

# County Cork B. P. & P. Association

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The County Cork Association of New York invites you to join in celebrating the St. Patrick's season at its annual banquet on Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at Antun's, 96-43 Springfield Blvd., Queens Village, NYC. Cocktail hour will commence at 7:00 PM with dinner to follow; with music and dancing to the Black Velvet Band until 12:30 AM. This year we are delighted to honor three distinguished members of New York's County Cork community.

Our 2010 *Cork Man of the Year* is **Mr. Donie Carroll**, native of Douglas, the youngest of ten children of Paddy and Julie. He began work in the painting and wallpapering business—a career he still follows to this day. A true sportsman, Donie played football, hurling and soccer. He was a Munster Champion Boxer and in 2009 was made an honorary member of the Cork Ex-boxers Assoc. along with then world champion Bernard Dunne. Music has always been a part of Donie's life. In 1981, Donie was invited to join the Cork folk group Finnegan's Wake. When an American tour fell through for Finnegan's Wake, Donie received a call from friend Paddy McCarthy who invited him to play a six-week tour in the States, the rest, as they say, is history. Donie is presently a member of the Washington Square Harp & Shamrock Orchestra and he has just finished a solo album "DOWN THE SLIPPERY GAP". After his rise in the music scene in New York, Donie broadened his horizons by becoming an actor. He made his Off-Broadway debut at the Irish Repertory Theatre in John B. Keane's play *Sive*. Reviewers noted his performance as the wandering musician Pats Bocock: 'Brilliant', 'Played with great humility'. Donie is a passionate golfer, he also runs musical and cultural tours to Ireland with his good friend John Browne. Donie is the proud father of 2 sons, Donnacha and Frank, each of whom resides in Ireland.

Our Cork Woman of the Year is **Treasa Goodwin Smyth** of Ballard Cobh Co Cork, a twin, one of ten children to Patrick and Teresa Coffey. Treasa emigrated to New York in the mid eighties and is well known in Irish sports, including as a Player with the New York Young Ireland's Camogie Club, where she held the position of President.. Her sports involvement continued with Niamh Padraig Camogie Club and with WFUV where she hosts the All Ireland Hurling and Football Finals. Treasa has her own weekly radio show on WVOX "Ireland Calls" Saturday evenings at 6 PM and is a co-announcer on the famed New York St. Patrick's Day parade on WNBC. She was the Grand Marshal in 2003 of the Queens County St Patrick's Day parade in Rockaway, and is also a long time member of the County Cork Association. Treasa is married to ESPN sports announcer Tommy Smyth, and is the proud mom of Anthony and Lisa.

Our Frank Carvill Distinguished Service Award honoree is, **Catherine (Kitty) Walsh Kilroy**, of Greenhill, Mourneabbey, Mallow. Kitty emigrated to New York in 1949 and settled in the Upper East Side of Manhattan. Kitty was first employed in the Insurance business and subsequently worked for Chase Manhattan Bank in Wall Street for 29 years. In 1954 she married Thomas J. Kilroy, NYPD and moved to Brooklyn where they raised their son Thomas. In the 1980's, both Tom and Kitty became active members and subsequently officers of the Co. Cork Association. Kitty was involved in organizing Maid of the Isles events and in the mid 1990s, when Tom was president of the association, Kitty was a key participant in organizing the unveiling of monuments to U.S. Civil War veterans of Cork origin in Calvary Cemetery Queens. Unfortunately, retired NYPD Captain Tom passed away in 2007. She is the proud grandmother of Megan and Kaitlyn, daughters of son Thomas, NYPD Lieutenant, and his wife Nancy Rynn.

We will be publishing a souvenir journal dedicated to our distinguished honorees. We invite you to include a greeting or advertise your business. Enclosed is a contract with details of the advertising rates. Please attach a copy of your advert/greeting and return to Michael Gubbins, 20 River Terrace #22A, NY, NY 10282 by February 19, 2009. Tickets are \$85 and can be reserved by calling Mary Waters (718-899-6776) or Mary Hurley (718-898-1425).

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