

# County Cork B P & P Association

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Timothy Murphy - President

 **Happy Halloween!** 

October 2011

## MEETINGS

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**Tuesday, September 26th, 2011 - 7:00 PM: Building Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday, September 26th, 2011 - 7:30 PM: Officers Meeting**

**Sunday, October 2nd, 2011 - 3:30 PM: General Membership Meeting**

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## DATES TO REMEMBER:

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**Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011 – Co. Clare Association Annual Ball @ Antun's, Queens Village, 7pm**

**Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> – Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind Fundraiser @ Rory Dolans in Yonkers, 6pm**

**Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011 – Emerald Isle Immigration Center Dinner Dance @ Astoria Manor, 7pm**

**Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011 – Holy Ghost Fathers Dinner Dance @ St. Mary's Parish Hall, Woodside 8pm**

**Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011 – Gala Concert at the Irish Rep benefitting Fr. Joe Maier's Mercy Center**

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**Please note that the Nomination of Officers for 2012 will take place at the October meeting. Members must be in good standing in order to cast votes.**

A new member was sworn in at the September meeting. Welcome to Margaret Gawley of Kanturk and Woodside!

We had a barbeque directly after last month's meeting. Thanks to everyone who helped out – including Mary Hurley, Noel Hayes, Tim Murphy, Gary Power, Mary Power. Thank you to Eileen Cronin for the delicious soda bread! Thanks to Mickey Peare for the live musical performance! And of course, thanks to all the members who came out to enjoy a nice evening with good food and good company!

The Great Irish Fair was held in Coney Island from Sept. 16 – 18. Entertainment included Beatles cover band "Yesterday & Today", the Canny Brothers, the Moonshiners, Jameson's Revenge, Derek Warfield and the Young Wolfetones, and Unforgettable Fire. Crowds enjoyed good weather, good food and good fun. Can't wait until next year!

The Hudson Valley Irish Fest took place on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> in Peekskill. This year's festival was dedicated to the victims and heroes of 9/11. Entertainment included harpist Deirdre Ryan, Jameson's Revenge, Celtic Cross, Mary Courtney and Morning Star and Tim Murphy, along with Hudson Valleys finest traditional Irish musicians, massed pipe bands and Irish step dancers. Thankfully the rain held off and the festival went on without a hitch! Thanks to everyone who came out to support the HVIF – it was a great success!

**Unfortunately, the fundraiser for the Co. Cork Pipe and Drum Band scheduled for October 15<sup>th</sup> has been postponed until early spring. T-shirts are still for sale though as the band is still trying to raise funds for new jackets and drums. Call 718-634-9808.**

The Emerald Isle Immigration Center will be holding its annual Dinner Dance on Friday October 28<sup>th</sup> at the Astoria World Manor. This years honorees are Corkmen Jack Ahern and Patrick Burke, and the Honorable Michael Cusick. Tickets are \$90. As always, the Association will be taking a table. More information will be available at the October meeting.

The Irish Chamber Orchestra will be appearing at Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall at 8pm on October 31, 2011. Tickets are available at [www.lincolncenter.org](http://www.lincolncenter.org) or by calling 212-721-6500. Prices are \$60, \$45 and \$25.

The Holy Ghost Fathers Annual Dinner Dance will take place on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Woodside. Honorees are Kieran Ahern, Terence Farrell and Brigid Gregory. Music will be provided by *Rumor Has It*. Tickets are \$45 – the Cork Association will be taking a table.

Donie Carroll is organizing a Gala Concert to benefit Fr. Joe Maier's Mercy Center in Klong Toey, Hong Kong. Fr. Joe is a redemptorist priest who runs the Center which is comprised of a shelter for street kids, orphanages, a home for mothers and children with HIV/Aids and a kindergarten for 400 children who otherwise would get no education. In order to help Fr. Joe's charity, Donie got together with some amazing musicians to record a benefit cd. The Gala Concert is to be held at the Irish Repertory Center on November 14<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$100 which includes a free cd and an after show reception at the theatre. Please come out to support this great cause. For tickets call 212-727-2737 or order online at [www.irishrep.org](http://www.irishrep.org).

**The County Cork B.P.& P. Association's annual scholarship** awards will be presented at the Installation of Officers in January. The Scholarship competition is open to members and children of members in good standing as of November 1, 2011. There are two competition levels – Elementary School & High School. The Elementary School applicant must be an eighth grade student graduating into high school in 2012. Said applicant must complete a 500 word essay on *Jack Lynch*. The High School applicant must have completed high school in 2011 and must submit SAT scores for that year. Said applicant must complete a 1000 word essay on *the Fighting 69th*. Anyone interested in applying should contact President Tim Murphy @ 718-894-0844 or email [Timothymurphman@aol.com](mailto:Timothymurphman@aol.com) for an application or other information. Applications must be received by the Cork Association and postmarked no later than December 31, 2011.

The United Irish Counties is sponsoring an Essay Contest for 2011 for middle grades 6, 7 & 8 and Jr. High School grades 9 & 10. Children in those grades who are sons, daughters, nieces, nephews, grandchildren & grandnieces or nephews of members in good standing of an organization affiliated with the United Irish Counties Association in 2011 are eligible to enter the contest. For information see the UIC website at [www.UICANY.org](http://www.UICANY.org).

**News and entertainment** - Don't forget, **Donie Carroll** hosts a seison at Lillie's Traditional Irish Pub, 13 East 17<sup>th</sup> 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 2-4 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](http://www.irishexaminerusa.com). And Paddy's magazine, Irish Connections, is online at [www.irishconnections.com](http://www.irishconnections.com). And if you want to practice for American Idol, head to the **Grandstand** on Friday nights for karaoke!

**Cork Website:** Don't forget to check out the County Cork Association website. The site includes the history of the Association, a list of past presidents, upcoming events, pictures, and links to other Irish related sites, etc. View it at [WWW.NYCORKASSOCIATION.ORG](http://WWW.NYCORKASSOCIATION.ORG).

**Congratulations:** to Maureen O'Hara who recently celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday!

**Condolences:** to the family of longtime member Eugene Browne, native of Rockchapel; and to the family of Matthew O'Connor of West Cork.

**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 Facebook page.

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

**DUES:** Please forward dues of \$24.00 for the year 2011 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 Kathy 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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