

*County Cork B. P. & P. Association of New York*  
*3301 Greenpoint Avenue, Long Island City, NY. 11101*  
*Timothy Murphy - President*

January 17, 2011

Dear Friend and Patron:

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 5, 2011 at Antun's, 96-43 Springfield Blvd., Queens Village, NYC. Deluxe cocktails will be at 7:00 p.m. followed by Dinner with dancing to the Black Velvet Band. This year, we are delighted to honor three distinguished members of The County Cork B.P. & P. Association.

**Our Cork Man of the Year is FATHER JIM DREW.** Fr. Jim is the oldest son of Timothy & Mary Drew (nee Desmond). He was born in West Cork and grew up with his two brothers and sister on the family farm in Crowhill, Upton. In 1967, having completed secondary education in Bandon he went to Dublin to begin seven years of preparation for the priesthood. In 1974 he was ordained a priest at All Hallows Seminary, and shortly afterwards he immigrated to America's 50<sup>th</sup> State and had his first parish assignment in Kailua, Hawaii. In 1991-93 having completed seventeen years of Ministry in Hawaii he was ready for a change and spent some time on sabbatical studies in Berkeley, California and doing parish missions with the Redemptorists in Ireland. In 1993 he began a new phase of Parish Ministry in Sacred Heart Parish in North Merrick, Long Island and is currently pastor in St. Vincent de Paul Church in Elmont, Long Island and is Chaplain to the County Cork Association.

**Our Cork Woman of the Year is EILEEN CRONIN.** Eileen was born and raised in the Bronx. Her parents, Christy Flynn and Chrissie Nyhan, both hailed from Knockbrack, Burnfort, Mallow, County Cork. She worked for Metropolitan Life Insurance until she left to marry and raise her family. Eileen has three sons, Michael, Timothy and John and three wonderful grandchildren, Michael Jr., Patrick and Abby Rose. Eileen is the producer and host of the "Long Ireland" radio show which is aired on Saturdays from WRHU, 88.7 FM Hofstra University, LI. She is a member of the Ladies AOH Div. 13 Queens County where she was honored as Business Woman of the year in 2007. She is a member of The Irish American Society of Nassau Suffolk & Queens, where she has held many offices, a delegate to the UICA, a member of the Easter Monday Monument Committee in Mineola, a member of the Cil Cáis players and a very proud member of the County Cork Association. Eileen and her sister Cathy were also members of the Cork Ladies Auxiliary.

**TED FLANAGAN is the recipient of the Frank T. Carvill Distinguished Service Award.** Ted is a native of Killeagh, County Cork. He immigrated to New York in 1961 and secured a position with the New York Transit Authority. During his employment he was a member of the MABSTOA Holy Name & Emerald Societies where he held various offices. After retiring in 1982 he went on to work for Gumley & Haft Realty. Ted has three daughters, Kathleen, Dawn and Mary Anne and two grandsons, George Timothy and Quinn Perry. He played with the NY Cork Junior hurling team that won the 1962-63 championships. He is a twenty nine year member of the Bergen Irish Association of Dumont, NJ and has held many offices including that of President. He is the recipient of many awards including the Gunning Award from The Bergen County Council of Irish Associations, and was honored by the Irish-American Fenian Society. He is a thirty eight year member of the County Cork Association.

We will also pay tribute to three **50 year members of the Association – DENIS BERNARD, OLIVER NELIGAN & BILLY KENNEALLY** – recognizing half a century of dedication to the County Cork Association.

We will publish 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 **Jr. Chair - Gary Power, 230 East 88 Street. 14D, New York, NY 10128 by Feb 19, 2011.**

**Tickets are \$85.00 each, for reservations call Mary Waters 718-899-6776 or Mary Hurley 917-886-4196.**

*Mary Power*  
Banquet Chair

*Gary Power*  
Journal Chair

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