

♥ Happy Valentines Day! ♥

February 2010

MEETINGS:

Tuesday, February 2nd, 2010 - 7:00 PM: Building Committee Meeting

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Sunday, February 7th, 2010 - 3:30 PM SHARP!!! General Membership Meeting

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sunday, February 21st, 2010 – 3 pm – Reception for 2010 Grand Marshal/Aides @ Antuns, Queens, NY

Saturday, March 6th, 2010 - Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance @ Antuns, Springfield Gardens, Queens

Wednesday, March 17th, 2010 - St. Patrick's Day Parade, Fifth Avenue, NYC

Saturday, August 7th, 2010 - Dinner Dance @ Rochestown Park Hotel, Douglas, Cork

Ho Ho Ho! Once again Santa made a holiday visit to the Cork Hall! The Annual Children's Christmas Party was held on Sunday, December 13th. The Cork kiddies received presents from St. Nick himself who had a wonderful time distributing presents to all the good little girls and boys. Hamburgers, hotdogs, chicken nuggets and fries were provided by the Bantry Bay Publick House. Thanks to everyone who helped make the day enjoyable (despite the terrible weather); the decorators – **Kathy McCarthy, Mary Hurley, Bridget Cagney, Mary Waters & Deirdre O'Hea**, our carol singer, **Larry Finn**, elves **Jim Cagney, Bob Sullivan, Mary Power, Mary Harwood** and, of course *Santa* himself (and his alter-ego "**Boston**" **Bob Coveny!**) If I've forgotten any names, I apologize! I was on a sugar high from all the chocolate and candy canes! Your help was greatly appreciated!

New Member sworn in at the January meeting was Lloyd Fehily of Belgooley, Co. Cork. *Welcome!*

The **2010 Board of Officers** were sworn in at the **Installation/Scholarship Awards Dinner Dance** on *Sunday, January 17, 2010*. The Installing officer was Alan Farrelly, Vice Consul, and the music was provided by *Victor Cuneen*. There was mass for deceased members celebrated by Fr. Noel Moynihan. The Board of Officers were piped in by Kevin Healy of the Cork Pipe Band and duly installed. After dinner came the presentation of the Scholarship Awards. The winner of the Christopher Murphy Scholarship of \$2,500, for the Highest SAT scores went to Patrick McCarthy, son of Daniel & Kathy McCarthy, Patrick also won the best essay competition. He attends The University of North Caroline at Chapel Hill. Our other winners were Colleen Harwood, daughter of Richard & Mary Harwood, Colleen attends Ithaca College School of Music and Kevin Hayes, son of Noel & Barbara Hayes, Kevin attends SUNY Geneseo, they each received \$2,000. The Elementary School winner of The Myra O'Connor scholarship of \$500 for the best essay was Connor Hurley, son of Pat & Mary Hurley and our other winner was Daniel Murphy, son of Tim & Denise Murphy. Congratulations to all! Oh, and by the way, the Jets won!

Put on your dancing shoes! **The County Cork 126th Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance** will take place on **Saturday, March 6, 2010** at Antun's in Queens Village. This years **Corkman of the Year** is **Donie Carroll**, **Corkwoman of the Year** is **Treasa Goodwin Smyth** and the recipient of the **Frank Carvill Distinguished Service Award** is **Kitty Kilroy**. Well done!

In conjunction with the Dinner Dance, we will also publish a souvenir journal to pay tribute to our honorees. We encourage all members to take advantage of the membership discount privileges for journal ads. *Please see contract for details.* **DEADLINE FOR ALL JOURNAL ADS IS FEBRUARY 19, 2010!** Please return the journal ads to Michael Gubbins, 20 River Terrace, Apt 22A, NY, NY 10282. Tickets for the event will be **\$85**. For reservations, contact **Mary Waters @ (718) 899-6776** or **Mary Hurley @ (917) 886-4196**. For information, contact **Michael Gubbins, Chairman @ (917)416-7673**, or **Journal Co-Chairs Deirdre O'Hea @ (516)398-6204** or **Lloyd Fehily @ (347)777-1219**.

Now put on your walking shoes! **The 249th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade** will once again be heading up the green line on Fifth Avenue. This year festivities fall on a Wednesday, so no long weekend unfortunately. But that never puts a damper on the day anyway! Cork will once again be heading up early due to winning 2nd place last year – yay! Line-up details will hopefully be available for the next newsletter – if not, you can check out the line of march in the Echo or the Examiner. We'll be joined this year by some active and retired members of the Irish Defence Forces from Collins Barracks in Cork. There's no bus this year, but I'm sure you all know the way there by now! ♣

As always, there will be a party to follow at the Cork Hall. Corned beef & cabbage will be served and music will be provided by Terry Feeley and Laurie from 6pm until 10pm. More info will follow in the next newsletter.

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

Around the Town: The Irish Repertory Theatre is presenting **Ernest in Love**, the musical version of Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Ernest*. The show has been extended until February 14th. The theatre is located at 132 West 22nd Street, NYC. For tickets and information call (212) 727-2737.

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: Little Grace O'Gorman is currently cancer-free and spent her Christmas holidays in Ireland with all her grandparents!

Get Well Wishes: To John Murray, currently in Kateri Residence @ 150 Riverside Drive, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10024, tel# 646-505-3611; to Olivine Hurley, mother of Pat, who recently broke her hip. And it was good to see Masie Brophy, who also had hip surgery, and Maureen Hegarty, knee surgery, out and about at the Installation.

Condolences: to Denis McCarthy on the passing of his aunt Kathleen Hart; to Mary & Sean Driscoll on the passing of Mary's niece Bernadette Giblin and Mary's brother-in-law John O'Shea.

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 **Terry Finn, 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 Cork Lounge. 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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