



*New York State St. Brigid Connection  
Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians  
St. Brigid Connection  
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## *St. Brigid's Connection*



### *President Message:*

*Aggie O'Leary*

Hello Sisters

I hope this article finds you and your families well!

We have all just finished Celebrating Masses for our Patron Saint Brigit. Judging from all the photos they were all beautiful. I was happy to bring up the Gifts at the Suffolk County Mass, officiated by our State Chaplain, Father Henry. The county Junior Girls were led into the, Our Lady Of Mount Carmel Church, by the Rosin Dubh Irish Pipe Band, and the Hibernian Festival Singers joyfully led us in song.

I congratulate all our sisters who have been named Grand Marshall's and Aides to the Grand Marshall's for the up coming St. Patrick's Day Parades throughout the Country. Personally, I would like to thank our AOH Brothers and LAOH Sisters of Suffolk County for bestowing upon me the honor of being Suffolk Counties Aide to the Grand Marshall of the NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade.

As always, all of you have been busy with charitable events, fundraisers, and fun activities. Thank you for sharing your events in the connection!

Now a little business. Over the next couple of weeks, you will receive Convention information from State Secretary Terry Myers, and it will also be posted on our website. If you haven't had an opportunity to register, please do so. Our Rochester Sisters and Brothers have been working, along with Convention Chair Karen Keane, very hard to make this a productive, fun convention.

You will also be receiving information about our Spring Board Meeting.

Some fun stuff for our Golfers and beginning golfers. We have three golf outing coming up. In May, at our board meeting, is the Hayes Memorial Golf Outing. This is always a fun event and raises money for a scholarship.

I am proud to announce that our own Maggie Brogan, Suffolk County, Our Lady of Knock, Division 7, was named to the 40 under 40 list by the Irish Echo! We had two other LAOH Sisters, also honored by the Echo for their outstanding achievements, Maura Flynn, member of the Indiana, Our Lady of Knock, Division 1 and Brianna Curran, member of Bucks County , Pennsylvania.

They are being honored for contributions to their community, success in the Irish American Community, activities to promote Irish history, heritage, and traditions, ability to work with others in their respective fields. Congratulations Ladies, you make us proud!!!

Two new outing are coming up.

In June, Chris Brogan NYS Fundraiser is running a nine-hole outing for the Patricia Doyle grants. What a fun way to raise money for the worthy causes we support.

Also, there will be a golf outing, the Thursday before our convention starts!

They are all best ball outings, 3-4 to a team, so new golfers are welcome!

Please be sure to get your annual reports in on time!

I look forward to seeing you all at our May Board Meeting.

As we always do, have a wonderful time honoring our Heritage this March. We are proud Irish Women!

Aggie

Agnes O'Leary

NYS LAOH President



## *St. Brigid's Connection*



### *Vice President Message: Regina Begley*

Dear Sisters,

I hope everyone's winter is going well. Time has flown by since Christmas (at least it did for me) and I am looking forward to St. Patrick's Day season as well as Easter and the arrival of Spring.

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

As you know, 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. I will include contact information for both teams at the end of this article. Also, the Exemplification of Degrees will take place at our 2023 NYS Convention in Rochester.

As State Vice President I have oversight of the Junior Divisions around the State. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all our Junior Divisions for the work they accomplished and the donations they have made over the past year. Our Juniors are the future of the LAOH and I truly believe we are in good hands!

I will be announcing the rules and procedures for our Mother Teresa Award within the next 2 weeks. The NYS Board presents this award to a deserving member of our Order in recognition of an exemplary Christian Life. The award will be given to the worthy recipient at our Convention in July. All County and Division Presidents and Vice Presidents will receive the announcement.

In other news, I recently attended a NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade meeting. At that meeting, it was announced that the Parade Board has increased the number of scholarships as well as the amounts of each scholarship for this year. I will get all

the details at the upcoming Grand Marshal Dinner on February 26th and I will share that information with all of you.

That's it for now! See you all in May! Have a terrific St. Patrick's season and a very Blessed and Holy Easter.

Yours in Friendship, Unity & Christian Charity  
Regina Begley  
LAOH NYS Vice President





## *St. Brigid's Connection*

*NYS Secretary:*

*Terry Meyer*

Dear Sisters,

I hope you have all had a wonderful Holiday season and 2023 brings you much peace and happiness. As you know we are in the middle of year end membership reports and a reminder that the County reports are due by 2/28/23.

Mark your calendars for our State Convention being held in Rochester July 14 & 15 th . Information was previously sent out but you can find it on our state website ([www.laohnys.com](http://www.laohnys.com)) also information regarding registration and hotel reservations. I will be sending out the call to convention the end of this month. There will be an email coming out in March regarding the committee meetings schedule that will be held prior to our convention via zoom. Keep an eye out for additional emails as I will be sending out updates in the next few months regarding convention.

Our Spring State board meeting will be held May 6, 2023 at 10:30 am at Gavin's in East Durham.

Congratulations to all our sisters that are aides and Grand Marshall's in various local and NYC St.Patrick's Day parades! I wish you all the Happiest of St.Patrick's Day!!



As always if you have any questions or concerns I am just an email away. I hope you and yours are all staying safe and well.

Yours in our motto,

Terry

Terry Meyer

NYS LAOH Secretary

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## *St. Brigid's Connection*

*NYS Treasurer:*

*JoAnn Gunderson*

Hello Sisters, it is the time of year all Counties and Divisions are submitting their 2022 Financial Reports. As the LAOH NYS Treasurer, I often get asked the question, "What is the \$.50 'Appeals for Aid' used for, that every member must pay annually, with their Per Capita Taxes.

At the LAOH National Convention (2018) in Louisville, KY, the National Appeals for Aid Committee met, and a motion was made and approved to assess each LAOH Division throughout the United States (including NY) \$.50 per member, based on their year-end membership reports. The purpose of this assessment is to fund the National Appeals for Aid. This assessment started in 2019. (Religious, National Life Members and Consecrated Virgins are exempt from this assessment).

Prior to every LAOH National Convention, the National Missions and Charities Officer will post on the National Website information regarding the Appeals for Aid Grant, where a 501 © 3 charity can apply, which may result in the charity receiving grant money. The Appeals for Aid Committee meets at each National Convention and the chairperson presents to the committee, for discussion, all the grant applications received. The committee will approve the application(s) that qualify for the grant and will also vote on how much money each charity will receive.

In addition to the \$.50, paid each year, Individual Members, Counties, and Divisions are encouraged to donate to the National Appeals for Aid Fund by using the Missions and Charities Donation Form found on the LAOH National website [www.ladiesaoh.com](http://www.ladiesaoh.com) under Missions and Charities Officer. This extra money, along with the \$.50 per member is added together and the total amount collected is presented at the National Convention, Appeals for Aid Committee meeting. This money is then disbursed to all approved Appeals for Aid applicants.

In our Motto,  
JoAnn Gunderson





## *St. Brigid's Connection*

*NYS Irish Historian  
Cathie Norton-Doherty*

Dear Sisters,

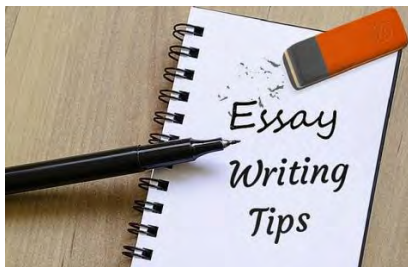
Such an exciting and successful year for the Irish History writing contest!! Twentynine entries were submitted from the counties within the state!! That is more than double than we received last year!!! Kudos to our division and county historians for promoting the contest so well and submitting the entries in a timely matter. The best seven from level one and the best seven from level two were submitted on to national for judging. The top three winners from each level for our state will be announced shortly!! Such gratitude for the judges that volunteered their time and efforts for this year's contest!! Competition was fierce with some really awesome submissions!!

Our National LAOH Historian Peggy Cornish is hosting a webinar in honor of Irish American History Month, on March 26<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 4pm Eastern time. This webinars topic, The Bard Speaks My Admiration of Women in Irish History is open to all of our members, if you would like the zoom link please email me.

There is a year-end history report due from all divisions and counties to the state. An email with this information was sent to all division and county presidents. If you did not receive this information, please contact me asap as the deadlines are quickly approaching.

Happy Irish American Heritage Month!!

In Our Motto,  
Cathie Norton Doherty  
NYS LAOH Irish Historian  
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## *St. Brigid's Connection*

### *NYS Missions & Charities: Teresa Kearns*

Hello Sisters,

I have received the fourth quarter numbers for our donations in 2022. To the Columbian Fathers: \$3,602. The Columbian Sisters: \$4,661. Mass Cards: \$370. And Appeals for Aid: \$105.

Information and application for the Patricia Doyle Memorial Grant has been sent out to all County/Division Presidents to share with you. They are also available on our Web site along with the donation form for the fund. The deadline for the applications is April 13, 2023.

Due to the shortening of our State Convention, there will be no hands on "St. Brigid's Day of Caring". Instead, we will be collecting items for the Open Door Mission of Rochester. This mission was established in 1952. First providing clothing and food, then growing to include an addiction recovery program and a men's shelter. Later opening a Women and children residential home designed to address crisis situations. One of the things they provide are essential needs in what they call "Blessing Bags". This is where we come in. We will be collecting Hygiene items. Toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, bar soap and body wash. Smaller, travel sizes are preferred. If you will be unable to attend the State convention and would like to donate, I will be collecting at the spring board meeting in May. More information to follow.

Missions & Charities Officers, (and anyone who is interested). Please mark your calendars for our Convention Break- out ZOOM meetings. April 20 th at 6:30pm will be Appeals For Aid or The Patricia Doyle Memorial Grant. May 18 th at 7:00pm will be Missions & Charities. More information will be coming. Sisters, I wish you a happy spring and a Blessed St. Patrick's Day.

Teresa Kearns  
NYS LAOH Missions & Charities  
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42 Alexander St. Lockport, NY 14094





## *St. Brigid's Connection*

*NYS Freedom for all Ireland Chair:*

*Joan Moore*

Sisters,

I hope all of you had a wonderful holiday season. As the FFAI chair I have had the opportunity to attend several wonderful events both in person and via Zoom. The Irish Mass at St. Barnabas Church was so moving and I encourage you to go next time if you are able. The National committee has had several Zoom meetings and has developed a pin to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement which was signed on April 10, 1998. I have pins available for \$10 each if anyone wants one. All funds go to the FFAI fund. There have been several webinars about the current situation in Ireland and the move towards a United Ireland. They can be found on Ancient Order of Hibernians - YouTube under LIVE. These are very powerful interviews with the people who have been fighting for truth and justice for over 50 years for their loved ones who lost the battle so long ago. We as Irish Americans should all be concerned about what is taking place in Ireland and Britain as it will have a long term effect on our beloved island. I implore you all to keep abreast of what is going on and contact your representatives to support Sen. Keating, Boyle, Fitzpatrick and others in ensuring that the Legacy Bill does not get passed in British Parliament.

Ireland needs our support more than ever to guarantee justice for all those affected during the Troubles. We are close to having a United Ireland but only with the support of the United States behind it. It was my pleasure to be able to attend Bronx County Fundraiser at Rory Dolans and to meet with National Secretary Sandy Swift and National FFAI Chairperson Dolores Desch and Carmel Rose (see picture below). The Christmas Appeal is still going on so if you haven't sent your donation in please do so soon. Donations are mailed to Dolores Desch 20 Arlene Ave, Albany, NY 12203 with a copy to myself at 155 Hunt Ave, Pearl River, NY 10965.

Thank you all for your support. Stay safe, warm, and healthy.

Joan Moore

NYS FFAI Chair



Rory Dolan's Bronx  
County AOH Dinner





# St. Brigid's Connection

## NYS LAOH Sports Chair

## Maureen Caffrey

Documents can be found on the NYS website



**2023 LAOH Convention Golf Tournament**  
 Victor Hills Golf Club Victor, NY  
 Thursday, July 13, 2023  
 4-person scramble 10 AM tee time (9 hole event)  
 \$65 per player /\$260.00 per team  
 includes: golf cart, lunch, refreshments on the course

**LIMIT 72 players (18 teams) payment**  
**DUE JUNE 28<sup>th</sup> First come, first served**



**Hole Sponsor Form**  
 Please consider becoming a hole sponsor!  
 A great way to help grow your business, with potential customers! \$100.00 per hole  
**Your company name will appear on a sign and be placed at a tee box**

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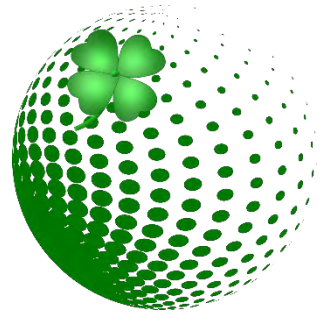
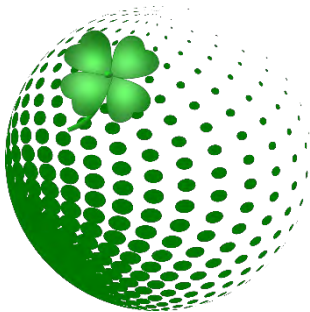
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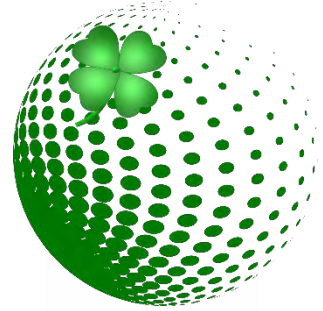


## St. Brigid's Connection

NYS LAOH Sports Chair

Maureen Caffrey

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Jan 31, 2023

On behalf of myself and the James F. Hayes Golf Committee, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all AOH and LAOH counties, divisions, and individuals who supported the Golf Classic and the Austin V. Carew Scholarship in the past. We depend on all of you to make this event a success. We encourage golfers of all levels. You do not have to be a Hibernian to participate. The Tee-off time is **9:00 am Shotgun Start**. If you cannot make the outing, a donation of any amount would certainly be appreciated.

The James F. Hayes Annual Golf Outing will take place this year at The Sunny Hill Resort and Golf Course. The date of the event is Friday, May 5, 2023. This event is run in conjunction with the semi-annual board meetings which are held on Saturday, May 6, 2023 at our Annual Mass on Sunday, May 7, 2023 at Our Lady of Knock Shrine Church.

Hole sponsors are \$125 each. Your personal sign will be prominently displayed on the course and at the awards luncheon. The sign is yours to take home afterwards. Additional sponsorship opportunities are also available.

Please see attached flyer for all the information including hotel reservations for AOH group. The rates are very reasonable and a fun weekend is guaranteed.

If you need any additional information or any questions, feel free to email me at [Cummindm@aol.com](mailto:Cummindm@aol.com) or call 518-366-4762.

In Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity,

Dave Cummings  
NYS AOH Sports Chairman





## *St. Brigid's Connection*

*NYS LAOH Fundraising Chair*

*Chris McGinn-Brogan*

Hi Ladies,

Hope this finds you all well and getting ready for your St. Patrick's Day festivities! The New York State fundraising has been quiet since our testimonial dinner, but thank you to everyone who supported our FFAI Board, we were able to donate \$1,000 to FFAI!

We are beginning preparations for a golf fundraiser to benefit the Pat Doyle Memorial Fund, which is tentatively scheduled for June 19<sup>th</sup>, to be held on Long Island. Please keep your eye on our LAOH NYS Facebook and website for further details.

If your division needs any help with fundraising ideas, please feel free to reach out to me. I will have a detailed financial report on all of our fundraising activities at the state board meeting in East Durham.

Look forward to seeing you all then!

Yours in Our Motto,  
Chris McGinn Brogan  
New York State Fundraiser  
(631) 428-3085

# FUNDRAISING



**kindness**



**giving**



**care**



## *St. Brigid's Connection*

*NYS LAOH Webmaster*

*Becci Enders*

Hello Sisters,

I hope this finds you all well. I am having a great response to the request for articles and photos for the Saint Brigid's Connection. Thank you to everyone that sends articles and photos. Keep them coming!

Please send all articles and pictures for the St Brigid's Connection to [nyslaohstbrigidconn@gmail.com](mailto:nyslaohstbrigidconn@gmail.com) .

As always, if you have something you need posted to the FaceBook page or website, please shoot me an email or a text and I will get it posted a quickly as possible.

Take care and have healthy and happy St. Patrick's Day!

Yours In Our Motto,  
Becci Enders  
631-413-5881





## St. Brigid's Connection

### LAOH Division 8 St. Dymphna, Nassau County

Members of the division delighted to attend the NYS Board Meeting in November and celebrated NYS President Aggie O'Leary, at the Presidential Testimonial dinner. In attendance for the weekend were Division 8 President Patricia Victoria, Treasurer Carolyn McGillicuddy, Irish historian Sheila Zeineth, and Sentinel Eileen Petrucci.



Photo attached LAOH State convention: Patricia Victoria, Eileen Petrucci, Sheila Zeineth, Carolyn McGillicuddy. Photo courtesy of Carolyn McGillicuddy.

On Dec. 3rd, several members attended the Blessing of the Crèche mass at St Patrick's Church in Glen Cove. Many thanks to our sister, Marylin Johnson, for organizing the hospitality to serve the attendees. The cookies and brownies were delicious- thanks to all members who contributed. (Photo attached Creche: courtesy of Sheila Zeineth.



The following day several sisters attended a mass honoring the birthday of our departed sister, Siobhan Rack, at St. Boniface Church in Sea Cliff. It was a beautiful day and service for a dear friend gone too soon.

Photo attached Siobhan mass: Sheila Zeineth, Nancy Furlong, Eileen Petrucci, Carolyn McGillicuddy, Lisa Forgione, Ann Kelly, and Marina O'Neil. Photo courtesy of Lisa Forgione.



## *St. Brigid's Connection*

### *L.A.O.H. Division 8 St. Dymphna, Nassau County*



On December 10, several members participated in the annual Glen Cove Senior Center Candlelight dinner. On hand to celebrate were Lisa Forgione, Marina O'Neil, Irene Abrams, Pamela Panzenbeck, and Pat Sullivan. It was a beautiful and delicious dinner.



In what has become a favorite holiday tradition, members were on hand to serve hot chocolate on a blustery winter afternoon outside for the annual Motorcycle Toy Run benefiting the children of the SCO Family of Services on December 11. The elves were busy at work and the children left with smiles and chocolatey goodness.



Toy Run: Lisa Forgione, Eileen Petrucci, Sheila Zeineth, Ann Kelly, and Roni Jenkins, along with members of the Motorcycle club. Photo courtesy Roni Jenkins.



## *St. Brigid's Connection*

### *L.A.O.H. Division 8 St. Dymphna, Nassau County*

On December 14, we celebrated our holiday party and installation dinner at the wonderful Italian restaurant, La Bussola, in Glen Cove! A wonderful time was had by all. It was great to see so many long-time members and thank everyone in person for all their help throughout the year. It was our pleasure to have NYS Vice-President, Regina Begley, in attendance to install our officers. Congratulations to our newly installed officers:

President, Patricia Victoria; Vice President, Eileen Petrucci; Secretary, Donna Marino; Treasurer, Carolyn McGillicuddy; Catholic Action, Marylin Johnson; Irish Historian, Sheila Zeineth; Missions and Charities, Ann Madigan; Financial Secretary, Maria O'Neil; Mistress at Arms Megan Sujaski; Sentinel, Pauline Gecsedj; Appointees: Publicity and Scrapbook, Roni Jenkins; Immigration and Education, Irene Abrams; Freedom For All Ireland, Eileen Sheehan Gonzalez; Grievance, Bryanne Venturino and Kelly Arena.



Installation dinner- Bottom row: Regina Begley, Patricia Victoria, Eileen Petrucci, Maria O'Neil, Kelly Arena. Top Row: Carolyn McGillicuddy, Megan Sujaski, Marylin Johnson, Ann Kelly, Sheila Zeineth, Bryanne Venturino, Donna Marino, and Pauline Gecsedj. Photo courtesy of Roni Jenkins (missing from photo).



*St. Brigid's Connection*  
*L.A.O.H. Division 8 St. Dymphna, Nassau County*



On December 17, The Oogie Woogie Car Club (formerly the Tiki Kings) came to visit the kids with presents at the SCO Family of Services in Sea Cliff where sisters Lisa Forgione and Eileen Petrucci had some fun and laughs with Santa while handing out hot chocolate to members and the kids! It was an enjoyable day for sure!

Classic Car: Classic car toy drive with Eileen Petrucci and Lisa Forgione sharing a laugh with Santa.

On January 25th, we welcomed two new members, Liz O'Shea and Trish McCauley! Welcome to our division!

New members photo: Bryanne Venturino, Eileen Petrucci, Carolyn McGillicuddy, Liz O'Shea (new member), Trish McCauley (new member), Megan Sujaski, Donna Marino, Sheila Zeineth, Lisa Forgione, Marina O'Neil. Photo courtesy of Roni Jenkins.







## *St. Brigid's Connection*

### *LAOH Division 8 St. Dymphna, Nassau County*



To close out the month of January, we had a wonderful St. Brigid's Day celebration on January 29. We started with mass at St. Patrick's Church in Glen Cove, followed by a delicious and fun luncheon with the LAOH of Nassau County.

Special thanks to our Chairwoman, Carolyn McGillicuddy for organizing, to Sheila Zeineth for managing the raffle prizes and our craft-making a St. Brigid's cross, and to all Division 8 members who helped.

All had a wonderful day. Our division was grateful to host the ladies of Nassau County and especially grateful to have in attendance: LAOH NYS Vice-President Regina Begley, LAOH Nassau County President Maureen Caffrey; Vice-President, Mary Jo Walsh ; Secretary, Mary Skinnon; Treasurer, Marian Cronin; Irish History, Marianne Fleischer; Missions: and Charities, Maureen Murphy Aide; Catholic Action, Laurieann DeFilippo. Well represented were sisters from Division 15, Massapequa; Division 17, Long Beach; and Division 14, Lynbrook.



St. Brigid Photos courtesy of: Peter Begley, Lisa Forgione, and Roni Jenkins.





## *St. Brigid's Connection*

### *LAOH Division 11 Tarrytown*

The Kitty Geissler Division 11, Tarrytown, NY has grown in 2022 with the installation of three new members. The Division has also welcomed the new Pastor of the Church of the Transfiguration, Fr. Francis Amodio, O' Carm., who joined us for our Christmas party and installation of 2023 officers.

Division 11 has continued to support all parish activities including the Transfiguration twinning parish, Our Lady Queen of Peace in Soyapango, El Salvador and St. Vincent DePaul Society food bank as well as WFUV, the Fordham University Radio Station, People of Ukraine, and all our LAOH charities and fundraisers. This year we are proud to have a contestant for the Irish History essay contest, the first in many years. Our officers and members look forward to continued growth and service to our Noble Order.

### *LAOH Division 18 Peekskill*

Members attended the AOH Division 18 Annual Thanksgiving Dinner at Putnam County Golf Course in Mahopac, NY. LAOH Division 18 donated turkeys to the Hudson Valley Irish Center's Turkey Run. December: Members Mary Cronin, Ellen Greffenius, Eileen Marx, Nadine Farrell, Valerie Pawlows attended the 2nd Annual Reindeer Run in Peekskill at the Central Fire Department. We donated a check to go towards the purchase of toys and food for the local pantry.

### *LAOH Division 4 Richmond*

The Richmond County St. Brigid Division 4 held their annual Christmas party Sunday 12/18/22 at Canlon's Restaurant in Staten Island (see the picture below). The members donated socks and sweaters to the residents at Seaview Nursing Home, as well as food donations to St. Peter's Food Pantry.

In January, the new term of Officers was installed by County President Margaret Del Bagno: President Yvonne Sheehan, Vice President Kathleen MacDonald, Recording Secretary Cathy O'Sullivan, Treasurer Ann Clark, Financial Secretary Joanne Ryan, Irish Historian Kathleen Gorman, Chair of Missions & Charities Grace Osborn, Chair of Catholic Action Kathleen Postler, Mistress at Arms Catherine Travers and Sentinel Trish Hunt.

The members agreed to send a monetary donation to Project Hospitality, an organization that helps feed families and individuals on Staten Island. They also agreed to collect food donations at future meetings for various food pantries on Staten Island.





## *St. Brigid's Connection*

### *LAOH Division 6 Orange County*

LAOH Division 6 experienced changes during the end of 2022. Ellida Dempsey stepped down as President due to a move out of state and Vice President Sharon Lilley stepped up as President. Sharon has served as President in the past with Ellida as her Vice- President. Ellida will remain active remotely as administrator of Division 6 Facebook page and publicity.

We are pleased to announce our newly elected officers- Edith Houghtaling as Vice President and Eileen Wilson as Historian. Division 6 voted in 2 new members who will be installed at the February meeting.

Division 6 held a second successful raffle in 2022. The proceeds will once again benefit local charities and LAOH charities.

Our raffles enabled us to support the Orange County LAOH raffle. We donated to the LAOH Humanitarian Fund in response to devastation of Hurricane Ian. We became a "Senior Bus Angel" for St. Stephens Church. We were able to contribute to a sister in need.

Since the Spring of 2022 our members have participated in Missions and Charities fundraiser Pigs for Charity. Members purchased small pigs to put change in. Once the piggy banks were full, the change collected would be given to chairperson Lynda Bracken. Lynda Bracken sent a check out to the Missionary Sisters of Saint Columban for \$350.00. The Division voted to continue this fundraiser in 2023.





## *St. Brigid's Connection*

### *LAOH Division 6 Orange County*

Division 6 is revamping our scholarships for seniors living In Sullivan and Orange Counties. We plan to offer one for a college bound senior and one for a senior attending a technical/ vocational school. Details will be provided at a later date on our Facebook page.

Mary Wingenter has been announced as an aide from Orange County for the New York City St. Patrick's Day parade.





## *St. Brigid's Connection*

### *LAOH Division 1 Broome County*

LAOH Division I Broome County spent Saturday, December 17, 2022, participating in the Wreaths Across America program. WAA honors and shows appreciation for the fallen servicemen and women, keeping their memories alive and reminding the next generation freedom is not free. LAOH Div. I Coordinators Jaqi Kenefick and Maureen Kadlecik covered Conklin, Lawrence and Stillwater Cemeteries and the Conklin Veterans Memorial with the help of our "sisters" we make sure a wreath is laid at every Veterans grave, over 100 wreaths.

Wreaths are made possible through donations from the Hibernians and the community.

This year, through generous donations wreaths were able to be laid at the Corbettsville Cemetery where veterans graves go back to the Civil War. After placing wreaths many of us attended weekend mass together.



Making spirits bright! On December 18, 2022, a group LAOH Division I Broome County sisters had a great time Christmas Caroling and bringing sweet treats and homemade cookies to sisters and brother Hibernians. What a fun day spreading Christmas cheer!





## *St. Brigid's Connection*

### *LAOH Division 1 Broome County*

At the January meeting of the LAOH Division I Broome County several baby items and checks were collected to be delivered to Birthright of Johnson City, NY. Items were adorable and our sisters were very generous living our motto of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity.



Patrick was born in 385 CE. His real name was Maewyn Succat, and his precise birthplace is not really known. It's been speculated that he was born in Italy, since his parents were believed to have been Roman aristocrats. However, it's more likely he was born in England, Scotland, or Wales, where the Roman Empire controlled that part of the world.





## St. Brigid's Connection

### LAOH Division 4 Huntington



November 5th, Division 4 member competed in the Div 4 AOH Chili Cookoff, our sister Sue Broderick came in 2nd place in the People's Choice Category



November 8th, our membership created Thanksgiving Dinner Bags for Long Island Harvest





## St. Brigid's Connection

### LAOH Division 4 Huntington



8th, attending the Div 4  
AOH Special Education  
PTA Comedy Show  
Fundraiser



December 14th, our Division  
Christmas Party where we  
collected toys for the Family  
Service League's Project Toy



28th Suffolk County St. Brigid's  
Mass and Luncheon, our division  
honored FFAI officer Siobhan  
Mortensen for the "Following in  
the Footsteps of St. Brigid  
Award"







## St. Brigid's Connection

### LAOH Albany Division 1

The Albany LAOH Juniors hosted a pasta dinner on January 27 to benefit the Capital Region Food Bank. They raised a whopping \$900 which they delivered personally and then pitched in to lend a hand at the food bank. Well done girls!



Junior Division -  
Daughters of  
LAOH Division 1



Albany Juniors presenting their check for \$900 to the Capital Region Food Bank along with LAOH Vice President Kathleen Stevens and Missions and Charities Officer Christine O'Reilly





## *St. Brigid's Connection*

### *LAOH Kings County, Brooklyn*

The LAOH Kings County in Brooklyn, NY celebrated its 104<sup>th</sup> Annual LAOH Kings County St. Brigid Luncheon at the Hibernian Baile na N'Gael and was hosted by the Kings County Board. President Judy Rose, Luncheon Co-Chairs Mary Hogan and Patti Jakubauskas and their committee members planned a wonderful afternoon luncheon with music by the Brooklyn Bards. This year's annual St. Brigid Award was presented to Ms. Rose Coulson, Past Kings County Board President. Our 2023 Parade Aides were also presented a certificate and flowers: Claire Hulton-LAOH Aide from Division 6 for the Brooklyn St. Patrick's Parade in Park Slope on 3/19/23. Megin Reilly-LAOH Deputy to Grand Marshal for the Bay Ridge St. Patrick's Day Parade on 3/26 and Mr. Robert Murphy the AOH/LAOH Aide to the Grand Marshal for the New York City St. Patrick's Day parade on March 17<sup>th</sup>!





## *St. Brigid's Connection*

### *LAOH Division 1 and 4, Monroe County*

We continue to work on the New York State Convention Taking place here in July. It's an exciting time and we look forward to hosting our Sisters!

Our Mass for deceased members was on November 18<sup>th</sup> and was a bit different than in the past. This year we held our Mass for deceased members with our AOH brothers. The Mass was celebrated at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Brighton. A joint reception at the Church hall followed the Mass. Our St Brigid's Mass was held on February 5<sup>th</sup> at St John the Evangelist in Rochester. Thank you Anne Brennan for scheduling our Masses.

In December we participated in two wonderful local activities. Once again five of our sisters participated in Operation Foodbasket, This annual event was started over 40 years ago by employees in the Xerox Business Services Department in response to a great need in the city. Nearly half of the children living in Rochester live in poverty. This massive effort is 100% staffed by volunteers and involves over 1000 donors and many local companies. Each year this program provides food and toys to local families at Christmastime. It involves sorting items, scheduling pick-ups and distributing the gift baskets. It always seems to happen that pick-up day is a very cold one! Thank you to LAOH members Jeanne Leo, Marge Jacobs, Patty Flanigan, Deb Rossi and Theresa Gangemi for braving the cold to volunteer at this worthwhile event. We also provided gifts for six individuals and Holiday Meal gift cards for groceries for many more through Catholic Charities and Community Center. They received so many donations that it was a record-breaking year of generosity for the program! Eleven of our ladies donated to the effort. Kathy Weinmann coordinated our participation, collected and delivered our donations. Thank you, Kathy for heading this up again this year.

For some time now we have been working on expanding our knowledge of all things Irish. To that end our Historian Amy Maher spoke to us about The Great Hunger and on a more light hearted note, cultural traits that make the Irish so Irish! Both were informative.

March means a busy time for all those who are Irish and of Irish descent. Parade Day, March 11, will begin with Mass that we sponsor every year. A breakfast at Filiger's downtown with our AOH brothers will follow. The parade itself steps off at noon and will be followed by a gathering at PG's in East Rochester with our AOH brothers.

On April 2 we will be supplying, preparing and serving breakfast to the residents of our local Ronald McDonald House. Another "service" that we have decided to provide is one to our sisters who do not have email. Each month we are mailing them our meeting minutes. We feel this is a great way to keep everyone connected and informed.

Thanks to Theresa Gangemi for the photos in this submission.



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## St. Brigid's Connection

### L.A.O.H. Division 7, Our Lady of Knock

We've had a busy few months! We kicked off November with our Junior Girls hosting their annual Veterans' Day celebration! Cathie Norton-Doherty was our MC for the evening, and our Juniors hand made cards for every Veteran in our division. They recognized each individual member both in person, and as part of a video montage. They also gave a special shout out and thank you to Cody Enders, who just returned from his service. While Cody was deployed, the girls often sent care packages to him and his unit overseas.



We also hosted our Annual Tree Lighting with the Junior Girls, and for the first time, with our new Junior Boys division! The Presidents of both Junior divisions got to pull the lever and light the tree! They collected gloves, hats, and scarves to donate to kids and adults in need.





## *St. Brigid's Connection*

### *L.A.O.H. Division 7, Our Lady of Knock*

In November we also came together to make Thanksgiving Baskets for families in need in our community. What started as a basket for each family, quickly turned into full boxes of food for each one!



December brought lots of fun events! We attended a "Black Tie Hoodie Gala" fundraiser for the EJ Autism Foundation, a local charity supporting those with autism in the community. Our incredible sister, Jeanine Amato, was the honoree of the night!





## St. Brigid's Connection

### LAOH Division 7, Our Lady of Knock

Our sister Aggie O'Leary taught a cooking class at the hall! We learned how to make her Rosettas, known as "Christmas Crack"!

It felt like we were being watched though...



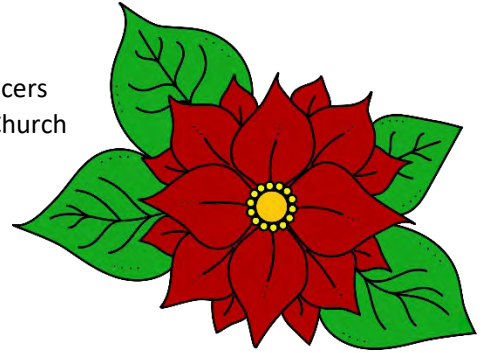


## St. Brigid's Connection

### L.A.O.H. Division 7, Our Lady of Knock



Some of our board officers decorated St. Mary's Church and auditorium with poinsettias for their Christmas services.



We also had the best time at our Division Christmas party!





## St. Brigid's Connection

### LAOH Division 7, Our Lady of Knock

We had plenty to celebrate in January! At the January County meeting, our sister and Suffolk County President, Sue O'Neill, honored Aggie O'Leary for being named the Suffolk County Aide to the Grand Marshal for the NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade!



Later that month, we got to celebrate Eileen Knockenhauer! She was our division's honoree for this year's "Walking in the Footsteps of St. Brigid" Award from the County!







## In Memorandum

Please take a moment to say a prayer for our deceased members and their families.

Mary Carol Lawless, LAOH Onondaga Division 1  
Catherine Harrington, LAOH Division 7 Nassau County  
Winifred Larkin, LAOH Division 7 Nassau County  
Beverly Ann Pach, LAOH Albany Division  
Eileen McDonald Sassmann, LAOH Dutchess County Division 1  
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Christine Hinricks, Division 7 Suffolk  
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Margaret F. Lane, Division 2 Broome County  
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Mary (Irene) Miller, Division 7 Suffolk  
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Ann Walsh, Division 11 Westchester  
Linda Wolfe, Division 1  
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## St. Brigid's Connection



Our LAOH NYS newsletter 'St. Brigid's New York Connection' will have several sections:

**LAOH NYS Board articles** on what is going on in their office or appointment.

**County/Division news**- every County and division should be submitting an article about what is going on in your area. Please include details, don't just say we honored someone please say why they are being honored; what is meaning behind the award/honor. Our members do many awesome things so don't be afraid to tell your sisters in New York State. Include your division/county annual events, charity, Mission work, Project St. Patrick events and history projects.

**Photographs**- Please send photos (Jpegs) in a separate file, or paste into a Word document. Photos should be a high quality. Please identify all persons in photo. DO NOT send photos of drinking- they will not be published.

**Special Events**- if your division/county is having a special event, charity, or history project please submit it as a separate detailed article.

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