

County Cork BP & P Association

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Mary Power - President

 Happy Labor Day! 

September 2010

MEETINGS: Please note changes in meeting time

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

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

Sunday, Sept. 12th, 2010 - 3:30 PM: General Membership Meeting w/barbeque to follow after

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sunday, September 19th, 2010 – AOH Nassau County Feis/Festival @ Molloy College, Rockville Centre, NY

Saturday, September 25th, 2010 – Hudson Valley Irish Fest, Peekskill, NY Chairman Dan Dennehy 914-588-2710

Welcome back! I hope everyone enjoyed their summer. Even if it did go by at light speed! ☺

At the July meeting, **Cathy Feeley** was appointed to fill the office held by her late mother, **Terry Finn**, until nominations for the 2011 Board of Officers takes place at the October meeting.

The Reunion Dinner Dance in Cork - from *President Mary Power*

The association continued the 125th. Anniversary celebrations with a gala banquet at the Rochestown Park Hotel, Cork on August 7th. The event was a huge success and very well attended.

We were extremely honored to have the Lord Mayor of Cork City, Cllr. Michael O'Connell and the Lady Mayoress, Catherine O'Connell, the Bishop of Cork & Ross, Rev. John Buckley and Fr. Denis O'Sullivan and many other dignitaries in attendance.

We were delighted to honor two outstanding Corkmen, Cork City's own - Paddy McCarthy and Cullen's finest - Jeff O'Sullivan, both were joined by their families and friends and stated they felt privileged to be honored by the Association in Cork on such an historic occasion. The Banquet committee worked very hard in making this event so successful. Many thanks to the Banquet Chairs, Denis Forde & Mae O'Driscoll & Dan Murphy and his committee in Cork. Deirdre O'Hea & Tim Murphy for a wonderful journal. Reservations, Mary Waters, master of ceremonies, Sean Minihane, Donie Carroll and Terry McCarthy for the National Anthems and to Michael Dorgan, Gary Power and Jamie Considine for their help on the night. Thanks to Eileen Cronin & Treasa Goodwin Smith for advertising on their radio shows and to Eileen for interviewing both honorees and to our member, Cullen Pipe Band Piper, Collette O'Connor for piping us in on the night. Also thanks to the Officers and Members of the Association and their families and friends for all their support on the evening and throughout the yearswithout you, our loyal supporters, those celebrations would not be possible. The previous evening many of us attended a reception at Cork City Hall where we received a very warm welcome from the Deputy Mayor, Cllr. John Kelleher (also a previous Lord Mayor) who gave us the history of City Hall. It was special!

My heartfelt thanks to you all!

President Mary Power

And **Dinner Co-chair Mae O'Driscoll** would also like to add the following: Sean Minihane did an outstanding job as MC; in his introduction he captured the historical significance of the event as did our good friend John Dennehy in his remarks. John is a former Lord Mayor and TD of Cork and he officiated at the grand opening of the Cork Building in May 1984 and he has never missed a reunion dinner in the past twenty five years. Also in attendance was Michael Creed TD for Cork North West and David Stanton for East Cork. Thanks to Jim O'Driscoll for his help with the dais and to Mae Clarke. Special thanks go out also to the folks at Heineken.

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

EIIC Mae O'Driscoll Scholarship: applicants must be immigrants to NY or children/grandchildren of such immigrants who are enrolled in an accredited US post-secondary educational facility. Applications are due before 5pm on Oct. 12, 2010. see flyer for details.

Save the Dates – The Hudson Valley Irish Fest featuring Shilelagh Law will be held on **September 25, 2010** at Peekskill Riverfront Park on the banks of the Hudson River. There will be Irish music, crafts, food and beverages. Vendors and volunteers are needed. Past President **Dan Dennehy** is chairman of the festival. Get more information at www.hudsonvalleyirishfest.com.

And on Sunday **September 19th**, head out to Long Island for the 38th Annual AOH Nassau County Feis and Festival on the Molloy College campus in Rockville Centre. This years Honoree is our own **Paddy McCarthy**. There will be step dancing, pipe bands, rides for the kids and a performance by U2 cover band 2U. More info at nassauaohfeis.com.

Enclosed is a flyer for the Benefit for the Saoirse Foundation on **Sept. 26th**. The parents of Saoirse & Liam come from Cork and Kerry respectively, Tony from Model Farm Road in Cork and Mary from Kerry. This is a very worthy cause and we hope you will consider making a donation or buying a ticket. The contribution may be mailed to the Kerry Hall in the enclosed envelope or you can send to the Cork Club or bring to the meeting on Sun, the 12th. We will also have tickets available on that day and we will deliver the donations to the Kerry hall on the day of the benefit. Thanks for your generosity. Any questions call Mary Power @ 212-535-6220.

Around the Town: Fall classes for Irish music, dance and language will be held at the Irish Arts Center beginning September 20th. Registration takes place from Sept. 6th thru the 17th. For more info call 212-757-3318 x209. Upcoming IAC events include Oiche Shamna – Celebrate Halloween on Oct. 23rd at 1pm with stories, crafts and traditional games for the whole family. For info call 212-757-3318 x202. And 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.

Sports News: Good Luck to the Senior & Minor Cork Footballers in the All Ireland Final Sept 19th. The Yanks are in first place and the Mets....oh well. At least they have a nice stadium.

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!). **Teresa 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.

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.

Good news: Congratulations to my brother Brian & his wife Eileen on the birth of their beautiful baby daughter Grace Kelly O'Hea (I have pictures if anyone's interested!). And to my other brother Terry who will be marrying his fiancé Carin on September 25th.

Get Well Wishes: to Kitty Kilroy and to Olivine Hurley

Rest in Peace: Jack Meehan, uncle of First Vice President Tim Murphy. And Dorothy Hayden Cudahy, first woman Grand Marshal of the NY St. Patrick's Day Parade. And lastly, it is with deep regret we wish to inform you that long time member and former officer of the association John Murray passed away Aug. 28th. He was laid to rest on Sept. 3rd in the Adirondacks where he spent his summer months. John was also the drummer with the Co. Cork Pipe Band for many years.

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.

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.

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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