daniel O'Neill** and **Catrina O'Sullivan** - granddaughter of Larry O'Sullivan. Get well wishes to **Mary Forde**. Prayers for **Kitty Spedden**, sister of Mary Anne McCarthy who's in the hospital, and for **Billy Boland**, brother-in-law of Bill O'Driscoll, who is recovering at home after his hospital stay. Prayers, also, for member **Connie O'Riordan** who is currently in Calvary Hospice.

Congratulations: to "Boston" **Bob Coveney** on the birth of his first grandchild, Alan Joseph Coveney, Jr., on December 8th.

Correction to December Newsletter: Congratulations to recent **Grandparents Dan McCarthy & Kathy McCarthy** whose daughter Caroline and son-in-law Zac welcomed the birth of their daughter Rose Catherine.

Condolences: The Association extends their condolences and prayers to the family and religious community of Sr. Janet Fitzgerald who passed away on Sunday, December 1st, at the age of 78. Sr. Janet was honored by the Association in March, 1989. Born in Woodside, she was the granddaughter of past president John D. Fitzgerald, a native of Cork City, and was extremely proud of her Cork roots. She was named president of Molloy College in Rockville Centre at the age of 37, making her one of the youngest college presidents in the nation at the time. She served as President of Molloy College for 24 years from 1972 to 1996. She lived with Alzheimer's disease since 2009 at the convent in Amityville. Prior to her illness, Sr. Janet attended all of the Cork dances. The last event she attended was the unveiling of the headstone for Annie Moore at Calvary Cemetery and attended the reception at the Cork after.

Good and Welfare: to report any births, marriages, illnesses or deaths of a member or family member, or any other news of that sort, contact **Mary English @ 718-426-6867**.

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 Face book page. Many Colleges offer Scholarships to experienced pipe & drum players, such as IONA and Manhattan College, among others.

DUES: Please forward dues of \$24.00 for the year 2013 to the attention **Kathy Feeley - Financial Secretary** and mail to the address noted on the letterhead above. Please make an effort to catch up if you're in arrears for 2013.

Address Changes: If you are moving or have moved recently, **please** remember to send a change of address card to the Cork Association at the address listed on the letterhead. Or you can contact the Corresponding Secretary at the phone number below.

Communications/ E-mail: If anyone would prefer to have the newsletter emailed to them, please contact iber413@hotmail.com Also, we'd like to update the Calling post/ message center – and our E-Mail contact list. Please send an E-mail with your telephone #'s to the **new Cork E-Mail:** nycorkbpp@gmail.com Thank you!

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT



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You are Cordially Invited to...

The 2014 County Cork BP&P Installation Reception & Scholarship Dinner

Sunday January 19, 2014 - 4 PM

▪ **Memorial Mass for Deceased Members @ 3 PM** ▪

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Presentation of Scholarship Awards

~ **Scholarship Chair - Kathy McCarthy** ~

4 hour Open Bar & Buffett Dinner

Music by Donie Carroll & Friends

\$35.00 per person - Reservation Required

Information: John Driscoll - 917-854-1248 ceajd@msn.com

Reservations: Kathy Feeley - 917-837-8820 kf0509@yahoo.com or

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