



New York State St. Brigid Connection

Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians

St. Brigid Connection

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President Message:
Aggie O'Leary



Hi Sisters!

I hope this article finds you all well, and that you had a Happy, Healthy, and Safe, New Year's Celebration.

Please remember Junior, Degree Team, Irish History, Membership and Financial Reports should be done according to deadlines send with the report requests! Failure to adhere to due dates will result in fines and suspensions.

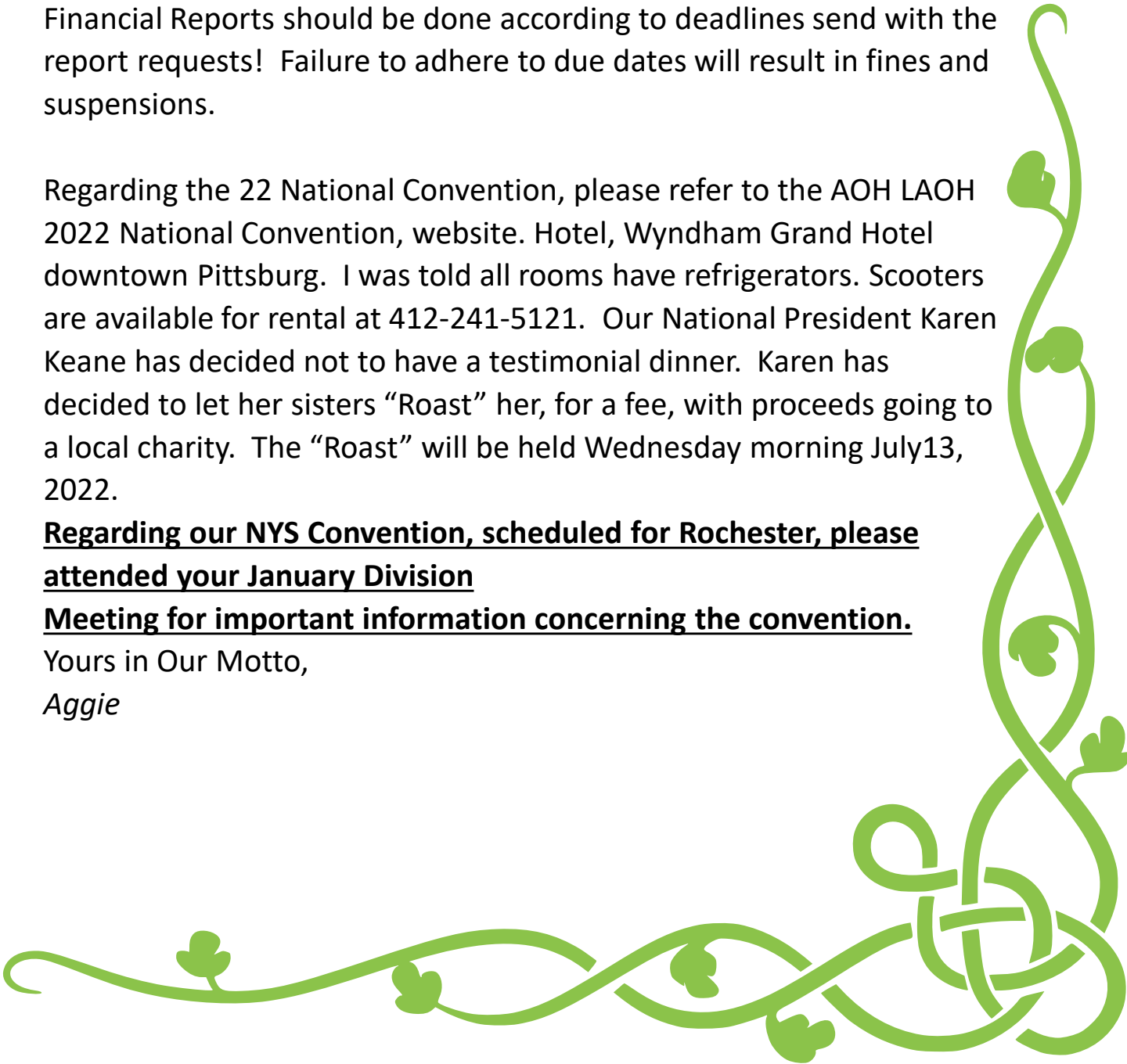
Regarding the 22 National Convention, please refer to the AOH LAOH 2022 National Convention, website. Hotel, Wyndham Grand Hotel downtown Pittsburg. I was told all rooms have refrigerators. Scooters are available for rental at 412-241-5121. Our National President Karen Keane has decided not to have a testimonial dinner. Karen has decided to let her sisters "Roast" her, for a fee, with proceeds going to a local charity. The "Roast" will be held Wednesday morning July13, 2022.

Regarding our NYS Convention, scheduled for Rochester, please attended your January Division

Meeting for important information concerning the convention.

Yours in Our Motto,

Aggie





NYS LAOH Secretary
Terry Meyer

Dear Sisters,

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year's holidays with your families! As a reminder all Secretary 2021 year end reports were sent out on 12/3/21 to all Secretaries and the Presidents were ccd. If for some reason you do not have it please contact me directly at nyslaohsecretary1@gmail.com as there are very firm deadlines for reports to be sent back to me if not there are fines that are assessed for any report that is submitted late, no exceptions.

Many State Officers are still having problems with your emails bouncing back as blocked to us. PLEASE be sure to respond to our State email addresses not our personal ones, all of our emails are listed on the State website these are the addresses that reports need to be returned to. It is your responsibility to make sure & verify that the emails listed for your officers are correct as we go by what you send us. If you're not sure if your email is blocking us just send us an email at our State email addresses and we can reply to it which should hopefully solve the issues. By doing so it will eliminate bouncing back or it possibly being in your spam and you won't miss emails we are sending onto you with information you need from us.

All that being said I wish all of you and your family a very happy New Year! May 2022 be a better year for us all and bring peace and good health. Take care and God bless you all.

*"For each petal on the shamrock
This brings a wish your way
Good health, good luck, and happiness
For today and every day"*

Yours in our motto,
Therese (Terry) Meyer

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JoAnn Gunderson

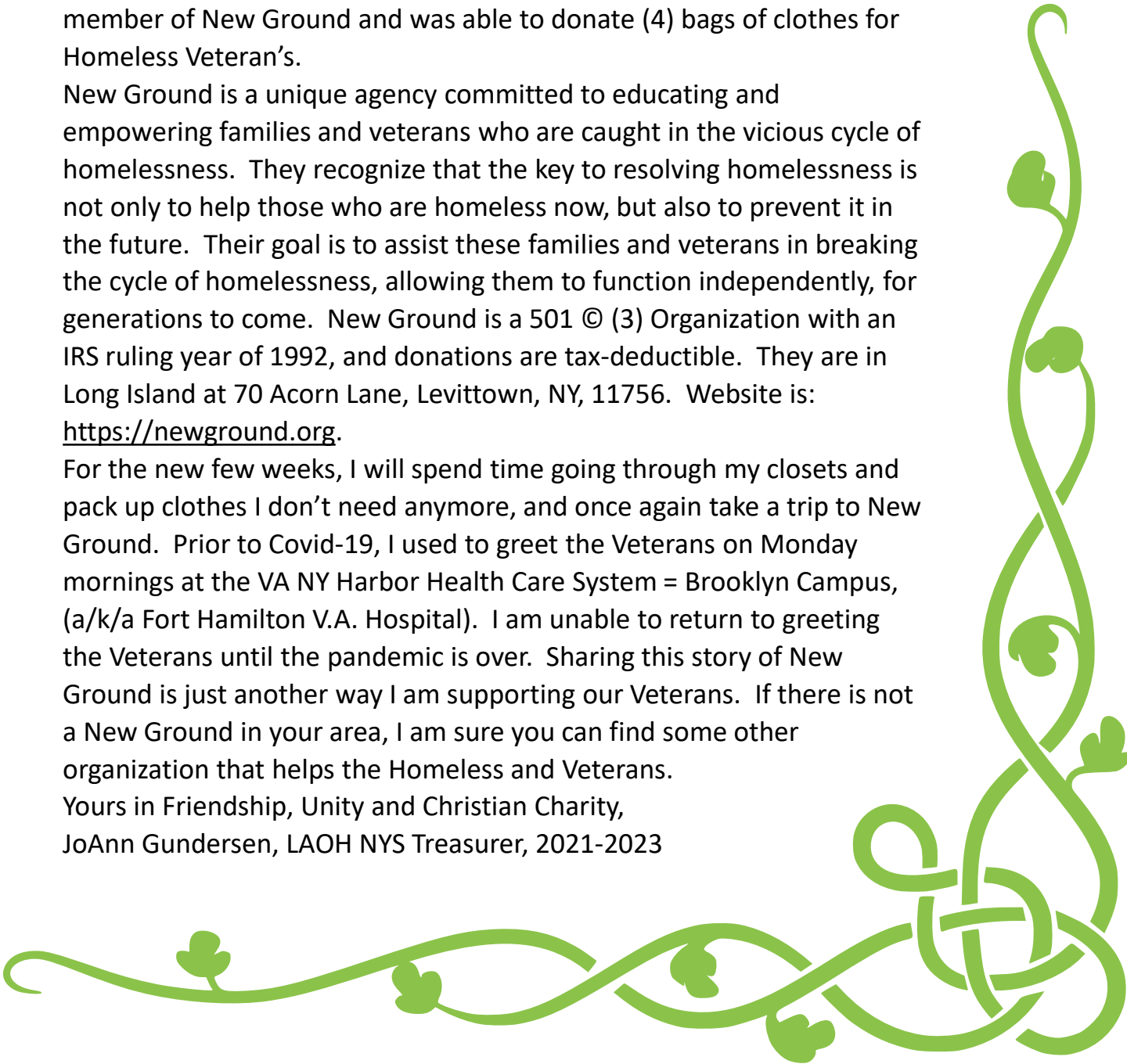


Hello Sisters, as the cold weather and freezing temperatures start knocking at our doors, this is a great time to spend a few hours cleaning out your closets and drawers, and donate old clothes to a worthy cause. I discovered New Ground a few months ago when a friend of mine had lost weight and had extra clothes stored in his closets. We contacted a member of New Ground and was able to donate (4) bags of clothes for Homeless Veteran's.

New Ground is a unique agency committed to educating and empowering families and veterans who are caught in the vicious cycle of homelessness. They recognize that the key to resolving homelessness is not only to help those who are homeless now, but also to prevent it in the future. Their goal is to assist these families and veterans in breaking the cycle of homelessness, allowing them to function independently, for generations to come. New Ground is a 501 © (3) Organization with an IRS ruling year of 1992, and donations are tax-deductible. They are in Long Island at 70 Acorn Lane, Levittown, NY, 11756. Website is: <https://newground.org>.

For the new few weeks, I will spend time going through my closets and pack up clothes I don't need anymore, and once again take a trip to New Ground. Prior to Covid-19, I used to greet the Veterans on Monday mornings at the VA NY Harbor Health Care System = Brooklyn Campus, (a/k/a Fort Hamilton V.A. Hospital). I am unable to return to greeting the Veterans until the pandemic is over. Sharing this story of New Ground is just another way I am supporting our Veterans. If there is not a New Ground in your area, I am sure you can find some other organization that helps the Homeless and Veterans.

Yours in Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity,
JoAnn Gunderson, LAOH NYS Treasurer, 2021-2023





NYS Catholic Action

Mary (Sissy) Durkee



Sisters,

Happy New Year's! I hope this newsletter finds you rested from the Christmas Season. As Irish Catholics we know that as one holiday season ends another one is just beginning so as you put away your Christmas decorations just remember St. Brigid's Day is just around the corner. Then before you know it St. Patrick's Day will be upon us. I encourage you to hold true to the meanings of these fest days for our patron saints and honor them for their dedication to Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity.

Project St. Patrick and SOAR

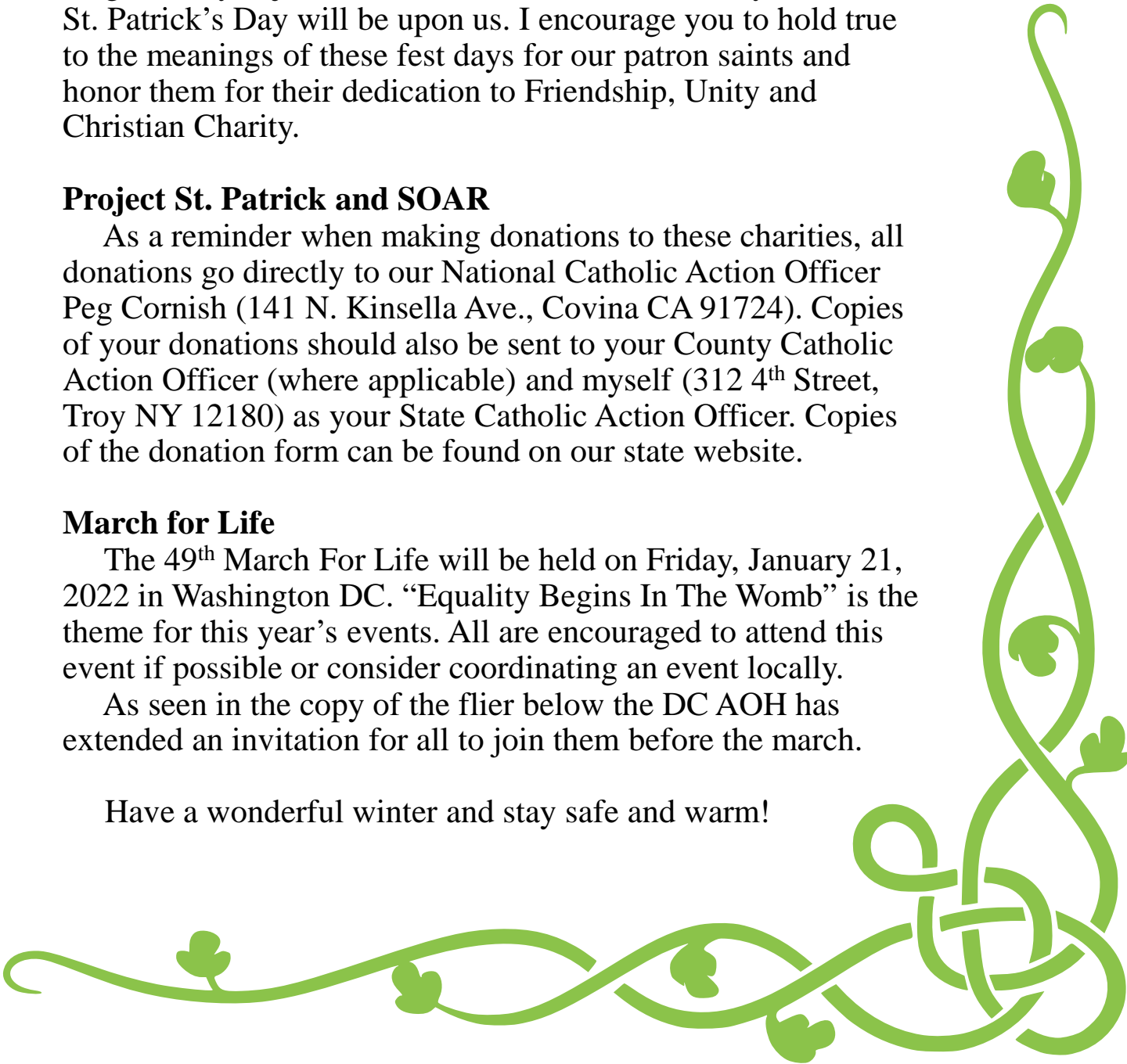
As a reminder when making donations to these charities, all donations go directly to our National Catholic Action Officer Peg Cornish (141 N. Kinsella Ave., Covina CA 91724). Copies of your donations should also be sent to your County Catholic Action Officer (where applicable) and myself (312 4th Street, Troy NY 12180) as your State Catholic Action Officer. Copies of the donation form can be found on our state website.

March for Life

The 49th March For Life will be held on Friday, January 21, 2022 in Washington DC. "Equality Begins In The Womb" is the theme for this year's events. All are encouraged to attend this event if possible or consider coordinating an event locally.

As seen in the copy of the flier below the DC AOH has extended an invitation for all to join them before the march.

Have a wonderful winter and stay safe and warm!





NYS Missions and Charities

Teresa Kearns



Happy New Year Sisters!

I hope that your Holidays were bright and cheerful. I have been amazed at how all of you have continued the work of the order even during these trying times. The acts of charity and kindness you have done during this time just shows the true heart of the LAOH.

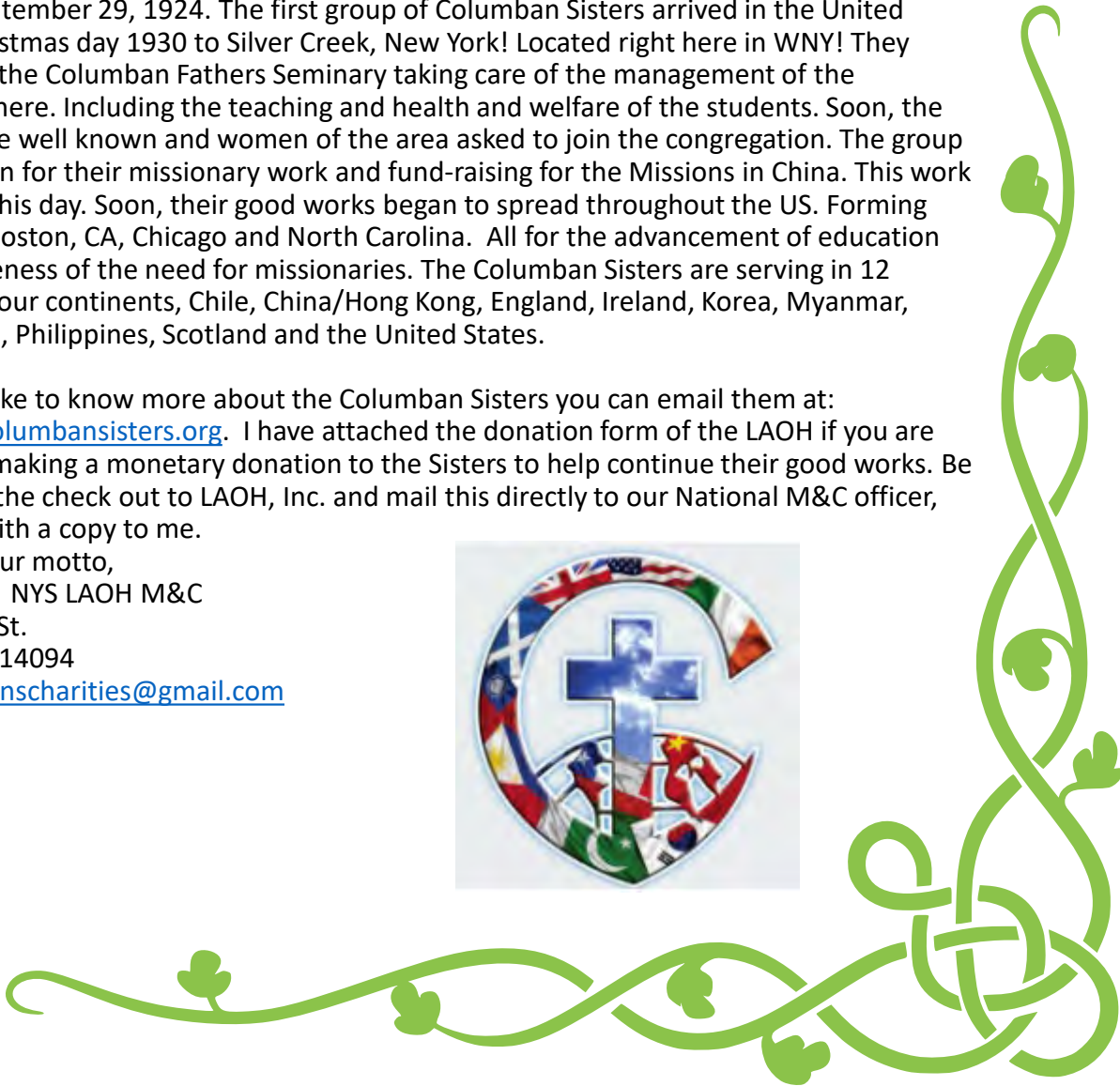
This time around I'd like to talk about the Columban Sisters. The Columban Sisters is one of the permanent charities of the LAOH. In December of 1917, Fr. John Blowick, co-founder of the Columban Fathers, realized the need for women as missionaries. Many women responded to this, one being Lady Frances Moloney who later became Mother Mary Patrick. Talks began during the years 1917-1920 as to the nature of this new ministry and in December of 1920 permission was granted to form a Missionary Religious Congregation. In February of 1922 the first group formed in Cathiracon, County Claire. They became officially incorporated in the church on September 29, 1924. The first group of Columban Sisters arrived in the United States on Christmas day 1930 to Silver Creek, New York! Located right here in WNY! They served out of the Columban Fathers Seminary taking care of the management of the seminarians there. Including the teaching and health and welfare of the students. Soon, the Sisters became well known and women of the area asked to join the congregation. The group became known for their missionary work and fund-raising for the Missions in China. This work continues to this day. Soon, their good works began to spread throughout the US. Forming ministries in Boston, CA, Chicago and North Carolina. All for the advancement of education and the awareness of the need for missionaries. The Columban Sisters are serving in 12 countries on four continents, Chile, China/Hong Kong, England, Ireland, Korea, Myanmar, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Scotland and the United States.

If you would like to know more about the Columban Sisters you can email them at: weboffice@columbansisters.org. I have attached the donation form of the LAOH if you are interested in making a monetary donation to the Sisters to help continue their good works. Be sure to make the check out to LAOH, Inc. and mail this directly to our National M&C officer, Cathy Turck with a copy to me.

As always in our motto,
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NYS Scrapbook Chair

Madonna Nolty

Happy New Year Sisters,

As NYS LAOH Scrapbook chair I am reaching out to every County and Division President or designee to collect materials of all kinds from pictures to flyers, etc. for inclusion in the NYS Scrapbook that will be entered into competition at our next LAOH National Convention in Pittsburgh in July 2022.

Collectively, we in NYS are immensely proud of the magnificent work we accomplish in support of local charities, our Irish Heritage, and social events. It would be wonderful to recognize each of these events by portraying them with artistic flair in our scrapbook. It is my goal that our scrapbook be inclusive of every part of the LAOH in New York State. So please, every time you hold or attend an LAOH event; religious or social and perform charitable works take pictures and send them to me.

In this time of uncertainty with the current uprise in Covid cases yet again, I know that the work and events that we hold are perhaps in a scaled-down manner. However, I have noticed that we continue to be highly creative. So, please do not hesitate to send me comments on how your divisions and counties are continuing the work of the order along with pictures and testimonial brochures or flyers of any awards received by our members.

I will accept all forms of submissions from pictures, flyers, program leaflets, zoom pictures, charitable works to testimonials etc. If you would like to bring them to the NYS meeting in May 2022, I will be there to collect all submissions. You can also mail items to me at Madonna Nolty, PO. Box 309, Oakdale, NY 11769 and pictures and scanned items can be forwarded via email to nyslaohscrapbook@gmail.com.

In our motto,

Madonna Nolty





Veterans and Military Affairs Chair

Jeanine Mannereno

Schenectady – The NYS in conjunction with the National LAOH Military Veteran Affairs, worked together to collect much needed items for our military for the Army Navy Tailgate game this past December.

We were able to send 10 boxes of donations to Kuwait via priority mail. We also had \$125.00 in gift cards that were sent directly to LTC Nadia Moss from the Ladies in one of the boxes. This box was designated to be opened only by the POC for the shipments to LTC Moss.

We were so lucky to have received so many donations we were able to send 2 boxes to Cathie Norton-Doherty for a young lady that was living with her Veteran Father in a Shelter. Cathie had shared that the young lady was in need of many items.

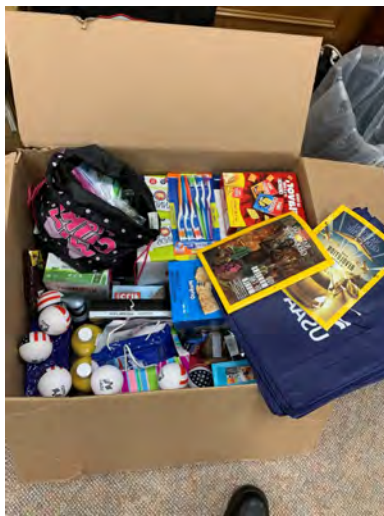




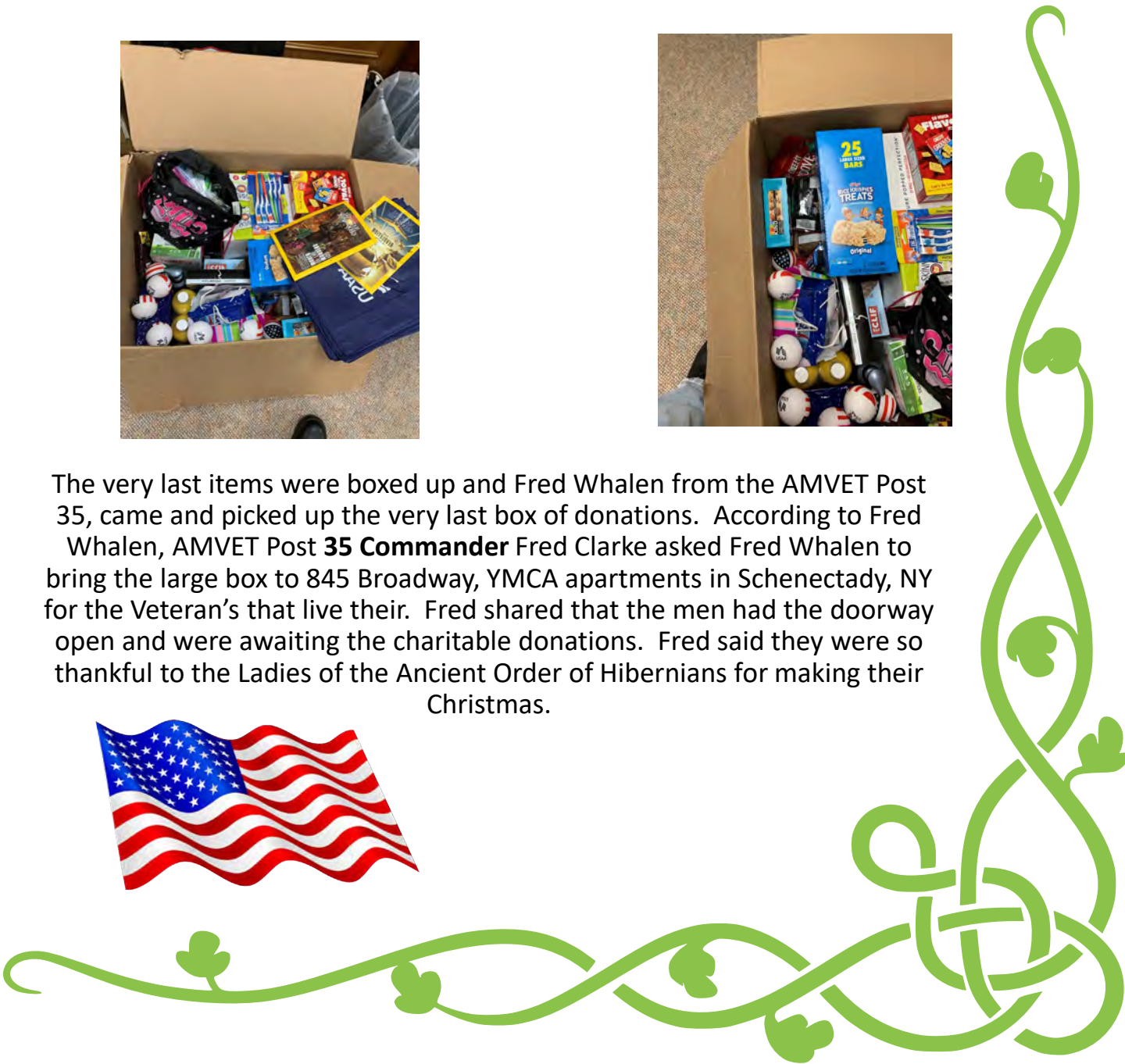
Veterans and Military Affairs Chair

Jeanine Mannereno

We were also able to put together a large box of donated items for the Rotterdam Fire Department to ship to Africa for one of their Fire Fighters. The volunteer Fire Fighter is in the Army National Guard Military Police that is currently deployed.



The very last items were boxed up and Fred Whalen from the AMVET Post 35, came and picked up the very last box of donations. According to Fred Whalen, AMVET Post **35 Commander** Fred Clarke asked Fred Whalen to bring the large box to 845 Broadway, YMCA apartments in Schenectady, NY for the Veteran's that live their. Fred shared that the men had the doorway open and were awaiting the charitable donations. Fred said they were so thankful to the Ladies of the Ancient Order of Hibernians for making their Christmas.





Fundraising Chair
Chris Brogan



Hello Sisters,

I hope you all had a wonderful Holiday Season and that the New Year brings you all good things and good health.

Thanks to your support our first dedicated fundraiser was a success and the NYSLAOH was able to donate \$1,000.00 to our National Freedom For All Ireland Campaign!

Our current fundraiser is to help boost our general fund account through the purchase of one of the three shirts we will be ordering. All shirts are available in Womens sizes- but they do run small- so please size up.

All shirts are also available in Mens sizes which are less form fitting but similar in every other way. Not only are These shirts a great addition to your wardrobe, but they will also be worn at the National Convention in a show of support of our sisters running for office on the National Level. The 1/4 zip is a lightweight performance polo- very soft and washable! The ladies sizes available are XS-3X- but they do run small so Size Up! They are available in Mens sizes XS- 4XL-A Polo shirt has also been added- it is the same soft material as the 1/4 Zip and are available in Ladies sizes S- 4XL & Mens Sizes S- 6XL- both of these are \$40.00.

We also have a Denim Shirt available in Ladies sizes XS-4XL & Mens sizes XS- 6XL- the cost of these is \$45.00.

We extended the deadline for these orders till January 15th to give everyone time after the holiday season. Please purchase a shirt to not only help show your support for the LAOH but to also support this fundraiser. Please ask your Division president who your contact person is to place a shirt order.

We will be holding our next dedicated fundraiser which will benefit The Columban Sisters beginning in February. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page for additional information.

I hope you all have a wonderful winter season...please know I am here to help you in any fundraising endeavors.

In Our Motto
Chris McGinn Brogan
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Freedom for All Ireland Chair

Joan Moore



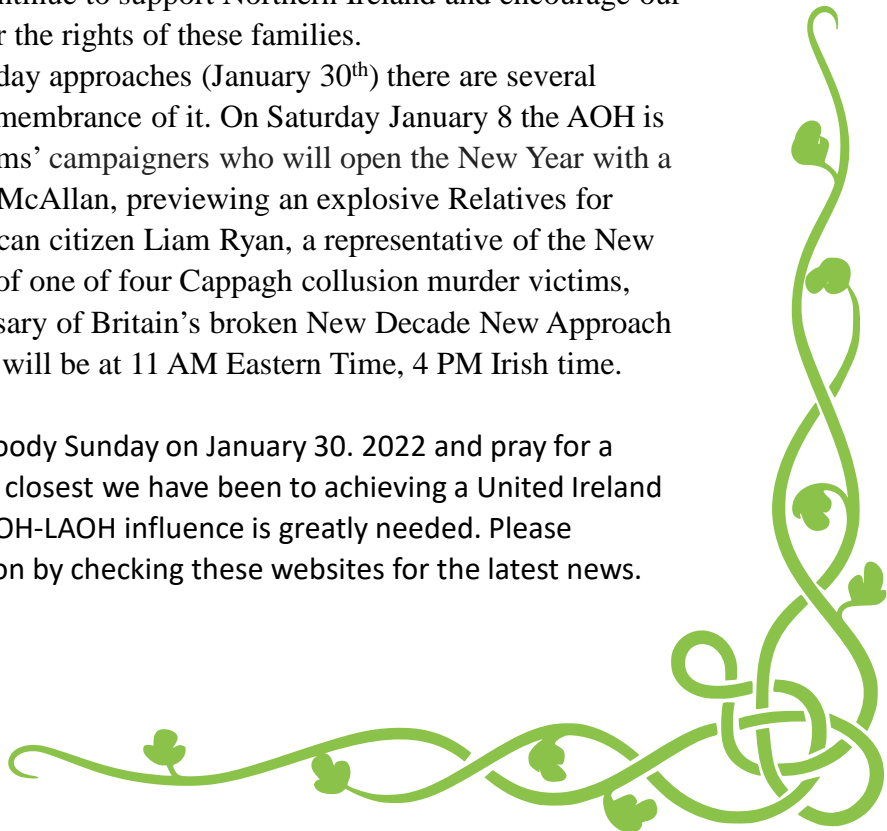
Merry Christmas and a Happy healthy New Year to all of you. As we continue to face the challenge of getting together and doing any fundraising yet once again, the ladies of New York and nationwide have stepped up and donated to the FFAI Christmas fund in an amazing way. Although we don't have the totals yet, it looks like we are surpassing our past totals and have an increase in the number of divisions donating. I believe that the sharing of information and the support by our leaders on both the National and State levels have highlighted the importance of the Freedom for All Ireland Appeal and how our donations are helping the people in Northern Ireland. My sincere thanks to all those that have contributed. Our 2021-2022 campaign ends on January 15th so anyone else that wants to contribute after that date will be counted as a contribution to the 2022-2023 campaign. Both the AOH and LAOH leadership have provided several webinars and interviews with those living in Northern Ireland, all of which can be found on the LAOH FFAI Facebook page [LAOH Freedom For All Ireland | Facebook](#), the AOH website [The Ancient Order of Hibernians – The Oldest and Largest Irish-Catholic Organization in the United States. Established 1836 \(aoh.com\)](#) or on YouTube. I encourage you all to view these webinars to hear the stories of those affected by the “Troubles” and the long-term effect it has had on the families. Each day we learn of more evidence of collusion between the loyalist and the British government, the injustice that took place and the innocent that were lost during this period. Boris Johnson is pushing hard to have legislation passed on ALL legacy cases denying these families any justice for their loved ones. We must continue to support Northern Ireland and encourage our Representatives in Congress to fight for the rights of these families.

As the 50th Anniversary of Bloody Sunday approaches (January 30th) there are several events/video/webinars coming up in remembrance of it. On Saturday January 8 the AOH is hosting another webinar featuring victims' campaigners who will open the New Year with a direct appeal for American help. Mary McAllan, previewing an explosive Relatives for Justice report into the murder of American citizen Liam Ryan, a representative of the New Lodge Six, and Seana Quinn the sister of one of four Cappagh collusion murder victims, will be speaking on the second anniversary of Britain's broken New Decade New Approach agreement. The live webinar broadcast will be at 11 AM Eastern Time, 4 PM Irish time.

Let all remember the anniversary of Bloody Sunday on January 30. 2022 and pray for a peaceful and united Ireland. This is the closest we have been to achieving a United Ireland and America's influence, particularly AOH-LAOH influence is greatly needed. Please continue to be aware of what is going on by checking these websites for the latest news. Thank You again for your support.

Respectfully submitted

Joan Moore, NYD FFAI Chairperson





Webmaster / Publicity

Becci Enders

Athbhliain faoi mhaise duit!

I hope this finds you all fairing well in the new year. I had a really great response from so many divisions for this issue of the Saint Brigid's Connection. Thank you to everyone that send articles and photos. Keep them coming as I will put out another issue for Quarter 2 of 2022 sometime in April (deadline for submissions will be March 31st).

I want to point out that we are still having some issues with the state email addresses. If you could please add these to your contact list (see below), that should keep them from going to your spam folders. I recommend that you check your spam folders periodically to see if you have received any and mark them as safe.

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 as quickly as possible.

Take care and have a great 2020!

Yours In Our Motto,
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Division 1 Schenectady

The Schenectady LAOH has had a busy end to the year. The new officers were installed along with their AOH brothers on November 20th. The National President, Karen Keane and the NY State President, Agnes O'Leary were the LAOH installing officers. At the celebration, Betsy Henderson was presented with the Schenectady LAOH Spirit of St Brigid award and the National Military and Veteran's Affairs appointee, Cathie Norton Doherty presented Patricia Macken with a certificate of appreciation for her service. They were both surprised and speechless. FFAI Appointee Cathy Turck was presented with a plaque by the National FFAI Appointee, Dolores Desch for the Schenectady LAOH 2020-2021 donation of \$1000 to the FFAI Christmas appeal.

Left to right National FFAI
Appointee, Dolores Desch and
Schenectady FFAI Chair Cathy Turck



Left to right: Betsy Henderson with
committee members Kim Depeaux,
Pat Macken and Cathy Turck

Left to right Patricia Macken, Kim DePeaux,
President and National Military and Veteran's
Affairs appointee, Cathie Norton Doherty





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Division 1 Schenectady



Left to right-Back row NYS president Aggie O'Leary, Political Education appointee Peg Burch, FFAI Appointee Cheryl Gardner, Irish Historian Susan Callaghan, Mistress at Arms, Peggy Osborne, Sentinel Shelly Valek, Missions and Charity Kathi Calder, National President Karen Keane. Front Row: Financial Secretary Marcella Dietz, Vice President Mary Sieder, President Kim DePeaux, Secretary Cathy Turck, Treasurer Jackie Clute



The Schenectady LAOH Christmas cookie party

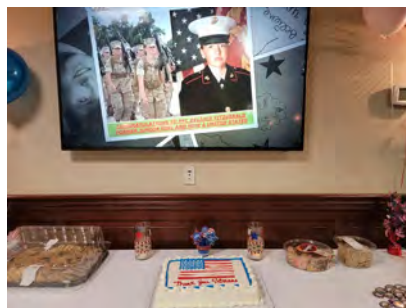
Left to right Briana Planty, Shelly Valek, Cheryl Gardner and Leah Darcy





Division 7 East Islip, Suffolk County

Our Junior Girls held our annual Veterans Night at our hall to honor those in our division that have served our country in the armed forces. We had a really great turnout this year. Thank you for your service!





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Division 7 East Islip, Suffolk County



November 2021- Division 7 LAOH put together baskets for families in need. Our members donated perishable and non-perishable items and our AOH Men donated the turkeys.



Division 7, Maggie Brogan was vote in as Sentinel for the the Suffolk County Board, pictured with Maggie are NYS LAOH President Aggie O'Leary and Cathie Norton-Doherty (LAOH National Veterans & Military Chair, NYS Irish Historian, Suffolk County Publicity and Div 7 Immediate Past President)

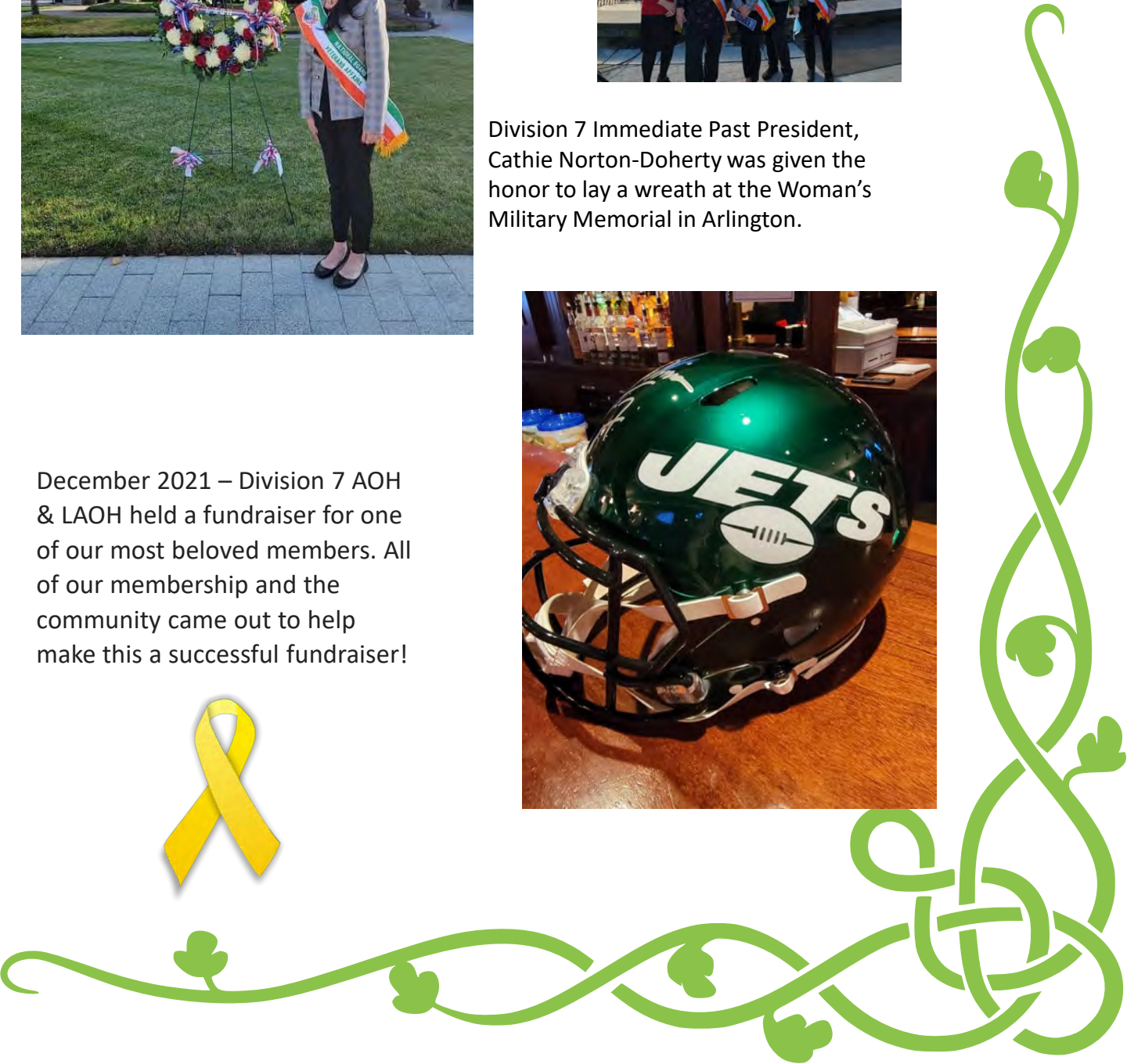


Division 7 East Islip, Suffolk County



Division 7 Immediate Past President, Cathie Norton-Doherty was given the honor to lay a wreath at the Woman's Military Memorial in Arlington.

December 2021 – Division 7 AOH & LAOH held a fundraiser for one of our most beloved members. All of our membership and the community came out to help make this a successful fundraiser!





Division 7 East Islip, Suffolk County

December 2021 – Division 7
Junior Girls hosted the 2nd
Annual Tree Lighting at our hall.



Our Lady of Knock - Division 7
Junior Girls
Collected 50+ pairs of pajamas to be donated to
St. Christopher - Otilie
@ their 2nd Annual Tree Lighting

Division 7 Junior Girls
made gift tags from
donated Christmas cards
as a fundraiser.



Div 7 Jr Girls had donations of over
50 pairs of pajamas to be donated
to St Christopher Otilie



Division 18 Peekskill

November 2021- division 18 Peekskill helped with coordination of picking up turkeys for a Turkey donation in north west Westchester area. We worked with the Hudson Valley Irish Center & Peekskill St Patricks Parade Committee to collect turkeys from store and individuals and donated them to Let It Shine Pantry in Verplanck, Assumption Church in Peekskill and the Meals on Wheels program run by the Emerald Isle Immigration Center. Over 100 turkeys were donated.



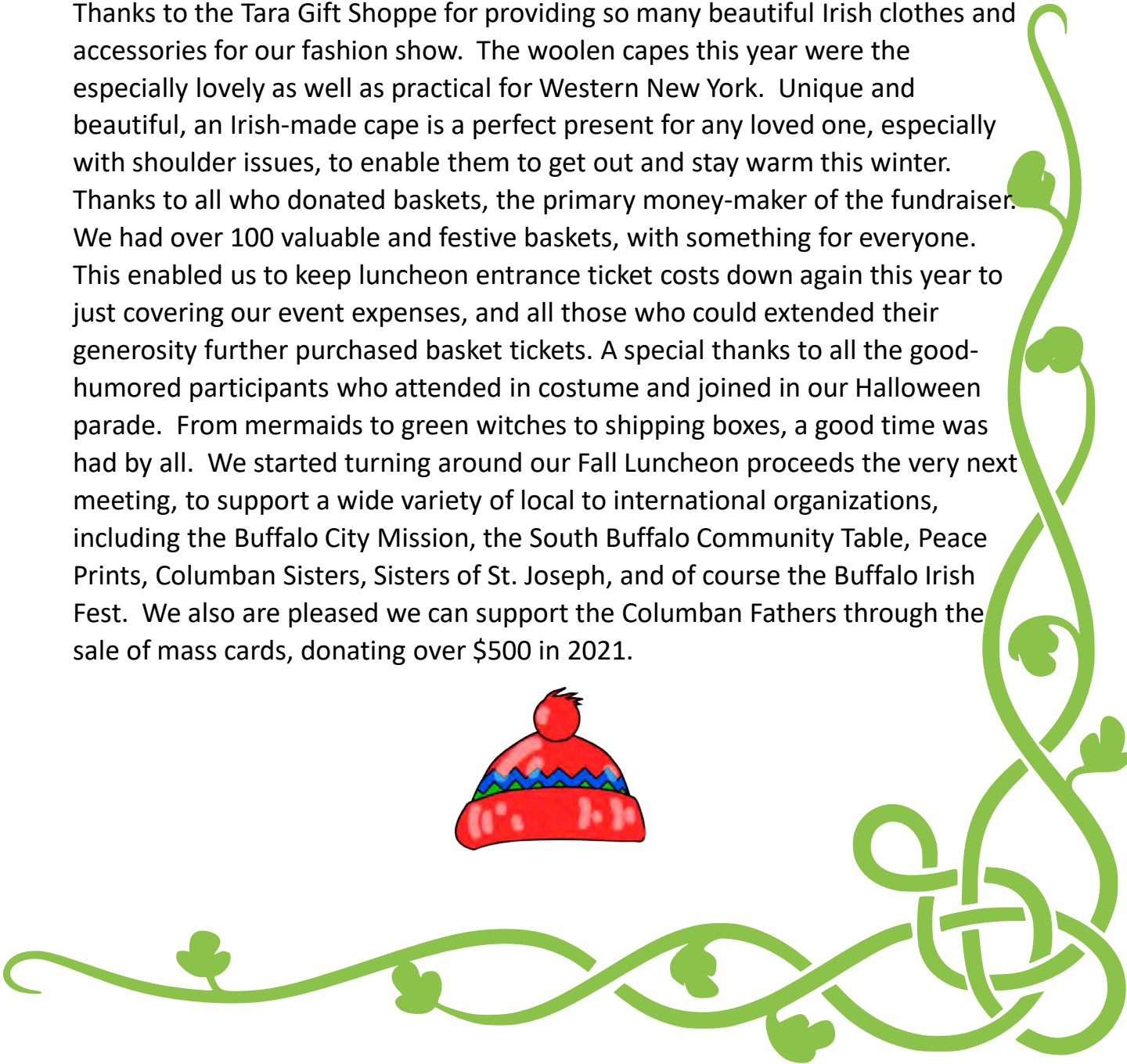
December 4, the LAOH Division 18 in Peekskill along with AOH Division 18, Hudson Valley Irish Center and other local organizations held the Inaugural Reindeer Run in Depew Park, Peekskill NY. We had a nice turnout of runners and walkers for the event. Entrance fee was a new toy, non-perishable food item or new hat/gloves. The LAOH donated toys and hats/gloves and three members helped by volunteering at the event. All donations went to Let it Shine Pantry in Verplanck and Assumption Church Pantry in Peekskill, NY.





Erie County Queen Maeve Division 1

It was wonderful to see so many of our members, friends and family at this fall's annual fundraiser luncheon. After having to skip last year, the gathering was that much sweeter, and there are many thanks to go around. Thanks to the Buffalo Irish Center/BIC for providing a safe venue and delicious fare, including desserts by our own member, Cakes by Tina. BIC guided our event through all the appropriate precautions, allowing us to gather safely and almost 100 strong. Thanks to the Tara Gift Shoppe for providing so many beautiful Irish clothes and accessories for our fashion show. The woolen capes this year were the especially lovely as well as practical for Western New York. Unique and beautiful, an Irish-made cape is a perfect present for any loved one, especially with shoulder issues, to enable them to get out and stay warm this winter. Thanks to all who donated baskets, the primary money-maker of the fundraiser. We had over 100 valuable and festive baskets, with something for everyone. This enabled us to keep luncheon entrance ticket costs down again this year to just covering our event expenses, and all those who could extended their generosity further purchased basket tickets. A special thanks to all the good-humored participants who attended in costume and joined in our Halloween parade. From mermaids to green witches to shipping boxes, a good time was had by all. We started turning around our Fall Luncheon proceeds the very next meeting, to support a wide variety of local to international organizations, including the Buffalo City Mission, the South Buffalo Community Table, Peace Prints, Columban Sisters, Sisters of St. Joseph, and of course the Buffalo Irish Fest. We also are pleased we can support the Columban Fathers through the sale of mass cards, donating over \$500 in 2021.





Erie County Queen Maeve Division 1

LAOH Buffalo is weathering the Covid storm and we are growing, inducting over 5 members this past year, to carry on our motto of Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity. We meet the 4th Thursday of each month, with a standard agenda of conversation, prayer, community support and Irish cultural education. Our November history segment was a surprise to most of us, learning about Dr. James Barry, a surgeon who lived in the late 1700's to early 1800's and was credited with the first successful cesarian section where both the mother and child survived. The surprise – Dr. Barry's friends and colleagues learned only posthumously that the dear doctor was female. Born Margaret Ann Bulkley in County Cork Ireland, she had the courage to follow her calling to be a surgeon, whether it was by outwitting the sexist establishment that looked down on her or by living as his authentic self, we will never know. Whatever the circumstances, the first qualified female-born doctor in the United Kingdom deserves a respected place in history, and we are grateful to our LAOH Buffalo Historian for finding and sharing this important person in Irish history. Officer positions change every 2 years and we encourage all our members to take a turn at all the roles. I encourage all of you to consider taking on a role at your next opportunity and bringing a friend to your next open meeting.

Hope you all enjoyed your holidays, being mindful to always share your love in the spirit of the traditional Irish Christmas Blessing: May the Blessings of Christmas be with you, May the Christ Child light your way, May God's Holy Angels guide you, and keep you safe each day.





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Erie County Queen Maeve Division 1



Photo Captions:

LAOH Annual Fall Luncheon tables (3), various members

Tara Gift Shoppe Irish Capes, modeled by member volunteers

LAOH Luncheon Halloween Costume Parade, various members



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Chemung County Division



Hello! I am hoping the New Year is bringing you health and prosperity.

The ladies in Chemung County have been very busy over the past year. COVID-19 has presented challenges to everyone, including a great number of people in our community. Chemung County has a high poverty rate and the division has once again stepped up to help those in need. After a year of creative fundraising, our Ladies have given more than \$10,000 to charity, with the majority helping our neighbors at home. We have been feeding the hungry with donations to Meals on Wheels, Southern Tier Food Bank, as well as nine food pantries. We have donated to our local Catholic Schools. We have supported several local veteran organizations and Able 2. The youth in our community struggle with having basic necessities and clothing, and for that reason we have donated to our public school system in a number of ways. The high school Elf Club has teachers and staff identify students that are in needs of clothes and warm winter outerwear, and we supported this effort with a large donation. Our membership also went shopping and have bought new underwear, socks, and personal hygiene products for all the schools in the district, giving the supplies to school nurses to help students they identify as needing help. The pandemic has made getting to mass a challenge for many members of our local parish and we have donated to support the continuing efforts of live-streaming mass for the parishioners. We have offered financial support to the Crisis Pregnancy Center, office of the Aging, the Child Advocacy Center, and Catholic Charities. We have continued our annual donation to the Columban Mission. We also have supported a local addiction awareness group and a program that helps at risk youth for human trafficking.

Our ladies are always busy, and they have had multiple “drop offs” that collect household items that are not covered by food stamps, soap, detergent, personal hygiene products etc. These events were managed in conjunction with the Chemung County Men’s Division.

We are looking forward to starting the year with renewed energy and are ready to continue to serve.

In our motto,
Betsy Tolbert
President





Ladies of Division 2 of Montgomery County

Sponsored a family from catholic charities for Christmas. To raise funds we had a yard sale at the Coldenham Firehouse, a raffle and a gift auction at our holiday gathering. We also bought raffles from the county and state and national to support them.





Ladies of Babylon Division 2 of Suffolk County

Installation of Junior Girls and LAOH officers took place on Sunday January 9, 2022.

It was a lovely ceremony. The Junior Girls were installed and sworn in by Pat Moynihan Suffolk County Vice President and the Ladies were installed and sworn in by Sue O'Neil Suffolk County President.

Aggie O'Leary NYS President assisted in both installations by placing the sashes on the juniors and ladies. The installation was followed with a lovely buffet dinner and dessert. It was a proud day for Division 2 of Babylon.





Ladies of Albany JFK Division 1

The LAOH and AOH Albany County Boards held their in person Deceased Members Memorial Mass for the first time since 2019 (due to COVID) on Sunday November 14 in Watervliet, N.Y. at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. Albany and Watervliet Divisions honored their brothers and sisters who passed away including Nancy Carucci, Carol Perkinson, Beverly Pach, and Andrea Santos. A beautiful candle lighting ceremony was held after the Mass at the Watervliet Hibernian Hall. Catholic Action Officer Nancy Holland did a wonderful job organizing this special event.





Ladies of Albany JFK Division 1

Freedom For All Ireland – National and Division Chair: Dolores Desch –
laohdolores@yahoo.com

- The Albany LAOH Division 1 and AOH Division 5 annual FFAI Night was **Friday November 19th**. Dolores was presented with the Father Murphy Award. Andree Murphy gave a very moving speech thanking Irish America, particularly the LAOH and AOH for their unwavering support for Relatives for Justice and all groups seeking justice in the north of Ireland.
- The Albany Joint FFAI Committee then kicked off the “Toboggan of Cheer Raffle for FFAI” and helped raise additional funds.
- At the National level, the FFAI 2022 Trip scheduled to start in late January for the 50th anniversary of Bloody Sunday was postponed due to the pandemic. The trip is rescheduled for the end of April.

For more information on what is happening regarding FFAI please Like and follow our National FFAI Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/LAOH-Freedom-For-All-Ireland-101571401651677>

Also, check out the new national website. Brianna Curren has done an incredible job modernizing the entire website and is working on updating the FFAI Page. <https://ladiesaoh.com/freedom-for-all-ireland/>





Ladies of Albany JFK Division 1

The Daughters of Erin Junior Division of the LAOH JFK Division #1 of Albany have been busy with fun activities this fall. After our summer break, we began our Fall with a business meeting, followed by making floral arrangements for the Annual Father Peyton Benefit Dance for Holy Family Ministries, held every September. In October and November, we had our monthly business meetings, made Christmas cards, and brought in a new member to our ranks! We rounded out the fall season in December by organizing, helping with setup and cleanup for, and participating in the Annual Children's Christmas Party held for our LAOH and AOH families. After an afternoon of fun and games, we helped Santa hand out presents to all the good boys and girls at the party...including ourselves! We are looking forward to a fun and productive spring season!





Ladies of St Dymphna, Division 8 Nassau County

The ladies of the LAOH, St Dymphna, Division 8, Nassau County the had a great few months despite the continued challenges with the pandemic:

A great time was had by all at the 1st annual Long Island Irish Fest held at Plattduetsche Park Sunday. Oct. 17. The ladies of Division 8, Glen Cove were on hand volunteering the very successful event. Many thanks to Lisa Forgione for organizing and to Patricia Victoria, Carolyn McGillicuddy, Marina O'Neal, Ann Kelly, Sheila Zeneith, Eileen Petrucci, and Roni Jenkins for lending a hand. Great day of Irish music, dance, and bagpipers. Photo cred: Jim Henry



On Oct. 25 several members of the LAOH, Division 8, Glen Cove Division played in the first annual golf outing sponsored by the AOH men's division in Glen Cove. Additionally, many other LAOH members volunteered at the all-day event, which was a great success!



Ladies of St Dymphna, Division 8 Nassau County

On November 7, several members of Division 8 Glen Cove attended the Nassau County Woman of the Year Celebration to honor Maureen Murphy Ade. Congratulations!

Pictured: Maureen Murphy Ade, Eileen Petrucci, Patricia Victoria, Marina O'Neil, Irene Abrams, Carolyn McGillicuddy, Sheila Zeineth, Marylin Johnson, Pat Sullivan.





Ladies of St Dymphna, Division 8 Nassau County



We had a wonderful time at our annual Christmas celebration and Installation Dinner at La Bussola Restaurant in Glen Cove. The gift exchange and singing the "12 Days of Christmas" is always such fun! What an honor it was to have our NYS Vice President, Regina Begley & County President, Maureen Caffrey attend the event. Thanks to all who donated food for the pantry and toiletry items for SCO. Thanks to Marina O'Neal for securing the location, Eileen Petrucci and Roni Jenkins for co-chairing the event, and Lisa Forgione for sending the Christmas cards we wrote to our brave men and women serving and protecting our country. Many of the ladies baked cookies to deliver to those sisters who were unable to attend our holiday festivities, wrote Christmas cards to them as well.





Ladies of Division 6 Orange County

It has been a busy and challenging year for Division 6. Like many organizations Covid changed the way we interacted with one another and our fundraising abilities.

Even with the challenges we faced this past year we accomplished so much. The division once again was able to donate to the Hudson Valley Food Bank. Individual members contributed to warming centers in Orange County. The Division and individual members donated to First Way Life in Monticello where a fire destroyed their stock of infant items for expectant mothers.

On July 17, 2021 we delivered donations from our members to the Sullivan County Care Center. The generosity of Division 6 members as well as our extended families helped make this one of our most rewarding community events this past year.

Division 6 was able to award two scholarships in 2021, one for a college bound student and one for a vocational/ trade student residing in Orange Orange /Sullivan County. We raised the money by doing yard sales. Items that were not sold at the end of the yard sale were donated to the Salvation Army.

Lynda Bracken, Missions and Charity, donated a ceramic truck with a Leprechaun Topper which she made. We sold raffle tickets and the money benefitted the Columban Sisters.

Our division once again awarded a \$50 cash prize for the Division 6 winner of the history writing contest.

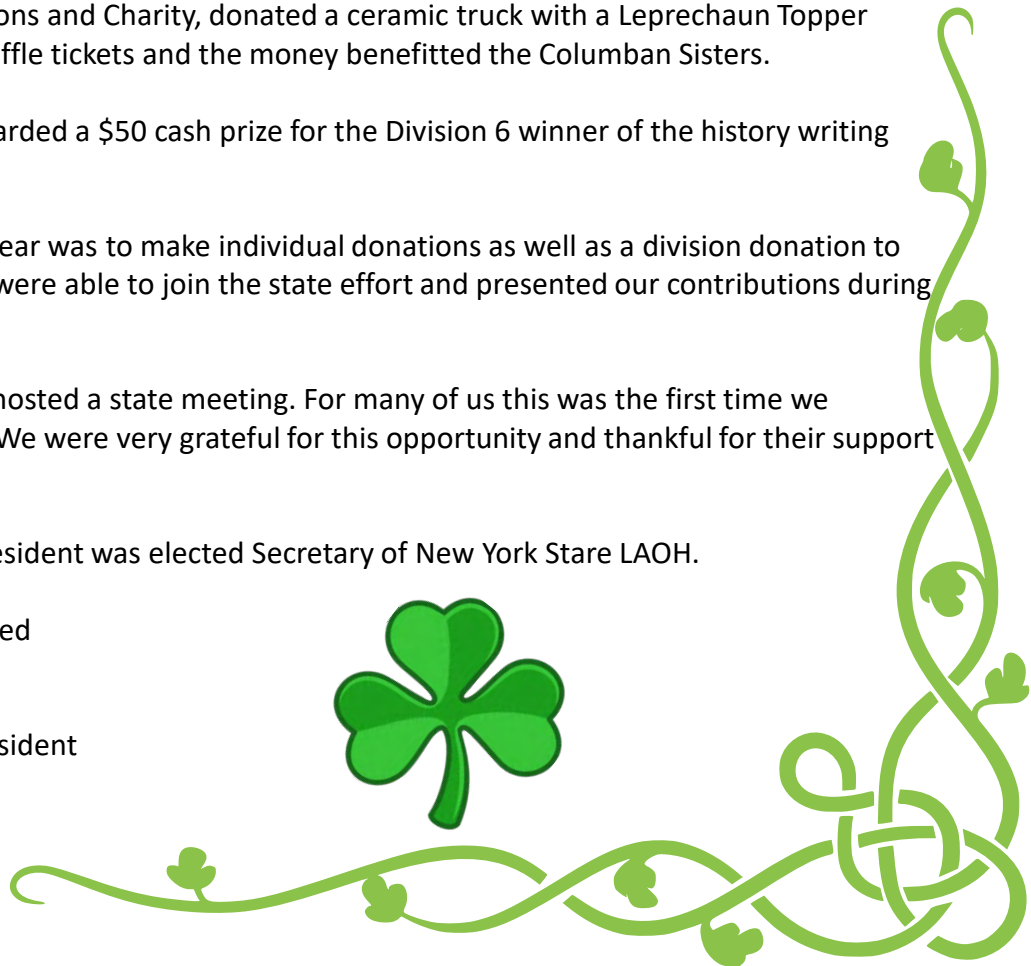
Our Christmas project this year was to make individual donations as well as a division donation to our military members. We were able to join the state effort and presented our contributions during the state meeting.

Division 6 for the first time hosted a state meeting. For many of us this was the first time we attended a state meeting. We were very grateful for this opportunity and thankful for their support of our fundraiser.

Terry Meyer our division President was elected Secretary of New York State LAOH.

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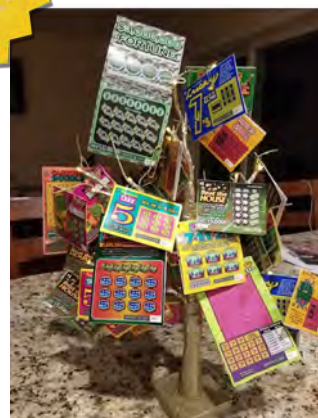
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LAOH Division 6 President





Ladies of Division 6 Orange County

Division 6 Pictures of lottery raffle ticket fundraiser, yard sale fundraiser, and donations for the Sullivan County





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Ladies of Division 1 and 4 Monroe County

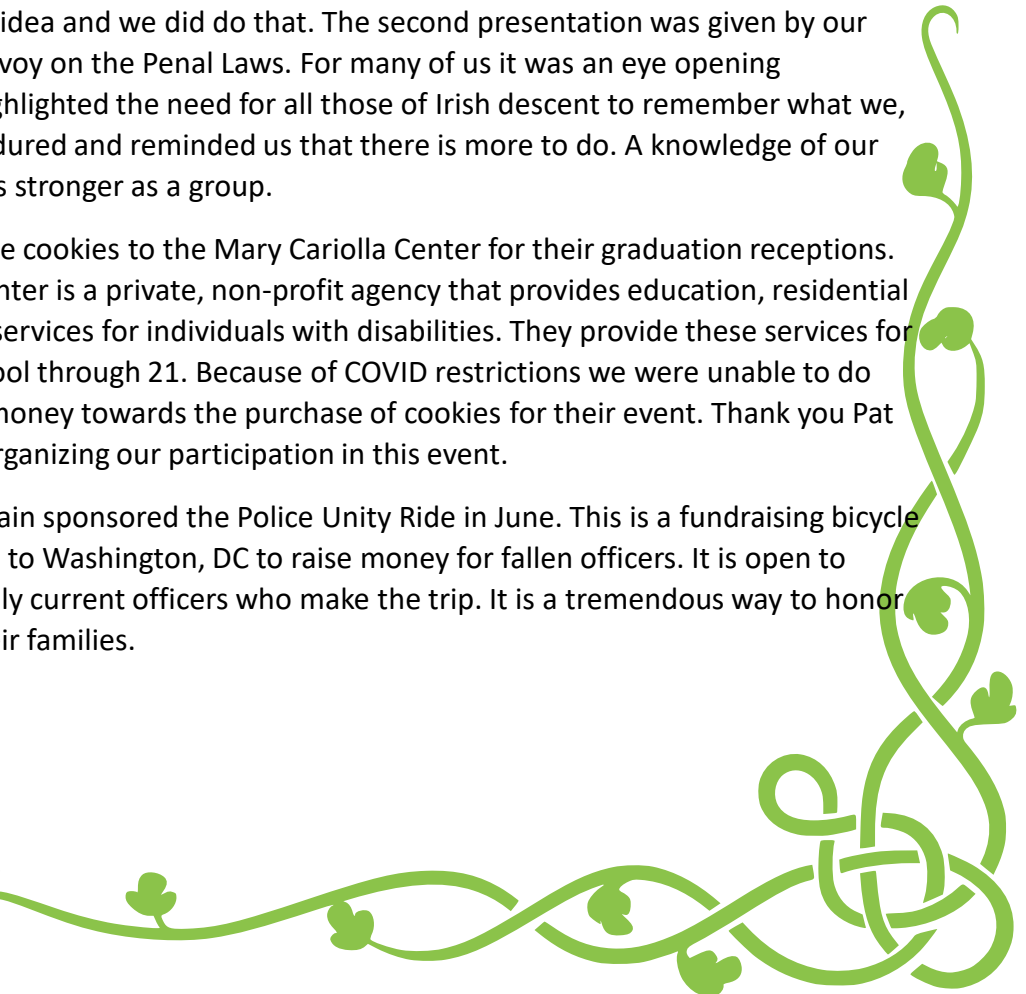
Life has become a lesson in adjusting to the “new normal”; a combination of life as usual and life with COVID. This has not stopped us from moving along with our mission of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity. A perfect example of that is the fact that we have moved to hybrid meetings. We are now meeting in person (following all state and county guidelines, of course) but we still offer Zoom to those members who cannot come and those who are out of town. We have members who have moved but have retained their membership as well as members who are out-of-town for work or family obligations. We are trying to meet people where they are while holding our regular meeting schedule.

Gayle Shalvoy, our chapter President attended the State meeting in May meeting in East Durham. It is always a good meeting to attend to gather important information from the State Board.

As an organization we are always trying to expand our knowledge of Ireland both past and present. In June we did that by enjoying two wonderful presentations given by members. Amy Maher gave a well researched talk on St Oliver Plunkett. At the end she suggested that we all say the St Oliver Plunkett Novena as a way to honor the saint and a way to join us in prayer. It was a good idea and we did do that. The second presentation was given by our President, Gayle Shalvoy on the Penal Laws. For many of us it was an eye opening experience. Gayle highlighted the need for all those of Irish descent to remember what we, as a people, have endured and reminded us that there is more to do. A knowledge of our Irish culture makes us stronger as a group.

Every June we donate cookies to the Mary Cariolla Center for their graduation receptions. The Mary Cariolla Center is a private, non-profit agency that provides education, residential programs and other services for individuals with disabilities. They provide these services for people aged pre-school through 21. Because of COVID restrictions we were unable to do that so we donated money towards the purchase of cookies for their event. Thank you Pat Crowley for always organizing our participation in this event.

Our chapter once again sponsored the Police Unity Ride in June. This is a fundraising bicycle ride from New Jersey to Washington, DC to raise money for fallen officers. It is open to anyone but is primarily current officers who make the trip. It is a tremendous way to honor the fallen and aid their families.





Ladies of Division 1 and 4 Monroe County

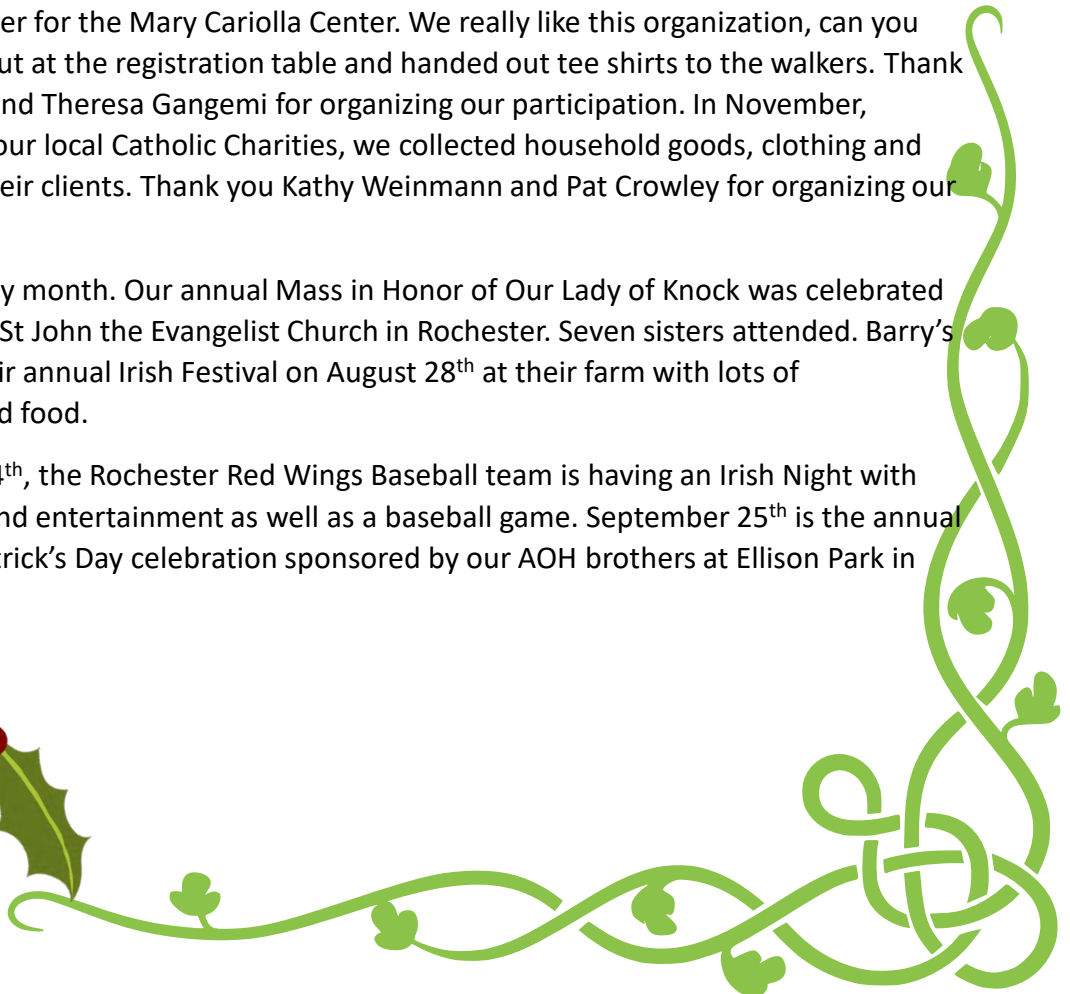
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Five members attended the State Convention in Syracuse this past July. It is always good to gather with our sisters from all over the state to share information, ideas and fellowship. We donated a lovely gift basket to the state raffle. The highlight of the event for us was presenting our bid for the 2023 State Convention and winning it! We are very excited to be given the opportunity to host our sister and brother Hibernians here! Planning is in the works. And there will be much more to follow!

We have been trying to do a monthly (at least!) mission/charity activity. In July we collected items for The Margaret Home in East Rochester. The Margaret Home is a residential program for women throughout their pregnancy and into early motherhood. It provides these women with a home and with guidance towards success in their careers, education and parenting so that they can achieve independence. Thank you Kelly O'Brien for organizing our participation. In August we collected school supplies for St Ambrose Academy, a Catholic elementary school for grades pk3 through grade 5. Thank you Theresa Gangemi for organizing our participation. In September we helped out at the Walking on Sunshine fundraiser for the Mary Cariolla Center. We really like this organization, can you tell? We helped out at the registration table and handed out tee shirts to the walkers. Thank you Pat Crowley and Theresa Gangemi for organizing our participation. In November, working through our local Catholic Charities, we collected household goods, clothing and food for one of their clients. Thank you Kathy Weinmann and Pat Crowley for organizing our participation.

August was a busy month. Our annual Mass in Honor of Our Lady of Knock was celebrated on August 15th at St John the Evangelist Church in Rochester. Seven sisters attended. Barry's Irish Pub held their annual Irish Festival on August 28th at their farm with lots of entertainment and food.

On September 14th, the Rochester Red Wings Baseball team is having an Irish Night with discount tickets and entertainment as well as a baseball game. September 25th is the annual Half Way to St Patrick's Day celebration sponsored by our AOH brothers at Ellison Park in Rochester.





Ladies of Division 1 and 4 Monroe County

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The Mass for our deceased members was held on November 14th at St John the Evangelist in Rochester. Nine ladies and three brother Hibernians attended. All went to breakfast at the Bay Front Restaurant in Rochester afterwards. Thank you Ann Brennan and Kathy Weinmann for organizing the events.

We elected officers to our Board at the November meeting. Congratulations to all our new board and thank you for your dedicated service

We are planning our joint Installation of Officers and Christmas party with our brother AOH members on January 8, 2022 We have set a date of January 16 for the Ladies annual New Years brunch as well. Thank you Deirdre Hickey for heading that up.

It looks like the St Patrick's Day parade is on as well as the Ambassador to Waterford essay and scholarship competition. Much more to follow!

Sincere wishes for a Happy Healthy,2022!

Monroe County Division 1 and 4

Ladies of Division 4 Richmond County



In October we promoted the Rosary for Life, in November we collected donations for Staten Island Food Pantries and in December we collected donations for clothing drives and gave new cardigans and socks to Seaview Home residents. We're preparing for our upcoming St. Patrick's Day Parades and celebrating our own Kathleen Gorman as Grand Marshal of the Richmond County Parade and Kathleen Postler as our Division Aide





Ladies of Division 4 Hunnington, Suffolk County

At our October meeting, our sisters cooked their favorite Chili recipes and we had a contest to see whose recipe was "the best" and would represent the LAOH at our Brother AOH's Chili cookoff fundraiser later in the month. We ended up sending two representatives (Kiera McCourt's pumpkin chili and Carol Stolze's vegetarian chili) and out of the 28 entries, Carol's chili took home 3rd place overall for flavor!

In November we collected food donations for our local Halesite Fire Department where we hold our meetings, and also collected "everything but the turkey" food baskets for Long Island Cares.

In December we held our annual Christmas Dinner where we stuffed stockings for our local Women's Shelter, and wrapped slippers for the same residents.

Please let me know if additional information is needed. Pics of the above events are attached.

Kate Deegan
President
Ladies AOH Div. 4 - Huntington



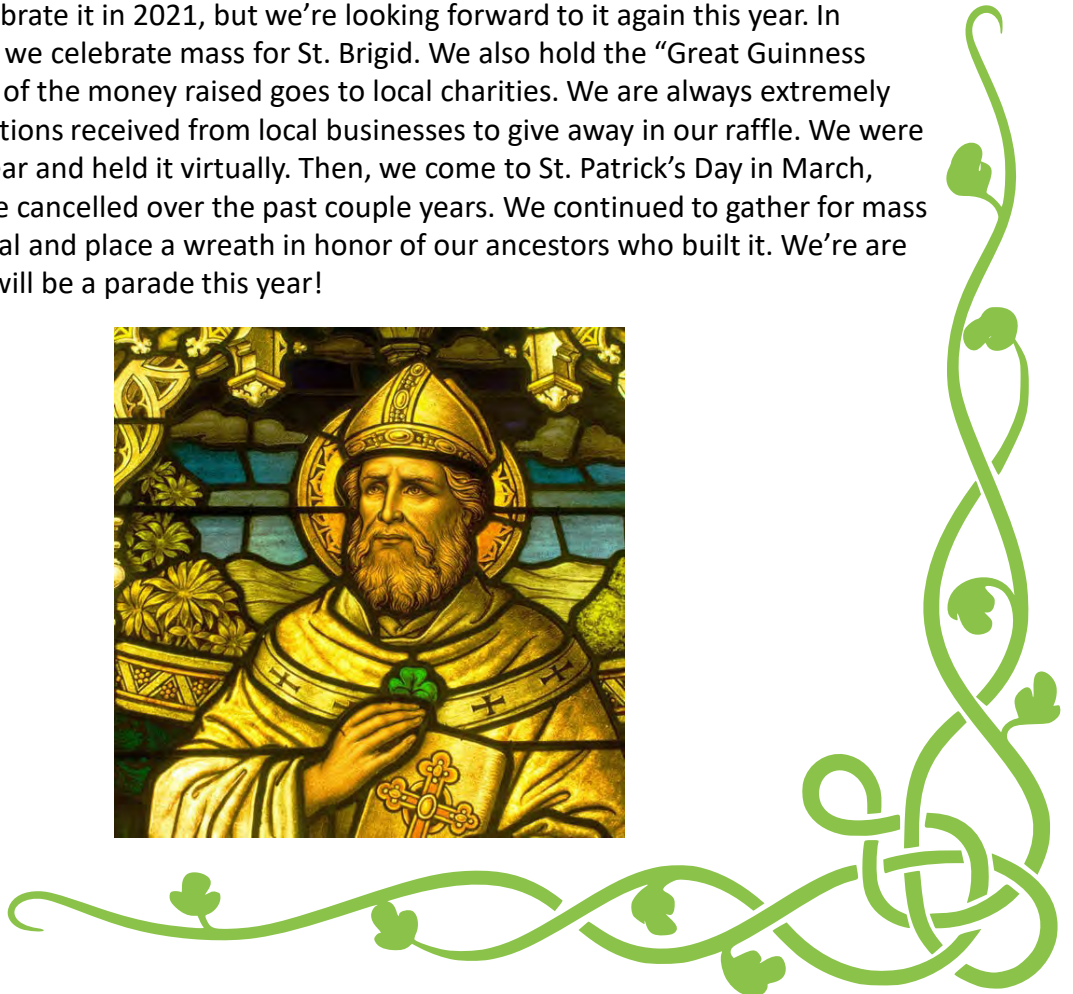


Ladies of Division 2 Lockport

While it's been a while since I've written for district 2, we've remained busy, even with all the covid regulations. Our Shamrock winners for the past few years are as follows, for 2019 was Mary Kay Brady, 2020 was Becky Scott, and this year, 2021 is Staci Pike! All 3 women have held various leadership roles in our district and are continually donating their time in charity events. They all emulate our LAOH motto of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity. Congratulations to all of our winners!

In the past couple of years, we've donated socks and underwear as our "Need of the Month" to the LHS Cloths Closet. We delivered cases of toilet paper to the Immaculata House, personal sized hand sanitizers for the Back Pack Program. We also donated school supplies for Grigg-Lewis Backpack give away. We made donations to the Woman's Domestic Violence Shelter, sorely needed during these trying times of covid. We delivered coffee, snacks and messages of thanks to the first responders at Eastern Niagara Hospital. We also donated the metal pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House and made donations to the St. Vincent de Paul pantry. We collected peanut butter and jelly that was donated to our local pantries.

Each January we celebrate getting together for our Little Women's Christmas. Of course, we were unable to celebrate it in 2021, but we're looking forward to it again this year. In February each year, we celebrate mass for St. Brigid. We also hold the "Great Guinness Toast" where 100% of the money raised goes to local charities. We are always extremely grateful for all donations received from local businesses to give away in our raffle. We were creative this past year and held it virtually. Then, we come to St. Patrick's Day in March, where parades were cancelled over the past couple years. We continued to gather for mass and walk to the canal and place a wreath in honor of our ancestors who built it. We're are hopeful that there will be a parade this year!





Ladies of Division 2 Lockport

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We had several ladies from Division 2 return to their roots to become "Lock Tenders" at the flight of five locks on the Erie Canal. We walked together for Alzheimer's and Niagara Hospice.

Ladies volunteered in helping assist the players at the Challenger baseball games. We've been doing this for many years and volunteers always come away feeling so blessed they could help. We made whiskey cakes to sell at our annual Celtic Festival. For fun, we carved pumpkins together for Halloween. Each year ladies participate in bell ringing for the Salvation Army. Like I said covid hasn't slowed us down.

Lastly, I would like to congratulate Teresa Kearns for her position with the State LAOH as Missions and Charities. Teresa will do tremendously in any leadership position. Congratulations, Teresa!





Ladies of Division 3 Watervliet

Division #3 Watervliet proudly presented James Welch from Sleep in Heavenly Peace a check for \$1,450 from the NYS LAOH Appeals for Aid - Patricia Doyle Memorial Grant. Sleep in Heavenly Peace is a National Organization dedicated to building, assembling and delivering top-notch bunk beds to children and families in need.



Pictured are Mary Durkee, Division #3 President; James Welch from Sleep in Heavenly Peace and Mary Beth Durkee, Division Treasurer.





Ladies of Division 11 Tarrytown, Westchester County



The LAOH Kitty Geissler Division 11, Tarrytown, NY, Westchester installed their officers for the 2022 Year.

A social was held after the installation where the Division sisters enjoyed conversation and delicious goodies.

The ladies donated food to the Transfiguration St. Vincent de Paul Society.

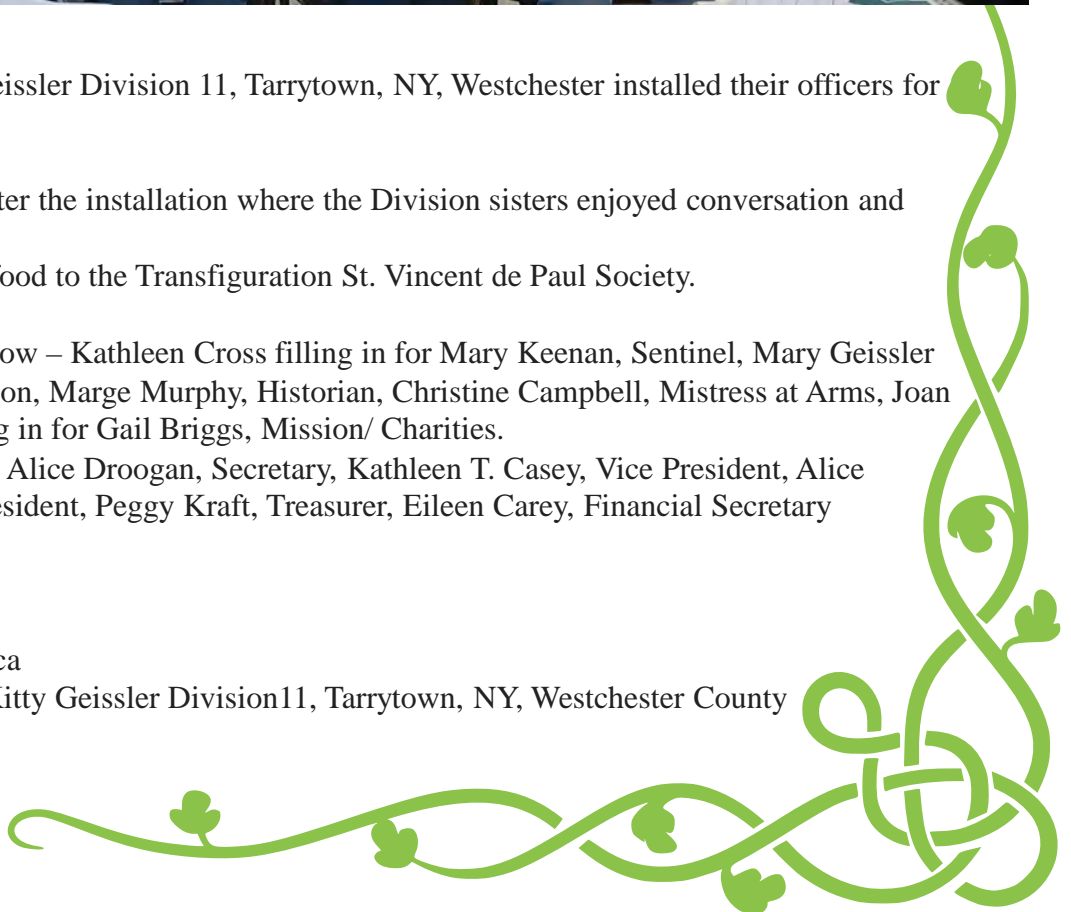
Officers L to R top row – Kathleen Cross filling in for Mary Keenan, Sentinel, Mary Geissler Brady, Catholic Action, Marge Murphy, Historian, Christine Campbell, Mistress at Arms, Joan Lyons Ceconi, filling in for Gail Briggs, Mission/ Charities.

L to R bottom row – Alice Droogan, Secretary, Kathleen T. Casey, Vice President, Alice Geissler Koraca, President, Peggy Kraft, Treasurer, Eileen Carey, Financial Secretary

In our motto,

Alice Geissler Koraca

President - LAOH Kitty Geissler Division 11, Tarrytown, NY, Westchester County





Ladies of Pear River, Rockland County



Our Christmas party was held on December 14, 2021. Everyone who attended thoroughly enjoyed it.



Our Division, St. Ida, located in Pearl River, NY Rockland County, held a Fundraiser on November 12, 2021. It was Jukebox Bingo, and we had a great time and turnout.





In Memorandum

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

Roxanne L. Compoli, Division 1 Syracuse
JoAnn Durkin, Division 7 Suffolk
Christine Hinricks, Division 7 Suffolk
Margaret (Peggy) M. Hughes, Division 18 Peekskill
Margaret F. Lane, Division 2 Broome County
Barbara Leddy, Division 7 Suffolk
Mary (Irene) Miller, Division 7 Suffolk
Mary McMullen, Division 9 Kings County
Mary O'Donoghue, Division 9 Bronx
Maura Roche, Division 19 Yonkers
Roseanne Sheehan, Division 8 Nassau
Ann Walsh, Division 11 Westchester
Linda Wolfe, Division 1





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

