

County Cork B. P. & P. Association

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Mary Power - President

❄️ Merry Christmas! ❄️

December 2010

MEETINGS

Tuesday, Nov. 30th, 2010 - 7:00 PM: Building Committee Meeting

Tuesday, Nov. 30th, 2010 - 7:30 PM: Officers Meeting

Sunday, Dec. 5th, 2010 -3:30 PM: General Membership Meeting

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sunday, December 12th, 2010 – Childrens Christmas Party at the Cork Hall 2-5pm

Sunday, January 16th, 2011 – Mass/Installation of Officers/Scholarship Awards, Cork Hall 3:30 pm

Friday, January 28th, 2011 – UIC Dinner Dance at Antuns, 7:30 pm

Have a Holly, Jolly Christmas! Just a little "FYI" for anyone looking for unique Christmas gifts, check out the Holiday Markets in Bryant Park, Union Square, Columbus Circle and Grand Central Terminal. I promise you won't leave empty handed - I never do!

Notice of Motion: to be voted on at the next general meeting – to spend \$4,000.00 for an RMZ valve on the water line in the basement by the Co. Cork BP & P Association.

Children's Christmas Party will take place on Sunday, December 12th. If you're planning to attend, please fill out the flyer that was sent out with last months newsletter and return it to me as soon as possible. Santa needs to be able to tell the elves how many toys to load into the sleigh after all! We will be decorating the tree after this months meeting so if you'd like to help out that would be great! Also, a little Christmas cheer will be available for members after the meeting.

Installation of Officers/Cork Scholarship Awards: The County Cork B.P.& P. Association's Installation of the 2011 Board of Officers will take place on January 16, 2011. There will be a mass for deceased members at 3:30 pm followed by the Installation of Officers, the Annual Scholarship Awards, dinner and dancing. The Scholarship competition is open to members and children of members in good standing as of November 1, 2010. There are two competition levels – Elementary School & High School. The Elementary School applicant must be an eighth grade student graduating into high school in 2011. Said applicant must complete a 500 word essay on Michael Collins. The High School applicant must have completed high school in 2010 and must submit SAT scores for that year. Said applicant must complete a 1000 word essay on Eamon De Valera. Anyone interested in applying should contact President Mary Power @ 212-535-6220 or email marypwr@gmail.com for an application or other information. Applications must be received by the Cork Association and postmarked no later than December 31, 2010.

United Irish Counties 2010 Essay Contest: for grades 6-10. Children who are sons, daughters, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, grandnieces and nephews of members in good standing of an organization affiliated with the UIC are eligible to enter. Check out their website at www.uicany.org.

United Irish Counties Dinner Dance: will be held on Friday, January 28, 2011 at Antuns on Springfield Blvd, Queens. This years Honorees are Paddy Reilly, Raymond Conlon and the Hon. George J. Mitchell, Jr. Tickets are \$85. Anyone interested in going can contact Mary Waters.

Early St. Patrick's Day news: our own Mae O'Driscoll has been selected as Grand Marshal of the Brooklyn St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 20, 2011. More details as we get closer to the day.

Around the Town: Upcoming Irish Arts Center events - from Dec. 9th thru the 19th you can enjoy An Irish Christmas – A Musical Solstice Celebration with Mick Moloney and Athena Tergis. Info for that is available at 212-868-4444 or www.irishartscenter.org. Blessed Sacrament Church will be presenting A Classic Christmas Concert featuring The Irish Sopranos and Irish Tenor Karl Scully on December 5th at 33: pm. Donations are \$30, reception is \$25. For info call 718-639-3888.

A Little History: Minutes from a Cork meeting held in the early 20th Century and a Cork Ladies Auxiliary uniform donated by Patricia Young O'Connor are to be included in an exhibition at the Consulate General of Ireland, 345 Park Avenue. The exhibit is called "The Fifth Province: County Associations in Irish America" and runs until January 25, 2011. It includes banners, photos, correspondence and memorabilia from all the New York County Associations. If you get a chance, please go see this amazing exhibit.

Sports News: the Sam Maguire Cup is coming to New York! The Cork Footballers of New York are hosting a dinner Sunday December 12th at the Royal Regency Hotel in Yonkers from 5-10pm. The Sam Maguire cup will be there along with two of the winning players, Noel O'Leary & Alan O'Connor, and Terry O'Neill, Selector. If anyone is interested in attending, please let us know at the meeting.

News and entertainment - Don't forget, **Donie Carroll** hosts a seison at Lillie's Traditional Irish Pub, 13 East 17th Street, NYC, every Saturday at 4pm (when he's not on the road promoting his cd!). **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. **Eileen Cronin** hosts the "Long Ireland Show" on Saturdays from 3-5 pm on WRHU 88.7 FM Hofstra University. **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. You can also read it online at www.irishexaminerusa.com. And Paddy's magazine, Irish Connections, is online at www.irishconnections.com. And if you want to practice for American Idol, head to the **Grandstand** on Friday nights for karaoke!

Cork Website: The County Cork Association website has recently been updated! The site includes the history of the Association, a list of past presidents, upcoming events, pictures, and links to other Irish related sites, etc. Check it out @ WW.NYCORKASSOCIATION.ORG.

Get Well Wishes: Tim Hurley, Sr., Denis McCarthy, Jr., Kitty Kilroy, Joe Murphy, Marianne McCarthy, Kay Hurley, Maureen Cahill, Liam O'Connor.

Rest in Peace: Paul Reilly, brother of Mary English. Also, The Co. Cork Association was deeply saddened to learn of the passing of a great friend and supporter of the Association - Robert (Bob) Kennefick of Shanagarry, Midleton, Co. Cork. Bob was export manager for Murphy Brewery and was honored by the Association in Cork City in August, 1993. Over the past twenty five years Bob was responsible for the sponsorship of many Cork Association projects including our reunion banquet in Cork. He will be sorely missed by his many friends in the Association. We extend our condolences to his wife Una, his five children and grandchildren. Beannacht De len a hAnam.

Good News: Melissa Feeley, daughter of Financial Secretary Kathy Feeley, has been chosen to attend World Youth Day in Spain. And David English ran the DC Marathon in memory of Tom Finn. Also, Kerri Driscoll, daughter of John Driscoll, ran the NYC Marathon in 3 hours & 40 minutes and qualified for the Boston Marathon. Lastly, Andre Brandt, husband of Eileen O'Hea Brandt (and my brother-in-law) completed his first Iron Man Triathlon in Kona, Hawaii, in less than 13 hours. Well done everyone!

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! Anyone interested can check out their Facebook page.

E-mail: If anyone would prefer to have the newsletter emailed to them, please contact me at dohea20@hotmail.com.

DUES: Please forward dues of \$24.00 for the year 2010 to the attention of the **Financial Secretary** and mail to the address noted on the letterhead above. Outstanding dues letters will be going out shortly, so if you know you're in arrears send your dues in to Cathy Feeley ASAP!

Rental of Cork Hall: the Cork Hall is available to all members for parties/functions at special rates. Alcoholic beverages and food may be purchased through the Bantry Bay Publick House. For reservations, call **(718) 784-9500.**

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.

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