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# NEWSLETTER

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### March 2011

**March Program:** If it's March, it must be Marching Season! Please join us on **Wednesday, March 2, 2011** for our General Membership Meeting. We'll be celebrating in style with a fun filled evening. There's so much going on, the meeting will start **earlier** than usual. The Meeting will begin **early at 7:00PM**. We're going to have a St. Patrick's Day Party so join us for a lively evening of fun and dancing. Program Chair Peggy O'Brien has arranged for two musicians to come and play for us. There'll be music, singing and dancing. Bring your appetite too. We'll have a light buffet supper and the much awaited Soda Bread Competition! Bring it on! Remember to bring your "Best Irish Soda Bread" for our contest. Please see **Kathy Essner, Mary Agnes Knox or Nancy Tuttle** when you arrive to enter your bread in the competition.

**Investiture Mass and Luncheon March 5, 2011:** Grand Marshal Bob Jenkins and our own Pat Feehery, Deputy Grand Marshal will be honored at the 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**. Please contact **Peggy Carroll** for reservations at 732-775-4177. Tickets are also available at the **Irish Centre** in Spring Lake. Tickets must be purchased no later than **March 2**. Peggy Carroll will have tickets available at the March meeting.

**Belmar/Lake Como St. Patrick's Day Parade March 6, 2011:** The day we've all been waiting for is almost here!! It's the start of the "Marching" Season! Details on time and place to meet will follow as soon as they are available. As in prior years, we will march proudly wearing our capes and sashes but remember no jeans and no sneakers. This year, we'd like to again stress that there will be a **ZERO TOLERANCE** policy for alcohol in effect for the Parade. Anyone showing visible signs of intoxication or alcohol in containers will be removed from the line of march. The person and their organization will be prohibited from future participation in the parade.

**Parade Apparel:** With parade season upon us, **Peggy Carroll** will have capes available for purchase at our March meeting. Cost of each cape is **\$20.00**. **Marge Ward** will also have a VERY limited supply of WOIHJS logo scarves available for purchase at **\$15.00**.

**St Patrick's Day Post Parade Party March 6, 2011:** This great event will be held at **Doolan's** on Sunday following the Belmar Parade from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tickets are **\$35.00** per person which includes an Irish buffet, beer, wine & soda. Entertainment will be provided by the Ed Kennedy band.

Please see **Kerri Arrington** at the March meeting for reservations or you can contact Kerri @ 732-722-8326. Checks can be mailed directly to Kerri at 643 Summit Place, Brielle, NJ, 08730 and made payable to WOIHJS. Tickets for the Post Parade Party must be purchased by **March 2nd**.

**50/50 Raffle Tickets:** Our annual **50/50 Raffle** tickets will be

available distribution and purchase beginning at the **March** meeting. All proceeds from the raffle benefit our Scholarship Fund. Tickets are **\$5.00** and will be sold and distributed by Chairperson **Mary Keaney**. One lucky winner will be drawn at our **May** general membership meeting.

**New Members:** Ceard Mile Faighte to **Betsy Hugn, Nan MacMorris, Cathy Smyth, and Caren Stichter**.

**Membership Dues:** Membership dues are **past due** after Feb. 1. If you haven't already done so, please pay at your earliest convenience. **Pat Lambert**, Financial Secretary, can be contacted for assistance at 732-286-7611.

**Nomination of Officers:** If any of our members are interested in running for office, you will find it most rewarding and your participation will help in keeping the organization growing, productive and strong.

Nominations are made in **April**, voting in **May** and installation in **June**. Any member in good standing can run for any office. Officers are elected for a one year term and per the By-Laws there is a three year term limit for all offices. If you have any questions regarding the process or the duties required of board members, contact a member of the nominating committee: **Pat McGarry Drake** at 732-681-5824 or **Peggy Tansey** at 732-223-4965. Descriptions of each office are attached to this newsletter and can also be found in the bylaws in your Member's Handbook.

**Spotlight:**

Congratulations to our member **Mary Hanley Oliver** being recognized at the Grand Opening of the **Ocean County's Women's Hall of Fame** at Ocean County College on March 18. Mary has been a previous recipient of the **Woman of Distinction Award** for her outstanding achievements and advancing the status of women in Ocean County.

Congratulations also go to **Peggie O'Brien** whose nephew, David Bell, a State Trooper, is the Grand Marshal of the Union County Parade! This honor comes 50 years after Peggie's father served as Grand Marshal of the Newark Parade!

**Scholarship Applications** Scholarship applications are still available from **Kerri Arrington**. Due date for applications is **April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011**. 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. Winners will be announced at our **May** meeting.

**Foodbank:** **Marge Ward** collected 36 lbs of food and \$80.00 at the February meeting. Thank you, as always, for your continued support of this organization.

**Fashion Show and Luncheon:**

Save the date!!! This year's Annual Gift Auction and Fashion Show and Luncheon will be held on Sunday, October 16, at the Jumping Brook Country Club. Fashions by the Dress Barn. Ticket price is \$40.00 & reservations will begin at the April meeting.

**Chairpersons Kathy Strittmatter and Marge Ward** are looking for volunteers for all committees of the Fashion Show. This is a fun and exciting opportunity to lend your skills and meet new friends. Sign-up forms will be available at the front table at the March meeting, or by contacting Kathy at 732-202-7177.

We will be accepting new, unopened gifts and donations for the gift auction. We are also asking all members to donate \$5.00 so we can purchase gifts. Please bring your donations to the General Meetings.

**Maureen O'Halloran and Nancy Tuttle** are Ticket Chairpersons for the event. Please see either Maureen or Nancy to reserve your table!!! Tickets are **\$40.00** per person.

**Upcoming Events:**

**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. This is **OUR** club's sponsored fundraiser and it's going to be a great craic! Please try to attend, wear your logo apparel and bring as many family and friends as possible. We're looking forward to this one!

**Friday, March 4, 2011:** Belmar Parade fundraiser – An American Wake – Riverview Pavilion, Belmar. 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Music by the Bantry Boys. Tickets \$50 (in advance only) includes hot & cold hors d'oeuvres, desserts, 2 hour open bar. Tickets are available at the Irish Centre, Spring Lake.

**Saturday, March 5, 2011: AOH Division 9** Dinner Dance at Mayfair Farms. This year's honoree is **Ronnie McGovern**. Tickets are \$75.00 prior to February 21 and \$85.00 thereafter. Congratulations Ronnie!!!!

**Sunday, March 6, 2011:** Belmar & Lake Como St Patrick's Day Parade **12:30PM** followed by the Post Parade Party at Doolan's

**Tuesday, March 8, 2011: Friends of Brian Boru** Dinner will be held at Mayfair Farms in West Orange, NJ. Cost is \$70.00 per person. Please contact **Barbara Bassell** for ticket information (732) 556-9672.

**Saturday, March 12, 2011: Ocean County** St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held in **Seaside Heights** at 12:00 noon. We'll be marching together as a group and all interested members can sign-up at our **March** meeting. We hope to see you there!

**Sunday, March 13, 2011: West Orange** St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held at 12:15. This should be another great day so come out and join us for a stretch of the legs!

**Monday, June 6, 2011:** Save the Date! **WOIHJS Golf Outing** at Cruz Farms in Farmingdale, NJ. After party to be held at Connolly Station, Main St in Belmar. Join us for a great day of golf or just join us at the Après Golf Party! Details to follow.

**Saturday, June 12, 2011:** The **41st New Jersey Irish Festival**. 12 to 7 p.m. The new location this year will be at **Monmouth Racetrack!!!** Admission is FREE with paid admission to the Racetrack. The festival will commence with a Mass at 12 Noon followed by pipe bands, Irish dancing, traditional and rock music and children's activities.

**Sunday, Date to be Announced, June or July 2011** – Day at the Races Monmouth Park! Maureen Read will be chairing this event. More details to follow.

**Saturday, August 6, 2011:** Centerfield cook-out at Irish Night at the Blue Claws Stadium in Lakewood. See Barbara Bassell for Details.

Respectfully submitted:  
**Therese Ebert**  
Corresponding Secretary

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**ARTICLE VII Nominations**

The Nominating Committee shall consist of a Chairperson and two other members appointed by the President at the February meeting with the approval of the Executive Board.

Nominations for the purpose of electing officers shall be held annually in April of each year. Nominations for each office shall come from the floor from any member in good standing. Anyone nominated for an office must also be a member in good standing as defined below. For the offices of President and Vice President, the nominee must have served on the Executive Board, in a voting capacity, for one year. A nomination can only be seconded by another member in good standing.

**A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING SHALL BE DEFINED AS FOLLOWS:**

- (a) Anyone who has been a member of the organization since February of the current year and
- (b) who shall be able to show evidence of such good standing as so required; and
- (c) who has paid her membership dues for that year and
- (d) who supports the organization's functions financially and physically.

**ARTICLE VIII Election of Officers**

Elections shall be held during the month of May. Officers shall be elected by written ballot for one year terms at the regular monthly meeting in May by members in good standing as outlined in Article VII hereof.

**ARTICLE IX Duties of Officers**

The duties of the elected officers shall be as follows:

*President*

The president shall preside at all meeting of the Executive Board and general meetings of the regular membership. She shall present at each monthly meeting of the regular membership and the Executive Board a report of the condition of the business of the organization.

She shall appoint the seven trustees annually to the Executive Board and affirm all committee chairpersons.

She shall call regular and special meetings of the regular membership and the Executive Board in accordance with these By-Laws.

She shall have general control of the business of the organization subject to the direction of the Executive Board in accordance with these By-Laws.

She shall appoint and remove, employ and discharge members of the organization other than the duly elected officers, subject to the approval of the Executive Board.

She shall sign and make all contracts and agreements in the name of the organization.

She shall see that the books, reports, statements and certificates required are properly kept, made and filed according to law.

She shall sign all certificates of stock, notes, drafts or bills of exchange, warrants or other orders for the payment of money duly drawn by the Treasurer.

She shall enforce these By-Laws and perform all the duties incident to this position and office.

She shall sign all membership cards.

*Vice President*

During the absence and/or inability of the President to perform her duties or to exercise her powers as set forth by these By-Laws, the same shall be performed and exercised by the Vice President. When so acting, she shall have all the powers and be subject to all the responsibilities given to the President.

#### *Recording Secretary*

The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the Executive Board and of the regular membership in an appropriate manner. She shall also attend and record the minutes of any meetings as designated by the President or Vice President.

She shall perform all the duties incident to the office of Recording Secretary to include reading minutes and the recording of all votes.

She shall file with the President reports from all committees and chairpersons of special events within 30 days of the event.

#### *Treasurer*

The treasurer shall have the care and custody of and be responsible for all the funds and securities of the organization and deposit all such funds in the name of the organization.

She may sign, make and endorse, in the name of the organization, all checks, drafts and order for the payment of money. She may pay out and dispose of same under the direction of the President and Executive Board.

#### *Corresponding Secretary*

She shall present to the Executive Board at its meetings all communications addressed to the organization, the President, or any officer or member of the organization.

She shall give and serve all notices of the organization at least five days prior to the meeting date. She shall be the custodian of records and of the seal, and affix the latter when required.

She shall attend to all correspondence and perform all duties incident to the office of Corresponding Secretary including all acknowledgements pertaining to the organization.

#### *Financial Secretary*

She shall keep the books in the manner prescribed by law, so as to show at all times the number of members, and their addresses, alphabetically arranged, the time at which each person became a member, and amount of dues paid.

She shall sign all membership cards.

#### **Sergeants-at-Arms**

The Sergeants-at-Arms shall be responsible for allowing members into all meetings and shall keep order at all meetings. They will maintain monthly records of the members in attendance at all meetings and present such records to the Recording Secretary at the following Executive Board meeting.

They must be present and shall form marchers at the parades and shall maintain order during the march.

The Sergeants-at-Arms shall also be responsible for the banner and flags of the organization.

#### **Hostess**

The Hostess shall act as an official greeter on behalf of the organization.

She shall be responsible for the handling of the raffle at each meeting, the proceeds to be immediately transferred to the Treasurer or to the President in her absence.

#### **Stewardess**

The stewardess shall be responsible that members provide food for the general meeting. She shall also perform such other duties as she may be directed by the Hostess.

She shall be responsible for the physical facilities of the meeting place.