Leitrim Society of New York May 2020 Online Newsletter

 Dear Member,

I hope you and your families are well. We continue to persevere and hope that things will get better soon, and this virus will all be behind us in the near future. Hope you all were able to celebrate Easter. I also want to wish the mothers a **belated Happy Mother’s Day**!

Looking back at the month of April, I am reminded of those words that have been embedded in our minds like ‘**Lockdown**’, ‘**Quarantine’** and ‘**Socia**l **Distancing’.** Because of the huge sacrifices made by so many who were ***working from home, cocooning*** or just ***staying home*** we did succeed in ***flattening the curve*** and finally there is light at the end of what once seemed an endless tunnel. We look forward to life returning, to whatever the new **‘normal’** will be, and people moving forward with their lives.

Because of the ongoing restrictions, we will have another **telephonic** monthly meeting on **Thursday May 21st, 2020 at 7.30 PM.** If you would like to join the meeting, please contact **Noeleen Bohan McGovern at 914-643-7368**.

**Scholarship** – **Applications are closed** for the scholarship as of **May 15th, 2020.** Due to the current circumstances and in the interest of transparency, we have decided to **postone the drawing of winners** until our **September meeting**. We apologize for the inconvenience and hope that you will understand.

**Slainte 2020 -** this is a collaborative effort by five major Irish Organizations, **United Irish Counties Association**, **New York GAA**, **Emerald Isle Immigration Center, New York Irish Center** and **Aisling Irish Community Center** joining together to maximize fundraising to assist those who are adversely affected by **COVID-19**. This is a wonderful undertaking and an opportunity for everyone to help. For Information or to make a donation please visit [http://www.slainte2020.org](http://www.slainte2020.org/) or mail to **Slainte 2020, 990 McLean Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10704**. **Leitrim GAA Supporters, Players past and present** are hosting a **5K/10K walk/ cycle/ run** at various local locations **in Ireland** on **Saturday May 16th, 2020**, with proceeds being donated to **Slainte 2020** and **Pieta House**. At our April meeting a motion was made that the **Leitrim Society make a donation of $5,000 to Slainte 2020**. **This notice will be published in the next two monthly newsletters**, and will be voted on at our **October meeting**. We are all in this together, and together we can make a difference.

**Dinner Dance** – **Our 125th Anniversary Dinner Dance** which we rescheduled to **Saturday September 12th**, **2020 will proceed as scheduled**, provided all restrictions are lifted, and the threat of infection is passed us.

**Rescheduled** – **Detective Barney Ferguson Emerald Legacy Fund 6th Annual May Day Dinner** has been **rescheduled to Thursday, August 27th 2020, 6- 10 PM**. If you have submitted a check but would like a refund please email James Barney Ferguson Jr. at fergesq@optonline.net.

**Rescheduled** – **Yonkers St. Patrick’s Parade Dinner** is rescheduled to **Saturday, September 12th** at **Castle Royale, 92 Waverly St, Yonkers, NY 10701** (former Polish Community Center. **Yonkers St. Patrick’s Day Parade** is rescheduled to **Saturday, September 19th** beginning with the traditional **mass at 11:15 AM in Saint Barnabas Church**, McLean Avenue. **These are all subject to change depending on restrictions at that time.**

Please remember our sick members, **Lisa Cullen, Damien Murray, Vincent Dolan, Enda Charles, Maureen Halligan, Anna Bohan, Ollie Cox, Hubert Reynolds, Ann Savage (sister of Helen Brady) and Maureen O’Meara (sister of Tony Dunleavy)** Please pray for all those who are sick with the **coronavirus,** each of us have family**,** friends and neighbors who are affected. We ask God to please bring an end to this pandemic soon.

**Condolences**to our member and dear friend **Cathy Mitchell Miceli** on the death of her sister **Margaret Mitchell McManus**, to the **Miney and Taylor families** on the death of **Patrick Miney**, to **Gerry Gilrane** on the death of his **brother in law, Eddie Crowe** (Dublin), to the families of Bridie Monaghan (cousin of Bernadette Dunleavy), Martin Lyons (UIC), **Maureen McGuire** (**her son Brian** is the piper at our dance every year), and to the family of a well-known and respected lady **Mary McMullan** who passed away recently. Mary was very involved and passionate about all things Irish, especially the ***United Irish Counties***, ***UIC Feis, the Antrim & Derry Associations*** and ***Brooklyn Parade***. Please pray for all those who have died from the **coronavirus.** May all our departed rest in peace.

At this time, please continue to pray for all our **First Responders,** all **medical staff and all essential service employees** working the **front lines.** We salute the tremendous sacrifices they are making for us, and the heroic work they continue to do. We ask God to keep them safe and thank them for their selflessness.

As you know this is our last newsletter before we break for the summer. I pray that you and your families be safe and healthy, and look forward to September when hopefully life will be back to normal, as we have known.

Please keep contact with each other and reach out to someone if you need help. Follow the rules, be vigilant and ‘***Stay apart***’ so we can all be together later’

Sincerely,

**Donal O’Connell Anna Mulvey Buggy**

***President Corresponding Secretary***