Leitrim Society of New York October 2021 Online Newsletter

Dear Member:

It is really hard to believe that we are nearly in mid-October, but with that being said it feels like life is returning to normal, and people are getting back doing things they enjoy.

 Our **October meeting** will be held on **Thursday, October 21st, 2021 at** the **Heritage Bar and Restaurant**, **McLean Avenue, Yonkers, NY at 7.30 pm**. Please try to attend and, if possible, maybe you can encourage someone to come.

We are now planning for our **Annual Memorial Mass/Scholarship dance** on **Sunday November 7th, 2021** at **Dunwoodie Golf Club**, **1 Wasylenko Lane, Yonkers, NY** **10701**. The evening will begin at **4 PM with mass** celebrated by our **Chaplain, Monsignor Pat** **Whitney**, followed by dinner, dancing and presentation of scholarships. It will be great to be able to socialize and celebrate together again. **Please remember to return your raffle** **tickets and payment** to **Bernadette Dunleavy, 238 Blackford Ave, Yonkers, NY 10704** **before November 1st**. Checks should be made payable to the ‘**County Leitrim Scholarship Fund’.** If you plan to attend please make your **reservation** with **Bernadette** at **917-648-2144.** **Admission for adults is $50.00, young adults 12 and over $25.00 and children 12 and younger $10.00.**

 **A note from our Financial Secretary –** In accord with our **Constitutional obligation** to our membership, **notification of arrears** will be sent out this November for those 3 years or more behind in their dues. If you are notified of your arrears, please update your membership now. A return envelope will be included with this mailing to facilitate your renewal. **Payment of dues for 2022** are also being accepted now and can be paid in person at any upcoming meeting or by mailing in your check to the **Financial Secretary** at the **P.O. Box** **address above. Dues are $20.00 per person or $30.00 per couple** per annum. Go raibh maith agat, a chara.

 At our May meeting a **motion was made** that the Society makes a **donation of** **$10,000** to the **Aisling Irish Center** to help with their fundraising effort. This notice will be published again in the November newsletter, and will be voted on at the November meeting.

 The Leitrim Society is very proud to congratulate our former Guest of Honor, and friend, **Pat Gallagher** on his recent selection as **Leitrim Guardian Person of the Year 2022**. This could not happen to a more deserving honoree. Pat is a wonderful person, generous to everyone, and a passionate advocate for his native Leitrim. **We salute you Pat !**

**American Irish Association of Westchester** is celebrating **47 years.** A **Mass of Remembrance and Thanksgiving** will take place on **Sunday October 31st, 2021** beginning at **1:30 PM** in **The Fairways at Dunwoodie.**  See flyer attached.

Please remember or sick members: **Pidgie Murray** (home from Rehab after a fall/surgery during the summer), **Mary Bohan (sister of Noeleen Bohan**-**McGovern)** injured in car accident in Ireland, **John Duggan (brother of Mike Carty’s wife Caroline)** and any other members who are suffering for whatever reason. Please keep them all in your prayers.

Heartfelt condolences to **Gabrielle and Fintan Cullen** and family on the devastating loss of their beautiful daughter **Lisa**, only one week after the death of her beloved grand-mother, **Annie Cullen (Drumkeerin**) in her **104th year**. Lisa and her family have been in the Society’s thoughts and prayers during her long, hard fought illness. Please keep her family, her partner **Paul** **Friel** and their beautiful son **Kayden** in your prayers during this unbelievably sad and difficult time. Condolences to **Seamus and Noeleen Bohan McGovern** on the recent passing of Seamus’s mother, **Elizabeth McGovern**, to **Noel McPartland** (**Drumshanbo**) whose **twin brother Sean** died recently in **Chicago,** to **President Donal O’Connell** on the recent death ofhis nephew **Joseph Potter, aged 41,** to the family of **Mary (Wrynn) Jackson** (**Maspeth/Ballinamore**) and her cousin **Brian Prior** (**Bronx/Ballinamore**) both passed away recently, and to **Hilary Beirne** on the passing of his sister **Denise (Beirne) Dwyer, Roscrea, County Tipperary**. We remember these and all our deceased. May they all Rest in Peace.

We continue to pray for the health and safety of all our ***first responders,******medical staff and all essential service employees*** who continue their great work on the **front lines.**

***Happy Halloween. Trick or Treat and be safe.***

 **Sincerely,**

**Donal O’Connell Anna Mulvey Buggy**

***President* *Corresponding Secretary***