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Division Happenings



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Upcoming Events

Nov. 18

LAOH Mtg., 7:30 pm

Nov. 20

"Jameson's Revenge"
Monroe Irish Center
3-5 pm

Nov. 30

Junior Div. 5
"Packing for the Troops"

Dec. 1

LAOH County Christmas
Dinner
7 pm, Limoncella's,
Goshen

Dec. 4

Junior Div. 5
Christmas Tree
decorating & ornament
making

Dec. 7

LAOH Div. 5 Adult
Christmas Party
7:00 pm,
Rambler's Rest

Dec. 16

Andy Cooney presents
"A Classic Irish
Christmas"
Paramount Center
Middletown
8 pm

Dec. 18

AOH Div. 1
Children's Christmas
Party/
Early Bird Drawing
Ireland's 32

A Message from the President...

Dear Sisters,

As the month of October is winding down, and we're halfway into November with Thanksgiving around the corner, we are in full swing with division activities. Christmas will soon be upon us, though it did look more like Christmas with 14 inches of snow on the ground in October! I hope everyone has recuperated from another storm that left many without power, water and heat, as well property loss. As we endeavor to pick ourselves up again, the need for charity continues to exist all around us. We all have so many commitments with our families, it's hard to find the time to squeeze everything in, but as Hibernians, our mission never stops. We are always looking for ways to help a worthy charity or person in need. And we can't do it without your support!

Our first annual Leprechaun Hunt in September was a huge success. Together with Div. 1 AOH, we were able to donate over \$1,000 to "Beautiful People", an organization that assists families with special needs, as well as a donation to St. Brendan's! Best of luck to them with their new Gaelic Football field! Our 2nd annual Priests' Dinner on October 28, through the generosity of so many, was held at St. Columba Church in Chester, where a group of priests from the Orange County area were able to socialize and enjoy a wealth of good food and camaraderie! Our junior division has been busy as always, under the guidance of Gail Edmonds; they recently hosted their annual Halloween party at the AOH hall, which was enjoyed by many.

Of course, in November, our thoughts turn to our military and veterans who have defended our nation proudly! Our support of the Wounded Warrior Project has reaped more than we could have imagined. The Junior girls are starting up their collection for the troops for Christmas again this year. Please support this very worthy project. Also in November, we are looking forward to Division 1 AOH hosting "Jameson's Revenge" on Sunday, November 20, from 3-5 pm, \$20/each; this will be followed by a traditional Irish music seisiun; all musicians are welcome!

Division 5 LAOH will have their Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 7, 7 pm at Rambler's Rest in Monroe. See more details in the newsletter. We hope to see all our members attend this great night! And Christmas wouldn't be complete without Andy Cooney, "An Irish Christmas", being sponsored by the Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Parade Committee, on Friday, December 16 at the Paramount Center in Middletown. Bring the family for this great event!

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Helen Moloney, our new editor of the newsletter; I appreciate her stepping up to take over this monumental task.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on Friday, November 18, 7:30 pm. I wish you and your families a bountiful Thanksgiving

Yours in our motto,

Gail

LAOH DIVISION 5**Good and Welfare**

Our prayers are with the family of Leo O'Grady, AOH Division 1 member, who passed away. "May God hold him in the palm of His hand." Also, please keep in your prayers his wife, Kathleen, who is seriously ill.

WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT

Division 5 Ladies joined together as a team to raise money to donate to Lcpl. John Curtin, cousin of Tim and Ann Curtin, who was severely wounded in Afghanistan. The yellow and purple bows were **hand-made** by our very generous and talented division members Mariann Ewanciw and Margaret Barry of Monroe Florist. We are so grateful for their constant support of our activities! The bows were available, for a \$10 donation, at the Division 1 AOH Holy Communion Breakfast, and at local churches - St. Columba in Chester, and Sacred Heart in Monroe. Members of Division 1 and the parishioners of both churches were VERY generous; donations have totaled over \$1500 and more donations are still coming in! What a simple way of honoring those military who defend your country every day! If you are interested in a bow, we will have them available at the meeting on Friday night. Thanks to all who supported this very worthy cause and made this a very successful fundraiser.

**PRIEST'S DINNER**

LAOH Division 5 and AOH Division 1 once again worked jointly together in planning a dinner for all priests of Orange County to thank them for their dedication to their parishioners. Last year we started this appreciation dinner at St John's in Goshen. This year's dinner, held on Friday October 28, was hosted by St Columba's in Chester. We especially thank Fr John for his hospitality and Rosemarie Tuzio, Parish Secretary for all her help.

We also want to thank the following businesses for their very generous donations: Anne's Sub 17, Bella Luna, Big Mike's Pizzeria, Birchwood Caterer's, Characters, Christopher's Bistro, Clayton Delaney's, GW's, La Vera Cucina, Little Italy, Lobster Pier, Loughran's, Mario's, Patriot's Liquor, Ramblers Rest, Rhodes North, Smokey D's, TGIF & Uno 's. In addition, we offer our gratitude to the many who donated bottled refreshments. Last but not least, thanks to the Pipe Band who played a few numbers to the delight of all.

It was a night of great food, great company and much appreciation. Thank you to AOH chairman Tom Flynn and LAOH co-chairs Mary Luciana and Gail Edmonds for planning this event. We would also like to thank our members Kate Maloney, Mary Meyers, Noreen McGovern, Kathleen Curnyn, Mrs. Kelly and Gail Cane for their help that night in making it such a success.



Andy Cooney, "A Classic Irish Christmas"
Sponsored by the Mid-Hudson St. Patrick's Parade Committee

Friday, Dec. 16, 8 pm, Paramount Center, Middletown

Tickets - \$25 - general admission

Contact The Paramount for tickets

845-346-4195 www.middletownparamount.com

or the Mid-Hudson Parade committee 845-978-8483

1st Annual Leprechaun Hunt

The 1st annual Leprechaun Hunt was a huge success! \$1200 was raised. A donation of \$1050 was made to Beautiful People, (\$500 each from AOH/LAOH, and \$50 from LAOH Jrs.); a donation of \$120 was made to St. Brendans - \$60 each from AOH and LAOH. Thanks to all who made this a great success!

**LAOH DIVISION 5 CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Please join us on Wednesday, December 7 at 7 pm at Rambler's Rest for the Annual LAOH Division 5 Christmas party, (spouses/families invited; adults only please); \$20/per person includes a buffet with a choice of four entrees, salad, dessert, coffee/tea/cash bar. Please RSVP by Dec. 1 to Mary Myers, efinmary@hotmail.com, or by phone at 845-781-7303. Payments can be made at the November 18 meeting.

JUNIOR DIVISION NEWS



Support the Troops”

On November 28 at 6:00pm, the Juniors will go to Wal-Mart to spend \$300 of their funds to add to items donated for the soldier care packages. They will be meeting on November 30th at the hall from 5:30 to 7:30 to pack the donated items for the soldiers and to make Christmas cards. Pizza will be served. All children of AOH/LAOH members that would like to help make cards on Nov. 30th are welcome. Please contact Gail Edmonds for more information.

On December 4, the Juniors will decorate a pre-lit Christmas tree at the hall. A table for making ornaments will be set up so that the children can make ornaments, which will then be put on the tree. Hot chocolate will be served. People are encouraged to bring homemade cookies. This event is open to all members' children.



JUNIORS BEGIN COLLECTING FOR TROOPS

In order to collect donations to mail to those serving our country abroad, the Juniors have placed baskets at the hall. Care packages and homemade cards will be mailed to the troops on November 30th. The top ten items requested are as follows:

- Beef Jerky
- Books –reading, crossword, word-search
- Movies
- Baby wipes
- Black socks
- Magazines
- Home made cards
- Lip Balm

HALLOWEEN PARTY

AOH Division 1, LAOH Division 5 and the Juniors co-hosted a Halloween party for all members' children on Oct. 30. The Juniors did a great job of planning and coordinating the day's activities. Thanks Juniors!! There were great costumes and a fun day was had by all. They plan on doing the same next year. Thanks to all who helped make clean up an easy task. Many hands make light work.



AOH DIVISION 1 ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 18
Monroe Irish Center

Junior girls will be helping out at the Division 1's Children's Christmas Party. They have planned some activities for the party. If anyone would like to help, please contact Gail Edmonds.



Inspirational words of Mother Theresa:

People are often unreasonable and self-centered. Forgive them anyway.
 If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.
 If you are honest, people may cheat you. Be honest anyway.
 If you find happiness, people may be jealous. Be happy anyway.
 The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway.
 Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough. Give your best anyway.
 For you see, in the end, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway.

Submitted by Gail Edmonds

2011-2012 National LAOH Irish History Writing Contest

Each year the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Inc. sponsors a National Irish History Writing Contest for students in Grades 6 through 12 in those states where the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Inc. have established Divisions. The contest is comprised of two (2) levels: LEVEL 1 is for students in Grades 6, 7, or 8 and LEVEL 2 is for students in Grades 9, 10, 11, or 12. The theme for each contest level is specified each year. Students who are enrolled in parochial, private, or public schools or who are home-schooled are eligible to participate in the National LAOH Irish History Writing Contest.

Contest Themes and Timelines

LEVEL 1 Grades 6-7-8

“The Story of Annie Moore – Irish Immigration to America”

LEVEL 2 Grades 9-10-11-12

“The Irish and the Building of the American Infrastructure”

Contest Timelines

- Contest Opens September 2011
- Division Level Submissions are due by January 20, 2012
- County Level Submissions are due by February 17, 2012
- State Level Submissions are due by March 23, 2012
- National Level Submissions are to be postmarked by April 20, 2012

Contact Kate Moloney, Div. 5 Irish Historian, if you have a child who is interested in entering the contest.

WOMEN IN IRISH HISTORY

Submitted by Kate Moloney, Irish Historian

"Pray for the dead", labor activist Mother Jones once said, "and fight like hell for the living."

Born Mary Harris in County Cork, Mother Jones was one of many Irish women who led America's fledgling labor movement in the late 19th century and the early 20th century. Jones came from a long line of Irish fighters. Her grandfather was hanged by the British and her father was forced to flee Ireland. She settled in Memphis and became a schoolteacher, but she lost her husband and four children during a yellow fever epidemic. When Jones also lost her Chicago dressmaking business after the famous city fire of 1871, she became enraged at the gap between rich and poor. She organized coal miners and, in 1903, led the "march of the mill children" from Philadelphia to New York, drawing attention to the plight of underage workers.

Like Jones, Kate Kennedy and Leonora Barry were Irish immigrant schoolteachers whose hardships drove them to action. Kennedy was born in Ireland in 1827 and was active in San Francisco. She demanded equal pay for men and women and ran for public office at a time when most women could not even vote. Barry, born in 1849, toiled for low wages in a factory before joining the Knights of Labor. She eventually became the leader of that committee on Women's Work. Mary Kennedy O'Sullivan was another union trailblazer. In 1892 she became the American Federation of Labor's first female general organizer. In 1892 she became the American Federation of Labor's first female general organizer. Around that time, Kate Mullaney organized female laundry workers in upstate New York.

Perhaps the most famous female labor advocate of the 20th century was Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, a dedicated Marxist whose commitment to both communism and workers landed her in prison. She spoke and wrote often of the revolutionary legacy she inherited from her Irish ancestors.

The cast of strong Irish women lends much credence to Mother Jones' belief that "no nation is greater than its women."