



## NYS LAOH Officers' reports for Fall meeting 11/5/2022



### Presidents Report

Sister,

I like all of you and all our Officers, have been busy, since our May Board Meeting, with the business of Our Order. Along with the day to day operations, some of the activities I have participated in are National President Zoom Meetings, Division and county Meetings, Degree Team Meetings, LAOH Suffolk Golf Fundraiser, Division Anniversary Celebrations, Irish Festival sponsored by Father Henry, Pipe Band Fundraiser, National Degree Team and task force Meetings, National Convention Zoom Meetings, Site visit for the 2023 State Convention, National Convention, 2023 Convention Planning Zoom Meetings, Luncheon honoring former State Chaplain Sister Phylis O'Dowd for 65 year membership, and National Life Member recipient Nellie O'Neill.

I would like to commend all my State Sisters for the multitude of activities you support and sponsor. Also, we can be proud of our work and participation at the National Convention.

I thank Immediate Past National President Karen Keane for the outstanding job she did as National President and wish new National President Marilyn Madigan and her board a successful administration.

Now my requests, 1- our annual reports will be sent out shortly, PLEASE remember Nothing gets sent directly to National, all information must be sent through the appropriate State Officer! 2- Please continue to share you Division/County Activities to our Facebook and St Brigid Connection, it is a great way to share activities and new ideas with each other.

Lastly, I thank my Board of Officers for the outstanding work they do and putting up with me!

As always, I thank you for your support.

*Aggie, LAOH NYS President*

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## **Vice President**

Dear Sisters,

I can't believe the summer is over and our Fall and Winter obligations are upon us! First and foremost, along with the autumnal and winter seasons, come the annual year end reports. For those Divisions/Counties that have Junior Divisions please be sure to abide by all due dates that are issued for submission of your reports. I have not heard from National VP Lubinsky if the reports should be sent directly to her (with a copy to me) as we did last year. I will have more information when we gather for our meeting in November, if not sooner.

The same is true for the Degree Team annual reports. As soon as I hear from the National Vice President, I will let the Degree Team Secretaries know.

I did attend the Degree Team meeting at the National Convention this past July. A travelling Degree Team will be formed which would be beneficial to those areas of the Country that do not have nearby Degree Teams. A motion was made, and carried, that a \$1.00 assessment, per member would be added to our annual Treasurer's reports to help offset the costs associated with the expenses required to send the travelling degree team to exemplify the Degrees of the Order. In addition, a task force, headed by then Vice President Marilyn Madigan, has been established to stream-line the number of 'players' required to effectively perform the rituals associated with the Degree ceremony.

I also attended the Juniors meeting at the National Convention. A new LAOH Juniors brochure has been designed. The old brochure has been streamlined and redundant information has been removed. I would like to thank Peggy Osborne from Schenectady County for taking on an instrumental role in designing the new brochure. The Junior handbook has also been updated. Updated documents are attached to this report but can also be found on the National website.

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Looking forward to seeing all of you in November!

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Regina

Regina Begley

NYS Vice President

LAOH,Inc.

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**Secretary**

Dear Sisters,

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer and are now enjoying our fall weather. As you are all now starting your division & county meetings this is a perfect time to prepare for the Secretary Yearend report. .Your financial secretary on division levels should be going through the membership list and making sure it is updated. Be sure emails, phone numbers, addresses are correct you also need to know when each member became a member and date they took their degrees. This gives you plenty of time to get this information and verify it is indeed correct. This is all information that is required on the yearend report so by gathering it now it will be so much easier and saves you time and stress when it comes time to complete the report.

Make sure you review who you added as new members in 2022 and who is going to be removed from membership report and that all dues are paid by members you are reporting. If an officer does not have an email please be sure to list an email of someone who will receive reports, requests etc for that officer- this is important as we are a paperless organization and everything is coming via email. Lastly please double-check your reports before submitting and be sure to adhere to deadlines. I am planning on a zoom meeting with secretaries/financial secretaries after the reports come out and I will send information at that time.

The attendance sheet is included with the call to meeting and I ask that it is completed and returned no later than October 22 to me even if no one is attending please return it stating that

As always if you have any questions or concerns I am just an email away .I am looking forward to seeing many of you at our fall meeting and hope you and yours are all staying safe and well.

Yours in our motto,

Terry

*Terry Meyer*

*NYS LAOH Secretary*

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## Treasurer

Dear Sisters,

I hope this letter finds everyone staying healthy, safe and enjoying the Autumn season.

In July 2022, I attended the LAOH National Convention in Pittsburgh, PA and had a wonderful time. I met Hibernian Sisters from all over the United States. At this Convention, Cathy Turck was elected the new LAOH National Treasurer.

**The following is my LAOH NYS Treasurer's Report:**

**2022 Financial Reports:**

LAOH National Treasurer Cathy Turck will be e-mailing me all NYS 2022 Financial Reports before the end of November. Once I receive these reports, I will review them first, then e-mail them out to Single Division Treasurers with no County Board (copy to Single Division Presidents). I will also be e-mailing 2022 Financial Reports to County Treasurers (with a copy to County Presidents). Note: County Treasurers are responsible for forwarding these reports to their Division Treasures (copy to Division Presidents). Specific instructions will also be sent out with these financial reports.

**Appeals for Aid' Assessment:** This 'assessment' is still \$.50 per member and has been continued. \*Every member pays this assessment, including Religious and Lifetime Members\*. Make sure you complete this section when submitting your 2022 Financial Reports.

**'Travelling Degree Team' Assessment' (NEW):** At the 2022 LAOH National Convention 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 (NEW). This assessment will be payable with the per-capita taxes in early 2023. More detailed information will be sent out with the Financial Reports in November.

**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 was the same amount. No changes were made to the National or State Per Capita Taxes at the LAOH National Convention in July 2022.

**IRS Correspondence:**

If anyone receives correspondence from the IRS, it is imperative to immediately contact LAOH 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.

**Bank Accounts:**

The LAOH NYS Auditor, Chris Parisi, will give her Audit Report with our updated Checking and Money Market 'Balances' at our Fall State Board Meeting to be held on Saturday, November 5, 2022, at the Shamrock House, Route 145, East Durham, NY. More information on the LAOH NYS Fall State Board Meeting will be sent out by LAOH NYS Secretary, Terry Meyer.

NYS LAOH Treasurer E-Mail (NEW): I have a new e-mail effective 'immediately'. Send all correspondence, reports, etc. to: [nvslaoh treasurer1@gmail.com](mailto:nvslaoh treasurer1@gmail.com) . I had the new account set up with the number '1' added. There were some issues last year when I sent out the Financial Reports with my *old* e-mail, and a lot of messages were getting blocked. *Note: The Old E-mail will not be monitored after November 30, 2022.*

We are moving into the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of 2022, and it is time for all Treasurers to start compiling their County and Division information for their End of Year (EOY) financial reports.

I am also planning a Zoom Meeting with County and Division Treasurers (late November or early December) shortly after the 2022 Financial Reports are distributed.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,  
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### Irish Historian

Dear Sisters,

As I hope many of you have received word, the Irish History Contest for 2022-23 has begun!! Emails have gone out to county and division historians with the information and helpful links. All of the information that was in that email is available on the national website, [www.ladiesaoh.com](http://www.ladiesaoh.com), under the tab Irish History Contest. Please help share the information about this contest in your community!! Its such a great contest, with monetary prizes on several levels. Last year, for NY state, there was 7 submissions to the contest. We had really awesome entries, 6 went on to be entered on a national level and we had a winner from our state!! My thoughts were though, that with a state the size of NY, that seems like such a small number of entries and my hope for this year is that we have many more than that!! The topic for this year's contest, The Life and History of Bram Stoker and the Castle Dracula, Dublin Ireland, is hopefully one that sparks more interest within the eligible age groups. My hope is also that as division and county historians can help to promote this contest, possibly sending to additional local schools and groups that may not have a local LAOH sending them the information, cover a broader base. I have never heard a student applying for college tell me they had too much money for school, every dollar helps them!! If I can offer any assistance in spreading the word about the contest or sparking interest amongst students, please reach out to me. Please also be mindful of the posted deadlines for the contest. The deadline for student submissions to the division

**historian is November 15, 2022. All student submissions are due from the division or county if applicable, to the state historian by January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

There will be an end of the year history report due again this year, it will be available soon on the national website, and I will send by email to division and county historians. The report was updated at this last national convention so please be sure to review the new form when you receive it, there are changes from last years.

If you are not receiving email communications from me and you are the current division or county historian, kindly send me an email as I must not have you on my email list.

If I can be of assistance in anything regarding this office, please contact me.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,  
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### **Missions & Charities**

Dear Sisters,

Autumn is in the air and it's time to get back to the work of the Order. This time I'd like to talk about the NYS Appeals .For Aid/Patricia Doyle Memorial Grant. This money is to provide limited aid to small 501c3 charities or causes. I'm bringing this up now so you might consider holding some type of fundraiser to increase the amount of money we will have to give away. Applications for this grant will not be due till April 2023 but I'd like you all to have time to consider a recipient.

The criteria for this application are as follows:

- 1.) What is the focus of the group/organization?
- 2.) Are their activities in accordance with the Catholic Church?
- 3.) Is their outreach successful?
- 4.) The group's assets must not exceed \$150,000.

Patricia Doyle, whom this memorial grant has been named, was an amazing woman of the NYS LAOH. Her kindness and leadership should be an example to all and kept in mind as you consider an applicant.

Donations should be made payable to NYS LAOH and mailed directly to myself accompanied by the completed donation form in order to be credited properly. This money will in turn be forwarded to the NYS LAOH treasurer.

More information and the application form will be made available in the New Year.

I hope to see many of you at our annual Fall meeting in East Durham. If not, I wish you all a happy Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas and great blessings in the New Year!

As always in our motto,  
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### Catholic Action

Sisters,

I hope this report finds you well and enjoying the last bit of summer and early fall. It was wonderful to see so many of you at the National Convention and I'm looking forward to seeing you again at the Board meeting and Testimonial Dinner for our president, Aggie O'Leary.

I am always amazed by the amount of work we accomplish at conventions, both State and National and this year was no exception. Our new National Catholic Action Officer, Kathleen Diulus from Pennsylvania was tasked with a few updates to be made to this office. The first involves updating the St. Patrick cards by removing the reference of "living" or "deceased". Please continue to use the ones you have and as soon as the new ones are available I will let you know.

The second change that was discussed at both committee meetings was the formation of a committee to create a new report of all the Catholic Action activities your Divisions are performing throughout the year. This new report will have a due date of June 30<sup>th</sup>. Kathleen is hoping to get the report out to us by the end of the year.

I have also included with my report an updated donation form which has Kathleen's information highlighted on it for you to use – a PDF for printing and a PDF fillable for online completion. Please remember when making donations to Project St. Patrick and SOAR they must go to Kathleen, our National Catholic Action Officer and not the Charities themselves. You should also keep a copy of your donations for your records and send copies to your County Catholic Action Officer (where applicable) and to me, your State Catholic Action Officer.

Mary Durkee

312 4<sup>th</sup> Street

Troy, NY 12180

New York continues to be a shining example of Christian Charities as demonstrated with our donations to both Project St. Patrick and SOAR. Again included with this report is a copy of the donation to these two charities for the first two quarters of 2022. I will have the third quarter figures with me at the board meeting, if not sooner.

**Have a wonderful October and again I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the Board Meeting in November. Happy Holidays!**

**Mary "Sissy" Durkee/ Catholic Action**

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**Immediate Past President**

**Sisters,**

**I hope you all had a wonderful summer and are enjoying the first days of autumn.**

**As your State organizer I have had very little to work on, it seems that ladies are interested in joining only around St. Patrick's day. I am always available to help answer any questions concerning forming a new division or if any ladies are interested in finding a division to join give me a call (518) 274-8448 or email [mbdurk7@gmail.com](mailto:mbdurk7@gmail.com).**

**Our Spring raffle for the Pat Doyle Grant fund was a great success, we had a profit of approximately \$2,000.00 thank you ladies. I will have a small project at our November meeting to help raise a little more funds for this great cause. Remember these funds are distributed to needy causes at our State convention in July 2023.**

**The AOH/ LAOH calendar project 2022 should be finalized at the May 2023 meeting, I was informed that a check for our share of the 2021 calendars will be sent to our State treasurer for the November meeting. I have had no word on any calendar for 2023 as yet.**

**God bless all of you, stay safe and healthy, and I look forward to seeing ALL of you on November 5th.**

**Sincerely in our motto,**

**Mary Beth Durkee**

**Immediate Past NY State President LAOH**

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**FFAI**

**Dear Sisters,**

**I hope everyone had a great summer and are looking forward to returning to the work of our Order. The FFAI committee has been busy following the effects of Brexit and the proposed Amnesty Legislation. As part of the National Committee, I have participated in several Zoom meeting and webinars addressing these issues and the importance of our voices both here in the USA and in Ireland. The FFAI trip in April was a huge success where the AOH AND LAOH representatives met with victim families, prominent members of the Irish government and representatives of those groups we support through our FFAI Christmas Appeal. On July 14 there was a**

zoom meeting of the House of Foreign Affairs Subcommittee entitled [Public Briefing on Truth and Accountability for Victims of the Troubles in Northern Ireland](#) Chaired by William R. Keating (<https://foreignaffairs.house.gov/hearings?ID=6E653BB0-DEE7-4379-B774-DBDE26A98760>) which was very informative on the history leading up to the Stormont Agreement and what has happened since to lead up to the proposed Amnesty Legislation. This past Saturday, Sept 10, there was a webinar entitled CRUCIAL WEBINAR AS AMNESTY BILL GETS LORD'S DEBATE. ([O'Dowd-O'Loan join legacy webinar - YouTube](#)) which is again very informative about what needs to be done urgently to stop this Amnesty Legislation in the House of Lords. Our involvement and USA pressure needs to be heard by the British Government. I urge all of you to write your Representatives in our government to urge them to support Rep. Keating and Rep Fitzpatrick in asking for President Biden to appoint a Special Envoy to Northern Ireland and to oppose this Amnesty Legislation. So even though it was the summer the FFAI committees have been active. The National Committee came up with the following resolutions which passed unanimously at Convention:

- Continue to Support the Christmas Appeal
- Support for the Brexit Protocol which has been proven to be beneficial to all on the Island and protects the GFA regarding the prohibition of a land border on the island.
- Oppose the British Amnesty Bill in Westminster which is unjust and will not allow all those impacted by conflict related violence to pursue truth and justice.
- Oppose the new UK Bill of Rights which is slated to replace the rights of European Citizens in the UK currently guaranteed in the Good Friday Agreement.
- Support all efforts towards Irish Unity

Please read Dolores Desch's introduction letter and report on the National website [www.ladiesaoh.com](http://www.ladiesaoh.com). There are a lot of resources to find out what is happening regarding Freedom for All Ireland, and I am including several links if you want more information. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns or if you want to be added to my list of contacts for the FFAI. Looking forward to seeing many of you in East Durham in November. Also, if you want me to come to your meeting, I am willing to, just reach out to me. Thank you to all of you who reach out to their representatives and continue to support FFAI. Our annual Christmas Appeal is yearlong so any donations can be mailed to Dolores Desch, 20 Arlene Ave, Albany, NY 12203 and be sure to include your email address, entity name (Division, County, State) and whether there is a particular group on the list you want your donations sent to. Please send me a copy of your donation either via email or US mail to Joan Moore, 155 Hunt Ave, Pearl River, NY 10965 or [nyslaohfreedomforallireland@gmail.com](mailto:nyslaohfreedomforallireland@gmail.com)

Yours in our Motto

Joan Moore

NYS LAOH FFAI Chair

## Important Links Updated:

- ▶ Ireland's Future: <https://irelandsfuture.com/>
- ▶ Graham Warke interview about resigning from the DUP: <https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-northern-ireland-61714255>
- ▶ Springhill Westrock Massacre Rally: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qC9DvEQvFHI>
- ▶ Hibernian Grants 2022 - Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MIAlYCuwO5w>
- ▶ Relatives for Justice: <https://www.relativesforjustice.com/>
- ▶ Sean Graham Bookies Murder: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=298285245515480>
- ▶ Mark Kelly Plastic Bullets campaign: <https://www.standard.co.uk/news/uk/mark-northern-ireland-campaigners-psni-sinn-fein-b968758.html>
- ▶ Liam Ryan Report Webinar: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5XCkA\\_v-6D0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5XCkA_v-6D0)
- ▶ Bloody Sunday Commemoration - Belfast: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-n6GN3NqjME>
- ▶ Women in the Conflict: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c5uTpdXYs3w&t=155s>
- ▶ The RFJ GAA Legacy Project: <https://www.rfjgaa.com/>

[Freedom For All Ireland | Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Inc. \(ladiesaoh.com\)](#) National website  
[\(20+\) LAOH Freedom For All Ireland | Facebook](#) National Facebook page  
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## Web/Publicity

**Hello Sisters:**

**I hope this finds you all well and enjoying the fall weather we are having. This is my favorite time of year leading into the holiday season. May we all enjoy the season and be thankful for the many blessing in our lives.**

**I will be sending out a Zoom link for the November board meeting to the state officers, appointees and past presidents for November 2 nd .**

**The next issue of the NYS St Brigid's Connection will be issued in November; please submit your articles and content to me by October 23 rd . Please send me 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.

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 facebook

page is <https://www.facebook.com/LAOHNYS/> and 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. And just like the

website, if there is something you would like me to post to the

facebook page, please feel free to send me an email.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the Fall State Board Meeting

in November.

Yours In Our Motto,

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### **Immigration & Education**

Sisters, I hope you are safe and well, and have enjoyed the summer. It is nice to be able to meet once again in person, after the previous two years. I'd like to share some information about how Irish Immigrants have shaped the culture of our country over the years.

The Irish immigrants who entered the United States from the sixteenth to twentieth centuries were changed by America, and also changed this nation. They and their descendants made incalculable contributions in politics, industry, organized labor, religion, literature, music, and art. For instance, Mary Harris Jones, later known as Mother Jones, committed more than fifty years of her life to unionizing workers in various occupations

throughout the country. Her dedicated effort resulted in arrests, personal attacks, and many hardships but she also earned audiences with United States presidents from McKinley to Coolidge.

Among the early immigrants to the United States, the Irish Americans can be found throughout the nation in all walks of life, and many still retain pride and identity in their Irish heritage.

This and other immigration information can be found at The Library of Congress at the following website:

<https://www.loc.gov/classroom-materials/immigration/irish/irish-contributions-to-the-american-culture/>

Yours in Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity,

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### **Fund Raising**

Hi Ladies,

Hope you all had a wonderful summer with friends and family & are now back in the swing of work, school & LAOH happenings!

During the summer months we continued our Fundraising efforts with a raffle of a Beach cruiser Bike. We only sold 67 of the available 100 boxes, which honestly is a little disappointing- but we appreciate all the ladies who did participate. Congratulations to Becci Enders on winning!

I would like to remind all the ladies that by participating in only one of our fundraisers a year (not including the calendar) your county will avoid an assessment at the end of the year.

On Friday November 4th, we will be holding a team Jeopardy style game night at Nellie's. Admission is only \$10.00 for all and it looks to be a fun filled night of laughs and prizes! We are looking to form teams of 4, so if you have a team already formed, let me know or

**we will randomly put ladies together. For those who just want to come watch the shenanigans, please stop down!! I do ask that you RSVP for this event so we have a rough number to give Bernadette so her staff at Nellies can plan accordingly. Of course walk ins are welcome!!**

**I still have a limited number of state shirts & LAOH magnets available for purchase.**

**Please keep an eye on our NYS website & Facebook page for more fundraising events. Feel free to reach out to me if I can be of any help in your fundraising events.**

**I look forward to seeing you in East Durham in November.**

**Yours In Our Motto,  
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## **Sports**

**Dear Sisters:**

**I hope you and yours are safe and healthy.**

**Thanks to all who attended the annual James F. Hayes Golf Classic back in the spring. A huge thank you to everyone who participated in the Corn Hole exhibition, also during our Spring Board Meeting. We had quite a few ladies, from novice to expert, who threw around those bean bags. Looking forward to a more exciting event in 2023.**

**There were some thoughts about trying to have a golf outing during the weekend of our Fall Meeting. There were second thoughts when we remembered how two years ago there was snow and sub-zero temperatures that same weekend.**

**Due to an event planned for Friday night at Nellie's and the testimonial dinner for Aggie on Saturday, I did not plan any formal sporting event. As an fyi, the Shamrock House has 3 dart boards. I will have mine with me.**

**Although our future with the Men is unclear, Dave Cummings, NYS AOH Sports Chair, is**

eager to try and do something with the ladies. I will let you know if we any joint venture is planned.

I look forward to seeing you at the Shamrock House in November. Please feel free to contact me with any suggestions.

Yours in our motto,

Maureen Caffrey

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### **Military & Veterans**

On behalf of the New York State Military and Veteran Affairs, I would like to share our upcoming event.

Mechanicville-Stillwater Elks Lodge  
October 16<sup>th</sup> 1-4PM  
300 Park Avenue  
Mechanicville, NY 12188

Our speakers will be addressing the impact of our Military being exposed to environmental toxins, asbestos, burn pits and the new PACT Legislation.

#### **Keynote Speakers**

Mr. Walter Rockenstire is a Vietnam Combat Veteran having served with the 192<sup>nd</sup> Assault Helicopter Company at Phan Thiet and Phan Rang Vietnam in 1970 and as an EMT at US Kirk Army Hospital in 1971.

Mr. Andrew “Doc” Berry Ph.D., Psy. D., ABPP is a psychologist and psychoanalyst, and he practices in Niskayuna, New York. He is a subject matter expert, specializing in PTSD and other mental health needs of veterans and first responders.

Patrick O’Connor, Navy Veteran, Fire Fighter Shaker Road.

Donald Leinfelder, Army National Guard Veteran, Purple Heart Recipient, Executive Director Patriot Hills of New York, Inc.

Intermission is being sponsored by the Mechanicville-Stillwater Elks Lodge, Patriot Hills of New York, Inc. and the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians. Our intermission (at no cost) will have appetizers and desserts for all attendees.

Mr. Martin Muller, Photographer, AMVETS Post 35 will be displaying his historical collection of the Twin Towers.

Master of Ceremony, Pat O'Connor, US Navy, Red Knights III Motorcycle Club, President and Shaker-Loudonville Fire Department.

During intermission Ms. Sonya Ward will feature one of her rescued shelter dogs and she will share her work with matching the dogs to Veterans and First Responders.

The Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians – Jeannine M. Mannarino and Jennifer Langlais  
Mechanicville-Stillwater Elks Lodge – Justine Crowley-Duncan

Enlisted Association of the New York National Guard – Greg Mihalko and Jeannine M. Mannarino

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention – Lynn Keyes

Patriot Hills New York, Inc. – Jeannine M. Mannarino, Don Leinfelder and Dave Benamati

AMVETS Post 35 – Doug and Kathy VanIlderstyne

Ibi Semper Training – Sonya Ward

Arts4Vets – Penny Lee Deere

Capital Region Veterans Memorial – Mary Brandt and Justine Crowley Duncan

Very Respectfully,

Jeannine M. Mannarino

NYS Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians Military and Veteran Affairs

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### Scrapbook

Dear Sister,

Unfortunately, I won't be able to join you in person at our November New York State Board Meeting. As NYS LAOH Scrapbook chair I want to thank all those who sent me pictures, flyers, notices, etc. for the NYS Scrapbook. Our state scrapbook was entered into competition at the National Convention in Pittsburgh, and I am happy to announce that the Scrapbook took 2<sup>nd</sup> Place. Congratulations!!!

Collectively, we in NYS are very proud of the great work we accomplish in support of local charities, our Irish Heritage, and social events. So please, every time you hold or attend an LAOH event; religious or social and perform charitable works take pictures, save flyers and announcements for the next two years.

**Hardcopy can be forwarded to me at PO. Box 309, Oakdale, NY 11769 and pictures can be forwarded via email to [nyslaohscrapbook@gmail.com](mailto:nyslaohscrapbook@gmail.com).**

**In our motto,  
Madonna Nolty**

