



## Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Inc. New York State Board

### Officers & Appointees Reports Spring 2023 State Meeting



#### Vice President/Regina Begley

Thank you to all the Degree Teams, and Junior Division Coordinators and Vice Presidents for submitting your annual reports on time.

Receiving the Degrees of Our Order brings a deeper understanding of what it means to be a member of the Ladies' Ancient Order of Hibernians. Our Celtic Degree Team located in Suffolk County is currently coordinating the best dates to exemplify the Degrees of our Order to several Counties/Divisions who have expressed an interest in receiving their degrees. As soon as they have workable dates for all involved, they will share them with the Divisions and Counties who requested a Degree ceremony. For Divisions and Counties north of Orange and Dutchess Counties, the Trinity Degree Team in the Capital District will be happy to exemplify the Degrees of our Order. Also, the Exemplification of Degrees will take place at our 2023 NYS Convention in Rochester.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all our Junior Divisions for the work they accomplished and the donations they have made during my term as Vice President. Our Juniors are the future of the LAOH and I truly believe we are in good hands!

The Junior Hibernian of the Year guidelines and the Junior Scrapbook were distributed on February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Applications for Junior Hibernian of the Year are due April 13th, 2023.

The rules and procedures for our Mother Teresa Award were also distributed on February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023. The NYS Board presents this award to a deserving member of our Order in recognition of an exemplary Christian Life. The award will be presented to the

worthy recipient at our Convention in July. Applications are due April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

As I close out my term as NYS Vice President, I thank all of you for the confidence you placed in me. Both Division 15 and Nassau County have submitted endorsement letters supporting my run for NYS President. I hope that I can continue to count on all of your support to vote for me as your next NYS LAOH President.

Submitted in Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity

Regina Begley

NYS LAOH Vice President

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## **Secretary Therese(Terry)Meyer**

Happy Spring! Thank you all for submitting your yearend membership reports on time. I also greatly appreciated your prompt replies to my questions regarding reports and corrections needed so that all membership reports and the State report were submitted on time to National. Currently, there is a total of 3416 members in our state. Congratulations to Divison 4 Breezy Point of Queens County, which had the most significant membership increase of 30 new members.

On February 25<sup>th</sup>, all Presidents were sent the guidelines and the call to our 63<sup>rd</sup> Biennial State Convention, which will open on Friday, July 14th through Saturday, July 15th, 2023, at the RIT Inn & Conference Center Henrietta, NY. Further information is on our website.

On February 27<sup>th</sup>, all Presidents were sent the 2023 Convention Committee Zoom Meeting Schedule to distribute to members to sign up to attend, along with instructions on how to sign up to attend committee meetings. Please remember that all members in good standing can sign up and attend these meetings. I strongly encourage members to attend as many as they wish, as these meetings are very informative. This schedule is also on our state website.

On March 6<sup>th</sup>, all Presidents were sent the guidelines and call to our Spring State General Business meeting being held on Saturday, May 6, 2023 at 10:00 am sharp (9:45 AM sign-in) in the Dining Room at Gavin's in East Durham. The attendance form was included to complete with a firm return to my email [nyslaohsecretary1@gmail.com](mailto:nyslaohsecretary1@gmail.com) with the **firm** deadline of April 24<sup>th</sup>. Also included was hotel and mass information from our Catholic Action Officer, Sissy Durkee. All of this, including minutes from our fall meeting, can be found on our website.

I wish to thank you all for your attention to the many numerous emails from me- I know they are many, but they always are to keep you informed of information you and your members need, including when there are corrections. I am genuinely thankful for your cooperation, and it has been my pleasure to serve as your secretary these last two years. My sisters in Orange County have endorsed me to seek the office of State Vice President. I hope that I will continue to have your support as I run for election for the Vice President's office at our State convention in July.

Hoping to see you at our meeting in May-

Yours in our motto,

Terry Meyer



## **TREASURER JoAnn Gundersen**

Dear Sisters,

I was walking down the street near my home in Kings County yesterday and noticed a small tree starting to bloom. Is Spring finally here?

The following is my LAOH NYS Treasurer's Report:

### 2022 Financial Reports:

The NYS Treasurer's job of checking Financial Reports each year is very long and tedious. I do have to say the County and Division Treasurers have done a great job with preparing these reports. Some information to remember when you complete next year's 2023 Financial Reports: (1) Bank statements - copies of your December bank statements are to be e-mailed to the NYS Treasurer. A few were sent to me via regular mail and had to be scanned into the computer. (2) Bank All Funds (BAF) Page – all bank account information (ex: name, address, account numbers, and account balances) must be listed on this page. The numbers you enter on this page must be the same as shown on your December 31st bank statement. (3) Donations Made and Donations Received - the numbers listed on these two (separate) pages must match the amounts entered on the Division Financial Page.

'Travelling Degree Team' Assessment' (NEW): At the July 2022 LAOH National Convention in Pittsburgh, PA, the Degree Team Committee passed a motion requiring that each LAOH member pay a one-time assessment of \$1.00 to help fund a Traveling Degree Team. The traveling Degree Team will perform Degrees in states without a current Degree Team.

(Note: This \$1.00 assessment was collected with your Per Capita Taxes in January and/or February 2023. The Degree Team 'assessment' amount was not to be entered into your 2022 Financial Report, because your check was written in 2023. I am happy to report, as I checked the 2022 Financial Reports, Division Treasurers kept this line blank. ((Next year, in 2024 when you submit your 2023 Financial Reports, you must put this amount on the Travelling

Degree 'assessment' line; it is the amount you paid with your Per Capita Taxes.

Per Capita Taxes (LAOH National and State)

In 2022, the 'National' Per Capita Tax is \$5.00 per member, excluding Religious and Lifetime members. The State Per Capita Tax is also \$5.00. No changes were made to the National or State Per Capita Taxes at the LAOH National Convention in July 2022, in Pittsburgh, PA.

Bank Accounts:

The LAOH NYS Auditor, Chris Parisi, will give her full Audit Report with our 'updated.' Checking and Money Market 'balances' etc., at our Spring State Board Meeting to be held on Saturday, May 6, 2023, 10:00 AM (9:45 AM sign in), at Gavin's Irish Country Inn, Cornwallville, NY. If you have not received information regarding the State Board meeting, check with your Division President and/or Secretary.

Patricia Doyle Memorial Fund – We are still collecting donations to this fund. All monies in this fund will be distributed at our NYS LAOH Convention, on July 14 & 15, 2023, in Rochester NY. Contact Teresa Kearns, NYS Missions and Charities Officer, at [nyslaohtmissionscharities@gmail.com](mailto:nyslaohtmissionscharities@gmail.com) for more information.

IRS Correspondence:

If anyone receives correspondence from the IRS, it is imperative to contact LAOH immediately National Treasurer Cathy Turck. Her contact information is: (e-mail: [laohnationaltreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:laohnationaltreasurer@gmail.com). ) Only the National Treasurer corresponds with the IRS on matters affecting the LAOH.

Yours in Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity,

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## **Missions & Charities Teresa Kearns**

Dear Sisters,

HAPPY SPRING!! I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome new officers to Division and

County levels. Becoming an officer is a great responsibility, and forwarding information to your membership is important.

With spring being a time of renewal, let's review what the office of Missions & Charities is in charge of.

Our permanent National charities are the Columban Fathers and the Columban Sisters.

Ordering a "Starter Kit" from the Columban Fathers is a great way to receive all Mass/Enrollment cards and their appropriate forms. (877-299-1920) The Missions & Charities donation form is available on our website [www.laohnys.com](http://www.laohnys.com) Complete this form along with either the pink, green or white form. Once you have completed all forms, send copies of these to your County and STATE missions and Charities officer. Mail the original completed form along with ALL monies (check payable to LAOH, Inc.) to the National LAOH Missions & Charities officer: Natalie Peterinelli

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Send the completed color forms to the Columban Fathers at the address on the form.

To make a donation to the Columban Sisters, Also use the official form available on our web page. Be sure to enter the amount of the donation under the column Columban Sisters. Send a copy of the form to your County and STATE missions & Charities officer. Make all checks payable to the LAOH, Inc. and send the original form and ALL monies to the National Missions & Charities officer listed above.

Patricia Doyle Memorial Grant is the NYS Appeals for Aid. This is the grant that is awarded at our Bi-Annual State convention. Information and applications for this grant can be found on our web site If you are interested in making a monetary donation to this fund, the donation form is also available on our state web page.

There will be no "hands on" St. Brigid Day of Caring this year at convention due to time constraints. Our convention charity will be The Open Door Mission in Rochester. We will be collecting hygiene items for their "Blessing Bags". This will include Tooth brushes, tooth paste, deodorant, bar soap and body wash. Smaller sizes (travel) are preferred. If you will be unable to attend the convention this year and still would like to donate, I will be collecting these items at

our spring board meeting in East Durham. Thank you in advance for your kindness.

As always in our motto,

Teresa Kearns

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## **Catholic Action Mary (Sissy) Durkee**

Sisters,

As we begin the wonderful season of spring, a season for new beginnings and change I hope this report finds you well and ready for a new beginning. I know it's only a difference of a couple of days on the calendar but to me spring begins on parade day/St. Patrick's Day. A time to renew our commitment to our heritage and our faith. To all our Grand Marshals and Aides to the Grand Marshal, Congratulations and thank you for representing us.

As your Catholic Action Officer I am proud of all of you and the hard work you do with your donations to Project St. Patrick and SOAR. New York is not only the largest state but by far the most generous. Along with this report is a copy of the donations made to Project St. Patrick, SOAR and Humanitarian Fund from October 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022. This is the accounting that I have received from our National Catholic Action Officer. I expect an accounting of the 1st Quarter donations for 2023 during the first week of April and will post them as soon as I receive them. As a reminder when sending in a donation please make a copy of the report and check for your records, send a copy to your County Catholic Action Officer (if applicable) and a copy on to me.

**Please make checks out to LAOH Inc. (Not Project St. Patrick or SOAR) with PSP or SOAR in the memo for each donation.**

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Have a blessed Easter. I look forward to seeing everyone in East Durham.

In Our Motto,

Mary "Sissy" Durkee

Catholic Action Officer

*\*\*\*FYI, please note there are 2 reports attached to this officer reports email report that is for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter Catholic action from National*

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## **Immediate Past President Mary Beth Durkee**

Dear Sisters,

With the memories of our St. Patrick's Day celebrations still fresh in our minds, I extend congratulations to all who served as Grand Marshals and Aides to the Grand Marshals it was truly a GRAND day.

I am happy that we are all able to be here together in East Durham and enjoying the beginning of another

Spring. I hope that you all have been well through this past long winter and are looking forward to a wonderful, restful summer.

As your organizer, I have to say that I have not had any requests to form any new divisions in our State. I

know there have been numerous new members initiated and received degrees in existing divisions, which

proves we are still moving forward and providing for the continuation of our Order. I am still available if anyone needs help with questions about the LAOH or if anyone is thinking about starting a division, just call (518) 274-8448 or email me at mbdurk7@gmail.com.

AOH/LAOH calendars--

The LAOH members were given 397 calendars to sell and to date only 4 were returned unsold. A total of 384 have been sold and 9 are outstanding and these counties will be assessed for payment. I thank the members who every year faithfully take a number of calendars and sell them, you are the backbone of this project.

Patricia Doyle Memorial Fund-

I believe we have approximately \$3,500.00 in the fund at the present time. Chris Brogan is sponsoring a golf event in Suffolk County in June to benefit this fund and I am planning a raffle to help increase our fund as well. Remember we use these funds to provide resources for the applicants who apply for assistance through our Missions and Charities office. These funds will be distributed at our State Convention to be held in Rochester in July. Thank you for your assistance with this project over the past two years, and please support our remaining fundraisers for this cause.

God bless, and please take care of yourselves, see you in East Durham and in Rochester.

Happy Easter!

In our motto,

Mary Beth Durkee

Immediate Past New York State LAOH President



**Web/Publicity Becci Enders**

Hello Sisters:

I hope this finds you all well and enjoying the spring weather we are having.

I will be sending out a Zoom links for the April/May meetings to those chairing the



committees and they will forward the links to those that registered.

The NYS St Brigid's Connection was issued on for Q2 2023 in February. I hope that you all were able to see it and enjoyed the content. If you did not see the SBC, you can find it on the website under <https://www.laohnys.com/members/newsletters>. The next issue will be in June and the deadline for submission is June 2, 2023. Please send an email to me with updates, pictures, flyers, etc of what your divisions are doing. If you send a picture, please be sure to send me info about who is in the picture so I can make sure to include that in the newsletter. I created an email address specifically for the St Brigid's Connection due to the number of emails received for the Webmaster to ensure that no SBC submissions are missed: [nyslaohstbrigidconn@gmail.com](mailto:nyslaohstbrigidconn@gmail.com)

The New York State Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians website <https://www.laohnys.com/> is being updated as I receive items to publish. If you have anything you would like for me to publish to the website, please send me an email. Please use the website as a tool for events, documents, contact information for the state board and appointees, etc.

In addition to the website, the NYS LAOH face book page is a good tool for seeing the current events going on with all NYS Divisions. I try to post and share what I see going on throughout the state. ( <https://www.facebook.com/LAOHNYS/> ) and just like the website, if there is something you would like me to post to the face book page, please feel free to send me an email.

If you send me an email for submissions to the website or facebook page and you do not see it posted within 24 hours, please send me a quick text letting me know so I can follow up.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the Spring State Board Meeting in May in East Durham.

Yours In Our Motto,

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## **Fundraiser Chris Brogan**

Hello Ladies & Happy Spring!! I hope you all enjoyed the many St. Patrick's Day Festivities throughout the

State. Our fundraising has been quiet due to all of the individual Division fundraising.

Having said that, due to your support the calendar year of 2022 saw us make a \$1,000.00 donation to Freedom For All Ireland & a \$1,000.00 donation to Columban Sisters on behalf of all you!!

The Fundraising Zoom meeting will be held on April 18 th @ 7:00 PM, if you'd like to join in, please email me to sign up for the link @ nyslaohfundraising@gmail.com

There will be a 50/50 raffle at our Spring Board meeting in East Durham, if you are unable to attend and want a chance to win, please contact me. Raffles will be \$10.00 each and the winning amount will be determined the morning of May 6 th , winner need not be present.

Lastly, our final fundraising event will benefit the Pat Doyle Fund directly and it will be a Golf Outing!!

On Monday June 19 th , which is a Federal Holiday so many will have the day off, we will hold The First (Hopefully not last) Annual Pat Doyle Memorial Golf Outing! The outing will be held at The West Sayville Golf Course, located at 200 Montauk Highway, West Sayville, NY with an 8:00 AM Shotgun start & we will be playing best ball. This course is located along the Great South Bay with beautiful views and a fun, yet challenging course.

The cost of the event will follow as they are still working on 2023 rates. There will be opportunities for sign sponsorships as well as golf or just joining in a fun lunch.

More information will be available soon, so please check the State website and Facebook pages for more information.

I look forward to seeing you all in East Durham in May.

In Our Motto,

Chris Brogan

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## Freedom For All Ireland Joan Moore

Dear Sisters,

The past few months have just flew by. I hope everyone had a good Christmas season, wishing you all a healthy New Year and that we all survived St. Patrick's season. It has been a busy time for all. The annual FFAI Christmas Appeal for the 2022-23 season has concluded and I am pleased to announce that we received a record amount of donations from our sisters across the State of NY. We had at least 28 Divisions/Counties participate in this event, the most in the country. Our FFAI National Committee of 12 met last week and determined the grant awards for each group. Thank you, Ladies, for your great generosity. I have attached the spreadsheet for your review. The Ladies of New York have once again come through with a total of \$12960.00 for 2022-2023 Christmas appeal. Congratulations to all!

Stormont House which hosts the devolved government in the north of Ireland has still not seen a government formed since the May election. The DUP (Loyalist/Unionist Party) refuse to accept the results of the election where for the first time a Nationalist party has won the majority votes. More information is on the FFAI Facebook page.

REMINDER: For registration for the FFAI Committee meeting please be sure to send a message to me at least one week prior to May 4, to [nyslaohfreedomforallireland@gmail.com](mailto:nyslaohfreedomforallireland@gmail.com). The zoom meeting will be on May 4 th at 7PM.

### Good Friday Agreement

There will be an event on April 3 at Cooper Union which the LAOH are participating in and co-sponsoring along with several other Irish American Organizations - REFLECTIONS ON THE GOOD FRIDAY AGREEMENT WITH PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON, GERRY ADAMS, & LEADING IRISH AMERICAN ORGANISATIONS. I hope to be able to attend and will report back on this event.

April 10, 2023, marks the 25 th Anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement, and the National FFAI Committee is offering LAOH Commemorative Pins – “GFA 25 Years Peace” for sale at \$10 each. I have some still left if anyone is interested. I have them in both gold and silver finish. For orders of 5 or more, we are waiving postage. The pins are selling so get your orders in soon! You can mail in a check to my address (155 Hunt Ave. Pearl River, NY 10965) or Venmo me at jmsm1983. Be sure to include your name, Division and address so I can get the pins to you or I will be in East Durham if you want to get it there. Please keep me informed of any of your FFAI events. I would love to attend or at least help



advertise it for you.

A message from Dolores Desch National FFAI Chair

In celebration of the upcoming anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement our National FFAI Committee is finalizing the project with Relatives for Justice which will be a published booklet and launched in Belfast to celebrate and promote the contributions of women to peace and progress in their

communities. Too often women are written out of the history books and through this project looks to add them back in. We have submissions from both sides of the Atlantic who shared their thoughts and reflections over the past 25 years in a written piece. I will send out the final copy once it is completed.

Yours in our motto

Joan Moore

NYS FFAI Chair

Thanks to all of you for your support of Freedom for All Ireland. Stay tuned and follow our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/LAOHFFAI32> and visit the LAOH National webpage for FFAI at:

<https://ladiesaoh.com/freedom-for-all-ireland>.

**\*\*\*FYI there is an FFAI Christmas Appeal attachment included with officer's reports email**



## **Immigration and Education Kathleen Stevens**

Sisters,

It is good to be able to once again gather for our NYS Spring Board Meeting. I'd like to share with you some thoughts on Immigration.

Immigration is a very complex topic. We often hear on the news of the problems our country experiences at the southern border, but there are also problems with our northern border. Many people enter the US illegally from Canada bound for locations including New York City. US Customs and Border agents have stated in January that more people have illegally crossed into the US from Canada in the last three months than in the last two years.

What we don't hear about is the *Emigrant Support Program*, which is a tangible expression of the Irish Government's support of, commitment to, and interest in the global Irish community. The program aims to strengthen the international Irish community and its bond with Ireland.

Since its inception in 2004, the *Emigrant Support Program* has assisted over 530 organizations in some 37 countries with grants totaling over €220 million. Grants have ranged from small amounts for grass-roots groups to major allocations awarded to voluntary and community organizations operating on a large scale.

It is good to know that the Irish government is looking out for its citizens living abroad. I have included here the link to this website for more information. <https://www.dfa.ie/global-irish/support-overseas/emigrant-support-programme/>

Yours in Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity,

Kathleen Stevens

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## Military and Veteran Affairs Jeannine M. Mannarino

Dear President O'Leary,

The LAOH Military and Veteran Affairs report would like to share that we are hosted a Valentine's Day Tribute to our Military on 5 February 2023 at the Rotterdam Elks, Curry Road from 1-5:30PM.

Our event was extremely well attended (approximately 100+) by the community of Elks and by the Ladies of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and several members of the AOH from the JFK Schenectady. The Rotterdam Elks requested a grant for \$3,000. To host our event. There was so much food and absolutely delicious. They purchased red, white and blue carnations to give away to our attendees. We also had at least 10 military/veteran service organizations and a few local businesses. Our guests were asked to bring food items donated to send to the Veterans Housing Coalition. There were at least 7-10 bags full of food items.

Patriot Hills of New York and the NYS LAOH MVA gave two spirit awards to Bill Frank and Bob Becker (could not join us he fell that morning). Both Veterans were given an award for their leadership and advocacy for our Military and Veteran Affairs.

A Flag Shadow box with a commemorative name plate was given to Ruth Connelly for the recent loss of her husband Staff Sgt (Military Retired) Christopher B. Connelly who passed away at the age of 54 from being activated for State Active duty during 9/11 (7 Days on the Ground) Glioblastoma brain cancer Iraq Burn Pits Sarcoidosis.

On April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7PM the Military and Veteran Affairs Representatives will be hosting our annual meeting by zoom. Our meeting will be focused on our next symposium. I have already completed our itinerary and agenda for the discussion and planning of our next event. We hope to set up a date for our **4<sup>th</sup> symposium** on Long Island at the Suffolk, LI Hibernians. Our topics of discussion will be Military Sexual Trauma and Domestic Violence.



Very Respectfully,

Jeannine M. Mannarino

Jeannine M. Mannarino

LAOH Military and Veteran Affairs Appointee



## Scrapbook Madonna Nolt

**Re: Adult and Junior Scrapbooks – NYS LAOH Convention**

Dear Sisters,

Collectively, we in New York State are very proud of the great work we accomplish in support of local charities, our Irish Heritage, and social events. So, now is the time to shine and to show our creativity by

assembling scrapbooks for submission to this summer's NYS LAOH Convention. Information for Scrapbooks is limited for activities from July 2021 through June 30, 2023.

Scrapbooks will be judged during Convention for the following:

- Scrapbooks (Adult) can be submitted for counties only.
- Scrapbooks (Juniors) can be submitted by individual divisions.

The Ladies Guidelines and Rubric and the Junior Guidelines and Rubric can be found on the NYS LAOH website at [www.laohnys.com/documents.html](http://www.laohnys.com/documents.html) Questions can be directed to me at [nyslaohscrapbook@gmail.com](mailto:nyslaohscrapbook@gmail.com).

In our motto,

Madonna Nolty  
NYS, Scrapbook Appointee



## **Sports Maureen Caffery**

Dear Sisters:

I hope this finds you and yours healthy. Where did March go? For me - nine parades and many other celebrations in honor of St. Patrick have come and gone.

The annual James F. Hayes Golf Classic will take place on Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, at the Sunny Hill Resort and Golf Course. Tee time is 9:00am, Shotgun Start. The cost is \$100.00 per golfer. All ladies are invited to participate. If you need additional information, please email me at [nyslaohsports@gmail.com](mailto:nyslaohsports@gmail.com) and I will forward you the flyer.

As we voted on at our Fall Board Meeting, the Ladies will support Fr. Henry's barbeque/fundraiser which will take place at McGrath's. Weather permitting, we will have the Corn Hole available for play. This will take place following the general session meeting on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

All golfers attending the NYS LAOH Convention are encouraged to participate in the golf outing being held on Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup>.

Please feel free to contact me with any suggestions.

Yours in our motto,

Maureen Caffrey

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## *New York State Board*

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Dear Sisters,

April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Happy Spring!! Hope you all had a happy and healthy St. Patrick's Day and were able to celebrate Irish American Heritage Month!! Here in Suffolk County, I was privileged to be a part of the planning of the county's first annual Irish American Heritage Celebration. It was a wonderful event, celebrated at the Suffolk County Dennison Building. All 18 county Legislators were able to pick an honoree from their district that worked hard in the community to promote our Irish American Heritage in some way and it was so heartwarming to see so many of those 18 honorees active members in our LAOH and AOH. Our presence was strongly felt and seen in that room and it was so evident what a huge contribution LAOH and AOH members have had in building this county into the great county it is!!! The second largest in the country for Irish American residents. If you do not have celebrations like this in your town or community and would like guidance in how to plan and promote one, I would offer my assistance in any way possible. In addition to our March parades and festivities, it is important to help raise awareness in our communities about what the Irish have done and the assets they have been in building their communities, past and present!

The Irish History Writing Contest was such an exciting event to be a part of this year. I believe the topic sparked more interest than in recent years. I also credit and appreciate the work our division and county historians put into promoting it, and organizing and judging so many entries. Thank you to the wonderful ladies who stepped up to judge it on a state level for me. On a state level we received 29 entries total. They were judged and the top seven on level one and the top seven on level two were submitted to national. All the submissions were really enjoyable to read, such talented young writers across our state!! Our judges did not have easy decisions but were unanimous in their decisions.

On a state level our History Writing Contest Winners are:

### Level One:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Riley Finnegan*, submitted by Suffolk  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Patrick Joseph Hanley*, submitted by Westchester  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Robert Schwaner*, submitted by Suffolk

### Level Two:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Julia Dobkowski*, submitted By Schenectady  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Catherine Ryan*, submitted By Suffolk  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Elizabeth Boisvert*, submitted By Schenectady

Congratulations to all the winners!! Congratulations to all the Historians on a division and county level that have winners within their county!!

On Friday March 31<sup>st</sup>, our National Historian Peggy Cornish hosted a zoom call and announced the national winners;



NY State had two; Level One – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place **Riley Finnegan**  
Level Two – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place **Catherine Ryan**

Congratulations to all the national winners!! Information will come shortly about the next contest.

For the year 2022, the office of Historian **does have** year-end reports to complete. If you have not received an email from me containing these reports several months ago, please contact me asap. If you are a division with no county your report was due to me on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023. If you are a division with a county your report was due to your county historian by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023. If you are a county historian, your report is due to me by April 30, 2023. If you need any assistance completing your report, please reach out to me. Kindly adhere to these deadlines as it was voted at last national convention to levy a fine for divisions, counties or states that are non-compliant. The fines are the same as for the annual reports. In closing, it is always an honor to serve you, the NYS LAOH membership. If I can help you in anything regarding your position of Irish Historian please reach out.

Yours in Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity,  
Cathie Norton Doherty  
LAOH NYS Irish Historian  
[nyslaohirishhistorian@gmail.com](mailto:nyslaohirishhistorian@gmail.com)

State	Sum of PSP Amt	Sum of SOAR Amt.	Sum of Humanitarian Fund	Sum of Ukraine	Count of Spirit of St Brigid
CA	\$170.00	\$150.00	\$350.00		
CT	\$275.00	\$225.00			
DE	\$90.00		\$600.00		
FL	\$35.00	\$50.00	\$1,170.00		
GA	\$150.00	\$150.00			
IA	\$250.00	\$250.00			
IL	\$300.00	\$50.00			
IN	\$218.00	\$50.00			
MA	\$274.00	\$324.78	\$200.00		
MD			\$600.00		
MI	\$30.00				
MO	\$365.00	\$125.00	\$300.00		
NC	\$10.00		\$100.00		
NE			\$150.00		
NJ	\$205.00	\$100.00	\$350.00	\$250.00	
NO			\$400.00		
NY	\$940.00	\$1,150.00	\$2,335.00		
OH	\$780.00	\$500.00	\$1,275.00		
PA	\$255.00	\$625.00	\$200.00		
RI	\$25.00				
SC	\$150.00	\$350.00	\$200.00		
TX			\$25.00		
VA	\$75.00	\$75.00			
(blank)	\$20.00		\$100.00		
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$4,617.00</b>	<b>\$4,174.78</b>	<b>\$8,355.00</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>	

Date Rec'd	Check #	Cash	PSP Amt	SOAR Amt.	Humanitarian Fund	Name on Check	ST	County	DIV #	In Memory of
10/11/22	1514				\$50.00	LAOH Kitty Geissler Div 11	NY			
10/11/22	3988		\$10.00			Dolores Desch	NY	Albany	1	Raymond Gibson Sr
10/11/22	2193		\$10.00			LAOH JFK Div 1	NY	Albany	1	Yolanda Cavalieri
10/11/22	194				\$25.00	Christine Couchman	NY	Albany		
10/11/22	399		\$150.00			LAOH	NY	Suffolk	3	
10/11/22	398			\$150.00		LAOH	NY	Suffolk	4	
10/04/22	1079				\$100.00	LAOH Div 6 St Ita	NY		6	
10/14/22	2692		\$10.00			LAOH Div 2	NY	Broome	2	Jeremy Clark
10/17/22					\$10.00	Mary M Smith	NY	Rochester		
10/17/22	877				\$200.00	LAOH Div 14 Nassau	NY	Nassau	14	
10/21/22	1154				\$50.00	LAOH	NY	Binghamton		
10/21/22	1474		\$10.00			Maureen Reynolds	NY	Broome	1	Betty Parasiliti
10/21/22	883		\$200.00			LAOH Div 14 Nassau	NY	Nassau	14	
10/21/22	884			\$100.00		LAOH Div 14 Nassau	NY	Nassau	14	
10/24/22	1690				\$100.00	LAOH St ITA	NY	Pearl River	3	
10/27/22	4201		\$50.00			LAOH	NY	Niagra	2	
10/31/22	1380				\$200.00	AOH	NY	Kings	19	
10/31/22	452				\$1,000.00	AOH Div 7	NY			
10/31/22	3344		\$10.00			Joanne Formosa-Planty	NY	Schenectady	1	Nick Ottariano
11/07/22	1818				\$100.00	LAOH	NY	Schenectady	1	
11/07/22	1384			\$200.00		AOH	NY	Kings	19	
11/18/22	152		\$100.00	\$200.00		LAOH Div 4 Maude Gonne	NY	Suffolk	4	
11/20/22	150				\$500.00	LAOH Div 4 Maude Gonne	NY	Suffolk	4	
11/20/22	3007		\$100.00			Maria Humphries	NY	DC	9	
11/21/22	4075		\$10.00			Kathryn Freeze	NY	Broome	2	Joan O'Neil
11/26/22	1635		\$60.00	\$300.00		LAOH Inc	NY	Nassau	15	Mary Adee & Joan Wiczek
11/30/22	1329		\$10.00			Maureen Reynolds	NY	Broome	1	Ed Evans
12/01/22	2196		\$20.00			LAOH JFK Div 1	NY	Albany	1	
12/13/22	1824			\$100.00		LAOH	NY		JFK 1	
12/13/22	1569		\$100.00	\$100.00		LAOH Div 2	NY	Rockland	2	
12/20/22	2208		\$30.00			LAOH JFK 1	NY	Albany	1	Donal Gallagher/James O'Reilly
12/27/22	164		\$50.00			LAOH	NY	Queens	13	
12/27/22	3349		\$10.00			Joanne Formosa-Planty	NY	Schenectady	JFK 1	Nora Gardner
			\$940.00	\$1,150.00	\$2,335.00					\$4,425.00

Date Forwarded to Treasurer	Contributing State	Division/County/State Board	Contact Name	Street Address	Check Date	Check #	Total Amount	General	Ballymurphy Families Committee	Bloody Sunday Trust (Museum of Free Derry)	Bridges Beyond Boxing, Belfast	Down Patriot Graves	Duchas-Oiriall-South Armagh	EALU, East Tyrone	Greater New Lodge Cultural Society	Green Cross	Jim O'Neill and Robert Allsopp Memorial Flute Band	National Graves Assn, Belfast	National Graves Assn, Tyrone	Omagh Thunder Basketball	The Passionist Peace and Reconciliation Office (Holy Cross)	Pat Finucane Center	Relatives for Justice	St. Patrick's Center, Downpatrick	Witness Project - Sean Murray			
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2/3/2022	2/14/2022	NY	Our Lady of Knock Division 19	Cathy Mancusi	Westchester	12/31/2021	1801	\$100.00	\$100.00																			
10/22/2022	11/2/2022	NY	LAOH Div 14	Mary Dignam	Nassau	10/17/2022	885	\$150.00	\$150.00																			
10/24/2022	11/2/2022	NY	Division 2 Auburn	Denise Sobus	unk	10/13/2022	546	\$100.00	\$100.00																			
10/28/2022	11/2/2022	NY	Division 3 St Ita	Joan Moore	Rockland	9/16/2022	1677	\$500.00		\$200.00														\$300.00				
11/8/2022	11/11/2022	NY	Division 19 Westchester Co	Cathy Mancusi	Westchester	11/7/2022	1823	\$100.00	\$100.00																			
11/8/2022	11/11/2022	NY	Division 3 Kevin Barry	Pat Moynihah	Suffolk	10/16/2022	403	\$100.00	\$100.00																			
11/10/2022	11/11/2022	NY	Division 19 Kings Co	Joan Parisi	Kings	10/2/2022	1387	\$200.00				\$100.00								\$100.00								
11/14/2022	11/23/2022	NY	Division 4	Siobhan Mortense	Suffolk	11/8/2022	155	\$500.00			\$125.00											\$125.00	\$125.00		\$125.00			
11/15/2022	11/23/2022	NY	Division 8	Carolyn McGillicud	Nassau	11/10/2022	1129	\$80.00																	\$80.00			
11/15/2022	11/23/2022	NY	Nassay County Board	Carolyn McGillicud	Nassau	11/2/2022	1368	\$200.00																	\$200.00			
11/18/2022	11/23/2022	NY	Division 29	Catherine Mitchell	NY County	10/15/2022	1411	\$100.00														\$100.00						
11/26/2022	12/3/2022	NY	Division 15 Nassau	Kathleen Murphy	Nassau	11/21/2022	1626	\$100.00																	\$100.00			
11/28/2022	12/3/2022	NY	Kitty Geissler Div 11	Alice Koraca	Westchester	11/14/2022	1519	\$25.00	\$25.00																			
12/5/2022	12/9/2022	NY	Division 2 Lockport	Anne Rotella	Niagara	11/20/2022	4205	\$100.00	\$100.00																			
12/5/2022	12/9/2022	NY	Broom County Junior Division	Deborah Burke	Broome	12/1/2022	174	\$300.00	\$300.00																			
12/14/2022	12/21/2022	NY	Niagara Falls	Robin Stach	Niagara	12/5/2022	1905	\$145.00	\$145.00																			
12/16/2022	12/21/2022	NY	Division 2 Suffolk	Mary Louise Smith	Suffolk	12/8/2022	364	\$250.00	\$250.00																			
12/19/2022	12/21/2022	NY	JFK Division 1 Schenectady	Cheryl Gardiner	Schenectady	12/9/2022	1828	\$3,000.00			\$600.00											\$600.00		\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	
1/2/2023	1/6/2023	NY	Division 2 Broome County	Susan Connors	Broome	12/29/2022	2742	\$300.00	\$300.00																			
1/9/2023	1/25/2023	NY	Division 17 - Nassau Co	Veronica Koenig	Nassau	1/2/2023	2095	\$250.00	\$250.00																			
1/19/2023	1/25/2023	NY	Division 18 Peekskill	Maureen Hegarth	Westchester	1/13/2023	1489	\$100.00	\$100.00																			
1/21/2023	1/25/2023	NY	NYS Board	Chris Brogan	NA	1/9/2023	104	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00																			
1/23/2023	1/25/2023	NY	Our Lady of Knock Div 7	Patricia Fitzpatrick	Nassau	12/14/2023	4294	\$250.00	\$250.00																			
1/23/2023	1/25/2023	NY	Our Lady of Knock Div 7	Patricia Fitzpatrick	Nassau	12/14/2023	4277	\$60.00	\$60.00																			
2/2/2023	2/8/2023	NY	Division 6 St Ita	Ann Pirock	Orange	1/30/2023	1088	\$100.00												\$100.00								
2/9/2023	3/1/2023	NY	JFK Division 1 Albany	Dolores Desch	Albany	2/8/2023	2224	\$4,700.00				\$400.00			\$900.00	\$500.00								\$2,000.00		\$900.00		
2/27/2023	3/1/2023	NY	Division 14 Nassau County	Mary Dignam	Nassau	2/24/2023	5486	\$150.00	\$150.00																			
3/13/2023	3/20/2023	NY	Binghamton	Fran Connerton	unk	3/1/2023	1217	\$70.00	\$70.00																			
								\$12,960.00	\$3,480.00																			