



New York State St. Brigid Connection Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians St. Brigid Connection Quarter 2 2022



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St. Brigid's Connection



President Message:

Aggie O'Leary

Greetings Sisters!

I hope you are all enjoying the summer. The past few weeks on Long Island have been hot, hot, hot.

Well, it was wonderful seeing many of you at the May Board Meeting. A great time was had at our chaplain, Father Henry's mission's fundraiser barbeque, and cornhole games. Thank you to Sports Chair Maureen Caffrey for organizing the games! The Mass at the Mass Rock was beautiful. Some members expressed interest in going back to having the Mass at the Shrine. Please think about what you would prefer, and we will decide at the fall board meeting. Having received no change in the AOH convention proposal, we also voted to continue our plans for an LAOH Convention in Rochester, so we could at least be in the same city as the men's convention. Unfortunately, we found out after the meeting, the AOH had moved its convention to Binghamton.

I would like to express my thanks to the many AOH members who supported and advocated for a joint convention, especially our brothers of Suffolk County, who offered to pay the deposit requested of the LAOH, by AOH President Manning. It is our sincere hope that the men and women of both organizations can come to an agreement and reconvene in 2025. I have asked Karen Keane, Immediate Past National President and Mary T, Leathem, Past National President to chair a committee to develop criteria for a joint convention. I advised AOH President Manning of this and asked him to also appoint two of his members to do the same.

I have been attending division and county celebrations. In June I attended an Irish Festival, sponsored by Father Henry for missions. I strongly recommend anyone who can attend next summer to do so. It was a grand celebration of Irish Music and History, all for a worthwhile cause. Thank you to all divisions and counties for your continued good work and fundraising.

In July I made a convention site visit to Rochester. Convention Chair, Karen Keane and I met with Rochester Committee Chair Gayle Shalvoy, and the hotel event representative. Information will be coming out from Karen.

I Also attended the July 2022, National Convention in Pittsburgh. New York State was well represented. Our delegates, Chaired Committees and many took on the secretarial and reporting responsibilities as well.

The much awaited vote to allow women into the AOH was overwhelmingly defeated by our brothers in the AOH.

Congratulations to new National President Marilyn Madigan and her outstanding and dedicated Board of Officers. Thank you, to our own, Immediate Past National President Karen Keane for her service, innovative ideas, and outstanding Leadership.

Our November General Board meeting will be held November 5, 2022 at 10:30 am at the Shamrock House in East Durham. The President's Testimonial Dinner will be November 5, 2022 at the Shamrock House. The Officers Meeting will be held, via zoom, November 2, 2022, at 7:15 pm. Price information will be forthcoming, along with officers' reports and call to the board meeting.

Enjoy the rest of your Summer,





St. Brigid's Connection

Immediate Past President Message:

Mary Beth Durkee

Sisters,

I hope that you are all well and enjoying the early summer weather that has finally arrived. My article for our newsletter is a report on our Patricia Doyle Memorial Grant raffle.

Thanks to all of you for your support it was a great success. Our total income was \$3250, expenses for prizes (5) \$1050, printing and mailing \$97.44 for a total profit of \$2,102.56.

Patti Mahoney of Niagara was the \$500.00 winner AOH Div. 8 of Troy won \$250.00 and the three (3) winners of \$100.00 each were Pat Moynihan, LAOH Div.1 Syracuse, and Pat Rattigan.

Thank you once again for your participation and please support our future endeavors for this great project that enables us to give grants at our State conventions to needy causes.

God bless,
Mary Beth Durkee





NYS LAOH Secretary

Terry Meyer

Dear Sisters,

It was so wonderful to see so many of you all at Gavin's!

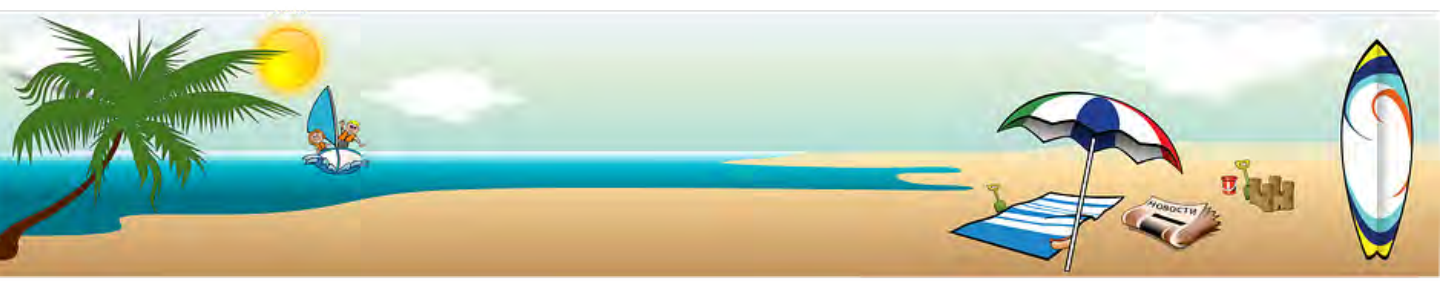
Just as a reminder I am still having issues with some emails bouncing back, I have taken them from your reports so they just may have been a mistake when you posted them. Please double-check them as I am in the process of making a statewide master listing by the office. If you have had any officer changes, please let me know as soon as possible as I know many Counties are having elections. It is really important that they be correct so in the end each State officer can send to those in her particular office updates and information related to her office and can in turn relay to her county and division. This way you won't be constantly bombarded by me with emails :>) If Presidents have not been receiving emails, please check your spam and junk folders as they may be there.

As we spoke about our national convention it is in July 12-17 in Pittsburgh you can find further information on the National website:

<https://ladiesaoh.com/2022aohlaohconvention>. I look forward to seeing many of you there. We wish Cathy Turck well as she runs for office and wishes Karen Keane all the best and thanks for her service as National President these last 2 years. If you are attending the convention and wish to attend her breakfast and roast that information is also listed on the national website and an email had been sent to all last week.

Last but not least thank you to all for your emails, cards, and well wishes I am doing better but your wishes just really warmed my heart immensely thank you all for caring. Hope you all have a wonderful summer and God bless you all be well and stay safe.
Yours in our motto,

Terry Meyer
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NYS Treasurer

JoAnn Gunderson

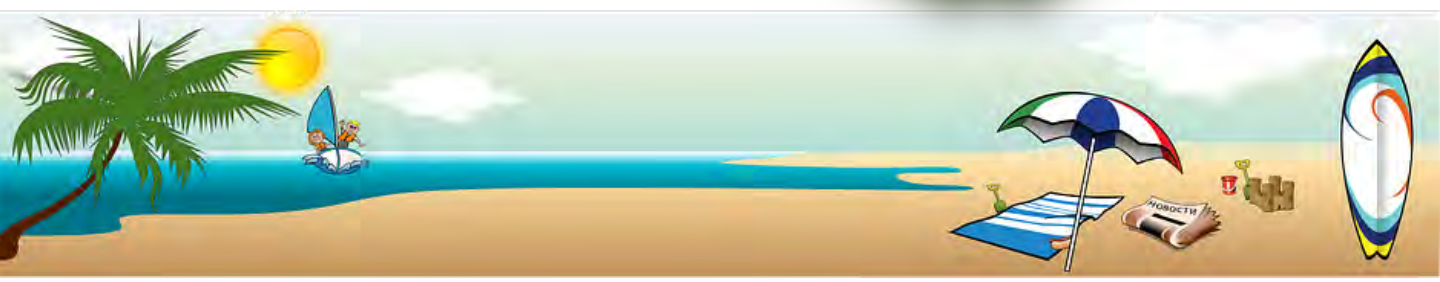
Hello Sisters,

With the summer season fast approaching and most County and Division meetings winding down, it is now a good time to rest up and go through your County and Division 'treasury' information (ex: checkbook(s), bank statements, donations received, donations made, etc. This will make it easier to fill out your 2022 year-end financial reports.

On another note, as your LAOH NYS Treasurer, I had the opportunity to review County and Division 2021 Treasury Reports and was amazed at how many charities received monetary donations from our members. LAOH NYS Counties and Divisions donated to: Columban Fathers, Columban Father (Mass Cards), Columban Sisters, Project Saint Patrick, Support Our Aging Religious (SOAR), National Appeals for Aid (\$.50 assessment), National Assessment (\$1.00) for Nuns of the Battlefield Monument, Freedom for All Ireland, Fundraising Projects, Patricia Doyle Memorial Fund, and Donations to 501 C (3) Charities in their Community. I am asking for everyone to continue to support these Charities throughout the rest of 2022.

In our motto,

JoAnn Gundersen, 718.219.4378





NYS Irish Historian

Cathie Norton-Doherty

Hello Sisters,

It is with great excitement that I share that NY state had a winner in the 2021-22 National History Contest!!!! Congratulations to Fallon O'Brien from Queens County for winning second place in the national contest!!! Fallon also won first place for our NYS judging for grades 6-8!! Our other state winners included;

Grades 6-8 - 2nd Place Anthony Madonia, Suffolk County

3rd Place Alexis Nyemchek, Yonkers

Grades 9-12 – 1st Place Maeve Sheehan, Richmond County

2nd Place Katie Wagaman, Binghamton

3rd Place Aoibhe Charles, Yonkers

Congratulations to all of the winners!!! Thank you to all of our County and Division Historians that spread the word about the contest and sent in the qualified submissions in a timely fashion.

As this article goes to print, I have just received the information for the 2022-23 National Irish History Contest from our newly installed LAOH National Historian and well be forwarding it to the county and division historians. The topic this year is The Life and History of Bram Stoker and the Castle Dracula, Dublin, Ireland, the deadline for student submissions will be November 15, 2022, the contest is open to children's grades 6-12. Please be on the lookout for the information. We had 7 submissions for this contest come into the state level last year. Hoping this year, we can inspire more students throughout the state to enter!! If I can be of any assistance in that, please do not hesitate to reach out!!

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,

Cathie Norton Doherty
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NYS Missions and Charities

Teresa Kearns

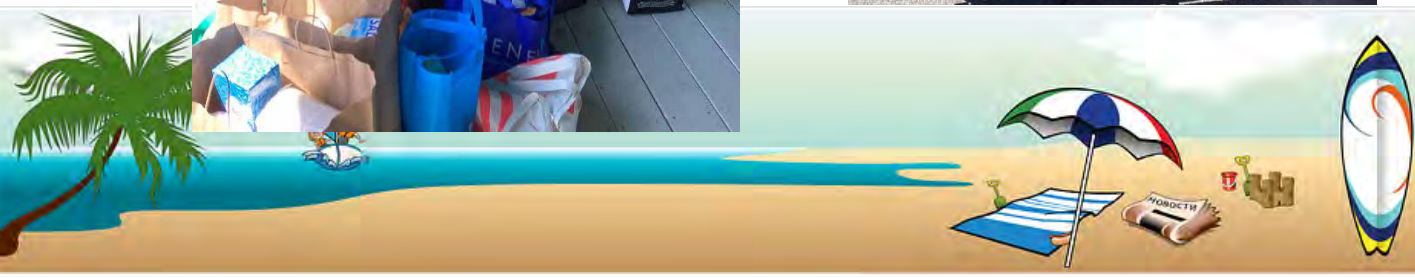
Hello Sisters,

As always, I am amazed by the generosity of this group. At our spring board meeting in East Durham, we held a "Bags of Hope" collection. As far as I know, this was the first time that the AOH has been asked to join us in a charitable collection. Together with my counterpart on the AOH board, Tim Tobin, we asked both the AOH and the LAOH members to bring donations to help out the Catholic Charities Food Pantry of Columbia/Greene Counties. Greene County is our host county of East Durham. Together we collected TWO TRUCK LOADS FULL of food and paper products! A perfect example of how we can all work together.

As many of you know, I am from Western New York. The tragedy of May 14th has hurt my heart to its core. My mind cannot wrap around the idea that someone could hold so much hate in their soul for people that they do not even know. The response of the people of Buffalo has been exactly how Jesus would have wanted them to act. Not with violence and hate, but they have chosen love. Our community has shown that love and compassion for each other in need is the way to respond to such a hateful act. Kindness, understanding and love will always win out over hate.

That being said, I know that each of you when you became a lady Hibernian made a pledge to never wrong a Sister. Or permit one to be wronged. This is part of our oath. The unbelievable display that took place at our meeting in East Durham shocked me! May we all look into our hearts and choose love and kindness as the people of Buffalo have shown.

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Freedom for All Ireland

Joan Moore

Welcome back to all that traveled to Ireland on the FFAI trip. All reports indicate that it was a huge success, and every effort was made by the organizers to share as much of it with those of us who could not go. You can find pictures and comments on both the AOH and LAOH Facebook pages as well as on YouTube. There is a presentation of the checks to the different recipients of our 2021-2022 Christmas appeal. After meeting with several high-level politicians, the main “take-away” is the importance of the Irish, Irish-American communities and all those who believe in Justice to oppose the Legacy Legislation that Boris Johnson is pushing thru the Parliament. On May 24th there was the second reading in Parliament that passed this Legislation. A group from Northern Ireland, coordinated by Relatives for Justice, had travelled to England to express their opposition and to deliver a letter to 10 Downing Street in a peaceful protest to this unfair Bill. On June 6th there was a “Confidence Vote” for Boris Johnston, in which he “squeaked by” with. It is important that we all be aware of what is happening in the Parliament because of the long reaching effects on the North of Ireland and the families that have been trying to get justice for their loved ones for so many years. Dolores Desch, our National FFAI Chair, continuously post information, articles, videos and webinars of the website and Facebook pages [LAOH Freedom For All Ireland | Facebook](#) (. Please read these communications and make your Representative aware of the happenings so that they can support the Bills or Legislations that may come up regarding this. The Irish Government, the political parties and the people of Northern Ireland, have all stressed how important it is to have the USA government and the Irish communities, behind them to stop this blanketed Amnesty the British government is trying to push through. Several hearings have already proven collusion, and the British are afraid of what might come out if further investigations continue. These families deserve justice for their innocent family members. The British must live up to their commitment of the Stormont House Agreement and the Good Friday Agreement that has creative a “peace” in the North for last 20 years. There will be a FFAI Committee meeting for the National Convention of Monday, June 27 at 7:30 for those of you that have signed up to go to this meeting and the Convention in Pittsburgh. Hope to see many of you there

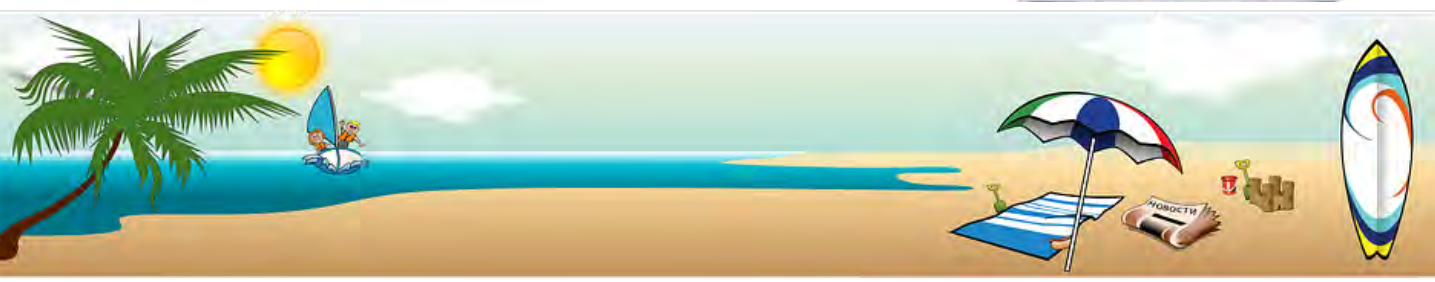
Yours in our motto,

Joan Moore

NYS LAOH FFAI Chair

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Relative for Justice statement [Fwd: Our Help is Needed to Protect the Truth and that Justice is served - nyslaohfreedomforallireland@gmail.com - Gmail \(google.com\)](#)





Fundraising Chair
Chris Brogan

Happy Summer Ladies!

I hope this finds you and your families well.

I want to thank you all for your past support of our fundraisers- & once again congratulate Carolyn McGuilicuddy (Nassau County) for winning the last 50/50!

I hope that everyone who attended the National Convention had a good time! It was so good to see so many New York sisters in attendance.

We are now holding a raffle for a 26" Beach cruiser bike! Raffles are \$10.00 each and we will pull the winner as soon as all boxes are taken. If the winner is local- we can arrange delivery- if the winner is not local to Long Island we will discuss delivery options.

Please be sure to follow the NYSLAOH Facebook page for raffle board updates.

If anyone is still interested in a NYSLAOH shirt- please reach out to me- we have a limited number left.

Lastly-Thank You to all the divisions & counties who contributed to our "New York Raffle Basket" at the convention- because of your generosity we had a basket with over \$600.00 if Raffle tickets & Wine! Please keep in mind that for any counties who do not participate in our fundraisers (not including calendar sales) will be assessed \$1.00 per taxable member to be payable with state taxes- this is assessment is 100% avoidable by participating in just one of our fundraisers per calendar year.

Please know that your participation in all of our Fundraising efforts continues to make a difference.

If you have any questions or if I can be of any assistance, please reach out to me at

NYSLAOHFUNDRAISING@gmail.com

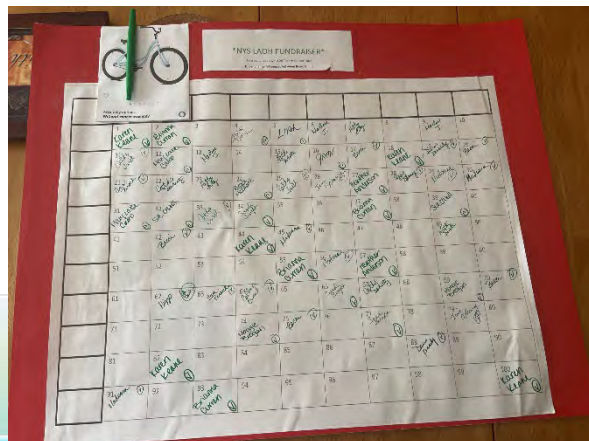
Or (631) 428-3085

In Our Motto,
Chris Brogan

Chris Brogan LAOH Div VII
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Sports Chair
Maureen Caffery

Dear Sisters,

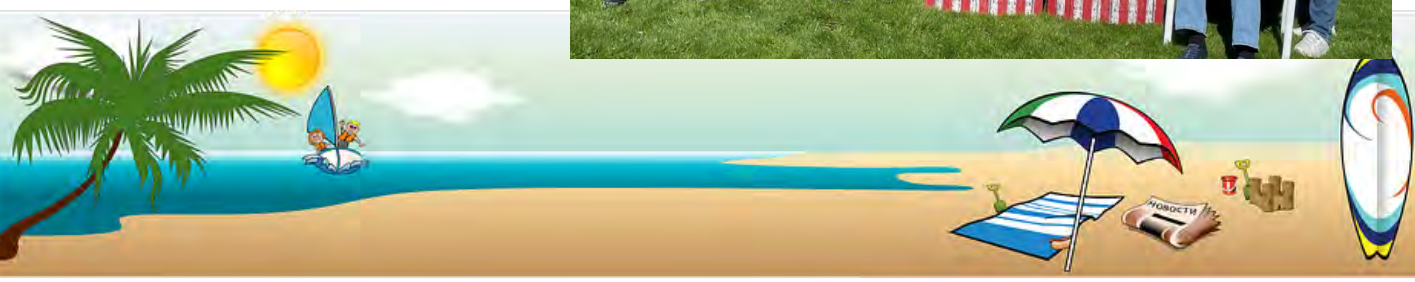
A great time was had by our Ladies who participated in the annual golf outing before the Spring Board meeting at Gavin's. It was a beautiful day except it was quite windy. My foursome was honored to receive the award for the "Most Honest" golfers. I guess the "10" on the one hole was a give-away.



A tremendous "Thank You" to all who attended Fr. Henry's barbeque and participated in the Cornhole exhibition. The sun was shining bright. We could not have asked for more perfect weather. We had quite a few ladies show their expertise in the sport. The ladies who knew nothing about Cornhole were taught how to play. Hopefully next year we can have a "real" tournament. Thanks to Aggie O'Leary, Mary Skinnon and McGrath's for supplying the Cornhole boards.

Yours in our motto,

Maureen Caffrey, Sports Chair





Immigration and Education Appointee
Kathleen Stevens

Sisters, Congratulations to National President, Marilyn Madigan, and all of our newly elected National Officers and Appointees! I wish you all great success in the next two years. And, a great big THANK YOU to our immediate Past National President, Karen Keane for all of her work over the years.

Here is just a tidbit of information regarding visiting Ireland at this time:

If you would like to take a holiday or a short break in Ireland you can visit for less than 90 days.

If you are from a visa required country you will have to apply for a Short Stay 'C' Tourist Visa.

Please read the conditions that apply to this type of visa carefully at:

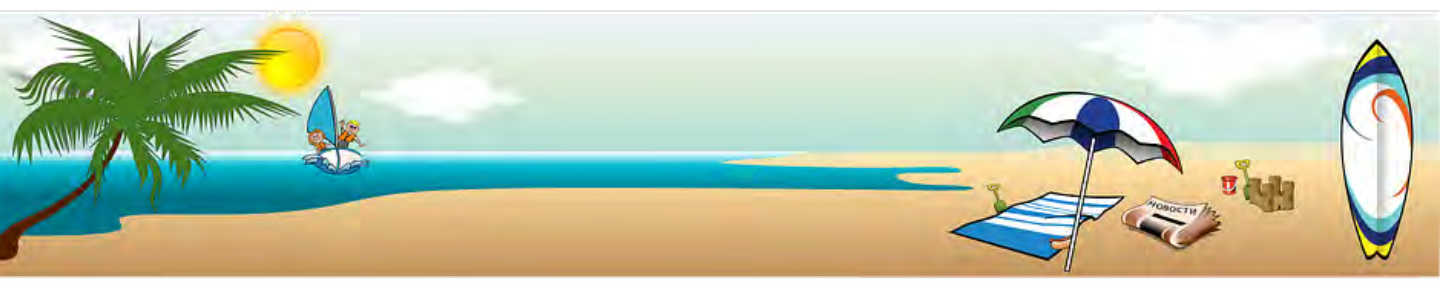
<https://www.irishimmigration.ie/>

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Yours in Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity,

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St. Brigid's Connection
New York State LAOH
Welcome's Father Henry Reid
As our Chaplain





St. Brigid's Connection



New York State LAOH Testimonial Dinner and November Board Meeting

Greetings Sisters,

Just wanted to let you all know that we will be holding Aggie' Testimonial Dinner on the evening of November 5th at the Shamrock House in East Durham.

Our Board Meeting will take place that morning at 10:30 also at the Shamrock House.

Spots for the Testimonial Dinner will be on a first come basis, so get your reservations in as early as possible. Dinner includes Hors D'oeuvres, Salad, Main Course, Dessert & Tea & Coffee for \$55.00 per person and there will be a Cash Bar available. I hope you can join us for what is sure to be a fun filled evening.

* Gavins (518)634-2582 will now going to be open that weekend at a Rate of
\$149 Per person Standard Room for the entire stay
\$169 per person Deluxe Room for the entire stay
\$189 per person for a Suite * for the entire stay
Breakfast is included for Saturday & Sunday at Gavin's
Please contact Bernadette with any further questions

*The Shamrock house (518) 634-2897 is available as follows:
\$229.00 per person Double Occupancy for both nights
\$289.00 per person Single Occupancy for both nights-
Includes: Dinner Friday Night, Breakfast Saturday & Sunday Mornings.

* Blackthorne's (518) 634-2541 is also open for \$195.00 per person-includes breakfast & dinner.

Please call to make your room reservations directly with the hotel. To reserve your spot for the Testimonial Dinner please reach out to me and forward your check- made payable to NYS LAOH and contact me for mailing address.

Also- Please note we will be having a very fun event Friday night being held at Nellie's- additional info on that will be coming out at a later date. You won't want to miss it!!

I look forward to seeing you all in November. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

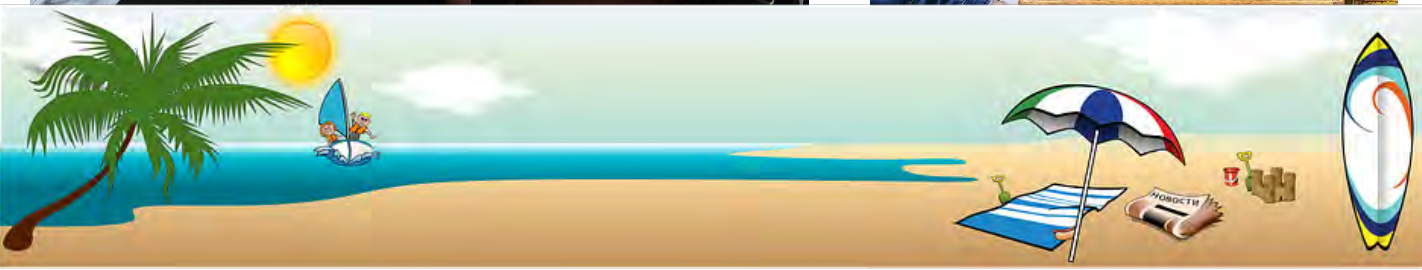
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Division 2 Babylon, Suffolk County

Trivia Night at Division 2- Theme Christmas in July.



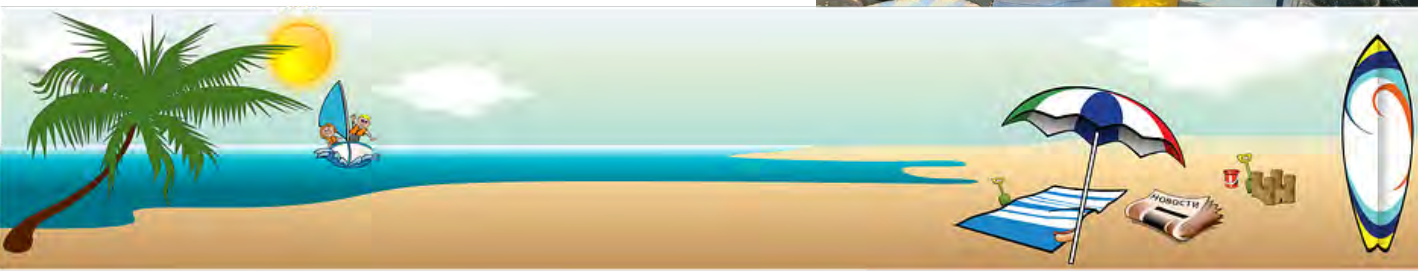


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LAOH Suffolk County Golf Fundraiser



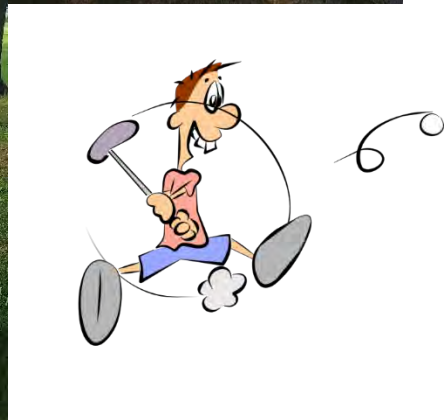


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Division 2 Babylon, Suffolk County

LAOH Suffolk County Golf Fundraiser





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May Crowning



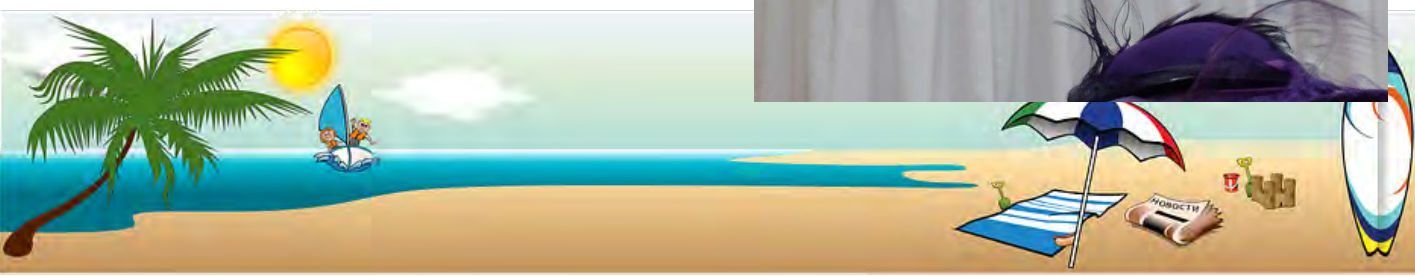
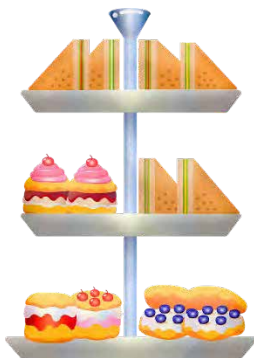


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Tea Time



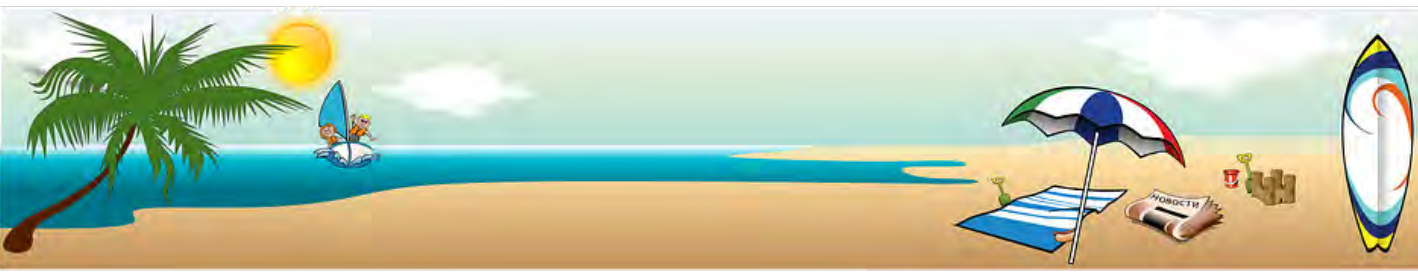


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Tea Time



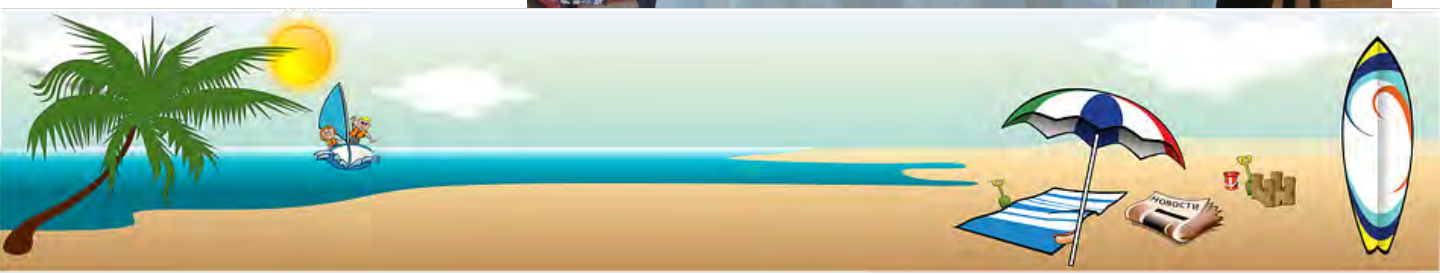


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Fashion Show



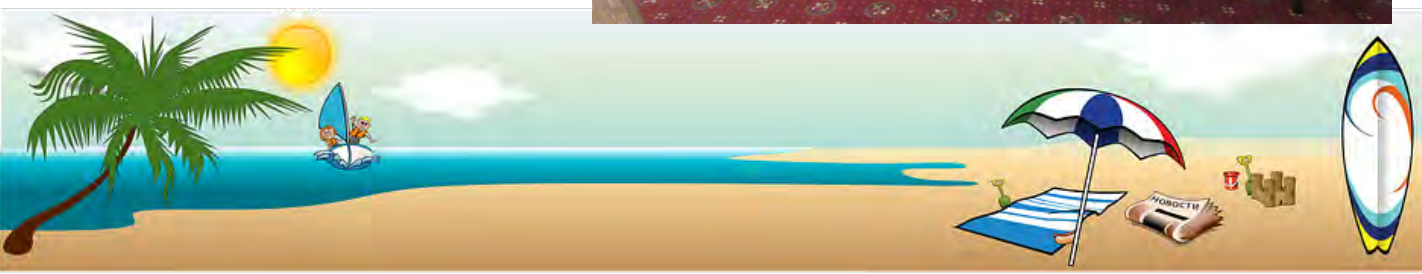


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Fashion Show





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Irish History Contest Presentation



Irish



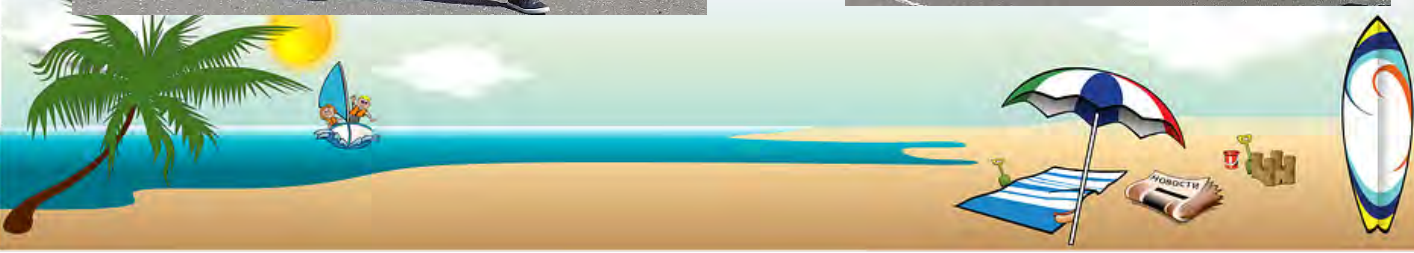


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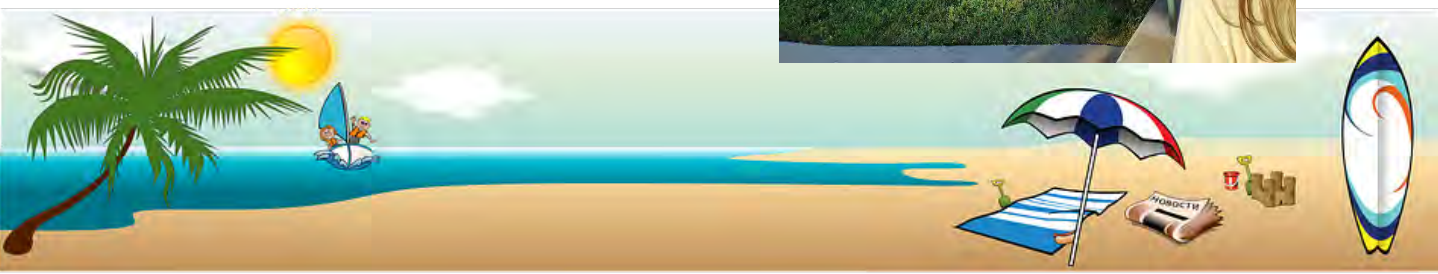
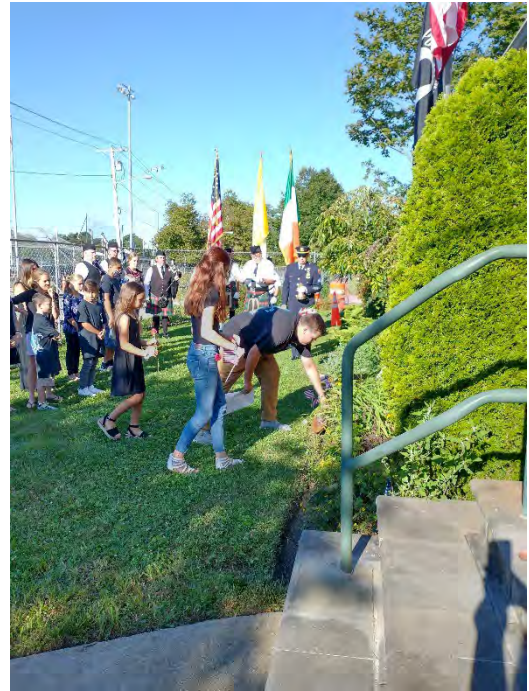
St Patrick's Day Parade





Division 2 Babylon, Suffolk County

Memorial Day Celebration





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Division 2 Babylon, Suffolk County



Trivia Night is back!!!



MOVIE TRIVIA

Hosted By LAOH Division 2
27 Locust Ave in Babylon

Thursday, April 28th
Begins at 7pm (Please arrive at 6:30 for registration)
\$20/person includes snacks & 1 drink (Cash Bar)
Support Our Aging Religious!





Division 7 East Islip, Suffolk County



We honored Corrine McKeown as our Walking in the Footsteps of St. Brigid Honoree at our County St. Brigid's Day Mass.



We had such a fun time at our Grand Marshal's Ball and East Islip Parade honoring our 2022 Ladies' Aide to the Grand Marshal, Eileen Knockenhauer!





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Division 7
Ladies and
Junior Girls



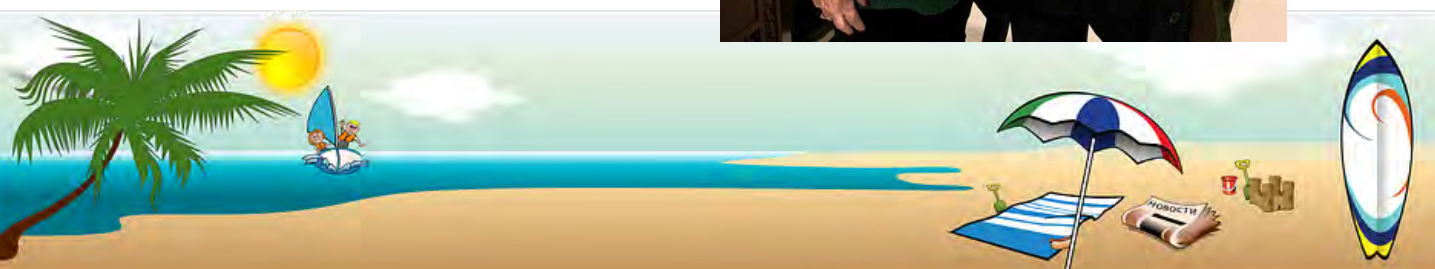


Division 7 East Islip, Suffolk County

Suffolk County Ladies at the New York City Saint Patrick's Day Parade



New York State LAOH President
Aggie O'Leary and Father Henry
Reid at St Patrick's Cathedral in NYC





Division 7 East Islip, Suffolk County

March brought us lots of fun events! From marching in the St. Patrick's Day NYC parade, learning Irish Dances with our Junior Girls, and visiting our Sisters of St. Joseph to bring them some Irish treats and songs!



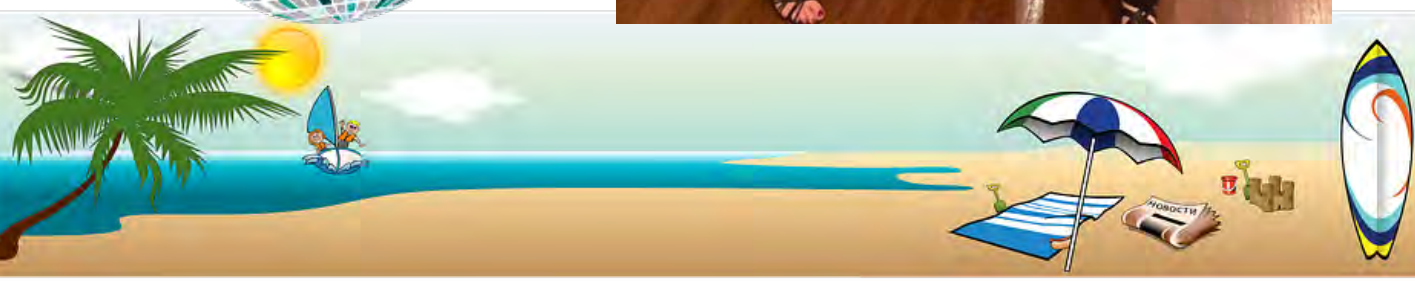


Division 7 East Islip, Suffolk County



Our Juniors brought back one of our favorite events, a Lenten Soup Dinner! The girls sold tickets and served our members to raise money for their annual Make-A-Wish Donation!

We spent the night dancing away to honor our dear sister **Alice Faughnan**! Alice was one of the honorees at our 2022 Suffolk County Ball. Pictured with NYS President Aggie O'Leary and National Immediate Past President Karen Keane.





Division 7 East Islip, Suffolk County



Many of our members attended the Tom Clarke & Katy Daly Clarke Memorial Mass. As Suffolk County President, our sister Sue O'Neill laid a wreath at the Mass.



Our Juniors worked so hard to prepare for our annual May Crowning Mass. The girls painted rocks to prepare our garden, and made the crown that we used.

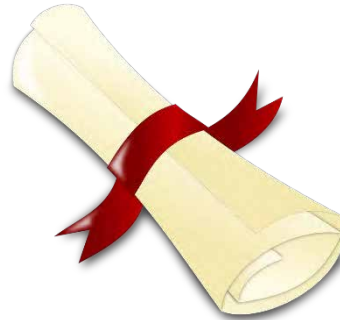




Division 7 East Islip, Suffolk County



Our Scholarship Committee worked to raise funds to award 2 \$1,500 scholarships! Congratulations to Kevin Smith & Mary Jo Chan, and their proud moms!



We had a great time at the NYS Board Meeting in East Durham!



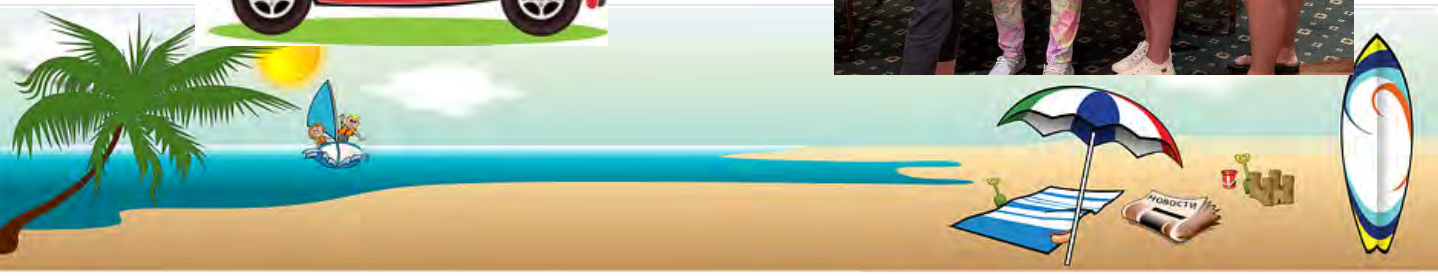


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Division 7 East Islip, Suffolk County

Our Thursday Night Golf League is back for our third season! We participated in the first Suffolk County Golf Outing. Congratulations to our very own Chris Brogan, Becci Enders, Gina Holm, and Heather Anderson for winning the Ladies' Lowest score! And Congrats to Gina for winning the Ladies' Longest Drive!



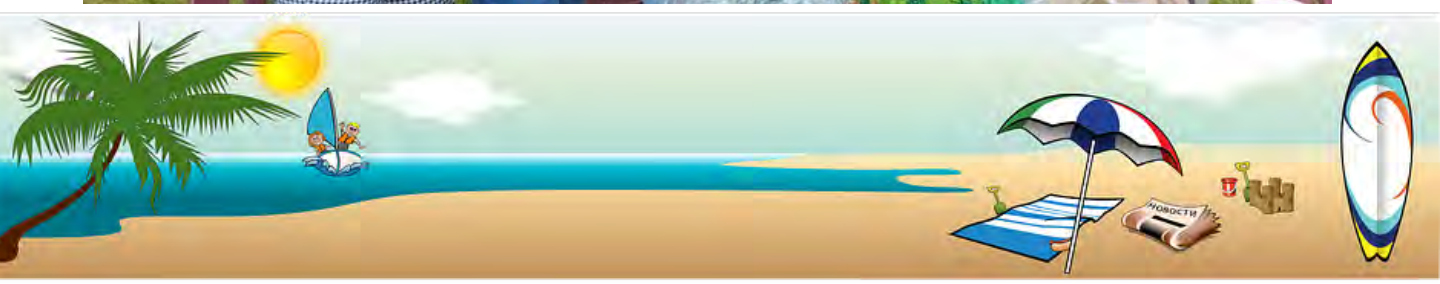


Division 7 East Islip, Suffolk County

We attended a fundraiser to help raise money for the repair of our local 1916 Easter Rising Memorial.



Thanks to all our ladies who attended Father Henry Reid's Irish Music Festival!
Our ladies worked the LAOH table to help get new members.





Division 18 Peekskill

On March 28, 2022, LAOH Division 18 marched in the Peekskill St. Patrick's Parade alongside their AOH Brothers and other community groups. After the Parade, at the Hudson Valley Irish Center, NYS Senator Pete Harckham presented Div. 18 President Mary Cronin and AOH Westchester Co. Treasurer Cathal McGreal with 2022 Irish American Heritage Award, in recognition of their service and commitment to promoting Irish cultural heritage in the Hudson Valley of New York.





Division 18 Peekskill

After their St Patrick's Day Parade, at the Hudson Valley Irish Center, NYS Senator Pete Harckham presented Div. 18 President Mary Cronin and AOH Westchester Co. Treasurer Cathal McGreal with 2022 Irish American Heritage Award, in recognition of their service and commitment to promoting Irish cultural heritage in the Hudson Valley of New York.



Div. 18 President Mary Cronin and NYS Senator Pete Harckham

Nadine Farrell, Valerie Pawlows, Valerie O'Kelly-Lynch, Eileen Marx, Ellen Greffenius, Siobhan Dennehy, Pat Cooke



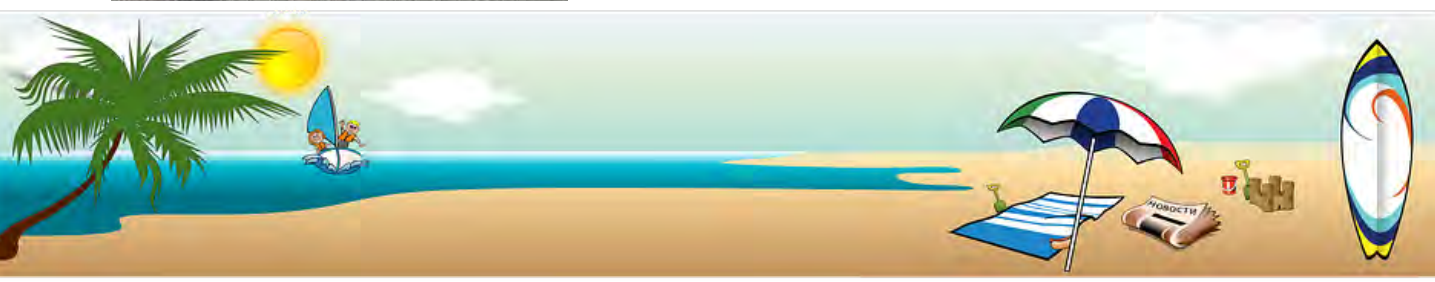


Erie County Queen Maeve Division 1

A good time was had by all at this year's Buffalo Irish Fest, and LAOH as happy to be a part of it.

Newly appointed Western New York Bishop Mike Fisher celebrated our Sunday morning mass to an overflowing crowd of over 300. A very generous collection was presented to Columban Sisters Corona and Mary Anthony Ryan, who also sang in our mass choir.

The mass was followed by a Parade of Flags, led by our own Sheila Weppner, Catholic Actions Chair. At 87 years young she not only marched along the parade route but spent her Saturday evening at the festival booth selling t-shirts. We are blessed to have Sheila as a sister. Kudos to all our elders!





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Erie County Queen Maeve Division 1

Buffalo Irish Fest

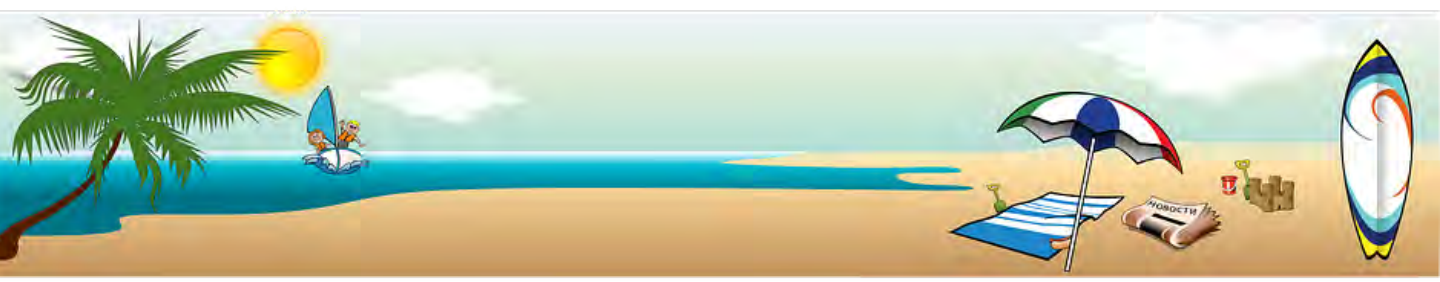




Niagara Falls Division 1

Following our successful Traditional Irish Breakfast in March, the ladies of Niagara Falls ~ Division 1 awarded two scholarships to students attending local Catholic Elementary Schools. Ava Pannozzo, a 7th grader at St. Peter School in Lewiston, and Alana Abel, a 6th grader attending Catholic Academy of Niagara Falls each received a \$500 scholarship towards the 2022/2023 school year. Congratulations to both young ladies. We wish them many blessings as they continue their Catholic School education.

As has become our tradition, Niagara Falls Division 1 celebrated Grace O'Malley Day in June with a lovely dinner at the LaSalle Yacht Club. We were very pleased that several sisters from Lockport ~ Division 2 as well as Buffalo were able to join us.





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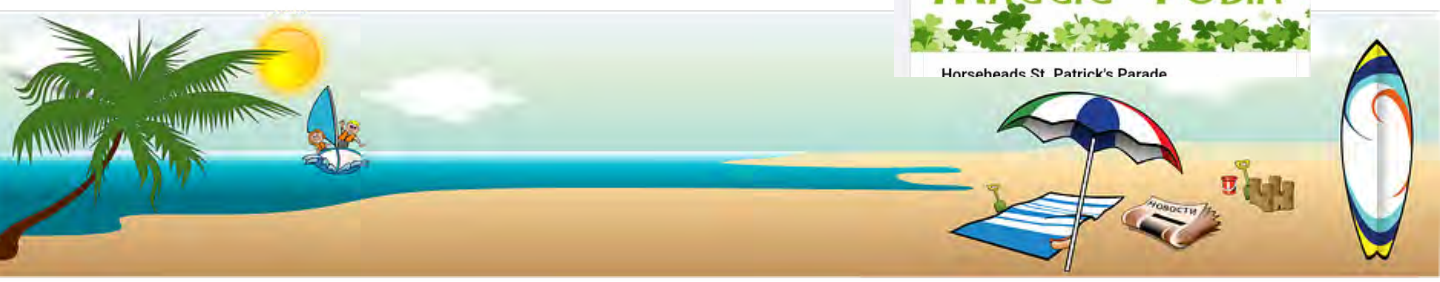


Missy Johnson and Joanie Rice set up for our Lenten Friday fish fry.

All proceeds are used to fund our local charitable contributions.



St Patrick's Day Maggie Tobin, Maria Colon, Kathy Hamilton, Sue O'Connell, and Mary Wolfe work on the St Patrick's Day Dinner.
All proceeds are used to fund a Catholic High School Scholarship





Ladies of Albany JFK Division 1

Members of the Albany LAOH and AOH were well represented at the National Convention. Congratulations to Karen Keane of JFK Division 1 on a successful term as National President. Congratulations to members of Father Tansey Division 5 Liam McNabb re-elected to the office of Treasurer and Tim McSweeney re-elected as District Director.





Ladies Nassau County

The Ladies of Nassau County celebrated St. Brigid's Day on March 5th. The original date scheduled had to be postponed due to a blizzard. Mass was held at Sacred Heart in Island Park with a luncheon that followed at the Anchor Tavern in Long Beach. Thanks to NYS President Aggie O'Leary, NYS Vice President Regina Begley and NYS Treasurer JoAnn Gunderson for attending.



The Ladies also participated in various St. Patrick's Day Parades: Mineola





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Ladies Nassau County

The Ladies of Nassau County New York St Patrick's Day Parade.





Ladies of St Dymphna, Division 8 Nassau County

The ladies of Division 8, Nassau County started off 2022 with our pencils and calendars out! It was a busy first half of the year.

February was a month of planning as we geared up for our first Saint Patrick's Day parade since the pandemic in 3 years. Unsure if the local parade should take place, it was a rush to get everything taken care of in just a matter of weeks! Numerous planning meetings took place throughout the upcoming weeks prior to March, but we finally got to celebrate with a beautiful sash ceremony on March 13th honoring the Grand Marshall and Aides. We are so proud of our very own sister, Carolyn Masterson McGillicuddy who was an Aide to the Grand Marshall.





Ladies of St Dymphna, Division 8 Nassau County



On Friday's during lent our local parish, St. Patrick' Church offered a Fish & Chips dinner as a fundraiser. Division 8, Nassau County was on hand to help set up, serve food, and clean up. It was so successful; the church is going to make this an annual tradition.

On St. Patrick's Day a few of our members marched in the NYC annual St. Patrick's Day parade along with the LAOH of Division 18. The rain did not dampen our spirits as we marched down Fifth Avenue and Irish eyes were smiling all day.





Ladies of St Dymphna, Division 8 Nassau County

We had an amazing St. Patrick's Day Parade in Glen Cove on Sunday, March 20. The parade marked its 33rd anniversary in Glen Cove after a two-year hiatus resulting from the Covid pandemic. So proud of our AOH brother and Grand Marshal, Gerald "Gerry" Herbert, along with Aides Carolyn Masterson McGillicuddy (LAOH sister) and Eric Hill (AOH Past President), who were the 2020, 2021, and 2022-three time's a charm- honorees. Our division was honored to have Regina Begley, NYS Vice President march with us.

Great job to our Chairwoman, Lisa Forgiione (Division 8, Vice President), who kept the parade committee organized and on track. Lisa, along with a small group of dedicated volunteers from the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, pulled this event together in a matter of weeks, not months!

LAOH sisters helped: Roni Jenkins was the emcee of the event (the first woman emcee ever in 33 years), Sheila Zeineth produced the journal and got donations, and Ann Kelly organized and ran the after-party, which was enjoyed by all. There was food, Irish dancing music, pipers, a soda bread contest, and fun!





Ladies of St Dymphna, Division 8 Nassau County

St. Patrick's Day Parade in
Glen Cove





Ladies of St Dymphna, Division 8 Nassau County

On May 25th we were delighted to present our scholarship winner, Victoria Hanley, with a check and well wishes as she heads off to college in the fall. Many thanks to Eileen Borer for organizing the scholarship essay contest. We were also very pleased to collect and donate baby shower items to St. Patrick's pantry as these items are very much needed.



Memorial Day had moving tribute and celebration honor of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice serving our country. It was our pleasure to march in the parade alongside the AOH men. Thanks to Eileen Borer for organizing the shirt sale, the new shirts were perfect for the hot weather.





Ladies of St Dymphna, Division 8 Nassau County



On June 4th the ladies participated in a village-wide Garage sale day. We set up on the porch of the rectory at St. Boniface Church and raised a very nice amount to be donated to Missions and Charities! Big thank you to Ann Madigan for Chairing the event once again.

On June 6th the ladies volunteered to help at a golf outing and dinner to support the SCO Madonna Heights family services organization. Kudos to Lisa Forgione for organizing and bringing out Division 8, Nassau County to help support. Fun night to be out with our LAOH sisters and happy to see a successful event!





Ladies of St Dymphna, Division 8 Nassau County

Whew. It's been a busy six- months and we are so happy to be able to give back to our community. We are currently planning our division's 20th Anniversary Celebration late summer. Please stay tuned for a date of the celebration and join us if you can. And a huge thanks to our Division 8, Nassau County President, Patricia Victoria for keeping us on schedule and organized during this busy period.



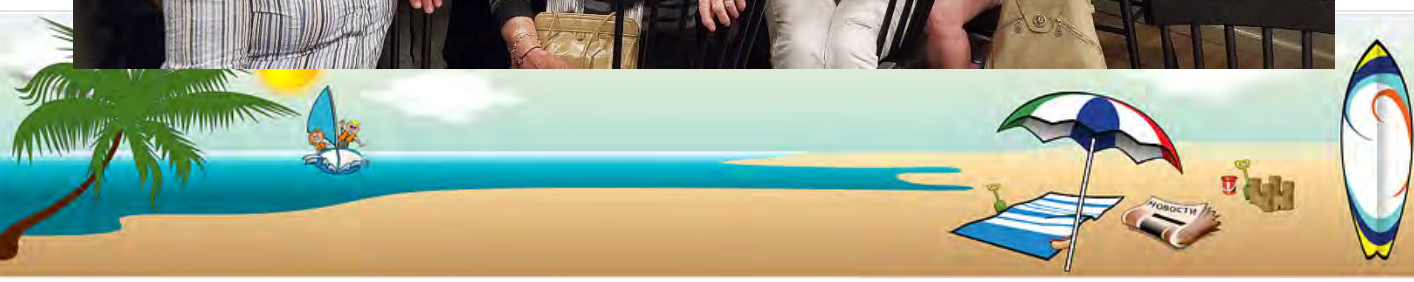


Ladies of Division 1 and 4 Monroe County

In the spirit of the season, last December, five of our sisters volunteered to help with Operation Foodbasket, a group that was started at Xerox Corporation Business Services 41 years ago. The annual program, which is staffed 100% by volunteers, involves over 1000 donors, over 30 companies/organizations, and provides food and toys to local families at Christmastime. LAOH volunteers Jeanne Leo, Kathy Weinmann, Pat Crowley, Debbie Rossi, and Patty Flanigan worked on scheduling pick ups and distributing the gift baskets as families drove in, biked or walked to pick them up. The effort was made more complicated by COVID and by some pretty frigid weather. A special thank to Jeanne Leo for heading this up. We'd like to make this an annual volunteer effort on our part.

We began 2022 with the installation of our newly elected officers at our first meeting of the year. Our annual New Year's brunch had to be postponed due to COVID but we are looking at dates in the spring. It's nice to have a special event to look forward to! Also taking place at the first meeting were two presentations commemorating the solemn 50 th anniversary of Bloody Sunday, January 30 th , 1972. Our Irish Historian Amy Maher gave an informative talk about the event. Our President, Gayle Shalvoy, then read the names of those who were killed and gave a brief summation of what has happened since in relation to the crimes committed that day. Thanks to both Amy and Gayle for helping us to remember the day and honor the dead.

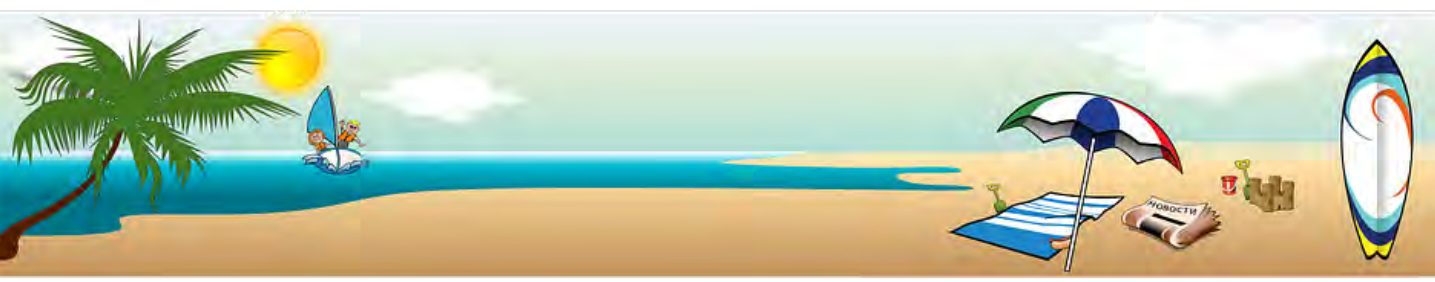
The Mass in recognition of Saint Brigid was held on Sunday February 6 th at Saint John the Evangelist Church in Rochester. It was well attended by our sisters. Thank you, Anne Brennan, for arranging that.





Ladies of Division 1 and 4 Monroe County

Of course, the big news for Irish Americans throughout most of the United States was that the Saint Patrick's Day parades and related activities were on! After two years of cancellations, we were all able to get out and show our Irish Pride. On March 4th President Gayle Shalvoy attended, as our representative, the introduction of those being honored in this year's parade held at the County building in downtown Rochester. Thank you Gayle. Several Irish groups in the area work together every March to share our culture through music, dance, food and more thorough the presentation of Siasma (Gaelic word for folk entertainment) all over the county. Thank you, Theresa Gangemi for doing a cooking demonstration at one at which she made an Irish soda bread. The Rochester Americans hockey team hosted Irish Night on March 11th with a party deck and Irish dancers. Parade Day, March 12th, began with Mass at Saint Mary's Church in Rochester. We sponsor this annual event. Our Historian Amy Maher carried the Cross in the procession. A breakfast with our AOH brothers followed at Filgers East End restaurant. Parade step off was at 12:30 (or as close to 12:30 as Irish Time allows!). The ladies both walked beside and rode on the beautifully decorated float and sang God Bless America at the reviewing stand. For our efforts we were awarded 1st Place for Best Non Commercial Unit!! Thank you Debbie Rossi for coordinating the float!





Ladies of Division 1 and 4 Monroe County

Each year the Irish Children's Program sells single stem carnations and carnation boutonnieres as a fundraiser at the parade. Every summer the ICP flies Catholic and Protestant children from Ireland to Rochester to stay with local families for two weeks in the summer. Their efforts promote understanding and unity among children of both faiths. COVID has prevented this from happening for the past two summers. Let's hope it will happen this year! Thanks to Jeanne Leo for organizing the LAOH volunteers Patty Flanigan, Marge Jacobs, and Debbie Rossi who worked with the ICP to prepare flowers for the sale. An after party sponsored by the AOH and the Emerald Society was held at Water Street Grill in Rochester. Our ladies had the opportunity to hold several fundraisers there and were very happy with the results. We held a raffle of five framed photographs of beautiful Irish scenes along with Irish themed mugs containing the makings for Irish coffee. We also sold Irish themed gloves and loaves of Irish soda bread that was generously donated by TOPS Friendly Markets who sponsor the parade. A huge thank you to the chair of the fundraising efforts, Amy Maher! Many thanks to all of the others who helped to make it such a festive and profitable day. Thanks to the fundraising committee; Chairperson, Amy Maher, and committee members Deirdre Hickey, Ellen Hallahan and Theresa Gangemi. Thank you, Deirdre Hickey, for providing table cloths and table easels. Thanks to Ellen Hallahan for providing table easels, raffle tickets and the ticket container. Thank you also to Jeanne Leo, Theresa Gangemi, Marge Jacobs, Kelly O'Brien, Emma Gordon, Debbie Rossi, Patty Flanigan for working the event. Thanks to Gayle Shalvoy for coordinating the TOPS soda bread donation. The best part of the whole series of events was being able to gather and enjoy each other's company again. Slainte'!





Ladies of Division 1 and 4 Monroe County

Member Anne Brennan graciously opened her home to us on May 1 for a group recitation of the Rosary. Afterwards we were treated to homemade scones and tea. Thank you, Anne! We are hoping to make group recitations of the Rosary a regular event for us.

On June 8 we held a dinner meeting at The Cobblestone on Main in Webster. It was a lovely meal and, as always, it is nice to gather and enjoy each other's company.

We have several fundraising and social events in the works and are looking forward to the spring and summer weather.





Ladies of Division 4 Hunnington, Suffolk County

LAOH Division 4 Huntington celebrated our sister Bea Hartigan's 81st birthday at an annual summer BBQ





Ladies of Division 4 Hunnington, Suffolk County

In addition to birthdays we have been hosting joint socials with our AOH Division 4 brothers where our members can meet and mingle and potential new members can meet us in an informal and fun setting.





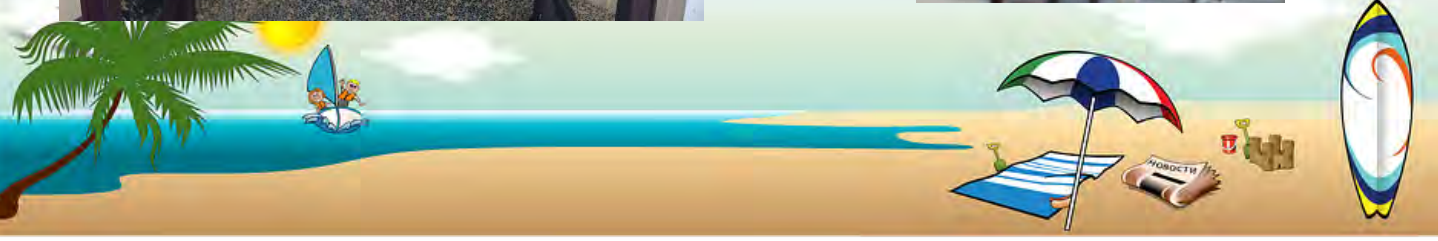
Ladies of Division 11 Tarrytown, Westchester County

The LAOH Kitty Geissler Division 11, Tarrytown, NY enjoyed a very busy March starting with a hugely successful bake sale fundraiser where the many soda breads sold out in no time!

There was the annual Irish Heritage display at the Warner Library which included two glass cases. Featured in one case is memorabilia of the Division including medals, a sash, a ritual, a detailed history of the Division formation from 1907 and other artifacts. The second case exhibited popular Irish musical instruments and step dancing shoes along with a trophy that was awarded to Suzanne Koraca, daughter of Div. President Alice Koraca and granddaughter of Life Member Kitty Geissler.

Members of Div. 11 were an impressive presence in the Sleepy Hollow St. Patrick's Parade held on March 13th as well as the NYC Parade on the 17th.

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Ladies of Division 11 Tarrytown, Westchester County



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Ladies of Division 11 Tarrytown, Westchester County

The LAOH Kitty Geissler, Div. 11. Tarrytown presented two separate awards at the Transfiguration School graduation, The Kitty Geissler medal and The Marion R. Smith Scholarship. These awards are not based entirely on a student's academic achievement but recognition for community service, school spirit and shows an interest in sports. Megan DeMeo, a CCD student was the recipient of the Marion Smith award and the Kitty Geissler medals went to Maggie Koraca and Althea Gheen. Congratulations to these outstanding graduates!

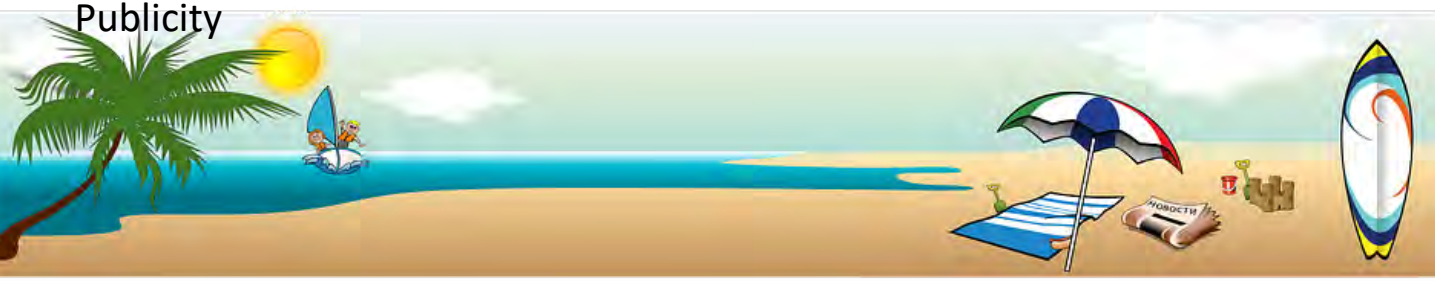


The Division recently hosted the LAOH Westchester County Convention where elections were held.

Several members are looking forward to attending the National Convention in Pittsburgh next month.

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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
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Eileen McDonald Sassmann, LAOH Dutchess County Division 1
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Christine Hinricks, Division 7 Suffolk
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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.

Drape the Charter- this is the section we will list our death notices. If one of our members dies please send in an obituary and a photo if you have one. Please include a little personal info, her Hibernian info and any notable events in her life. If there is an address to send a mass card to the family or her division please include it.

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, DO NOT paste into a Word document. Photos should be a high quality, same as Digest submissions, over 1mb. 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.

Please email all submissions to LAOH NYS Webmaster / PR Chair, Becci Enders at laohnysweb@gmail.com If you have any questions please text, email me or call – 631-413-5881

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