Leitrim Society of New York September 2021 Online Newsletter

**Dear Member**,

I am delighted to **welcome you all back** after the summer. I hope it was an enjoyable time for everyone, and that you had the chance to enjoy some long overdue vacation time. Hope you all had a great **Labor Day** weekend, and that you were not displaced or suffered flood damage or loss due to **Hurricane Ida**. It was a terrible storm and I hope we are not going to see more weather like this.

 Our **September meeting** will be held on **Thursday, September 16th, 2021 at** the **Heritage Bar and Restaurant**, **McLean Avenue, Yonkers, NY at 7.30 pm**. Please try to attend and get involved. **Our Society will only grow and prosper with** **your help**. We need a lot of help to run all these events through the year. **Let it begin with YOU.** We also urge more members to sign up to receive the newsletter via email, this will expedite getting the news out to you, and will help with our monthly expenses.

We had a very large attendance at our May meeting, our first in-person gathering since Covid-19 started. It really was nice to see everyone and catch up with things. At that meeting we held the drawing for the following scholarships:

 **GRAMMAR SCHOOL:**

1. **Patrick Murray – Barney Ferguson Award - $500**
2. **Alexis Murray – Aisling Cooke Award - $500**
3. **Kevin Taylor – Larry Dolan Award - $500**

**HIGH SCHOOL:**

1. **Jack Mulvey - $1000**
2. **Brody Murray - $1000**
3. **Cate Taylor – Richard Reynolds Award - $500**

**COLLEGE:**

1. **Jack Dolan – Barney & Olive McKeon Essay Contest - $2000**
2. **Kelly Leggiero - $1000**
3. **Bridget Finucane - $1000**

Congratulations to these great winners. These scholarships will be presented at our **Annual Memorial Mass/Scholarship dance** on **Sunday November 7th**, **2021 at Dunwoodie Golf Club**. Details will be published in next month’s letter.

 **Payment of Dues for 2022 should be mailed to the Financial Secretary** at the P.O. address above. **Dues are $20.00 per person or $30.00 per couple.**

On a happy note, I would like to congratulate **Anne and Marie Dunleavy** on their recent **engagements**. Wishing them every happiness for the future.

As most of you know the **Aisling Irish Center** is fundraising to offset expenses for their major renovations. At our May meeting a motion was made that the **Society make a donation of $10,000.** This notice will be published in the next two monthly newsletters. The motion will be voted on at our November meeting.

I am delighted to introduce our new **Recording Secretary, Ann Henry**. Ann is no stranger to the society. She has been a very active member at our meetings over the past few years. I welcome Ann to our team and look forward to working with her.

**Congratulations** to **Sharon Brady** on her recent graduation as a **Speech-Language Pathologist**. We also wish her well with her new job at **Rehabilitation Associates, Inc**.

**Please remember ou**r **sick members**: **Pidgie Murray** (in Rehab recovering from 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), Ann Brogan (**in Rehab following surgery**), Lisa Cullen** and any other members not mentioned. Please keep them all in your prayers.

**Aileen Kilcommons our beloved Recording Secretary sadly passed away June 13th. We remember her fondly and offer our condolences and continued support to her daughter Katie. Please remember her and the following in your prayers.**

**Dorothy Cassels** (aunt of John Cassels)

**Robert Henry** (brother of Ann Henry)

**John Gerard Boland** (son of Helen and Thomas, nephew of the late Bridie Mahon)

**Sheila Bradley Keady** (UIC and past president of Co. Derry Society)

**Aidan Crossan** (Ballinamore)

**Kevin Casey** (Mohill), aged 38 years old

**George Gibbons** – Gibbons Bar, Maspeth, Queens

**Mary Rooney** (nee Wallace – Limerick)

**Jimmy Mawn** (Boston Leitrim Society and Glenfarne)

**Noel Charles** (brother or Oliver)

**Christine Regan** (aunt of Mary Callaghan and Noreen Regan Leggiero)

 **Terrence Rooney** (Connecticut and Manorhamilton)

 **Ciara Finneran** (niece of Fiona Smyth) died tragically on holiday in Germany in July

 **Lena McGovern** (Ballinamore), mother of Thomas McGovern

 **Michael Heeran** (son of Bridie McGarty Heeran)

 **Cathal Flynn** (Gorvagh)

 **Jack Colreavy** (Gortletteragh, (brother of Mike and the late Fr. Tom Colreavy)

 **Betty (Slevin) Keenan** – Gortletteragh

 **Danny Doohan**

 May they and all our dearly departed **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 heroic work on the **front lines.** We thank them for their service.

On this **20th anniversary of 9-11** we remember all those lives lost on that awful day, which is forever etched in our memory. ***We will never forget.***

 **Sincerely,**

**Donal O’Connell Anna Mulvey Buggy**

***President* *Corresponding Secretary***