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January, 2010

Our speaker for the **January 13th** program, Mary Ann Kiernan, has had to cancel due to an unforeseen scheduling conflict. Mary Ann, who is with the Monmouth County Archives, was going to discuss different ways to research our genealogy. Since she will be unable to join us this month, Mary Ann has generously provided us with some free web sites so that we can begin the search on our own. This information will be distributed at the January meeting and links will be shown on our website www.woihjs.com. We hope to be able to arrange a "rain date" for Mary Ann in the future.

Congratulations: On behalf of the WOIHJS, we'd like to congratulate our members **Janet McGrath, Mary Cryan and Eileen Gilleece** on being recognized for their contributions, commitment and dedication to the Irish-American community. You go girls!!!

WOIHJS Christmas Party: Thank you to Marianne Slowey for handling the reservations for our wonderful Christmas party. Thanks to Santa (Kate Mulvey) and her elves who assisted with the gift distribution. Congratulations go to Eileen Herbert on receiving the Annual WOIHJS Appreciation award which was announced at the Christmas Party.

Thanks also to Kerri Arrington, Peggy Carroll and Eileen Herbert, who organized our trip to Atlantic City for "Miracle on 34th St." This was Broadway quality, a great show and a great time was had by all.

Thanks to the generosity of our members for their charitable donations to the Food Bank and the Annual Toy Drive. Due to these donations, many needy members of our communities were able to take pleasure in the holidays.

Belmar & Lake Como 2010 St Patrick's Day Parade 3/7/10: Grand Marshal for this year's parade will be Charlie Flynn and the Deputy Grand Marshal is our life member **Janet McGrath!!** Congratulations Janet on receiving such a prestigious honor!

St Patrick's Day Post Parade Party 3/7/10: Will be held at Doolan's from 4-8PM. Tickets are \$35.00 per person. Buffet, beer, wine & soda will be served. Entertainment will be provided by the Ed Kennedy band.

Please contact Kerri Arrington for reservations @ 732-722-8326. Checks can be mailed directly to Kerri at 643 Summit Place, Brielle, NJ, 08730 and made payable to WOIHJS.

Notice of March Meeting Date Change: Due to the Brian Boru Dinner (which is on Wednesday, March 10) our March meeting will be held on

Wednesday, March 3, 2010 at Doolan's. This is our annual St. Patrick's Day party and you won't want to miss out on the fun, food and dancing. Kate Mulvey, chairperson, might even have a few surprises in store for us.

Scholarship Applications Scholarship applications are still available. Due date for applications is **April 2nd, 2010**. Winners will be announced at our meeting **May 12th, 2010**.

Please encourage your high school seniors who are going to further their education to enter their essays. The essay topic is "What My Irish Heritage Means to Me". Our scholarships are available to children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews of members in good standing for at least one year. Judging is impartial and confidentially adjudicated by professionals who review the essays anonymously. Please be mindful that the essays are strictly judged on content.

Applications need to be mailed to Kerri Arrington, 643 Summit Place, Brielle, NJ 08730.

Spotlight On:

Carol Fitzgerald, teacher, at Marlboro High School for inspiring her students in community awareness. Students in her classes have knitted scarves for the Just Us Girls Annual walk as well as knitting booties, hats and patchwork quilts for residents of Dottie's House and Epiphany House.

Pat Gallagher and the members of Bridge Flight for completing their 6th year!!! Also for their charitable contribution made to the Food Bank on behalf of the WOIHJS. Thank you for all you do for the WOIHJS.

Mary Reilly, who was named Citizen of the Year for 2010, by the Greater Spring Lake Chamber of Commerce. Congratulations Mary!

Fashion Show and Luncheon: This year's chairpersons for our annual gift auction, fashion show and luncheon will be Clare DeStoppelaire and Joanne Dwyer. Thank you to both Clare & Joanne for demonstrating their dedication to the WOIHJS by chairing our annual event.

WOIHJS Publicity: The WOIHJS is now on Facebook!!! And don't forget to visit our website at www.WOIHJS.com

Please visit the welcome table just inside the door at our monthly meetings to keep up on upcoming events in the Irish community. Flyers are **only** allowed on the welcome table, **NOT** on the individual tables in our meeting room. Please see Barbara Bassell or Kerri Arrington to place a flyer. Also, 50/50 tickets may be purchased at the Welcome Table.

Also, anyone interested in regularly taking photos at our events please contact Clare Destoppelaire at 732-216-3369. Digital pictures of club events can also be E-Mailed to WebMaster@WOIHJS.com for display on our website

Desserts: Remember, if you signed up at our November meeting, please bring desserts which will be needed for our **January 13th** meeting.

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, January 5, 2010: Brookdale Community College, Wall Campus @ 800 Monmouth Blvd will be hosting a talk entitled "So You Want to Go to Ireland" a discussion on touring Ireland. Time is from 6-8PM and admission is \$5.00.

Tuesday, January 12, 2010: Member **Kathleen Scanlon** will be starting Ceilidh Dancing lessons at Sacred Heart in Bay Head. Kathleen can be contacted @ 732-408-0575.

Saturday, January 30, 2010: Member **Mary Cryan** will be honored at the John F. Cryan Association's 50th Anniversary Dinner. The event will be held at L'Affaire, 1099 Rt 22 East, Mountainside, NJ from 7:00 PM till 11:00 PM. Tickets cost \$75.00 per person. Please contact Co-Chairmen Frank McEnerney or Ed Brady for tickets.

Wednesday, February 24, 2010: Updated info for our snowbird friends - **Eileen Herbert** will be the celebrity bartender at Tim Finnegan's in Delray Beach, Fla located at 1725 S. Federal Highway starting at 5:00 PM on February 24th. Proceeds from the fundraiser will benefit the WOIHJS Scholarship Fund.

Friday, February 26, 2010: The most sought after Irish American group in Celtic Music, "Cherish the Ladies" will be performing at Monmouth University in the Pollak Theatre at 8PM. For tickets and information, please call 732-263-6889.

Saturday, March 6, 2010: Parade Investiture Mass, St Rose Church, Belmar at 10AM. Investiture Luncheon will be held at Mike Doolan's, Rt 71 Spring Lake Heights immediately following celebration of the liturgy. Tickets are \$30.00.

Sunday, March 7, 2010: Belmar & Lake Como St Patrick's Day Parade 12:30PM.

Wednesday, March 10, 2010: Friends of Brian Boru will be honoring **Eileen Gilleece**, President of the WOIH North and member of WOIHJS, as Irish Woman of the Year at a dinner at

Mayfair Farms in West Orange, NJ. Please contact Barbara Bassell for ticket information.

Sunday, May 16, 2010: A bus trip is being planned for Michael Flatley's "Lord of the Dance" at the Merriam Theatre, Philadelphia. Tickets are \$129 per person (orchestra seating) and include the show, bus transportation, gratuity as well as a post-theater luncheon at McGillin's Old Ale House. Lunch will consist of a 3 hour open bar and a 2 hour hot and cold buffet. Flyers will be available at the Welcome table. Contact Broadway Ray at 732-528-8434 for reservations.

Belmar & Lake Como 2010 Parade Fundraisers:

Sunday, January 17, 2010: Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh, Rt 18 South, Old Bridge from 3-7PM. Donation of \$10.00 includes complimentary drink, hot & cold buffet, Irish music and FSOS Pipes and Drums.

Sunday, January 24, 2010: St. Stephens Green Publik House, Rt 71, Spring Lake from 2-6PM. Music by the Bantry Boys. Donation of \$10.00 includes a hot & cold buffet.

Sunday, January 31, 2010: Bar Anticipation, Lake Como from 2-6PM. Donation of \$10.00 includes a hot & cold buffet and complimentary drink and Jersey Shore's Best Music.

Sunday, February 14, 2010: Connolly Station, Main St, Belmar from 2-6PM. Donation of \$10.00 includes hot & cold buffet and Jersey Shore's Best Music.

Friday, February 19, 2010: Beauty Pageant to be held @ Mike Doolan's, Rt 71, Spring Lake Heights @ 8PM. Donation of \$6.00

Sunday, February 21, 2010: Boat House Bar & Grill, Main St & 15th Ave, Belmar from 2-6PM. Donation of \$10.00 includes a hot & cold buffet and Jersey Shore's Best Music.

Sunday, February 28, 2010: 507 Main, Main Street, Belmar from 2-6PM. Donation of \$10.00 includes a hot & cold buffet and Jersey Shore's Best Music. Last, but NOT least, this is **OUR** club's sponsored fundraiser and it's going to be a great craic! Please try to attend and bring as many family and friends as possible.

Respectfully submitted:
Therese Ebert
Corresponding Secretary

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